

No. 276.—Petition of ARTHUR ELLIS and SAMUEL JAMIESON, of Nelson Creek, County of Grey, Miners.

THE petitioners allege that they surrendered their rights to two head-races and one dam situate at Try-Again Terrace, Nelson Creek, on the promise of Mr. Warden Shaw that two heads of water from the Hochstetter Race would be granted them by the Government in perpetuity, free of charge, as compensation, which promise has not been fulfilled. They pray that inquiry be made, and, if necessary, that they may be allowed an opportunity of proving the truth of their allegations.

I am directed to report as follows: The Committee have taken evidence herein, and, while not prepared to make any definite recommendation of relief upon the claim of the petitioners, consider that it deserves further consideration. They therefore report that an inquiry should be held in the locality, and that, if the petitioners substantiate their grievance, such relief should be afforded as between the parties concerned and the Government as may seem to be equitable.

17th August, 1880.

No. 362.—Petition of WILLIAM JENKINS and Others.

THE petitioners are miners, shareholders, and others interested in the newly-opened quartz-reef at Macetown, Arrowtown. They allege that they have succeeded in opening up what they believe to be a valuable field of mining enterprise, but that their labours cannot succeed unless an available cart-road is constructed between Arrowtown and Macetown, and pray for a vote of £6,000 for the construction of such a road.

I am directed to report as follows: That the Committee recommend that the petition be referred to the consideration of the Government.

28th August, 1880.

No. 365.—Petition of WILLIAM SOWERBY GREENVILLE, of Karaka, Hauraki District, Battery Proprietor.

THE petitioner states that he has suffered wrong, owing to the ignorance of law of Mr. Harry Kenrick, Resident Magistrate and Warden of Hauraki Gold-Mining District, and instances two cases, in both of which he says he is advised that Mr. Kenrick's decision is wrong at law and in equity. He prays full inquiry into his allegations, and redress of the wrong which, he alleges, he labours under.

I am directed to report as follows: Your Committee has no recommendation to make. It does not appear that the petitioner has exhausted his legal remedy.

28th August, 1880.

No. 367.—Petition of GEORGE NATHANIEL BRASSEY, of the Borough of Thames, Provincial District of Auckland, Solicitor.

THE petitioner alleges charges against Mr. Harry Kenrick, Warden and Resident Magistrate of the Hauraki District, and Chairman of the Bench of Licensing Commissioners for the said district, whereby the petitioner's business as a practising solicitor has been seriously injured. He prays for inquiry into the allegations.

I am directed to report as follows: Your Committee regret that a petition should be presented to your honorable House which consists solely in unspecified charges against a public officer which the petitioner does not attend to support. Your Committee is of opinion that a complaint of the kind, coming from a solicitor practising in the Court of the officer complained against, should have been supported by the evidence of the petitioner.

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