

No. 346.—ALEX. GRANT.

THE petitioner, who is a school teacher, complains of the action of the Auckland Board of Education for threatening him with censure or punishment without giving him an opportunity of being heard in self defence. He prays for redress.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend the Minister for Education to inquire into the petitioner's case.

29th October, 1878.

No. 344.—J. L. WORMS.

THE petitioner complains of persecution by a detective in the Armed Constabulary and by the master of the Industrial School, Auckland; and he prays for inquiry.

I am directed to report that, as the law provides for the proper custody of children of the ages named in the petition, the Committee sees no reason to make any recommendation. The Committee further refer the petition to the consideration of the Government, as it involves a charge against the police in Auckland, as also the management of an institution which receives Government subsidy.

29th October, 1878.

No. 342.—J. STANTON and Others.

THE petitioners state that they suffer from the overflow of the Waimakariri River, caused, they allege, by railway protective works. They pray that the water-way at the Kaiapoi railway bridge may be enlarged, and openings made in the railway embankment in various places.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the subject-matter of this petition is one for the consideration of the Government.

29th October, 1878.

No. 341.—EDWARD EARL.

THE petitioner states that some years ago he purchased fifty acres of land near Tauranga. The road from Tauranga to the Thames has been taken through his land; that, on account of the manner the road was laid out, the land has been depreciated in value; and he prays for compensation.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having made inquiry into the case, recommend the Government to deal with the petitioner in the same way in which similar cases have been dealt with in the Tauranga District.

29th October, 1878.

No. 340.—MICHAEL HAYMAN.

THE petitioner states that, when Mackaytown was gazetted a Government township, he built a large hotel and started business as a publican there. That, when the Government Offices were removed to Paeroa, his business was ruined in consequence. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make in the petitioner's case.

29th October, 1878.

No. 337.—M. MCCREDIE and Others.

No. 338.—W. J. ROBERTS and Others.

No. 339.—J. R. JOHNSON and Others.

THE petitioners pray for an alteration in the rate of fares and the times of running of railway trains on the line from Wellington to Lower Hutt.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the subject-matter of these petitions is one for the consideration of the Government.

29th October, 1878.

No. 4.—RICHARD JAMES FELTUS.

THE petitioner states that John George Petingale, a lunatic, died intestate, and was indebted to petitioner the sum of £265 14s., and that he acted for some years as collector for the estate of the said J. G. Petingale, but that he has not been paid any money for his services as collector or otherwise. He prays for relief.

The Committee has made enquiry into the case, and find that the receipts and payments in realizing the estate of the late J. G. Petingale, were as follows—namely:—

	RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
400 acres of land, sold by order or Mortgagee, realized	..	40	0	0
112 acres of land	23	0	0
Allotment, Eden Terrace	12	0	0
Sundry sums received by Trustee	67	17	8
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		£142	17	8
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