

receive this sum from Mr. McCaul, and, that being done, the £490 awarded by Government should be paid, £440 to Mr. Fowler and £50 to the petitioner, the petitioner also to receive a refund of the £80 deposit now in the hands of the Government.

10th October, 1884.

No. 5, Sess. I.—Petition of BRIDGET DONNELLY.

THE petitioner arrived in the colony in 1864, and neglected to bring a land order, and prays her case may be considered.

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom this petition was referred, has the honour to report that this petition was reported on in 1883, and the Committee sees no reason to alter the decision then arrived at, namely, that petitioner has no claim.

10th October, 1884.

No. 16, Sess. I.—Petition of JOHN JACKSON DEED.

THE petitioner arrived in 1865, and neglected to bring a land order, and prays that his case may be taken into consideration.

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom this petition was referred, has the honour to report that this is one of many similar cases, the petitioner not having complied with the 69th section of "The Waste Lands Act, 1858." The Committee considers he has no claim.

10th October, 1884.

No. 5, Sess. II.—Petition of THOMAS and ELIZABETH MILLET.

THE petitioners claim forty acres each, and they allege they paid their passage on the understanding they were entitled to it.

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom this petition was referred, has the honour to report that, the petitioners not having complied with the terms of "The Waste Lands Act, 1858," the Committee cannot recommend their prayer to the favourable consideration of the House.

10th October, 1884.

No. 20, Sess. II.—Petition of JONATHAN ELKIN and J. H. BAGGE.

THE petitioners purchased land at Te Puke, Tauranga, under the impression that roads and bridges existed, and pray for certain restrictions to be taken off.

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom this petition was referred, has the honour to report that the Committee does not see its way to recommend any relaxation of the conditions under which the land was purchased.

10th October, 1884.

No. 66, Sess. II.—Petition of JOHN GEE and Others.

THE petitioners are owners of land in the vicinity of the Waimea Railway, and they pray the Government to pay the rates that have been levied on them by that company.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition is now under the consideration of the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

10th October, 1884.

No. 117, Sess. II.—Petition of LEONARD SIMPSON.

THE petitioner alleges he was authorized by Government to survey a certain block of land called Paengaroa North, near Maketu, which survey was first stopped by the Natives, and afterwards relinquished by Government. He prays for a refund of the moneys expended by him.

I am directed to report that the facts of the case seem to be these: A Native block at Maketu, called Paengaroa North, was adjudicated by Judge Wilson, and awarded to certain Natives. Mr. Wilson also subdivided the block among the owners to whom he awarded it. In 1881 Mr. Simpson, at his own urgent request, was authorized to lay out the subdivisions, and to make his own arrangements with the Natives as regards payment. After the survey was about a third finished, the Chief Judge requested it might be stopped on the ground that he considered that the decision of the Court in making the subdivisions was wrong, and therefore the survey would be of no use. The case has not yet been reheard by the Court; but, when settled, there seems no reason why Mr. Simpson should not complete the work he commenced, and thus become entitled to payment from the owners of the land. The Committee under the circumstances has no recommendation to make.

10th October, 1884.

No. 448, Sess. II.—Petition of GEORGE TURNBULL and 304 Others.

THE petitioners in this case pray that certain new railway works may be constructed by the colony.

I am directed to report that, as this is a question of public policy, upon which it seems beyond the functions of this Committee to express an opinion, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

15th October, 1884.

No. 364, Sess. II.—Petition of THOMAS MORRIN and Others on behalf of the Auckland Agricultural and Pastoral Association.

THE petitioners pray for a grant of land as an endowment.

The Waste Lands Committee, to whom this petition was referred, has the honour to report that the Committee does not see its way to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

15th October, 1884.