

I am directed to report that, taking into consideration the valuable services the petitioner has rendered to the country, the Committee is of the opinion that the Government should find him suitable employment without delay.

4th August, 1898.

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No. 329 (1897).—Petition of F. BEATTIE, of Waihi.

PETITIONER prays for compensation upon retiring from the Police Force.

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

5th July, 1898.

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No. 24 (1897).—Petition of H. von BLARAMBERG, of Palmerston North.

PETITIONER prays for redress.

I am directed to report that, the petitioner having, through his counsel, asked leave to withdraw the petition, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to withdraw the same.

5th July, 1898.

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No. 205.—Petition of A. W. BELL and 39 Others, of Hunua, Auckland.

PETITIONERS prays that a sum of money may be granted for the construction of the Hunua main road.

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

13th September, 1898.

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No. 137.—Petition of G. J. N. BEAMISH, of Wellington, upon behalf of his Brother, W. H. S. Beamish.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for military services.

I am directed to report that the Committee finds that Mr. G. J. N. Beamish has no *locus standi* before Parliament—as agent for his brother, Mr. W. H. S. Beamish—in the matter of signing a petition upon his brother's behalf; and that, leave having been asked to withdraw the said petition upon account of its informality, the Committee recommends that leave be granted accordingly.

19th August, 1898.

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No. 341 (1897).—Petition of C. R. BAYLEY, of Hawera.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of stamp duty said to have been paid in excess of the correct amount.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having very carefully considered all the facts of the case as presented, is of the opinion that the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

12th August, 1898.

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No. 7.—Petition of T. D. BROWN, of Maharahara, Woodville.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injuries said to have been received while in the Police Force.

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

11th August, 1898.

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No. 314 (1897).—Petition of W. JACKSON BARRY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for the refund of moneys alleged to have been expended in the service of the colony.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having gone very fully into the whole of the evidence adduced by the petitioner, is of the opinion that he has no claim against the colony.

13th July, 1898.

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No. 240.—Petition of W. CARLTON and 117 Others, of Ratanui, Clutha.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of money may be granted to metal the Owaka-Waikawa Road.

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

13th September, 1898.

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No. 94.—Petition of Mrs. E. COULTER and 5 Others, of Kaitangata.

PETITIONERS pray for an inquiry into the administration of the Kaitangata Relief Fund, and for relief.

I am directed to report that, as it would require an amending Act to give effect to the prayer of the petition, the Committee is of the opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

19th August, 1898.

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No. 158.—Petition of W. N. CHAMBERS, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office.

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

17th August, 1898.