

No. 65.—Petition of H. B. HUDDLESTON, of Blenheim.

THE petitioner complains that clause 170 of "The Land Transfer Act, 1885," has had the effect of invalidating his license to practise as a surveyor, and consequently of depriving him of his professional income.

I am directed to adopt the report brought up by this Committee on the 25th July, 1888—namely, "That, as the petitioner refuses to comply with the conditions required to enable him to obtain his license, the Committee is of opinion that he has no claim on the colony for relief."

17th July, 1890.

No. 69.—Petition of JOHN HAMANN, of Dunedin.

THE petitioner prays for some substantial recognition of the valuable service which he has rendered to the colony in suggesting the imposition of the primage duty.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim on the colony for a reward.

17th July, 1890.

No. 86.—Petition of the AUCKLAND DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

THE petitioners pray for legislation to empower Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards to levy rates on Maori lands within their respective districts for the purpose of defraying the expense of administering relief to persons of the Maori race.

I am directed to recommend this petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

17th July, 1890.

No. 91.—Petition of HENRY BATE and Others, of Takaka, Nelson.

THE petitioners pray for the construction of a main road through Takaka Valley.

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

17th July, 1890.

No. 94.—Petition of H. COPPERSMITH and Others, of Brunner.

THE petitioners pray for early completion of the Greymouth-Hokitika Railway.

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

17th July, 1890.

No. 2.—Petition of JAMES ANDREWS, of Kaiapoi.

THE petitioner claims compensation for damage by flood-water directed upon his land by Government railway works.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner should be paid a sum of £500 in full satisfaction of all claims past, after giving an undertaking not to make any claim for any damage he may sustain in the future. And I am directed to move in the House, "That the recommendation of the Committee be carried into effect."

18th July, 1890.

No. 72.—Petition of ELLEN KRUSE, of Brightwater, Waimea South.

THE petitioner states that her late husband met his death through the negligence of the Post Office, being dragged off a load of straw in passing under a telegraph wire.

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

18th July, 1890.

No. 112.—Petition of John BELL, of Auckland.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for loss sustained in consequence of error in the official survey of certain Crown lands.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, this petition should be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

22nd July, 1890.

No. 13.—Petition of WILLIAM JUNOR FRASER, of Invercargill.

THE petitioner states that, after twenty-five years' service as Gaoler at Invercargill, he was discharged with only one month's pay in lieu of notice. But he claims that, as a public servant in receipt of a yearly salary, he was entitled to three months' pay in lieu of notice. He prays for payment of £50, a sum equal to two months' pay.

I am directed to report that, since it appears that the petitioner had received five months' leave of absence on full pay during the year preceding his retirement, the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner has no further claim on the colony.

24th July, 1890.

No. 40.—Petition of GEORGE FISHER, of Christchurch.

THE petitioner complains that he was dismissed from the Railway service under such circumstances and in such manner as to subject him to the unjust suspicion of having been implicated in the embezzlements committed by the late G. H. Ashcroft, Stationmaster at Dunedin. He prays for inquiry and relief.