

REPORTS.

No. 6.—Petition of A. McNEIL and 5 Others, of Otau.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £150 for widening and culverting the Otau Road.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a recommendation that either a local body be formed in the district or that the area be joined to some existing body.

28th July, 1908.

No. 14.—Petition of S. J. SULLIVAN and 52 Others, of Dannevirke.

PETITIONERS pray that they may be exempted from compulsory military service on the ground that their religion does not permit them to use weapons of offence.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to the prayer of this petition.

28th July, 1908.

No. 27.—Petition of D. J. McLEOD and 43 Others, of Waipu.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £200 for the improvement of the Finlayson's Brook Road.

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

28th July, 1908.

No. 33.—Petition of SINGLETON ROCHEFORT, of Parnell.

PETITIONER prays that Parliament may call the attention of His Excellency the Governor to certain alleged defects in connection with constitutional procedure.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to the prayer of this petition.

28th July, 1908.

No. 34.—Petition of M. and N. SABA, of Masterton.

PETITIONERS pray for compensation for alleged injury to their business as the result of certain actions by the Official Assignee.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioners have not exhausted their legal remedies, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th July, 1908.

No. 44.—Petition of J. PEARSON and 23 Others, of Peria.

PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £1,500 for the purpose of metalling the road from Victoria Valley to Peria.

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

28th July, 1908.

No. 72.—Petition of THOMAS McMILLAN, of Atea.

PETITIONER prays for a grant of 80 acres of land for military services.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner is debarred by Act of Parliament, through having obtained his discharge subsequent to the year 1872, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

28th July, 1908.

No. 79.—Petition of A. RUSSELL and 23 Others, of Awanui.

PETITIONERS pray that some protection and assistance may be granted to gum-diggers while draining a swamp.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for early inquiry.

28th July, 1908.

No. 71.—Petition of J. E. MARGILL and 163 Others, of Waiuku.

PETITIONERS pray for the construction of a branch line of railway to connect Waiuku and other places with the Main Trunk line.

I am directed to report that, as this petition involves a question of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th August, 1908.