No. 556.—Petition of WILLIAM REDMOND, of Island Bay.

Petitioner states that, through the action of the Newtown Licensing Committee in refusing to grant the renewal of his license for the Island Bay Hotel in June, 1903, he has sustained a loss of

£521 13s. 2d. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the petitioner is entitled to a refund of the fine and costs imposed for selling liquor without a license, and that, further, provision should be made for a refund of three-fourths of the license fee paid for the yearly license, and that this recommendation be referred to the Government for early consideration.

20th October, 1904.

No. 558.—Petition of WILLIAM HALLEY, of Kilbirnie.

PETITIONER states that, through the action of the Newtown Licensing Committee in refusing to grant the renewal of his license for the Kilbirnie Hotel in June, 1903, he has sustained a loss of

£1,191 17s. 5d. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the petitioner is entitled to a refund of the fine and costs imposed for selling liquor without a license, and that, further, provision should be made for a refund of three-fourths of the license fee paid for the yearly license, and that this recommendation be referred to the Government for early consideration.

20th October, 1904.

No. 659.—Petition of ROBERT BARCLAY, of Masterton.

Petitioner states that, through the action of the Newtown Licensing Committee in refusing to grant the renewal of his license for the Grosvenor Hotel in June, 1903, he has sustained a loss of

£1,036 8s. 9d. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the petitioner is entitled to a refund of the fine and costs imposed for selling liquor without a license, and that, further, provision should be made for a refund of three-fourths of the license fee paid for the yearly license, and that this recommendation be referred to the Government for early consideration.

20th October, 1904.

No. 557.—Petition of HERBERT G. HOULDSWORTH, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that he may be refunded the sum of £27 13s. 6d., being proportionate part of the license fee paid for the period during which the Newtown Hotel was closed through the Newtown Licensing Committee refusing to grant a renewal in June, 1903.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, provision should be made for a refund of three-fourths of the license fee paid for the yearly license, and that this recommendation be referred to the Government for early consideration.

20th October, 1904.

No. 843.—Petition of ROBERT PAGE and 84 Others, of Waimamaku.

Petitioners pray that provision may be made for roading the Waimamaku Settlement.

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

25th October, 1904.

No. 802.—Petition of R. J. McFarlane and 4 Others, of Whangamarino.

Petitioners pray for a grant of £200 to form a bridle-track along the bank of the Taniwaha Creek.

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

25th October, 1904.

No. 858.—Petition of R. RITCHIE and 29 Others, of Awhitu.

PETITIONERS pray that the telephone may be extended to the Awhitu Wharf.

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

25th October, 1904.

No. 801.—Petition of A. ORR and 22 Others, of Morrinsville.

PETITIONERS state that they have acquired sections on the Lockerbie Estate from the Assets Realisation Board; that certain roads stated to give access to their sections have not been formed and exist on paper only; that they have applied to the said Board and to the local body respectively to have the said roads formed, but without result. They pray for relief.