No. 302.—Petition of Ann McNamara, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that she is the widow of the late John McNamara, who served as a messenger to the House of Representatives for twenty-four years, &c. She prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Govern-

ment for consideration.
21st October, 1898.

No. 63.—Petition of James McGuinness, of Greytown.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted 40 acres of land as a free immigrant.

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

21st October, 1898.

No. 149.—Petition of W. T. Woods and 8 Others, of the Mangere Road District.

Petitioners pray that the Mangere Road Board may be compelled to remove all gates, fences, and other erections on the public roads in the Mangere Road District unless such erection is absolutely necessary for protection from any dangerous place.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioners do not appear to have exhausted their legal

remedy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st October, 1898.

No. 383.—Petition of ARTHUR SMITH, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that in the month of October, 1897, he was employed on the Government steamer "Tutanekai"; that while climbing over a pile of deck cargo a heavy sea struck the vessel, and he was violently thrown against some railway material and severely injured, &c. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the Government to find the petitioner some light employment, or to grant him such a small amount of compensation as will enable the petitioner to establish himself in some business.

3rd November, 1898.

No. 338.—Petition of Peter McSkimming and Son, of Stirling.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be refunded the sum of £73 16s., being duty paid on machinery imported for making drain- and sewage-pipes.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Govern-

ment for consideration.

3rd November, 1898.

No. 358.—Petition of IENI TAPIHANA, of Maketu.

PETITIONER prays that he may be given the Cross for valour, in acknowledgment of his bravery and stout-heartedness in carrying despatches at the time of the war at Rotorua and Tauranga.

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

3rd November, 1898.

No. 357.—Petition of John Scott Myers (No. 2), of Canterbury.

Petitioner prays that inquiry may be made into an alleged miscarriage of justice in connection with the case of Tomlinson v. Myers for false and malicious prosecution, &c.

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

3rd November, 1898.

No. 311.—Petition of Maria Smith, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that inquiry may be made into her complaint against the Police Department, &c.

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

3rd November, 1898.

Nos. 23 and 226.—Petitions of John James Meikle, of Wyndham.

PETITIONER prays that the report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, of October, 1895, may

be given effect to &c

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner has signed a receipt for £500 in full satisfaction, release, and discharge of all claims and demands, or alleged claims and demands, which he now has or at any time heretofore has had against Her Majesty the Queen or the Government of New Zealand, upon or in respect of the prosecution and conviction of himself for sheep-stealing, or the prosecution and conviction at his instance of William Lambert for perjury, and for any expenses, costs, or charges incurred in or about the said prosecutions, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

3rd November, 1898.

No. 182.—Petition of John Louis Rolland, of Reefton.

Petitioner prays for recognition of his services as military chaplain during the Maori war. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 3rd November, 1898.