No. 252.—Petition of Robert Glasgow, of Taupaki (Auckland).

Praying for refund of stamp duty on certain documents, or that the petitioner be allowed to have the question as to whether the assessment was right in law decided by the Supreme Court.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the sum of £98 be refunded. 7th December, 1921.

No. 208.—Petition of NORAH BUTLER, of Auckland.

Praying for compensation for the death of her husband, the result of injuries received while in the execution of his duty as a police constable.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to

the Government for favourable consideration.

7th December, 1921.

No. 192.—Petition of W. McIntosh and 65 Others, of Timaru.

Praying that legislation may be passed this session providing for assistance to blind people. I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred to Government for favourable consideration.

7th December, 1921.

No. 177.—Petition of L. J. Hall and 2 Others, of Otago.

PRAYING for the return of certain fees alleged to have been paid to the Supreme Court. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 7th December, 1921.

No. 194.—Petition of H. C. Luff, of Wellington.

PRAYING for redress for being discharged from the Public Service. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 7th December, 1921.

No. 219.—Petition of ARTHUR ARMSTRONG, of Petone.

PRAYING that effect be given to the Public Petitions A to L Committee's report of the 11th August,

1920, on petition No. 372/1919.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that effect be given to the report of the 11th August, 1920, upon petition No. 372/1919, which is as follows: "I am directed to report that the Committee recognizes the hardship of the petitioner's case, and recommends it to the Government for immediate and sympathetic consideration, with a view to reimbursing him his monetary loss.'

19th December, 1921.

No. 287.—Petition of Ernest Atkinson, of Otago.

Praying for compassionate allowance of £500 for loss through injuries sustained while in the Public Service as Crown Lands Ranger.

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

19th December, 1921.

(Referred back to Committee.)

No. 203.—Petition of JAMES CAMPBELL, of Auckland.

Praying for the rehearing of a case against the Union Steamship Company (Limited), for compensation

for injuries received while in their employ.

I am directed to report that a statutory declaration placed before the Committee seems to indicate that material evidence was not presented at the original hearing, and the Committee recommends that the case be reopened. This decision of the Committee is strengthened by the present physical condition of the petitioner, as disclosed by recent medical certificates. The Committee therefore is of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

19th December, 1921.

No. 17.—Petition of EMILY DUNHAM, of Christchurch.

Praying for the rehearing of a case in which she was convicted by a Magistrate. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 19th December, 1921.

No. 172.—Petition of John Gillespie, of Palmerston North.

Praying for compensation for moneys expended by him in defence of a Supreme Court action. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 21st December, 1921.