

No. 80, Sess. II.—Petition of Mrs. ANN ROBERTSON, of Rotorua.

PETITIONER states she was forceably ejected from the Lake House Hotel, in February, 1880, by one Robert Graham, who remained in possession until the passing of "The Thermal Springs Act, 1881," which Act debars petitioner from recovering possession of her property. She prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the sum of £200, offered petitioner by the late Government, is not sufficient compensation, and therefore recommend petitioner be paid the sum of £400, and granted a lease, free of rent, of a section of land, in the Government Township of Rotorua.

27th August, 1891.

No. 191, Sess. II.—Petition of WALTER RUTHERFORD, of Auckland.

PETITIONER states that in 1867 he left the Mounted Force and settled on a piece of land at Normanby, and was robbed of his goods, &c., by the Natives. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st September, 1891.

No. 481, Sess. II.—Petition of G. PATTERSON and 437 Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that the slaughtering of all live-stock may be placed under Government supervision.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st September, 1891.

No. 439, Sess. II.—Petition of JAMES MORRISON, of Napier.

PETITIONER states that during a certain period of his service as Bailiff of the Resident Magistrate's Court, at Napier, he did not receive the fees to which his office was entitled. He prays for relief.

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

1st September, 1891.

No. 512, Sess. II.—Petition of THOMAS HAWKINS SMITH, of Maketu.

PETITIONER states that the sum of £50 granted him as interest on a sum of £50 detained in the possession of the Government is not sufficient. He prays for a further sum of £50.

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

1st September, 1891.

No. 163, Sess. II.—Petition of GEORGE MACKIE, of Makarewa.

PETITIONER states that, although he was first to apply for a certain saw-mill area at Makarewa, preference was given to another person. He prays for relief.

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

1st September, 1891.

No. 446, Sess. II.—Petition of SAMUEL STEPHENSON, of Auckland.

PETITIONER states that he applied for an hotel license at the Thames, he was granted one, but was not permitted to use it, through which action he was obliged to abandon his property, and leave the district. He prays for relief.

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

4th September, 1891.

Nos. 500, 484, and 564, Sess. II.—Petitions of JOHN CARROLL and 10 Others, JOHN G. WOODS and 899 Others, A. T. BRAZIL and 19 Others, of Otago.

PETITIONERS state that the late J. C. Brown, ex. M.H.R. for Tuapeka, through devoting his time and energy for a period of over twenty-five years exclusively to the service of his adopted country, neglected his private affairs, and has consequently left his widow in very straitened circumstances. They pray that relief may be granted her.

I am directed to report that, in consideration of the long public services of the late Mr. J. C. Brown, and the absolutely destitute condition of his widow, the Committee recommends the Government to place the sum of £500 on the supplementary estimates as a compassionate allowance to Mrs. Brown.

4th September, 1891.

No. 565, Sess. II.—Petition of MICHAEL SULLIVAN, of Palmerston North.

PETITIONER states that he deposited certain deeds of property with one Isaac Allen, and from time to time obtained small sums of money from him, and as security signed a mortgage (under protest) to Allen on the property. He prays for relief.

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

4th September, 1891.