

many of the applications, and the delay in supplying him with the triangulation of the district, he was compelled to carry on the survey in a much more costly manner, and thereby suffered loss. He prays the House to grant him such relief as may seem meet.

I am directed to report that, the Committee having taken further evidence in the case of the petitioner, it appears that he never made any official application for payment to the Provincial District Surveyor for extra work performed; the Committee consider that, before applying to the House, he should make such claim in the terms of the conditions of the contract.

27th July, 1881.

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No. 36.—Petition of JAMES FALCONER and Others, of Waitaki.

THE petitioners pray that the proposals of the Government concerning the Waitaki District should be so modified as to omit the Town of Palmerston, and include the Hekateramea Valley

I am directed to report that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

29th July, 1881.

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No. 52.—Petition of CHARLES JAMES ALDRIDGE, of Dunedin.

THE petitioner states that he is a barrister and solicitor of Dunedin, and alleges wrongful action on the part of the District Land Registrar of Dunedin, and consequent loss to himself, and prays the House will cause all due inquiries to be made and give him redress.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim against the colony

29th July, 1881.

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No. 53.—Petition of WILLIAM MATTHEWS, of Dunedin.

THE petitioner states that he was an Inspector of Railway Works, and that his services were dispensed with on the 31st December last, and prays the House to grant him compensation.

I am directed to report the Committee are of opinion that the petitioner is not entitled to compensation for loss of office.

29th July, 1881.

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No. 83.—Petition of HENARE MAUHAURA and Others, of Moeraki.

THE petitioners state that the Ngaitahu Tribe have made applications for the last thirty-seven years in respect of their lands wrongly taken, and that their difficulties have not been settled up to the present day

I am directed to report that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

29th July, 1881.

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No. 106.—Petition of INIA TUTURU and 2 Others, of Arahura.

THE petitioners state that the Ngaitahu Tribe have made applications for the last thirty-seven years in respect of their lands wrongly taken, and that their difficulties have not been settled up to the present day

I am directed to report that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

29th July, 1881.

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No. 122.—Petition of F. S. IGOE, of Auckland.

THE petitioner states that he joined the Police Force in 1879, and that he was dismissed with only four days' notice, and prays the House to grant him relief.

I am directed to report that, from evidence before the Committee, it appears that the petitioner's services have been justly dispensed with, and he has therefore no claim for compensation.

29th July, 1881.

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No. 131.—Petition of FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES (No. 1)

THE petitioners suggest alterations in the Fire Prevention and Fire Brigades Bill, and pray the House will give them such consideration as the premises demand.

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

29th July, 1881.

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No. 137.—Petition of JOHN McLEAN and Others, of Pukeuri.

THE petitioners state that a railway siding is required on Section 10, Block II, Papakaio District, and pray the House to take the matter into consideration.

I am directed to report that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

29th July, 1881.

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No. 238.—Petition of J. L. VERCOE, of Tauranga.

THE petitioner states that he is a resident of Tauranga, that in 1868 he leased from the Native owners a block of land in the Maketu District, with a condition that when the land was passed through the Land Court he should purchase what he required of it. That, on the land passing through the Court, he did so purchase. That, subsequently, the agents of the Government negotiated for the said land, but were unable to complete the deed; whereupon he obtained the signatures of the objecting Natives, upon the understanding that the Government would give to him a portion of the said block, equal in value to the money previously paid by him; that the Government has not completed the agreement, and he prays the House to grant him redress.