No. 144.—Petition of OSCAR B. BRYAN, of Wangarei.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of £47 incurred by him in defending an action against him under the Justices of the Peace Act, for false imprisonment.

I am directed to report that this Committee recommend the petition be referred to the Govern-

ment for their favourable consideration.

8th August, 1900.

No. 143.—Petition of A. C. Brown and Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that a clause in a Bill now before the House, requiring all gas-engines exceeding five horse-power while being used to be in charge of a certified engineer, be expunged.

I am directed to report that this Committee recommend this petition be referred to the Govern-

ment.

9th August, 1900.

No. 75.—Petition of ELIZABETH BENNETT, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance in that her late husband died from an illness contracted while at his work.

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

9th August, 1900.

No. 104.—Petition of Alexander Cochran, Jun., and Others, of Waitemata.

Petitioner prays for grants for certain roads in Waikumete Riding, Waitemata County.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend the petition be referred to the Government for their favourable consideration.

15th August, 1900.

No. 517, 1899.—Petition of J. Dilworth and Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS pray that they be reimbursed certain money costs paid in actions against the Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend the petition be referred to the Government for their favourable consideration.

15th August, 1900.

No. 146.—Petition of Marie Agnes Grimstone.

Petitioner prays for compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government for their favourable consideration.

15th August, 1900.

No. 84.—Petition of SARAH GILES, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation and expenses in having to defend herself against a charge brought against her by the police.

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

15th August, 1900.

No. 83.—Petition of W. H. Conboy, of Auckland.

Petitioner prays for inquiry into his case, and compensation.

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

15th August, 1900.

No. 176.—Petition of SARAH GOSLING, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that she be reinstated in her former position as one of the charwomen to the House of Representatives.

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

15th August, 1900.

No. 82.—Petition of Thomas Collis, of Auckland.

Petitioner prays for retiring-allowance, after having served in the Police Force. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 15th August, 1900.

No. 137.—Petition of Alfred Harrison and Others, of Ashburton.

Petitioner prays for the establishment of Inebriates' Homes.

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

16th August, 1900.

No. 136.—Petition of H. B. HUDDLESTON, of Blenheim.

Petitioner prays for redress as against the Survey Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government, with the view that the prayer thereof may be given effect to.

16th August, 1900.