

## REPORTS.

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Nos. 418/24, 57/25.—Petition of WILLIAM MATTHEWS, of Ashley.

PRAYING for a refund of £16 19s. 9d., being amount paid by him as land-tax in 1919 in error, the amount also having been paid by the owner of the land for the same year.

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

19th August, 1925.

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No. 7.—Petition of THOMAS McMILLAN and GEORGE HENRY LASH, of Hurleyville.

PRAYING that the Deputy Commissioner of Stamp Duties be directed to refund to the petitioners the sum of £102, paid as *ad valorem* duty on an agreement to lease and purchase certain lands, and which was not completed.

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

19th August, 1925.

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No. 16.—Petition of JOHN RICKERBY, of 147 Lower Styx Road, Marshland.

PRAYING for a refund of £130, being value of stock and implements belonging to him alleged to have been wrongfully seized and sold by the Government from the property of his son in the Isleworth Settlement, Hinds.

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

19th August, 1925.

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No. 21.—Petition of HENRY PESKETT, of Woodend, North Canterbury.

PRAYING for a refund of stamp duty paid on an agreement to purchase certain land at Oxford, and not completed.

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

19th August, 1925.

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No. 22.—Petition of R. D. B. ROBINSON, of Gisborne.

PRAYING that he be not held responsible for certain land-tax demanded by the Commissioner of Taxes, and also for an amendment of the existing law so that taxpayers will not be penalized by the quantity of land held by other persons.

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

19th August, 1925.

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No. 30.—Petition of F. PICOT and 11 others (and 32 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for an amendment of the Gaming Amendment Act, 1920, so as to enable bookmakers to be licensed under proper safeguards.

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

19th August, 1925.

### SCHEDULE.

No. 31.—Falleni, H., and 11 others.  
 No. 34.—Dominikovich, S., and 11 others.  
 No. 35.—Watson, G. G., and 11 others.  
 No. 36.—Young, F. G., and 11 others.  
 No. 46.—Lawfield, W., and 22 others.  
 No. 47.—Collins, S., and 11 others.  
 No. 48.—Marfell, W. J., and 11 others.  
 No. 49.—Taylor, E., and 11 others.  
 No. 58.—Burns, V. J., and 11 others.  
 No. 59.—Leader, R., and 11 others.  
 No. 60.—Morris, W. J., and 11 others.  
 No. 61.—Reid, W. G., and 11 others.  
 No. 62.—Richards, H., and 11 others.  
 No. 63.—Churchill, A., and 9 others.  
 No. 64.—Corney, J. C., and 11 others.  
 No. 65.—Garrett, A., and 11 others.

No. 66.—Gorie, F., and 11 others.  
 No. 67.—Harbour, G. J., and 11 others.  
 No. 68.—Hardie, T. G., and 11 others.  
 No. 69.—Harris, W. G., and 11 others.  
 No. 70.—McCabe, J., and 11 others.  
 No. 71.—Malin, G. A., and 11 others.  
 No. 72.—Smith, J. M., and 11 others.  
 No. 73.—Westworth, J. H., and 11 others.  
 No. 96.—Wright, J. T., and 11 others.  
 No. 97.—Ayre, H. W., and 4 others.  
 No. 98.—Bradbury, W., and 11 others.  
 No. 99.—Davis, E. H., and 11 others.  
 No. 100.—Pellew, J., and 11 others.  
 No. 109.—McGonagle, S. J., and 11 others.  
 No. 120.—Welch, T. S., and 11 others.  
 No. 121.—Harwick, G. W., and 11 others.