

No. 466, Sess. II.—Petition of WILLIAM WATTS, of Stirling.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land on account of his military services.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

4th September, 1891.

No. 162, Sess. II.—Petition of J. A. SHEPHERD and 44 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that the Payment of Members Bill be not passed, as it is opposed to the retrenchment policy adopted.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to a Bill now before Parliament, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th September, 1891.

No. 164, Sess. II.—Petition of THOMAS SCOTT, of Rangitikei.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of land for military services performed for the country.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

4th September, 1891.

No. 606, Sess. II.—Petition of FREDERICK SWINDLEY, of Whakatane.

PETITIONER states that, after fifteen years of military service in the colony, he finds himself in very straitened circumstances. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

4th September, 1891.

No. 513, Sess. II.—Petition of DONALD GRANT, Chairman, Manawatu Road Board, Palmerston North.

PETITIONER prays that a Commission be appointed to inquire into an alleged misappropriation of certain funds of the Board, &c.

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

10th September, 1891.

No. 463, Sess. II.—Petition of CHARLES Y. O'CONNOR, of Perth, Western Australia.

PETITIONER states that, through the insecurity of his appointment in the Service of this colony, he accepted an appointment elsewhere, and accordingly had to resign, and thereby invalidating his claims for compensation and leave of absence. He prays for relief.

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

10th September, 1891.

No. 568, Sess. II.—Petition of EDMUND A. MACHECHNIE, of Auckland.

PETITIONER states that he was employed by the Kaihu Valley Railway Company, as solicitor, to resist certain claims for compensation for land taken for railway purposes, and that his bill of costs amounted to £539 5s. 8d. has never been paid, &c. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend the Government to pay the petitioner the sum of £250 in full satisfaction of his claim, that sum being the amount still standing to the credit of the Trust Account.

10th September, 1891.

No. 557, Sess. II.—Petition of R. J. SANDALL and 32 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that the Slaughterhouse Act 1877 Amendment Bill may be passed.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to legislation now before Parliament, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

14th September, 1891.

No. 477, Sess. II.—Petition of CHARLES O'MALLEY, of Sydenham.

PETITIONER states that in the year 1868 his office was abolished, and that certain compensation was due to him, that by accepting another office such compensation was not paid to him, and that in the year 1875 his services were dispensed with without any remuneration. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petitioner be paid the sum of £50 in full of all demands.

14th September, 1891.

No. 473, Sess. II.—Petition of JAMES SHANAGHAN, of Auckland.

PETITIONER states that he was severely wounded in the arm and hand while serving under the late Major Von Tempsky, and is thereby unable to obtain employment. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the Government to give the petitioner suitable employment should opportunity offer.

14th September, 1891.