

October, 1881. That he was arrested and imprisoned for personation, and that the case was quashed. He prays for compensation.

I am directed to report: The Committee cannot recommend the prayer of the petitioner to the favourable consideration of the House.

27th June, 1882.

No. 141.—Petition of DE RENZIE BRETT and Others, of Selwyn.

THE petitioners state that they are suffering great damage from small birds, and pray the House will take legal measures for the mitigation of the evil.

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

27th June, 1882.

No. 142.—Petition of ALEXANDER BYERS and Others.

THE petitioners pray that a railway may be constructed from Kelso to Gore.

No. 144.—Petition of J. BLACK and Others (No. 1).

THE petitioners pray that the Opunake-Stratford Road may be formed and metalled.

No. 145.—Petition of J. BLACK and Others (No. 2).

THE petitioners pray that a portion of the main South Road between Otakeho and Opunake be metalled.

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

27th June, 1882.

No. 37.—Petition of MADELINE ROBINSON, Waipori.

THE petitioner states that she bought, in the year 1866, a section of land situate at Maungatua, and for nine years had a good road to her property through the adjoining section, a Government reserve; that in June, 1875, the said reserve was sold without a right of road being reserved; that she has applied to the local Board for redress, but without success; that she petitioned the House last session, and now prays the House to grant her redress.

I am directed to report: This matter appears to have been dealt with by the Waste Lands Committee last session; the Committee do not consider it desirable to reopen the case, but refer it to the Government for consideration.

28th June, 1882.

No. 123.—Petition of R. J. SEDDON and Others, Westland.

THE petitioners pray for the construction of a bridge over the Taipo.

No. 133.—Petition of JOHN MCKAY and Others, of the Waipu District.

THE petitioners pray for a road to Marsden Point.

No. 146.—Petition of J. BLACK and Others (No. 3), Opunake.

THE petitioners pray for the construction of a jetty at Opunake.

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

28th June, 1882.

No. 88.—Petition of RICHARD HENRY POLKINGHORNE and ADAM ENRILI, Auckland.

THE petitioners state that in the year 1880 they were residing in the Wade District; that in June, 1881, they were arrested and lodged in prison upon a charge of smuggling, they were tried and found guilty; that the settlers of the district, believing in their innocence, had the case reopened, and on this occasion they were acquitted on all the charges made against them; that they have suffered great loss in time and money, besides the degradation of unjust imprisonment, and that one of them and his family have been reduced to absolute poverty by the proceedings of the Government. They now pray the House to grant them relief.

I am directed to report: That the Committee are of opinion that a sum of £100 each be given to the petitioners, as a compensation for the loss they sustained on account of their imprisonment for an offence of which they were not guilty.

29th June, 1882.

No. 99.—Petition of HENRY TACY KEMP, Auckland.

THE petitioner states that he entered the service of the colony in 1840; that he continued in the service up to the year 1865, when his office was abolished, for which he received compensation to the amount of £685 8s. 4d; that in 1865 he entered the service of the Provincial Government of Auckland as Land Purchase Officer, and remained until the latter part of 1869, when land purchasing ceased and he was dispensed with; that in March, 1870, he re-entered the service of the General Government, and had charge of the Civil Commissioner's Office until the end of 1879, when the office was abolished, and he finally left the service and claimed a retiring allowance, when he was informed he was only entitled to compensation. He prays the House will take his case into consideration and grant him relief.