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No. 128, 1897.—Petition of WILLIAM GRIFFIE and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the terminus of the Otago Central Railway should be at Wedderburn instead of Eweburn.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of the petition has been already complied with, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

22nd July, 1898.

No. 197, 1897.—Petition of B. M. GUBB and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the railway may be extended further north from Helensville.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that, as the subject-matter of this petition is a question of policy, it should be referred to Government for consideration.

22nd July, 1898.

No. 109, 1897.—Petition of THOMAS WILKINSON and 77 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that an alteration may be made in the rate of freights charged on farm produce; and that a weighing-machine may be provided at Pukekohe Railway-station.

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

22nd July, 1898.

No. 353, 1897.—Petition of JANE WILSON.

PETITIONER states she is the widow of John Wilson, who was employed twenty-three years on the clerical staff of the Government railways. She prays for a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

22nd July, 1898.