

No. 649.—Petition of ALEXANDER KEMPT and 77 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that certain roads through the Omaha Block may be opened up.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for their consideration.

9th October, 1894.

No. 685.—Petition of JOHN R. BRUNT and 8 Others, Mayor and Corporation of Linwood.

PETITIONERS pray for an endowment of land for the aforesaid borough.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for their consideration.

9th October, 1894.

No. 688.—Petition of JAMES LAMBERT, of Maharahara.

PETITIONER objects to a road being taken through his property, Section 8, Block II., Woodville Survey District.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for their favourable consideration.

9th October, 1894.

No. 242.—Petition of JAMES REID and Others, of Sandon.

PETITIONERS pray that certain lands in the Township of Livingston be granted to them.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government, as the Committee considers that, under the circumstances, the members of the Sandon Farm Homestead Association should be allowed to acquire the township included in the block, on the payment of the original purchase-money.

11th October, 1894.

No. 727.—Petition of WILLIAM COWERN, of Patea.

PETITIONER prays for compensation in connection with the Kaitangiwhenua Block.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for their consideration.

16th October, 1894.

No. 711.—Petition of HENRY BETTS.

PETITIONER objects to pay twice for the improvements on his land, and prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for their consideration.

17th October, 1894.

No. 560.—Petition of GEORGE FLOYD, of Maungatautari, Piako County.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive a grant of land now held by him under perpetual lease.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee has no recommendation to make upon this petition.

17th October, 1894.

No. 171.—Petition of W. T. ERSKINE and Others.

PETITIONERS pray that restrictions over Crown lands in the Pelorus district may be removed, so that the sawmilling industry may be encouraged and settlement proceeded with at once.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, after hearing the evidence, hereto attached, of the Hon. John McKenzie, Hon. A. J. Cadman, and Messrs. Mills and Buick, M's.H.R., and carefully studying the reports therein, it has been conclusively shown that the sawmilling timber now growing on those Crown lands in the Pelorus district is of such great value and importance to the colony, especially as a lasting factor in providing employment and assisting *bonâ fide* settlement, that we recommend the Government to take immediate steps to open up the valuable forest lands in that district in the interests of sawmilling and settlement. (*Vide* also Appendix I.—5B.)

17th October, 1894.

No. 699.—Petition of ADAM ELLIOTT.

PETITIONER prays to be allowed to obtain the freehold of his agricultural lease at Ohinemuri.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the offer made to the petitioner by the Lands Department has been a liberal one.

17th October, 1894.

No. 700.—Petition of HORATIO A. WALMSLEY.

PETITIONER prays to be allowed to obtain the freehold of his agricultural lease at Ohinemuri.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the offer made to the petitioner by the Lands Department has been a liberal one.

17th October, 1894.

No. 710.—Petition of RICHARD SMITH, of Manaia.

PETITIONER objects to pay twice for the improvements on his land, and prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Waste Lands Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for their consideration.

17th October, 1894.