

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom this petition was referred, have the honour to report that they are of opinion that the report of the Waste Lands Committee in August, 1889, on a similar petition from the same petitioner, should be reaffirmed—viz., "That the petitioner, as appears by the documentary evidence, has a valid claim against the Government, which has not, in the opinion of the Committee, been met by the offer of £50. The Committee therefore recommend that the Government should take steps to come to terms with the petitioner on a fair and equitable basis."

31st July, 1890.

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No. 102.—Petition of A. F. DITTMER.

THE petitioner states that in November, 1888, at a sale of Crown lands, he purchased, on deferred-payment system, a section of land in the Woodville Survey District; that, owing to his having purchased the land subsequent to the 1st January, 1888, he cannot obtain relief under the provisions of the Lands Revaluation Act. He prays for relief.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion this petition should be referred to Government for consideration.

31st July, 1890.

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No. 107.—Petition of R. H. CARTMAN.

THE petitioner states he served in the colonial forces for fourteen years during Maori wars. He prays for a grant of land or compensation.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion this petition should be referred to Government for consideration.

31st July, 1890.

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Nos. 109 and 122.—Petitions of J. P. MOODY and Others and JOHN CAMERON and Others.

THE petitioners state they are residents in the North Auckland district; that the district has been settled for many years, but there is no main road through it. They pray that provision be made for the construction of the main trunk line of road north from Devonport.

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom these petitions have been referred, have the honour to report that they are of opinion that these two petitions should be referred to Government for consideration.

31st July, 1890.

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No. 87.—Petition of JOHN KEOWN and Others.

THE petitioners state that they purchased land, the property of the School Commissioners, in the Wendon, Wendonside, and Longridge districts, on the "terms system." They pray that they may receive the same relief as their neighbours who purchased on the deferred-payment system.

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom this petition was referred, have the honour to report that they are of opinion that that the report of the Waste Lands Committee in August, 1889, on a similar petition from the same petitioners, should be reaffirmed—viz., "That the Committee approve of the action of the School Commissioners, as set forth in their letter to the Minister of Lands dated 14th August, 1889, and the Committee therefore have no recommendation to make."

31st July, 1890.

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No. 127.—Petition of ROBERT EVANS.

THE petitioner states that he served in the colonial forces during the Maori war; that he holds an Imperial and colonial medal for such services. He prays for a grant of land.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

5th August, 1890.

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No. 39.—Petition of ALEXANDER MARSHALL.

THE petitioner states that in 1876 he emigrated from England to the colony; that previous to sailing he received a promise of a grant of land for himself, and the same for his wife; that he has not yet been granted the land. He prays for relief.

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom this petition was referred, have the honour to report that they are of opinion that petitioner should be allowed to select his land, and that residential conditions should not be enforced against him.

5th August, 1890.

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No. 22.—Petition of SAMUEL R. TAYLOR.

THE petitioner states that about twenty years since he purchased a section of land at Wai-ongona, Taranaki, from a man named Griffith; that at the time of purchasing the section he was given to understand that the title was good; that fourteen years after the purchase he went to the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands to get his title-deeds; that he was unable to obtain his deed, and thereby was prevented selling his property, and incurred a loss of £200. He prays for compensation.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that petitioner has not substantiated his claim.

6th August, 1890.