

Nos. 106, 110, 140, 148, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 187, 205, 206, 208, 213, 214, 215, 224, 225, 226, 247, 252, 257, 269, 270, 273, 276, 293, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 335, 355, 366, 367, 392, 441.—Petitions of John Christie and 250 Others, J. M. McKerrow and Others, Presbytery of Mataura, A. Greig and Others, Presbytery of Oamaru, James Pringle and Others, Thos. Robertson and Others, J. J. Clark and Others, J. McGregor and Others, Jas. Gibson and Others, Neil Campbell and Others, A. B. Todd and Others, J. A. Luxford and Others, David Dunn, A. Dewdney and Others, E. Somerville and Others, G. B. Inglis and Others, E. Smith and Others, E. Somerville and Others, J. F. Ayson and Others, Mary D. Dodds and Others, A. M. Finlayson and Others, W. S. Barnard and Others, D. Borrie and Others, P. Baxter and Others, J. N. Barr and Others, A. Quertier and Others, A. M. Dalrymple and Others, Jas. Skinner and Others, D. Sutherland and Others, G. Buchanan and Others, Wm. Young and Others, D. M. Stuart, D.D., and Others, Emily Ferguson and Others, J. L. Shaw and Others, E. W. Isbister and Others, A. Stoneham and Others, G. E. Duncan and Others, Emily Wallace and Others, G. L. Denniston and Others, W. Will and Others, Amy Leigh and Others, J. Craigie and Others, M. M. Bradley and Others, J. Thompson and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that the present Education Act be so amended as to permit the daily reading of the Bible in public schools within school-hours.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petitions be referred to the Government.

13th September, 1892.

No. 379.—Petition of NICHOLAS BASSI and 130 Others, of Ellesmere.

PETITIONERS pray that the Fisheries Conservation Act 1884 Amendment Bill be not passed.

I am directed to report that the Committee recognise the importance of the fishing industry, and consider the time has arrived for protecting that industry, and therefore cannot recommend the prayer of the petition.

22nd September, 1892.

No. 296.—Petition of PATRICK GLENNAN, of Owake.

PETITIONER prays that he be compensated for alleged wrongful imprisonment for criminal libel.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has not the slightest claim against the colony.

22nd September, 1892.

No. 336.—Petition of F. JANNETT and 4 Others, of Hastwell.

PETITIONERS pray that the railway-line between Mangamahoe and Eketahuna may be fenced on both sides by the Government.

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

22nd September, 1892.

No. 308.—Petition of WILLIAM D. LESLIE, of Waiau-ua.

PETITIONER states that a Crown grant was issued for certain land which subsequently became the property of petitioner; fourteen years afterwards a Crown grant was issued to some Natives for the land adjoining his, part of which overlapped the petitioner's property. He prays for redress.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that, as an error has been committed by issuing a second Crown grant for a portion of land already sold by the Government, steps should immediately be taken by the Government to rectify the error without forcing the petitioner into the law-courts.

22nd September, 1892.

No. 275.—Petition of JOHN LESLIE, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that while working on the co-operative works at Pahiatua he had his foot shattered. He prays for relief.

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

27th September, 1892.

No. 37.—Petition of ELIZA ANN FRIEDMAN, of St. Alban's.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted a compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's services as bailiff.

I am directed to report that, as the Government has already dealt with the prayer of the petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make, but is of opinion that the department should not have dealt with the request while the petition was before the Committee.

27th September, 1892.

No. 426.—Petition of JOHN DEVERILL, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER states that through the Railway Department delivering certain goods at Waverley instead of Patea he suffered great loss and inconvenience. He prays for relief.

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

27th September, 1892.

No. 170.—Petition of WILLIAM GARRICK, of Auckland. (Report No. 2.)

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted a pension on account of injuries received while in the military service of the colony.