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25th June, 1891.

No. 2, Sess. II.—Petition of HUGH JOHNSTON STEWART, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that, in the execution of his duty as a constable, he received permanent bodily injury. He prays for a pension or other relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee finds that the petitioner met with the accident while in the execution of his duty, and that he will be in consequence crippled for life, and that in all probability his action saved another person's life. The Committee, therefore, recommends the petitioner to the very favourable consideration of the Government.

25th June, 1891.

No. 56, Sess. II.—Petition of MARY MOORE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that her daughter was injured by machinery not under proper control, and failed to recover damages from her employer on account of defects in the law. She prays for relief.

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

25th June, 1891.

No. 3, Sess. II.—Petition of CHARLES STAPP, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER states that after many years of distinguished military service he has been forced to retire at an advanced age without sufficient provision for his support. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that Colonel Stapp has rendered valuable military services to the colony, and that, these being of an exceptional character, it recommends the Government to place on the estimates a sum of £750 to be paid to him.

25th June, 1891.

No. 44, Sess. II.—Petition of the WAIPARA ROAD BOARD.

PETITIONERS state that the Waipara Road District is unjustly taxed for hospitals and charitable purposes. They pray that the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act may be so amended that the Waipara Road District and North Canterbury District may be separated.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to a question of policy, the Committee recommends that it be referred to the Government.

25th June, 1891.

No. 55, Sess. II.—Petition of the WHANGAREI COUNTY COUNCIL.

PETITIONERS state that their district suffers injustice from the rating clauses of the Counties Act. They pray that the said Act may be so amended that a second rate, not exceeding $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the pound, may be levied in merged and outlying districts, notwithstanding the existence of Town or Highway Boards in the same riding.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to a question of policy, the Committee recommends that it be referred to the Government.

25th June, 1891.

No. 54, Sess. II.—Petition of the NORTH AUCKLAND HOSPITAL and CHARITABLE AID BOARD.

PETITIONERS state that the districts under the Hospital and Charitable Institutions Act are too large, and the working unnecessarily expensive. They pray that the said Act may be so amended as to make each County Council a Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to a question of policy, the Committee recommends that it be referred to the Government.

25th June, 1891.

No. 1, Sess. II.—Petition of ROSA PILMER, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states the services of her late husband, Lieutenant A. A. G. Pilmer. She prays for a grant of land or other relief.

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

2nd July, 1891.

No. 85, Sess. II.—Petition of the PAHIATUA COUNTY COUNCIL.

PETITIONERS state that the Pahiatua County District is unjustly taxed for charitable purposes, and prays that the Hospital and Charitable Institutions Act be so amended that the Pahiatua County and Wellington Districts may be separated.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to a question of policy, the Committee recommends that it be referred to the Government for consideration.

3rd July, 1891.

No. 112, Sess. II.—Petition of ANNIE NETTINGHAM and 34 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS state that certain provisions in the Factories Bill now before Parliament will, if adopted, take away their means of livelihood. Petitioners pray for relief.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to a question contained in the Factories Bill now under consideration by a Select Committee, the Committee are of the opinion that the petition should be referred to the said Select Committee for consideration.

3rd July, 1891.