

No. 64.—Petition of J. CHURCH and Others, Oamaru.

THE petitioners pray that rates may be levied for the destruction of small birds.

I am directed to report: As the subject-matter of this petition is now under the consideration of the House, the Committee do not consider it necessary to make any recommendation.

8th June, 1882.

No. 49.—Petition of ALFRED ALBERT YATES, Tauranga.

THE petitioner prays that the recommendation of the Public Petitions Committee of last session, "That a sum amounting to £17 17s., for services as Clerk in the District Court, Tauranga, be paid forthwith," be given effect to, and that a sum of £10 be paid him as compensation for loss sustained in consequence of the non-payment of the above sum.

I am directed to report: The Committee, having reconsidered the claim of the petitioner, see on reason to alter its former decision, and recommend the Government to pay the amount claimed, viz., £17 17s.

13th June, 1882.

No. 10.—Petition of WILLIAM BLEWDEN, Auckland.

THE petitioner states that he was contractor for the formation and drainage of the Newmarket site for workshops, Auckland, and that he sustained a loss of £1,000 on his contract, and prays for relief.

I am directed to report: The Committee, having made further inquiry into the petitioner's case, see no sufficient reason to alter the decision formerly arrived at.

14th June, 1882.

No. 75.—Petition of R. J. FELTUS, Auckland (No. 1).

THE petitioner states that he is debarred from writing in the law Courts of New Zealand, and prays for relief.

I am directed to report: The Committee have no recommendation to make to the House on the petitioner's case.

14th June, 1882.

No. 76.—Petition of R. J. FELTUS, Auckland (No. 2).

THE petitioner states that George Petingale died at the lunatic asylum, Auckland, and was buried by petitioner, and that deceased was indebted to him in the sum of £283, of which sum he has not been paid a shilling, and prays for relief.

I am directed to report: The Committee see no reason to alter their former decision on petitioner's case.

14th June, 1882.

No. 79.—Petition of W. A. MOSLEY, of Inch Clutha.

THE petitioner states that he has sustained heavy damages to his property by the peculiar construction of the railway embankment, and prays that his case may be heard by an Arbitration Court; that justice may be done and reasonable compensation made for the damage sustained; also that steps be taken to prevent further loss and damage to Inch Clutha by the Government works now completed on the Balclutha flat.

I am directed to report: It appears the petitioner desires that an Act of a retrospective character be passed to enable him to take advantage of the provisions of section 72 of "The Public Works Act, 1876," although the limit prescribed by that section within which claims for compensation for damage arising out of the execution of public works has been exceeded. The Committee, having considered the petitioner's case, cannot recommend the House to give him a legal position that he does not at present hold.

14th June, 1882.

No. 4.—Petition of THOMAS MCGANN, Auckland.

THE petitioner states that he was a first class sergeant of the Armed Constabulary; that he has served for nineteen years in the Police Force of New Zealand; that, in consequence of complaints from subordinate members of the force, he resigned his appointment, at the same time applying for compensation, which was refused. He prays that compensation may be granted him, or an inquiry into his case.

I am directed to report: The Committee, having inquired into the case of the petitioner, cannot recommend his claims to the favourable consideration of the House.

15th June, 1882.

No. 36.—Petition of ALEXANDER S. ALLAN, Wellington.

THE petitioner states that he has been Registrar of the Supreme Court at Wellington for many years; that he was appointed Sheriff in the year 1879; that as Sheriff he appointed a bailiff, and the bailiff retained for his services certain poundage fees; that all the poundage fees he received from the bailiff he paid into the Treasury; that poundage fees amounting to £78 1s. 6d. received by the bailiff were kept by the bailiff for his trouble in executing the writs; that the Auditor-General has commenced an action against your petitioner for the said sum of £78 1s. 6d. He prays that relief may be granted to him.