

Nos. 575, 576, and 609. — Petitions of CHARLES DUNCAN and Others, of Johnsonville; A. E. BROWN and Others, of Whangarei; and A. P. CLARKE and Others, of Taradale.

PETITIONERS pray that gambling be suppressed.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of these petitions involves a question of public policy, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

10th October, 1900.

No. 32, 1899.—Petition of HENRY HENDERSON, of Wairoa South.

PETITIONER prays that relief be granted to the family of the late John Henderson, his father, for his military services and the loss of his life while so employed.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend the petition be referred to the Government, and the claim therein be further inquired into.

10th October, 1900.

No. 293.—Petition of FREDERICK COCK and 1,304 Others, of Paeroa.

PETITIONERS pray that Mr. John Mackay, formerly Warden and Resident Magistrate, be granted relief for past services.

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

10th October, 1900.

No. 127, 1899.—Petition of Sir WALTER L. BULLER, K.C.M.G., of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for payment of costs incurred by him in a certain action at law.

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

13th October, 1900.

No. 312, 1897.—Petition of JOHN BELL, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for redress for certain wrongs said to have been sustained through the action of the Stipendiary Magistrate, Auckland.

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

13th October, 1900.

No. 444.—Petition of F. R. HOWARD and 26 Others, of Puhipuhi.

PETITIONERS pray for redress in connection with seizure of gum at Puhipuhi by the police.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend this petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

13th October, 1900.

Nos. 405, 500, and 513.—Petitions of J. F. BOND and 127 Others, of Hamilton; JOHN GIBSON and 51 Others, of Te Awamutu; and PERCY R. COLEBROOK and 94 Others, of Te Kuiti.

PETITIONERS pray that if any change be made as regards sale of liquor in the King-country a fair trial of State control under the Gothenburg system be given effect to.

I am directed to report that these petitions be referred to the Government for consideration.

13th October, 1900.

No. 196, 1899.—Petition of R. J. FELTUS, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for burying the body of one George Petingall.

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

13th October, 1900.

No. 516.—Petition of J. R. DUNCAN, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into the working of the Treasury Department.

I am directed to report that, as no evidence has been produced in support of the allegations, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th October, 1900.

No. 71.—Petition of A. DE B. BRANDON and Others, of Wellington.

PETITIONERS pray that certain land belonging to the Wellington College be not given to the Victoria College, and protesting against the Victoria College Act Amendment Bill of 1900.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition is *sub judice*, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

13th October, 1900.

No. 335, 1899.—Petition of HENRY ELLIS, of Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

PETITIONER prays for redress on account of alleged false imprisonment at Rarotonga.

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

13th October, 1900.

No. 594.—Petition of D. B. DUNCAN, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for redress, having been imprisoned for alleged contempt of Court.

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

13th October, 1900.