

I am directed to report that the Committee cannot recommend the prayer of the petitioners to the favourable consideration of the House.

21st August, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITION of 29 INHABITANTS of the BOROUGH of CROMWELL.
THE petitioners pray for fuller powers of local self-government in dealing with the liquor traffic.

REPORT ON PETITION of 1,446 INHABITANTS of the THAMES DISTRICT.
THE petitioners pray that no license be granted for the sale of liquor unless in compliance with a memorial from a majority of the residents in the district.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

21st August, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITION of about 2,000 INHABITANTS of the THAMES DISTRICT.
THE petitioners pray that no change be made in the existing law with respect to the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday, unless it is to make the prohibition more effective.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of this petition.

21st August, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITION of SETTLERS of KAIKOURA.
THE petitioners pray that the Kaikoura be constituted a separate Educational District.
I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

21st August, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITIONS of 46, 21, and 165 INHABITANTS of NELSON.
THE petitioners pray that the reading of the Scriptures in school be at the option of the local committee, and be without note or comment.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

21st August, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITIONS of 58 INHABITANTS of the COUNTY of ASHLEY, and 1,125 INHABITANTS of AUCKLAND.
THE petitioners state that they approve of the reading of the Lord's Prayer and the Holy Scriptures in school.

I am directed to report that the Committee do not consider it necessary to offer any opinion to the House on the subject-matter of these petitions.

21st August, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT ON PETITION of SETTLERS in DOVEDALE and STANLEY BROOK.
THE petitioners pray that aid be afforded them in the construction of local roads.
I am directed to report that this Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

21st August, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.

REPORT on the PETITIONS of Inhabitants of Auckland; Inhabitants of the City of Christchurch; Inhabitants of Lyttelton; Inhabitants of Otago; Inhabitants of Provincial District of Nelson; Inhabitants of Waikuku, Oxford, and other places; Inhabitants of Southland; Inhabitants of the Provincial District of Auckland; and Inhabitants of Dunedin, Caversham, and Port Chalmers.
I AM directed to report that the Committee have no opinion to offer to the House on the subject of these petitions.

21st August, 1877.

T. KELLY,
Chairman.