

No. 748.—Petition of the MOUNT IDA MINERS' ASSOCIATION and 113 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the regulation providing for weekly payments for water in advance be rescinded, and in lieu thereof a regulation providing for payments at intervals of three months be adopted.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the Naseby miners should be placed on the same footing as the miners on the West Coast, so far as the terms under which the water is supplied, and that, in order to initiate this system of payment in advance, they receive one month's free water, after which they be required to pay monthly in advance.

16th October, 1894.

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THE MINING ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Goldfields and Mines Committee, to whom was referred the Mining Act 1891 Amendment Bill, have the honour to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed with the amendments which are shown upon a copy of the Bill attached hereto.

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