

No. 505.—Petition of H. R. ELDEN, Chairman, and G. MOORE, a Member of the Whareama Road Board.

THE petitioners pray for inquiry into the expenditure of a sum of £200 borrowed by the Board.

I am directed to report that, owing to the late period of the session at which this petition has come before the Committee, the Committee is unable to deal with it.

12th September, 1889.

No. 518.—Petition of R. BULLEN, of Wellington.

THE petitioner states that he has served for nearly twenty-seven years in the Police Force of the colony, and has received £600 compensation on dismissal. He prays for further-employment.

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend the prayer of this petition.

12th September, 1889.

No. 504.—Petition of JOHN LUNDON, of Ponsonby.

THE petitioner alleges that in April, 1887, he advanced a sum of money to pay the crew of the s.s. "Oreti," then under charter to the Government for the transport of village settlers, and that the money so advanced has not been repaid to him. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that this petition has come before the Committee so late in the session that there is not time for the Committee to obtain sufficient evidence to enable it to form any opinion on the claim of the petitioner.

13th September, 1889.

No. 508.—Petition of ANNE AULD, of Waitahuna.

THE petitioner states that her late husband, after eleven years' service under the Railway Department, lost his life in consequence of hurts received from machinery in the discharge of his duty, leaving her in extreme poverty with a family of six children to support.

I am directed to report that, if the Government, after inquiry, is satisfied of the truth of the allegations contained in the petition, the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner's case is a fair one for compassionate allowance.

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