No. 583.—Petition of J. E. Morr and 133 Others, of Orawia.

Petitioners pray that a bridge may be erected over the Orawia River, and for the extension of the Orepuki-Waiau Railway.

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

7th October, 1908.

No. 584.—Petition of W. B. Pearce and 15 Others, of Manawatu.

PETITIONERS pray for an alteration to be made in the Manawatu Rating District.

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

7th October, 1908.

No. 391.—Petition of A. Rizzi, of Wellington. (Second Report.)

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into a Magistrate's conduct in respect to petitioner's cases.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having reconsidered the petition, reaffirms its previous decision—viz., that it has no recommendation to make in respect to the prayer of the petition.

9th October, 1908.

No. 646.—Petition of B. S. Story, of Kaikoura.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into a decision of a Magistrate in which petitioner has been cast in costs in a case in which he was found to be entirely in the right.

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

9th October, 1908.

No. 170.—Petition of G. Eads and 26 Others, and 16 other similar Petitions as per attached Schedule.

Petitioners all pray for the amendment of the Kauri-gum Industry Act of 1898.

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

9th October, 1908.

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No. 171.—S. Stafford and 21 others. , 253.—F. Russell and 11 others. , 254.—S. Wells and 29 others. , 351.—J. H. Smith and 19 others. , 387.—C. Bryce and 16 others. , 388.—J. McGregor and 10 others. , 394.—C. Hobein and 173 others. , 420.—W. Perry and 47 others. No. 442.—R. Dawson and 18 others.

" 443.—J. Vaughan and 22 others.

" 478.—H. T. Armstrong and 9 others.

" 492.—W. J. Mumford and 30 others.

" 562.—J. Strong and 15 others.

" 563.—J. Rea and 21 others.

" 582.—P. Graves and 54 others.

" 627.—J. Culhane and 21 others.

Nos. 192, 193, 209, 244, and 245.—Petitions of D. L. Grigg and 177 Others, R. McMurray and 202 Others, A. Deway and 237 Others, J. Carlton and 97 Others, and A. A. George and 111 Others.

Petitioners all pray for legislation to be introduced for the purpose of amending the Chinese Immigration Restriction Act.

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

9th October, 1908.

No. 594.—Petition of D. Bowmar and 68 Others, and 36 other similar Petitions as per attached Schedule.

PETITIONERS all pray that the present proposed route of the North Auckland Railway may be adhered to.

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

9th October, 1908.