

No. 147.—Petition of MARTIN SAVORY DUNNE, of Auckland.

PRAYING for refund of stamp duty paid on an agreement to purchase land, the agreement not having been completed.

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.

No. 9.—Petition of C. T. D. FARLEY and 433 Others, of Karekare, Auckland.

PRAYING that action be taken in the direction of repairing and maintaining the roads in the West Auckland scenic districts, so that they may be accessible to tourists and residents of the district.

I am directed to report—(1) That, if not already rateable by law (as we understand is the case), the Committee recommends legislation to make Cornwallis Park and Kaitarakai Park liable for rates; (2) that, as regards the Waikumete—West Coast Road, the Committee recommends that the Auckland City Council and the Waitemata County Council should confer with a view to the Auckland City Council making some contribution to the construction and upkeep of this road, and that failing some fair and equitable arrangement the petitioners should again approach Parliament.

10th September, 1925.

No. 20.—Petition of WILLIAM SMITH DRYDEN, of South Dunedin. (First Report.)

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance on account of permanent injuries sustained by him while employed in the Public Works Department.

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

10th September, 1925.

(Report referred back to the Committee for further consideration.)

No. 4.—Petition of E. BURGOYNE and 139 Others, of Auckland. (First Report.)

PRAYING for a rehearing of the case of F. E. P. Shortland, now serving sentence in H.M. Prison at Auckland.

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

10th September, 1925.

(Report referred back to the Committee for further consideration.)

No. 45.—Petition of THOMAS WILLIAM ARTHUR, of Auckland.

PRAYING for redress and compensation for alleged wrongful arrest.

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

16th September, 1925.

No. 416/24.—Petition of JAMES GEORGE EDMONDS, of Auckland.

PRAYING that the by-law dealing with encroachment be rigidly enforced with respect to a section on which he has erected a dwelling.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that petitioner has not exhausted his legal remedies, and therefore it has no recommendation to make.

16th September, 1925.

No. 1.—Petition of ARTHUR ALLAN, of Wanganui.

PRAYING for refund of legal expenses incurred in defending a charge against him by the police of which he was acquitted.

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

16th September, 1925.

No. 112.—Petition of WILLIAM SAUNDERSON COOPER, of Wellington.

PRAYING that he may be reinstated in the Public Service as Resident Commissioner at Savai'i, or equivalent position, or, in the alternative, other relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of the opinion that petitioner has suffered a grave injustice, and is entitled to reinstatement in an administrative position in the Island service, and therefore recommends this petition to the Government for urgent and favourable consideration.

16th September, 1925.