

No. 68.—Petition of JAMES O'NASH and Others, of Waitaki.

THE petitioners state that they are out of work, and ask for Government employment.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make on this petition, but refer it to the Government for consideration.

20th July, 1881.

No. 69.—Petition of C. GALLAGHER and Others, of Waitaki.

THE petitioners state that they are out of work, and ask for employment by the Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make on this petition, but refer it to the Government for consideration.

20th July, 1881.

No. 79.—Petition of DUNCAN MCKENZIE and Others, of Manaia.

THE petitioners state that they have been deprived of the money allocated to the district by the Council, and request that money may be granted by the House for the maintenance of roads and bridges.

I am directed to report that, the subject-matter of this petition being one for the County Council of Whangarei to deal with, the Committee have no recommendation to make to the House.

20th July, 1881.

No. 81.—Petition (No. 1) of RICHARD J FELTUS, of Auckland.

THE petitioner states that a lunatic, who died in the asylum, was indebted to him in a sum of money, and that he has not been paid, although certain moneys were left by him.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having already inquired into and reported on petitioner's grievance, have no further recommendation to make to the House.

20th July, 1881.

No. 82.—Petition (No. 2) of RICHARD J FELTUS, of Auckland.

THE petitioner states that he was employed as valuer to the New Zealand Government, and that he has only received a portion of the moneys due to him, and prays for redress.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having already inquired into and reported on petitioner's grievance, have no further recommendation to make to the House.

20th July, 1881.

No. 92.—Petition of FREETHOUGHT ASSOCIATION of Dunedin.

THE petitioners state that they entertain a strong conviction that the excluding of the Bible and other religious books from the Government schools has a beneficial tendency, and pray that the House will refuse to disturb the principle of religious equality now upheld.

I am directed to report that, the subject-matter of this petition having been already dealt with, the Committee have no further recommendation to make.

20th July, 1881.

No. 119.—Petition of P GORMAN and Others, of Auckland.

THE petitioners state that certain clauses of the Licensing Bill now under consideration would unduly press on the business of licensed victuallers, and pray that several clauses may be expunged, and a clause inserted preventing brewers from selling less than five gallons of beer.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition is now before the House, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

20th July, 1881.

No. 121.—Petition of HIGHWAY TRUSTEES of Mangapai.

THE petitioners state that they recognize the necessity of local Government by Highway Boards, and pray that the Rating Act of 1876 be amended, and that power be given to local bodies to decide objections to valuation lists.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition is under the consideration of the House, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

20th July, 1881.

No. 129.—Petition of RHODES DONALD and Others, of Masterton.

THE petitioners state that the bringing of the Corporation Act into full force in Masterton has proved injurious, and pray that the House will pass some measure to enable the burgesses to dissolve the said borough.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make on this petition, but that it be referred to the Government for consideration.

20th July, 1881.

No. 130.—Petition of CHURCH OF ENGLAND SYNOD, of Christchurch.

THE petitioners state that State education should contain provisions for grants-in-aid to schools of any religious denomination, and that the Education Act should be amended so that provision might be made