

Corporation of Cromwell, has directed me to report that the Committee is of opinion that there would be no legal power to insert in the Crown grants any such conditions as the petitioners desire.

31st October, 1879.

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No. 23, Session II.—Petition of JOHN BARTON and Others.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Barton and others, praying for compensation for loss of sections at Hokitika, has directed me to report that the Committee recommends that the Government be requested to place on the estimates a sum not exceeding £400 as a settlement for their claims.

31st October, 1879.

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No. 133, Session II.—Petition of W. H. BATES, Chairman, Hokianga County Council.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the petition of W. H. Bates, Chairman, Hokianga County Council, recommending that special settlers should be located on certain lands for the purpose of establishing vineyards, has directed me to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for their consideration.

31st October, 1879.

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THE BLUFF HARBOUR FORESHORE ENDOWMENT BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Bill intituled "The Bluff Harbour Foreshore Endowment Act, 1879," has the honor to report that it has gone through the Bill, and recommends that the same be passed without amendment.

31st October, 1879.

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No. 109, Session I.—Petition of JAMES S. MILLAR.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the petition of James S. Millar, praying for inquiry into the cause of certain land orders not having been honored, has directed me to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner has no claim.

4th November, 1879.

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No. 81, Session II.—Petition of MARTIN MAHON.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Martin Mahon, complaining that he has not received his remission certificate as a volunteer, has directed me to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner has no claim.

4th November, 1879.

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THE WAITARA HARBOUR BOARD LAND AND BORROWING BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred "The Waitara Harbour Board Land and Borrowing Act, 1879," has directed me to report that it has gone through the Bill, and recommends that the same be passed without any amendments.

5th November, 1879.

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No. 76, Session II.—Petition of GEORGE ROBERTSON.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the petition of George Robertson, praying for a grant of land as a discharged soldier, has directed me to report that the Committee recommends that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and included in the Bill to be brought in similar to the one passed last year, entitled the Special Powers and Contracts Act.

12th November, 1879.

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No. 122, Session II.—Petition of the CHANCELLOR of the NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Chancellor of the New Zealand University, relative to the University reserves, and asking that they may be utilized, has directed me to report:—

1. That, in the opinion of the Committee, the Government should introduce a Bill for the purpose of placing the reserves set aside for the New Zealand University under the control and management of trustees or such other body as will secure the immediate application of the reserves to their proper purpose.

2. That provision should be taken in the proposed Bill to extend the time given in "The University Reserves Act, 1875," for defining the boundaries of the Waitotara Reserve.

3. And, further, that, in reference to the part of the petition relating to an endowment of 30,000 acres in Auckland, the Committee recommends the Government to take this matter into their favourable consideration.

14th November, 1879.

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No. 113, Session I.—Petition of THOMAS GRUNDY.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Grundy, relative to a remission certificate for land, has directed me to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.

14th November, 1879.