No. 374.—Petition of N JOHNSTON and Others, of Invercargill.

THE petitioners ask that an inquiry be made into the matter of the disrating of Henry Jeffreys from the post of engine-driver.

No. 378.—Petition of J TWENTYMAN and Others, of Christchurch.

THE petitioners ask that an inquiry may be held into the cause of the dismissal of John Hoskyns' surveyor.

I am directed to report that, as the grievances complained of have not been suffered by the petitioners, but by some other persons, the Committee do not consider that they are cases for the House to deal with.

24th September, 1881.

No. 375.—Petition of HORACE ROWLANDS, of Waipu.

THE petitioner states that he has been a school teacher since the 1st July, 1877, until the present time; that failing health will prevent him from attending his duties for some considerable time; and prays the House will grant him relief.

I am directed to report that, the Committee are of opinion that the petitioner's case is one for the Auckland Education Board to deal with.

24th September, 1881.

No. 379.—Petition of T. HUTCHISON, of Wellington.

THE petitioner prays that the House will cause inquiry to be made into his case, in the interests of the pure administration of justice, and into the manner in which justice is administered by Mr. H. S. Wardell.

I am directed to report that, this petition being brought up for consideration on the last day of the session precludes the possibility of making full inquiry; the Committee have, therefore, no recommendation to make.

24th September, 1881.

No. 364.—Petition of the NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD.

THE petitioners ask that further inquiries may be made into the capabilities of the proposed harbour. I am directed to report that, the subject-matter of this petition being now under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation.

24th September, 1881.

No. 357.—Petition of JOHN BLAIN, of the Thames.

THE petitioner states that he has made repeated applications to the Government for the payment of a sum of money due to him on account of services rendered in connection with the Pukeanga outrage, and prays the House to cause an inquiry to be made, and grant him relief.

I am directed to report that there has been no evidence submitted to justify the Committee in making a report.

24th September, 1881.

No. 355.—Petition of THOMAS BRAY, of Newton.

THE petitioner makes certain charges against Mr. Justice Richmond, and prays that the House will inquire into the charges, and, if proved, that an address be presented to Her Majesty, praying her to remove the said Mr. Justice Richmond from his office of a Judge of the Supreme Court.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make to the House on the subject-matter of this petition.

24th September, 1881.

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