

No. 438.—Petition of JOHN FORD and Others, of Wairoa.

PETITIONERS pray for a railway-siding at the crossing of the main and centre road in their district over the Otautau and Wairoa Railway.

I am directed to report that, in face of the full release signed by the late Mr. Farnall on the 7th November, 1878, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st September, 1891.

No. 554.—Petition of ISABEL M. FARNALL, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray for consideration on account of her late husband's services as an Immigration Agent.

I am directed to report that, in face of the full release signed by the late Mr. Farnall on the 7th November, 1878, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st September, 1891.

No. 624.—Petition of H. B. HUDDLESTON, of Blenheim (No. 3).

PETITION *re* "The Land Transfer Act, 1885."

I am directed to report that the Committee has already reported on two petitions from petitioner dealing with this matter during the present session, and can see no reason to depart from the decision previously arrived at.

21st September, 1891.

No. 670.—Petition of WORLEY BASSETT EDWARDS, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that he relinquished a lucrative practice to take judicial office, which has since been abolished. He prays that right may be done and relief granted to him.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner's case is now before the highest Appeal Court of the realm, this Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st September, 1891.

No. 702.—Petition of ROBERT HETHERINGTON and Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS protest against the Payment of Members Bill.

I am directed to report that, as this Bill is now before the Legislature, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st September 1891.

No. 704.—Petition of ROBERT DARROCH and JOHN MCLEAN, of Waikari, Canterbury.

PETITIONERS state that they became sureties for the completion of the Ashurst contract of the Napier-Palmerston Railway, Mr. P. Honeybone being the contractor; that after some work had been done Mr. Honeybone assigned the contract to Mr. Knight; that he also failed to carry it out, and it was eventually taken over by the Government, who called for fresh tenders; that the work was finally completed at a loss to the Government on the original contract of £370; that petitioners are now called upon by the Government to make good this amount. Petitioners further state that they had no pecuniary interest in the contract, that it has already cost them £360, and that if they have to pay the amount they are now called upon for they and their families will be totally ruined. They pray for relief.

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

21st September, 1891.

No. 708.—Petition of SUSANNA PRESCOTT BOYS, of Greytown North.

PETITIONER prays for consideration on account of her late husband's services as Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

21st September, 1891.

No. 709.—Petition of PETER ARCHER and Others, of Pelorus Sound.

PETITIONERS pray for assistance towards making a bridle-track.

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

21st September, 1891.

No. 722.—Petition of PATRICK BROWN, of Whakatane.

PETITIONERS pray for consideration on account of loss sustained through inability to get a title to his land.

I am directed to report that, as at this late stage of the session there is not sufficient time to get a departmental report upon this case, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

22nd September, 1891.

No. 723.—Petition of H. TREBEC SMITH and Others, of Promise Land.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of money towards constructing a road.

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

22nd September, 1891.

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