No. 334.—Petition of John Bowskell, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for the removal of duty on marble.

I am directed to report that, the Government having promised to favourably consider the subject-matter of the petition, and as a Bill dealing with this and other tariff proposals is now before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

11th September, 1895.

No. 159.—Petition of John Carmody, Contractor, Palmerston North.

Petitioner prays for the payment of the balance of contract moneys due.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having gone fully into the claim made by the petitioner, is of opinion that he has no claim against the colony.

13th September, 1895.

No. 331.—Petition of Job Lines and Others, of Inangahua.

Petitioners pray for a grant of money to erect a bridge.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the prayer of the petition involves a matter of policy, and therefore has no recommendation to make.

13th September, 1895.

No. 269.—Petition of Russell Bates, of Kai Iwi, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for redress on account of alleged excessive price of land bought from Government. I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

13th September, 1895.

No. 319.—Petition of WILLIAM CLARK and Others, of Woodlands, Tokatoka.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant in aid of road-construction.

I am directed to report that, as the Committee is informed that the Government has already contemplated making provision upon the estimates for this purpose, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th September, 1895.

No. 103.—Petition of George A. Cruickshank and Others, of Matakana, Warkworth.

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry into the dismissal of Constable Haddock, of Warkworth.

I am directed to report that, having gone exhaustively into the evidence, the Committee recommends that an inquiry should be held into the circumstances connected with, and which led up to, the dismissal of Constable Haddock, lately of Warkworth; such inquiry to be held before a Magistrate, ex-Magistrate, or any other competent person who has not been directly or indirectly connected with the case.

17th September, 1895.

No. 296.—Petition of T. S. Armstrong and Others, of Titirangi.

PETITIONERS pray for a better mail-service.

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

17th September, 1875.

No. 297.—Petition of James Atkinson and Others, of Titirangi.

Petitioners pray for a grant in aid of road-construction.

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

17th September, 1895.

No. 275.—Petition of Walter James Hunt, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation from the Government for loss of interests in Native land. I am directed to report that, after giving the petitioner's case a careful hearing (the petition being practically the same as the one which was exhaustively dealt with by this Committee last session), the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

17th September, 1895.

No. 441.—Petition of James Dilworth, Executors of, Auckland.

Petitioners pray that the probate duty upon the estate of the late James Dilworth may be re-

I am directed to report that, as it has been shown that the Government is preparing a case for the Supreme Court regarding this matter, and therefore it is in a manner sub judice, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

27th September, 1895.

No. 362.—Petition of Fred Bayly, of Toko, Stratford.

Petitioner prays for compensation on account of the deviation of a road through his property.

I am directed to report that, upon the evidence taken, the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner should be paid compensation upon these lines—viz., an adequate amount (to be ascer-

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