

No. 11.—Petition of JAMES SCULLY, of Ponsonby, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted further compensation for loss of office as sergeant-major in the Defence Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee sees no reason for departing from the decision arrived at, and reported to the House on the 16th July, 1896, as follows: "That the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to and should receive the same retiring-allowance as was paid to Sergeants-Major White and Haslem—viz., one month's salary for each year of service."

12th July, 1898.

No. 40.—Petition of PATRICK SCULLY, of Wellington.

PETITIONER states that while suffering from an attack of influenza he took a bottle of gin from an hotel at Clyde, Otago, of which action he has no recollection whatever, and that consequently he was dismissed from the Police Force. He prays for relief.

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

13th July, 1898.

No. 26.—Petition of THOMAS MOORE, of Pukekohe.

PETITIONER prays for relief on account of the Pukekohe West Road Board allowing drainage-water to overflow on to his land at Pukekohe.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner does not show that he has exhausted his legal remedy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th July, 1898.

No. 15.—Petition of JAMES GEORGE WELCH, of Stratford.

PETITIONER states that he has suffered great wrongs at the hands of the police and certain other persons in connection with the marriage of his stepdaughter to a Maori named Rakatau, &c. He prays for relief.

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

13th July, 1898.

No. 55.—Petition of D. H. McINNES and 3 Others, of the Waipu North Road Board.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted the sum of £300 to complete road-works undertaken with the assistance of grants made by the Government on previous occasions.

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

13th July, 1898.

No. 46.—Petition of Lieut.-Colonel CHARLES STAPP, of New Plymouth.

PETITIONER states that after thirty-three 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 this Committee, having carefully considered the petition of Lieut.-Colonel Stapp, and taken the evidence of persons personally acquainted with the valuable and distinguished military services rendered by him during a critical period in the history of the colony, considers his case to be an exceptional one, and therefore recommends that he may be granted the sum of £750, in addition to any sum he may have already received from the colony; or that in lieu thereof he be granted an annual allowance of £50 for the remainder of his life.

15th July, 1898.

No. 61.—Petition of G. S. SCOTT and 42 Others, of Mahurangi Heads West.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be granted a sum of £400 to construct a wharf at Mahurangi Heads West.

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

22nd July, 1898.

No. 66.—Petition of CHRISTINA MOUNTFORT, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays that she may be granted an increased compassionate allowance, on account of her late husband's services in the Post and Telegraph Department.

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

22nd July, 1898.

No. 72.—Petition of HORATIO NELSON WARNER, of Auckland.

PETITIONER states that he was in the service of the Colonial Government of New Zealand from the year 1844 to the year 1854, and then in the Provincial Government of Auckland from 1855 to 1867, and again in the General Government from 1870 to 1875, making in all a service of nearly thirty years. He prays that he may be granted a pension, or some other relief.

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

22nd July, 1898.