

No. 172.—Petition of the PATEA WEST ROAD BOARD.

PETITIONERS pray that Mr. S. Vaile's railway scheme may be accorded a trial.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

10th June, 1887.

No. 170.—Petition of H. F. WAY, of Wairoa.

PETITIONER states that in June, 1886, he was the owner of property at Wairoa worth £3,000; that in said month an eruption occurred which utterly destroyed his property; that he served in the Armed Constabulary Force from 1863 till 1877 as ensign, sub-inspector, and captain. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

10th June, 1887.

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