

REPORTS.

No. 415/24.—Petition of FRANK ERNEST GARRETT, of Waikato.

PRAYING for compensation for alleged wrongful arrest for an offence of which he was subsequently acquitted.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee (1) The petitioner is innocent of the charge preferred against him; (2) the evidence before the police justified the arrest and prosecution of the petitioner; (3) no claim for compensation has been established. The Committee therefore has no recommendation to make.

19th August, 1925.

No. 6.—Petition of WILLIAM JAMES ELLIOTT, of Auckland.

PRAYING for compassionate allowance, on account of moneys having been wrongfully withdrawn from his Post Office Savings-bank Account.

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

19th August, 1925.

No. 23.—Petition of FREDERICK JAMES LAKE, of Auckland.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance to cover his loss of capital and business of motor-car number-plate manufacturer, as the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, destroyed the value of his patent.

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

19th August, 1925.

No. 25.—HENRY EWART HILL, of Gisborne.

PRAYING for a refund of rent and telephone fees paid by him during the time he was Registrar of Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Electors for Gisborne District.

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

10th September, 1925.

No. 108.—Petition of FREDERICK GEORGE DALZIELL, of Wellington. (First Report.)

PRAYING that a Royal Commission, or other authoritative tribunal, may be set up to sift what men in New Zealand really know about the constitution of life from what they merely believe about it.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the subject-matter of the petition is outside the scope of investigation by a Parliamentary Committee, and therefore recommend the petition direct to the Government for consideration.

10th September, 1925.

(Referred back to the Committee for further consideration.)

No. 130.—Petition of MICHAEL LEYDON, of Hawera.

PRAYING for a refund of interest on death duties paid by the petitioner to the Commissioner of Stamp Duties.

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

10th September, 1925.

No. 413/24.—Petition of JAMES CAMPBELL, of Kingsland, Auckland.

PRAYING for compensation for physical injuries sustained as the result of an accident which occurred on the Auckland Wharf.

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

10th September, 1925.

No. 2.—Petition of GEORGE BAIKIE, of Timaru.

PRAYING for rebate of interest paid to State Advances Office.

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

10th September, 1925.