

witness against him to prosecute. He prays that a sum of money may be placed on the estimates to reimburse him the losses he has sustained.

I am directed to report: That the Committee, having considered the case of the petitioner, have no recommendation to make to the House.

9th August, 1882.

Nos. 380, 381, and 382.—Petitions of W. H. WILLIAMS, JOSEPH PRESTON and THOMAS MUIR, JAMES DRYSDALE and Others.

THE petitioners pray for separation of the Waihemo County from the Waikouaiti County.

I am directed to report: That these petitions be laid on the table of the House with the other documents relative to the proposed new County of Waihemo.

9th August, 1882.

No. 376.—Petition of the MAYOR of Christchurch and Others.

THE petitioners pray that the Christchurch Drainage Bill may pass.

No. 377.—Petition of the RATEPAYERS of Christchurch.

THE petitioners pray that the Christchurch Drainage Bill may not pass into law.

I am directed to report: The subject-matter of these petitions being now under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation.

9th August, 1882.

No. 172.—Petition of JAMES H. PALMER, Auckland.

THE petitioner states that he is a carriage-proprietor, and that he imported, for the purposes of his trade, a new carriage from England, upon which he had to pay the Customs duty. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report: That, as it appears from the evidence of the Collector of Customs, Auckland, that the petitioner did not bring the carriage with him from England for the purpose of using in his trade as a cab-proprietor, the Committee cannot recommend his claim to the consideration of the House.

11th August, 1882.

No. 304.—Petition of J. W. TWENTYMAN and Others, Christchurch.

THE petitioners pray for an inquiry into the dismissal of John Hoskyns, late a surveyor in the employ of the Government, at Christchurch.

I am directed to report: The Committee have no recommendation to make on this petition, having already reported on Mr. Hoskyn's case.

11th August, 1882.

No. 301.—Petition of JOSEPH ROGERS and Others, Kingston Riding.

THE petitioners pray that a portion of the Kingston Riding may be withdrawn from the Lake County, and added to the County of Southland.

I am directed to report: As the Government propose to bring in a County Amendment Act, the Committee are of opinion that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

15th August, 1882.

No. 16.—Petition of CORNELIUS O'HARA, Invercargill.

THE petitioner states that he has sustained a loss of £100, at least, through damage done to his land by excavations made, under the directions of the officers of the Provincial Government, for the purposes connected with the maintenance of the Bluff Harbour and Invercargill Railway. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report: There is no evidence before the Committee to show that the petitioner is entitled to any compensation; the Committee therefore recommend the Government to make inquiry, and award to him fair compensation, if it is shown that he is entitled to any.

15th August, 1882.

No. 240.—Petition of STEPHEN NEWPORT, Nelson.

THE petitioner prays the House to grant him compensation for losses sustained through war and being compelled to serve in the Militia.

I am directed to report: The Committee, while sympathizing with the loss the petitioner has sustained by the Native war, can make no special recommendation in his case, as they consider the whole of the persons who have sustained loss should be dealt with under a general system.

15th August, 1882.

No. 181.—Petition of W. HARRIS, Wellington.

THE petitioner states that in 1879 he petitioned the House for relief in consequence of being discharged from the police force in Wellington. He now prays that his case may be reheard.

I am directed to report: The Committee see no reason to alter the decision arrived at in 1879 on the case of the petitioner.

15th August, 1882.