

ABSTRACT of PETITIONS presented to the House of Representatives during the Fourth Session, 1856.

<i>From whom and whence presented.</i>	<i>Abstract of Prayer.</i>	<i>Number of Signatures.</i>	<i>By whom presented.</i>	<i>Date of Presentation.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
(1) Lazarus Berlowitz, Wellington.	For indemnification for losses sustained in consequence of alleged illegal seizure of property by Custom House Officers at Nelson.	(1) One.	Mr. Fitzherbert.	Friday, April 25.	Received and read April 25; ordered to be printed (E.—No. 1) and referred to a select committee April 28.
(2) Certain inhabitants of Hua and Bell Districts	That enquiry may be made into the nature and extent of Native feuds at New Plymouth.	(9) Nine.	Mr. Richmond.	Monday, April 28.	Received and read April 28; referred to a select Committee May 1; Committee discharged May 29.
(3) Thos. McDonnell, Commander R. N., Hokianga.	For indemnification for losses sustained by him in consequence of the Natives having dispossessed him of his property at Hokianga.	(1) One.	Mr. Carleton.	Monday, April 28.	Received and read April 28; ordered to be printed April 29 (E.—No. 2); referred to a select Committee, with power to confer with similar Committee appointed by Legislative Council May 8.
(4) James Busby, Bay of Islands. (No. 1.)	That no measure may be taken in the provision of pensions for certain retiring officers until his evidence be received relative to their alleged malversation of office.	(1) One.	Mr. Daldy.	Monday, April 28.	Received and read April 28; referred to select Committee on pensioned officials June 6.
(5) Edward Catchpool, Wellington.	That enquiry may be made into the truth of certain grievances set forth in the petition.	(1) One.	Mr. Fitzherbert.	Tuesday, April 29.	Received and read April 29; referred to the select Committee on Tidewaiters' petition May 1; Commission of enquiry app. Aug. 14.
(6) Tidewaiters, Wellington.	Complaining of arbitrary dismissal, and praying for compensation.	(5) Five.	Mr. Fitzherbert.	Tuesday, April 29.	Received and read April 29; referred to select Committee May 1.
(7) Richard Kingdon, Taranaki.	For indemnification for loss sustained, in consequence of having to attend the session of Supreme Court at Auckland, and give evidence in a trial for murder.	(1) One.	Mr. East.	Wednesday, April 30.	Received and read April 30; referred to a select Committee May 1.
(8) Alexander Browne, Auckland.	Stating his incapacity of obtaining his livelihood in consequence of wounds received as a volunteer in the North, and praying the House to take his case into its favourable consideration.	(1) One.	Mr. Lee.	Tuesday, May 13.	Received, read, and ordered to be printed May 13; referred to a select Committee May 22. (E.—No. 3.)
(9) James Busby, Bay of Islands. (No. 2.)	Relative to his land claim at Wangaiti, and to afford him what relief may seem meet.	(9) One.	Mr. Williamson.	Monday, May 26.	Received, read, and referred to select Committee on old land claims May 26.
(10) Wesleyan Methodists, Nelson.	For the passing of a Bill to enable them to dispose of a certain piece of land at Nelson, with chapel and school-house thereon.	(5) Five.	Mr. Travers.	Tuesday, June 3.	Received June 3.
(11) Francis White, Auckland.	Relative to a claim of land on Orira River, and that his case be taken into consideration.	(1) One.	Mr. Williamson.	Wednesday, June 4.	Received, read, and referred to select Committee on old land claims June 4.
(12) Baron de Thierry, Wairua.	Relative to a claim of land at Wairua, and that his case be taken into consideration.	(1) One.	Mr. Merriman.	Wednesday, June 4.	Received and referred to select Committee on old land claims June 4.
(13) James Gilligan, Wellington.	That redress be granted for losses sustained in consequence of being kept out of possession of his land through an unsatisfied Native claim.	(1) One.	Mr. Bell.	Friday, June 6.	Received and read June 6; ordered to be printed (E.—No. 4) and referred to select Committee on Sir G. Grey's land regulations June 10.
(14) Staff-Surgeon Bacot, Howick.	Claiming similar advantages as officers of pensioners, and that his case be taken into consideration.	(1) One.	Mr. Carleton.	Friday, June 6.	Received and read June 6; ordered to be printed (E.—No. 5) and referred to a select Committee June 10.
(15) Licensed Victuallers, Auckland.	That the minimum quantity of spirits to be sold by wholesale dealers be much increased, as at present it causes undue competition with the retailers.	(19) Nineteen.	Mr. Merriman.	Thursday, June 12.	Received and read June 12.
(16) G. O. Ormsby, Onehunga.	Complaining of an undue decision in regard of his land claim and the Crown grant given him, that his case be taken into consideration.	(1) One.	Mr. Carleton.	Monday, June 16.	Received and read June 16; referred to select committee on old land claims June 17.
(17) Discharged Pensioners, Auckland.	That the wrongs complained of in their petition of last year are still undressed, and that their case be taken into consideration.	(5) Five.	Mr. Fox.	Tuesday, June 17.	Received and read June 17; referred to a select Committee July 12.
(18) Seamen H.M.S. "Buffalo," Onehunga.	For grants of land in accordance with promises made them by Governor Hobson.	(2) Two, on behalf of 4 others.	Mr. Williamson.	Wednesday, June 18.	Received and read June 18; referred to select Committee June 19.