

No. 10.—Petition of JOHN KINNEAR McDONALD.

PETITIONER prays for a reissue of remission certificate for £10, with power to exercise the same in the Province of Auckland. The original scrip was awarded for Volunteer service in Taranaki, and lost by a friend to whom it was forwarded.

I am directed to report: That, the petitioner having failed to comply with the conditions prescribed by the law on the several opportunities afforded for exercising the scrip, the Committee are unable to recommend the House to entertain the petition.

11th July, 1883.

No. 40.—Petition of JOHN McLEOD.

PETITIONER claims land for services rendered at Bay of Islands as a Volunteer in 1844–45.

I am directed to report: That, the petitioner having failed to comply with the conditions prescribed by the law on the several opportunities afforded for substantiating the claim, the Committee are unable to recommend the House to entertain it.

11th July, 1883.

No. 17.—Petition of MARIA DOBLE.

PETITIONER prays for relief in recognition of her late husband's services as a Volunteer, from 1860 to 1867.

I am directed to report: That, the petitioner having failed to comply with the conditions prescribed by the law on the several opportunities afforded for substantiating the claim, the Committee are unable to recommend the House to entertain it.

11th July, 1883.

No. 76.—Petition of R. PRENDERGRAST and 45 Others (Report No. 1).

PETITIONERS pray that the building and site of the old schoolhouse at Pokeno be made over to the settlement for the purposes of a public hall.

I am directed to report: That the prayer of the petition be recommended to the favourable consideration of the Government.

18th July, 1883.

No. 198.—Petition of JAMES GIBBONS.

PETITIONER served in the 18th Regiment, and was discharged in New Zealand. He prays for a grant of land as a military settler.

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

18th July, 1883.

No. 15.—Petition of WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

PETITIONER prays for rectification of Crown grant on the ground of irregularity.

I am directed to report: That it has been proved to the Committee that the grant referred to in the petition was incorrectly issued, inasmuch as it did not contain the words "with full power to lease and sell."

That the Government be recommended to take such steps as shall place the petitioner's grant in the same position as those issued on the recommendation of Mr. Turton at the same time.

27th July, 1883.

No. 11.—Petition of FREDERICK CARMICHAEL.

PETITIONER prays for relief on the ground that he has no access to the land purchased by him of the Government.

I am directed to recommend: That, the Government offer to take back the land at cost price, with interest at 8 per cent. per annum added.

27th July, 1883.

MASTERTON AND GREYTOWN LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Masterton and Greytown Lands Management Act Amendment Bill, having taken evidence upon the subject, have duly considered the Bill, and I am directed to report: That the Committee recommend the Bill to be passed as amended in the copy attached.

1st August, 1883.

LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Bill intituled "The Land Acts Amendment Act, 1883," have the honour to report that they have gone through the Bill, and recommend that it be allowed to proceed with the amendments shown on the copy annexed.

2nd August, 1883.

No. 30.—Petition of FRANCIS JOHN JOHNSON.

PETITIONER prays for grant of land to which he was entitled as an immigrant in 1855.

I am directed to report: That the Committee are unable to recommend the prayer of the petition.

3rd August, 1883.