

No. 144, Session II.—Petition of ALEXANDER McMILLEN.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for alleged military service.

I am directed to report that, without doubting the military service, the Committee do not consider that any exceptional reward in the way of compensation should be given to the petitioner.

18th November, 1879.

No. 157, Session II.—Petition of C. R. CARTER and Others, of the Wellington Local Industries Association.

THE petitioners pray for the encouragement of the local industry of woollen manufacture.

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

18th November, 1879.

No. 162, Session II.—Petition of SARAH ANN COX.

THE petitioner prays for compensation in consequence of her late husband having been killed while employed upon the New Zealand railways as a stoker.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having considered the petitioner's case, recommend the Government to give an additional six months' pay as a gratuity.

18th November, 1879.

No. 158, Session II.—Petition of RICHARD DUIGNAN.

THE petitioner prays that the circumstances of the case of a contract for street formation on the reclaimed land in the City of Wellington may be inquired into and a settlement made.

I am directed to report that, in the existing position of the petitioner's case, the Committee decline to interfere between the petitioner and the Public Works Department.

18th November, 1879.

No. 49, Session I.—Petition of JOHN SHERER.

THE petitioner states that he was the master of the schooner "Boyd," of Auckland, and that he was obliged, in order to save life and property, to run the vessel ashore; that he sold some rum and beer belonging to the owners to the Natives; that he was arrested by the Opotiki Magistrates for this act, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment; that he has been illegally imprisoned, and discharged without money or clothes, and his professional prospects ruined. He prays for redress.

I am directed to report that, knowing already that the Committee has on several occasions made recommendations "that the Government make inquiry into the petitioner's case and afford such relief as the equity of the case demands," the Committee recommend that the sum of £50 be awarded to the petitioner as compensation for loss occasioned.

18th November, 1879.

No. 39, Session I.—Petition of CHARLES MACK.

THE petitioner prays for redress for injury sustained in consequence of an alleged unlawful conviction for smuggling.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not deem it expedient to reopen the petitioner's case.

18th November, 1879.

No. 28, Session II.—Petition of RICHARD THOMAS SHEILD.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for loss caused by the flooding of his land by the railway works.

I am directed to report that, the former recommendation of this Committee that the petitioner's grievance with respect to insufficient water-way for flood-water having been remedied by the department, the Committee has no further recommendation to make in the petitioner's case.

18th November, 1879.

No. 122, Session I.—Petition of CARL BAUR.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for injury sustained by a road having been taken through his land during his absence in Victoria.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the amount of compensation should be arranged with the petitioner; and, in the event of fair compensation being refused, that the matter be dealt with under the provisions of "The Public Works Act, 1876."

20th November, 1879.

No. 25, Session II.—Petition of the HAUHAU TRAMWAY COMPANY. (Further report.)

THE petitioners pray that compensation be awarded them for loss sustained by the traffic on their tramway being injured by the construction of a road, while their conditions of contract with the County Council entitled them to compensation in the event of a competing road being constructed.