

No. 270.—Petition of GEORGE JERVIS, Westport.

THE petitioner prays for a further recognition of his services rendered in the matter of the murders committed on the Maungatapu Mountain Road in June, 1866.

I am directed to report: The Committee have no recommendation to make to the House in the case of the petitioner.

5th September, 1882.

No. 157.—Petition of ANDREW and JOHN THOMSON.

THE petitioners state that they supplied W. Strachan, who contracted with the Government for a portion of the Dunedin-Moeraki Railway, with material to the amount of £106 14s. 2d.; that the said W. Strachan became bankrupt, and the contract was completed by Allen and Kingstreet, at a saving to the Government of £4,713; that the said money owing to them has never been paid. They pray that, as the material supplied by them was used in the contract, they may be paid out of the savings.

I am directed to report: As it appears, from the evidence before the Committee, that the Government has, on the whole, suffered loss on its contracts with Mr. Strachan, the Committee cannot recommend the Government to pay this claim.

5th September, 1882.

No. 444.—Petition of ALEXANDER AITKEN (No. 1).

THE petitioner states that he had charge of the Thames Water-race for the Government until it was transferred to the Thames County Council in December, 1878; that he received no salary for the months of October, November, and December of that year. He prays the House will grant him relief.

I am directed to report: From the evidence submitted to the Committee, it appears the petitioner has received liberal treatment from the Public Works Department, by being allowed to hold the office of Engineer to the Thames County at £300, in addition to the office of Government Engineer at £450, for the period of one year and three-quarters, and cannot therefore recommend his claim to the favourable consideration of the House.

5th September, 1882.

No. 311.—Petition of THOMAS BRAY, Newton, Auckland.

THE petitioner prays that the House will be pleased to take such steps as shall result in his being compensated for being deprived of his property and unable to obtain redress in the Supreme Court.

I am directed to report: The Committee have no recommendation to make to the House in the case of the petitioner.

5th September, 1882.

No. 222.—Petition of ALEXANDER SHAND, Chatham Islands.

THE petitioner states that he was summoned as a witness to the Supreme Court at Christchurch, for which he received 8s. per diem.

I am directed to report: The Committee are of opinion the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

5th September, 1882.

No. 342.—Petition of Messrs. MACE and BASSETT, Patea.

THE petitioners state that they were the contractors for the Normanby-Hawera section of the New Plymouth Railway; that they discovered a gravel-pit, which cost them £360 in laying down sleepers and rails; that on completion of their contract the Government took over the said line to the gravel-pit, and the Resident Engineer promised he would recommend the payment of £182 8s. in consideration of the same. They pray the House will inquire into their case and grant them some consideration.

I am directed to report: The Committee are of opinion the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

5th September, 1882.

No. 436.—Petition of ROBERT WEISS, Dunedin.

THE petitioner states that he registered himself as an applicant for the purchase of land under "The Immigrants Land Act, 1873," but was debarred from making a fresh application through his certificate not having been returned to him; that he has sustained loss through the neglect of the Under-Secretary. He prays for compensation.

I am directed to report: The Committee cannot recommend any compensation in the case of the petitioner, as it appears it was in consequence of his own neglect that the land to which he was entitled was not purchased for him.

5th September, 1882.

No. 281.—Petition of JERMYN SYMONDS, Auckland.

THE petitioner prays that the House will take his case into its favourable consideration, and grant him an increase to his pension or some monetary compensation in consideration of his services rendered to the colony.

I am directed to report: As it appears the petitioner has received the pension he was by law entitled to when he retired in 1869, it does not appear to the Committee any reason for increasing such pension that the petitioner was subsequently employed on fair salary as a Judge of the Native Land Court.

5th September, 1882.