

No. 411.—Petition of HENRY BAUCKE, Wellington (No. 2).

THE petitioner prays for the removal of three Judges of the Supreme Court, in order that his case may be heard against the Government in the Supreme Court.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that no good would result from the consideration of this matter, which has been repeatedly before the Committee, and they have no recommendation to make.

16th September, 1885.

No. 144, Sess. II., 1884.—Petition of NEWMAN BOSELEY.

THE petitioner states that he was sentenced to penal servitude for ten years; that whilst in prison the Public Trustee sold his property at a considerable loss. He prays for an inquiry into the conduct of the Public Trustee in the management of the estate.

I am directed to report that, the matter having been settled by the Government, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

16th September, 1885.

No. 95.—Petition of WILSON and Co., Auckland.

THE petitioners state that they are the manufacturers of the patent hydraulic lime. They ask that they may be granted the sole right of supplying hydraulic lime to the Government for five years, at their regular market price.

I am directed to report that, as the District Engineer at Auckland states that hydraulic lime of best quality is specified in all Government works where lime, mortar, or concrete can be effectively used in building, and as it does not appear that any exclusive privileges with regard to Government using the lime should be granted to petitioners, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

16th September, 1885.

No. 335.—Petition of MATHIESON BROTHERS, Dunedin.

THE petitioners state that they constructed the Green Island Branch Railway, Otago, in 1865; that they performed sundry extra work outside the contract, for which they ask for payment.

I am directed to report that the petitioners have no claim against the colony.

16th September, 1885.

No. 383.—Petition of THOMAS HANCOCK and Others, Auckland.

THE petitioners state that they are owners of land in the vicinity of the crossing of the Auckland-Kaipara Railway. They understand this road is to be closed. The road is known as the "Old Manukau Road," and "Newcastle Street." They pray that it be not closed.

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

16th September, 1885.

No. 392.—Petition of J. and M. CAMPBELL.

THE petitioners state that they undertook a contract under Brogden and Sons, which they completed, and that they have the sum of £4,000 still owing to them. They ask the Government to pay their claim.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petitioners have no claim against the colony.

18th September, 1885.

No. 382.—Petition of D. CLIMIE, Wellington.

THE petitioner states that he is an engineer, and laid off the Manawatu railway line, and that the Government engineers adopted his line. He further states that he was entitled to £2,000 if he found a practicable route for the West Coast Railway. He asks that this sum may be granted to him, as his scheme was appropriated by the Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having examined petitioner, Mr. Macandrew, M.H.R., Mr. White, sen., Mr. White, jun., Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Nash, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Brandon, Mr. Blackett, and Mr. James Wallace, and having considered documentary evidence connected with the case, are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

18th September, 1885.

No. 423.—Petition of J. SAVAGE and Others.

THE petitioners, residents of the District of Waihi, in the Ohinemuri Riding, County of Thames, state that an urgent necessity exists for the erection of a bridge across the Ohinemuri River at Waihi. They pray that this may be done.

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

18th September, 1885.

No. 412.—Petition of GEORGE WEBB, Wellington.

THE petitioner states that on the 1st April, 1885, his contract for the supply of groceries to the Wellington Hospital was accepted; that he supplied groceries to the hospital until the 10th May, when he received notice from Dr. Chilton that another contract had been accepted, and his tender cancelled. He prays for inquiry and compensation.