No. 17.—Petition of Susannah Cockroft, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for their favourable consideration.

24th July, 1900.

No. 108.—Petition of W. G. GARRARD, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he be acquainted why his wife has been deprived of her old-age pension.

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

25th July, 1900.

No. 92.—Petition of James King (No. 1), of Tauranga.

PETITIONER prays for refund of money paid by him for his son journeying to Wellington to join the Permanent Force, his son being rejected on medical grounds.

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

25th July, 1900.

No. 64.—Petition of E. F. Clendon, of Russell, Bay of Islands.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance for the services of her late husband.

I am directed to report that this Committee recommend this petition for the consideration of the Government.

25th July, 1900.

No. 26.—Petition of CALEB HILL and Others, of Matahuru, Waikato.

PETITIONERS pray that the Matahuru-Ohinewai Road be further improved.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend this petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

25th July, 1900.

No. 132.—Petition of James H. B. Coates, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that an inquiry be held into the Midland Railway case, and that the debentureholders be granted such redress as may be deemed meet.

I am directed to report that this petition be referred to the Railways Committee for considera-

tion.

2nd August, 1900.

No. 61.—Petition of G. D. Hamilton, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for investigation in the matter of seizure of his property by the Bank of New Zealand.

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

2nd August, 1900.

No. 29.—Petition of Maria Findt, of Westport.

PETITIONER prays that the balance of proceeds of intestate estate of Wilhelm Haack be paid to

I am directed to report that the Committee, having heard the evidence in this case, and believing that the deceased Wilhelm Haack has no living relative, are of the opinion that the petitioner has the best right to the money, and recommend the Government to place on the estimates the sum of £132 11s. 10d., to be paid to the petitioner Maria Findt.

3rd August, 1900.

No. 46.—Petition of Samuel A. Leech, of Westport.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office as Harbourmaster at the Port of Westport. I am directed to report that this Committee recommend the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

7th August, 1900.

No. 45.—Petition of A. Ferguson and Others, of Toko.

PETITIONERS pray that a post-office may be erected at Toko.

I am directed to report that this Committee recommend the petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

7th August, 1900.

No. 42.—Petition of John Guard, of Port Underwood.

PETITIONER prays that, being the first European child born in the South Island, and for services rendered, he be granted 100 acres of land.

I am directed to report that this Committee recommend this petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

8th August, 1900.