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Nos. 102 and 103.—Petition of A. J. McCLUSKY (No. 1 and No. 2), of Auckland.

PETITIONER, who has been employed in the Police and Prisons Departments, and who has been discharged therefrom, prays that his grievances may be inquired into, and that he may be granted compensation for loss of office.

I am directed to report that, as the petitions refer to claims and grievances which have been considered and reported upon by the Public Petitions M to Z Committee in the years 1877, 1891, 1893, 1894, 1895, and 1898, and as no further evidence has been adduced, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

23rd July, 1901.

No. 151.—Petition of JOSEPH D. WILSON, of Mornington, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays that a means may be devised whereby he may be able to obtain the redress of his alleged wrongs in connection with lawyers, &c.

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

23rd July, 1901.

No. 152.—Petition of JANE MARK, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted compensation for loss of office as "charge attendant" at the Auckland Lunatic Asylum.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner resigned her position and asked to be relieved of her duties at once, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

31st July, 1901.

No. 136.—Petition of W. MILLER, of Hastings.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive a grant of land for military services rendered to the colony.

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

31st July, 1901.

No. 8.—Petition of JAMES SIMPSON, of Mangonui.

PETITIONER, an old soldier, states that he arrived in New Zealand in the year 1862; that in 1895 he went to Australia, returning to the colony three years and a half afterwards; and that such absence bars him from receiving the old-age pension. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that as, under subsection (2) of section 8 of the "Old-age Pensions Act, 1898," an absence of over two years from the colony bars a pension being granted, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

31st July, 1901.

No. 135.—Petition of JESSIE MACKENZIE and 41 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that provision may be made for the shelter and management of weak-minded or imbecile and idiotic children, &c.

I am directed to report that this Committee concurs in the following resolution reported to the House on the 11th July, 1900, in connection with a similar petition—viz., "That the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that in their opinion the time has arrived when provision should be made for separate institutions