

## No. 305.—Petition of GEORGE SEPTIMUS BRODRICK, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for relief with respect to the non-payment of rates in connection with the Dunroon-Hekateramea Railway.

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

29th July, 1891.

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## No. 206.—Petition of HUGH JONES, of Westport.

PETITIONER prays for redress for loss sustained through the alleged maladministration of his brother's estate by the Public Trustee.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim.

30th July, 1891.

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## No. 218.—Petition of T. W. HUMPHREYS, of Coromandel.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into the administration of the law in the Coromandel and Mercury Bay districts.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition should be granted.

30th July, 1891.

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## No. 225.—Petition of JOSEPH JESSOP, of Pahiatua.

PETITIONER states that he has been fined £20 under the Beer Duty Act, and that his brewery plant has been sold up to satisfy the fine. He alleges that he is thus deprived of a business which was worth £200 a year to him, and prays for compensation.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted.

30th July, 1891.

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## Nos. 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, and 379.—Petitions of JOHN JOHNSTON, ELIZA M. BATTLE, WILLIAM JAMES, J. H. TAYLOR, SARAH LOCKHEAD, C. R. HEATH, of Christchurch.

PETITIONS relative to refusal of license by the Sydenham Licensing Committee.

I am directed to report that, as there is a Bill before the House proposing to deal with the subject-matter of these petitions, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th July, 1891.

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## No. 289.—Petition of T. W. BECKETT and Others, of Canterbury.

PETITIONERS state that the orchards in Canterbury are now absolutely free from the ravages of the codlin-moth. They pray that effective measures may be taken by the Legislature to prevent the unrestricted importation of fruit from infected districts and colonies.

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

30th July, 1891.

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## No. 302.—Petition of WONG CHOI FONG and Others.

PETITIONERS pray for amendment of "The Chinese Immigration Act, 1881."

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

30th July, 1891.

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## No. 138.—Petition of BRIDGET BAILEY, of Lyttelton.

PETITIONER prays for a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's long services in the Railway Department.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, a compassionate allowance of £100 should be paid to the petitioner. The Committee are further of opinion that it is in the highest degree necessary that some more definite information should be available by which to determine the status of petitioners in the public service, so that all or none may be entitled to a pension.

31st July, 1891.

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## No. 188.—Petition of THOMAS INGER, of Port Albert.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office as police constable.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

31st July, 1891.

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## No. 380.—Petition of PATRICK THOMAS FAIR, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that he was discharged from the Police Force on the 31st March last on account of retrenchment. He prays that he may be reinstated, or receive other relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner having received the usual compensation on his services being dispensed with, has no claim against the colony.

4th August, 1891.