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WASTE LANDS COMMITTEE.

(REPORTS ON DEFERRED-PAYMENT SETTLERS' RELIEF BILL, AND PETITIONS OF DEFERRED-PAYMENT SETTLERS.)

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REPORT on the DEFERRED-PAYMENT SETTLERS' RELIEF BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Deferred-Payment Settlers' Relief Bill, have the honor to report that, after taking evidence as to the working of the deferred-payment system, the Committee are of opinion that the provisions of this Bill do not meet the requirements of the case,—

- (1.) Because the proposed mode of securing relief would be found cumbersome in practice ;
- (2.) Because the mode of obtaining relief would be costly, as involving heavy law expenses to applicants ;
- (3.) Because it is specially objectionable, as establishing a comparatively-inexperienced Court to review the decisions of a responsible department, having both experience and practical training to guide it.

3rd August, 1882.

JAMES FULTON,
Chairman.

REPORT on PETITIONS of DEFERRED-PAYMENT SETTLERS.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom were referred the under-mentioned petitions, viz.,—

- No. 100. Thomas D. Darton and others ;
- No. 124. H. Smith and others ;
- No. 147. A. McKinnon and others ;
- No. 262. George Telford and others ;
- No. 263. James Hartstonge and others ;
- No. 267. Robert Barr and others ; and
- No. 290. R. Cunningham and others,

have the honor to report that the case of a number of the petitioners is deserving of consideration at the hands of the Legislature, so as to enable them to fulfil their engagements ; and, with this view, the Committee hope to submit suggestions, when their report on the Government Land Bill is brought up.

3rd August, 1882.

JAMES FULTON,
Chairman.