

the Supreme Court. (5.) That the Crown Solicitor should tax the costs and moneys out of pocket payable by the petitioner; and the Committee recommends that, when so taxed, the Government should pay the same. (*Vide* Appendix I.—1A.)

27th September, 1898.

No. 34.—Petition of JAMES JOHNSTON, of Wellington.

THE petitioner prays for an inquiry and for relief.

I am directed to report that, as no fresh evidence has been produced to distinguish this from the previous petitions upon the same matter, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th September, 1898.

No. 167.—Petition of D. HANNAN, of Stafford.

THE petitioner prays for an inquiry and for relief on account of loss of office in the Police Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having very carefully inquired into all the circumstances of the case, has no recommendation to make.

29th September, 1898.

No. 307.—Petition of HENRY BAUCKE, of Wellington (No. 1).

THE petitioner prays that his claims against the Government may be settled during this session.

I am directed to report that, as the petition discloses no new ground for investigation, and no new facts are produced upon which it might be possible to vary the decisions arrived at upon so many previous occasions, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

29th September, 1898.

No. 39.—Petition of E. L. CLARK, of Albert Street, Auckland (No. 1).

THE petitioner prays for an inquiry and for relief.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner alleges nothing other than has been dealt with on previous occasions, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

29th September, 1898.

No. 110.—Petition of E. L. CLARK, of Albert Street, Auckland (No. 2).

THE petitioner prays that an Act may be passed to enable lunatics to have their grievances tried by a jury of twelve.

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

29th September, 1898.

No. 42.—Petition of W. J. BARRY, of Wellington (No. 1).

THE petitioner prays that he may receive a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has brought forward no new facts to distinguish this from the previous petitions of a like nature, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

29th September, 1898.

No. 322.—Petition of W. J. BARRY, of Wellington (No. 2).

THE petitioner prays that he may be heard at the bar of the House upon the subject of his grievances.

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

29th September, 1898.

No. 321.—Petition of W. H. S. BEAMISH, of Perth, W.A.

THE petitioner prays for further inquiry into his case and for relief.

I am directed to report that, from the documentary evidence in the Lands and Survey Department, which evidence has been produced before the Committee, and which was perused by the Commissioner appointed to dispose of the petitioner's claim and all other claims made under "The Naval and Military Claims Settlement and Extinguishment Act, 1896," there is no justification for the Commissioner's adverse decision upon the claim of the petitioner as reported in H.—13, 1898, page 6; and the Committee recommends the Government to introduce a remedial measure, so that the Commissioner's report may be reviewed.

4th October, 1898.

No. 318.—Petition of W. CRAWFORD and 17 Others, of Maungakaramaea, Auckland.

THE petitioners pray for a grant in aid of road construction at Maungakaramaea.

I am directed to report that, it having been shown that the Government has already made provision for the work indicated, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

14th October, 1898.

No. 309.—Petition of T. ATKINSON and 23 Others, of Arapohue, Auckland.

THE petitioners pray for a grant in aid of road construction at Arapohue.

I am directed to report that, the matter having already been fully considered and dealt with by the Lands and Survey Department, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

14th October, 1898.

No. 264.—Petition of F. W. BOYNTON, of Fort Street, Auckland (No. 1).

THE petitioner prays that he may be recompensed for special services said to have been rendered to the Government, and for inquiry and relief.