

No. 62.—Petition of LINDSAY JACKSON, of Thames. (First report: referred back to Committee. See Order of Reference, 5th August, 1890.)

THE petitioner prays for refund of bail escheated.

I am directed to report that the Committee is unable to recommend the prayer of the petition.  
5th August, 1890.

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No. 82.—Petition of R. C. BARSTOW, of Auckland, as Liquidator of the Kaihu Valley Railway Company.

THE petitioner prays for compensation for loss alleged to have been caused by breach of faith on the part of the Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee is unable to recommend the prayer of the petition.  
5th August, 1890.

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Nos. 103 and 124.—Petition of P. STURT BROWN (No. 1), of Whangarei, and HENRY BRADNAM and Others, of Warkworth.

THE petitioners pray for completion of the main trunk road north of Auckland.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, these petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.  
5th August, 1890.

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No. 106.—Petition of P. STURT BROWN (No. 2), as Chairman of the North Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

THE petitioner prays for legislation to empower Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards to levy rates on Maori lands within their respective districts, for the purpose of defraying the expense of administering relief to persons of the Maori race.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.  
5th August, 1890.

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No. 125.—Petition of MARIANNE DEIGHTON, of Te Wairoa Hawke's Bay.

THE petitioner prays that the pension paid to her husband, recently deceased, may be continued to herself.

I am directed to recommend this petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.  
5th August, 1890.

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No. 144.—Petition of SIEGMUND COHEN, of Christchurch.

THE petitioner prays for a refund of Customs duty paid on reimporting certain jewellery previously exported from the colony.

I am directed to report that, if the Collector of Customs at Christchurch is satisfied of the identity of the goods imported with those previously exported by the petitioner, the Committee is of opinion that the prayer of the petition should be granted.

5th August, 1890.

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No. 130.—Petition of RICHARD FISHER and Others, of Timaru.

THE petitioners pray for amendment of the Factory Act.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, this petition should be referred to the Labour Bills Committee.  
7th August, 1890.

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No. 150.—Petition of VALENTINE BLAGROVE, of Auckland.

THE petitioner alleges that he has invented and constructed, at an expense of over £500, apparatus for drying and preserving fish, fruit, and vegetables in general, and mussels in particular. And he prays—(1) For pecuniary assistance to enlarge his works; (2) for leave to erect his plant on the Auckland foreshore; (3) for sole right to use the mussels in Auckland Harbour; (4) for a grant of land adjoining the site of his projected factory, in consideration of his military service in 1862–63.

I am directed to report—(a) That, in the opinion of the Committee, the first paragraph of the petition should be referred to the Flax and other Industries Committee for inquiry into the preserving process used by the petitioner; (b) that the Committee cannot recommend the petitioner's prayers for grants of money and land; (c) that, since the foreshore of the Waitemata is vested in the Auckland Harbour Board, the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner's application for use of the foreshore, and of the mussels thereon, should have been made to that body.

7th August, 1890.

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No. 134.—Petition of FRANZ G. H. KUMMER, Inmate of the Avondale Asylum, Auckland.

THE petitioner prays for relief from alleged persecution by hypnotic electricity.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on the subject of this petition.  
12th August, 1890.