

No. 449, Sess. II.—Petition of ANDREW HUNTER, Kakaramea.

THE petitioner prays for consideration for the loss he has sustained through the construction of the Foxton-New Plymouth Railway through his land.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend the claim of the petitioner. He has not exhausted his legal remedy, and there is reason to believe that, as in the case of the petitioner Chapman, the Government would not put any obstacle in his way to take his case into Court.

7th November, 1884.

No. 507, Sess. II.—Petition of MICHAEL FUREY, Coromandel.

THE petitioner states that a horse was placed in his charge at livery; that a bailiff of the Resident Magistrate's Court claimed the horse and it was given up to him; that an action was brought against petitioner to recover the value of the horse; that he has had to pay law costs £25, and other expenses £12, which he prays may be repaid.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government.

7th November, 1884.

No. 548, Sess. II.—Petition of MICHAEL POLLOCK and Others, Hokitika.

THE petitioners pray for a refund of costs incurred in prosecuting one Costello for fraudulent bankruptcy.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

8th November, 1884.

No. 552, Sess. II.—Petition of E. GARMONSWAY and Others, Alexandra.

THE petitioners complain of the dangerous state of the bridge over the Waipa. They pray for a new bridge to save life.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

8th November, 1884.

No. 539, Sess. II.—Petition of H. W. PERRYMAN and Others.

THE petitioners, farmers of Canterbury, object to a 15-per-cent. rate of duty on binder-twine.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government.

8th November, 1884.

No. 531, Sess. II.—Petition of ROBERT MILSON and Others.

THE petitioners, ratepayers in the Manawatu Road District, complain that the present Rating Act bears unjustly on all land, and suggest an acreage-tax in its place.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government.

8th November, 1884.

No. 553, Sess. II.—Petition of THOMAS H. MILES and Others.

THE petitioners, residents in the Pelorus Sound, pray that a branch post office at Manaroa may be opened.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

8th November, 1884.

No. 515, Sess. II.—Petition of WILLIAM RAMSAY, Tuapeka.

THE petitioner complains of having to pay for his wife's keep in the Dunedin Lunatic Asylum whilst she has been of service in such asylum; and further complains of the Government claiming £800, moneys bequeathed to petitioner, as an investment for such keep. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Government be recommended to inquire into the matter with the view of ascertaining (1) whether any reduction can be made from the charge for maintenance owing to services rendered by the petitioner's wife; and (2) whether, as regards the money invested at Home, any steps can be taken with the view of having the money invested in the colony in order that the interest may be increased.

8th November, 1884.

No. 535, Sess. II.—Petition of H. W. PARSONS and Others.

THE petitioners pray the House to pass the Bill to enable the Land Association to obtain the assistance of the State.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make.

8th November, 1884.

No. 536, Sess. II.—Petition of A. BOSWELL, New Plymouth.

THE petitioner complains of the action of the Resident Magistrate, Mr. C. Rawson, in the matter of his arrest and trial. He prays for relief.