

THE LAND ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honor to report that, after having carefully considered it, they recommend that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown upon the copy of the Bill hereto attached.

18th August, 1882.

No. 192.—Petition of GEORGE HOWELL and Another.

THE petitioners state that they are the sons of one John Howell, now deceased, and they claim thirty one acres of land in the Jacob's River Hundred, which was granted to their father by Mr. W. B. D. Mantell. The Land Claims Commissioner to whom they originally applied refused to issue a Crown grant because it was not applied for during their father's lifetime. They pray for the land or for compensation.

I am directed to report: That the Committee is of opinion that the claim is just, and recommend that the Government should arrange the matter accordingly.

25th August, 1882.

No. 423.—Petition of H. W. LONDON.

THE petitioner states that he served as a Volunteer in the Pahautanui Rifle Corps for over five years, and prays that his claim for a grant of land may receive consideration.

I am directed to report: That the petitioner has no claim.

30th August, 1882.

No. 424.—Petition of A. and S. FLIGHTY.

THE petitioners apparently have two distinct claims: one being for their own military services and the other in respect of the purchase of a land scrip from one Patrick Barney, who died before the transfer was made, and on account of which they had paid £9 15s. They submitted their claim to the Volunteer Land Commission, who rejected it, and they now pray for further consideration.

I am directed to report: That, the case of the petitioners having already being dealt with by the Naval and Military and Local Forces Land Claims Commission, this Committee see no reason to reopen the case.

30th August, 1882.

No. 453.—Petition of JANE M. PHILLIPS.

THE petitioner states that certain land belonging to her at Tarihai River, Bay of Islands, was absorbed by Government purchases, and that proposals were made to her by the Auckland Waste Lands Board to accept a substituted piece of land, but the Crown grant has never yet been issued to her. She prays that such Crown grant may now be issued to her in exchange for the land she has been deprived of.

I am directed to report: That the Government be requested to act in accordance with Mr. Tole's recommendation as minuted on the departmental papers.

30th August, 1882.

No. 431.—Petition of THOMAS TAYLOR.

THE petitioner states that his wife, before his marriage, was entitled to a land order which she received and lost during the passage out to New Zealand, and he prays for the issue of a new order for forty acres of land to which his wife is entitled.

I am directed to report: That this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

30th August, 1882.

No. 324.—Petition of JOSEPH RUDD.

THE petitioner states that he is the owner of allotment No. 107, parish of Mangatawhiri, Auckland, and he had fenced his land to the boundary-pegs corresponding to the measurement set forth in his Crown grant. He received notice from the Paparata Road Board that his said fence encroached upon a public road, and upon investigating the matter in the Land Office, Auckland, it appeared that the plan there registered did not correspond with that upon his Crown grant. He moved his fence at the Board's request, and by doing so he has lost ten acres of the best of his land, and incurred an expense of £51 10s. for fencing and surveys. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report: That the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

30th August, 1882.

No. 439.—Petition of JOHN CHISHOLM and Others.

THE petitioners are deferred-payment selectors and agricultural settlers in the Provincial District of Otago, and they complain generally of the harsh conditions of their tenure, and pray for relief.

I am directed to report: That the case of the petitioners is deserving consideration at the hands of the Legislature, so as to enable them to meet their engagements.

30th August, 1882.

No. 434.—Petition of PATRICK SOUTH.

THE petitioner states that he served with the 58th Regiment, and in other capacities, in defence of the colonies, and he has since become a settler. He considers he is entitled to a grant of land, and prays for relief.

I am directed to report: That the petitioner has no claim.

30th August, 1882.