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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO AND REPORT UPON

THE PETITION OF DR. BACOT.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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VOTES, No. 33, FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1856.

3. Petition of Staff-Surgeon Bacot:—Mr. Carleton presented a Petition from Staff-Surgeon J. T. W. Bacot, stating that he had arrived in New Zealand in medical charge of Pensioners, and considered himself entitled to the same advantages as other Officers of Pensioners; that the Colonial Government refused to issue him a Crown Grant for the House and Land he had occupied at Howick; and praying the House to take his claim into consideration.

Petition received and read.

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VOTES, No. 34, TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1856.

7. Petition of Dr. Bacot:—Mr. Carleton, pursuant to notice, moved, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the statements contained in Dr. Bacot's Petition, concerning the refusal of the deeds for his house and land at Howick; Committee to consist of Mr. Domett, Mr. Beckham, Mr. Graham, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Ward, and the mover; the Committee to have power to call for papers and persons. Report to be brought up on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Carleton moved the suspension of Standing Order No. 56.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Carleton then moved, That the Petition of Dr. Bacot be ordered to be printed.

Question put and passed.

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VOTES, No. 39, TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1856.

15. Petition of Staff-Surgeon Bacot:—Mr. Carleton, Chairman of the Committee to whom this Petition had been referred, brought up their Report, which was read, and ordered to be printed.

## REPORT.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the House of Representatives, appointed June 10th, 1856, to enquire into and report upon the Statements contained in Dr. Bacot's Petition, concerning the refusal of the Deeds for his House and Land at Howick, report as follows :—

Your Committee, having examined the conditions under which Doctor Bacot accepted the appointment of Assistant Staff Surgeon of the Pensioner Corps, are of opinion that, according to the fair and natural interpretation of the words in which those conditions are expressed, Dr. Bacot, besides promotion, was entitled to all the other advantages extended to Staff Officers of Pensioners ; and that, if any variation of the conditions was intended, the Deputy Inspector General, by whom Dr. Bacot was engaged to serve, did not use the words by which such intention would have been conveyed.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that, in justice the Petitioner's House and Land should be conveyed to him forthwith.

HUGH CARLETON, *Chairman.*

*Committee Room, House of Representatives,  
June 17, 1856.*