

Nos. 38, 256, and 260, 1885.—Petitions of MARIA DOBLE, WILLIAM STEEN, and JOHN MOHR. The petitioners pray for military grants of land.

I have the honour to report as follows: That the report of Colonel Haultain relating to the above petitioners be referred to the Government, in connection with the report of the Waste Lands Committee relating to the claims of old soldiers, of the 22nd instant.

24th June, 1886.

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No. 105.—Petition of DENIS MURPHY.

THE petitioner states that he applied to the Waste Lands Board of Auckland to purchase Section 15 of Block XII., Te Aroha Survey District, containing seventy-eight acres. There were three other applicants, who had also applied for other lands. The petitioner states that in consequence of the other applicants being allowed to bid he was forced to buy the said section at a premium of £105 on the upset price. The petitioner maintains his was the only proper application, and asks to be allowed to have the said land at the upset price.

I have the honour to report as follows: That the petitioner has no claim.

29th June, 1886.

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No. 152.—Petition of HENRY GARDINER.

THE petitioner states that a military grant was issued to him in 1861 at Wellington; that he lost the same; that he never took up land. He prays for another grant or other relief.

I have the honour to report as follows: That the petitioner has no claim.

29th June, 1886.

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No. 73.—Petition of JOHN BRYERS.

THE petitioner alleges that at a sitting of the Native Land Court held at Ohaeawai, Bay of Islands, on the 19th January, 1880, an order was made in favour of the petitioner and others for a block called Manurewa, containing 28 acres 2 roods 3 perches; that at a rehearing 8 acres 1 rood 28 perches was retained by the Government. He prays for inquiry.

I have the honour to report as follows: That the petition be referred to the Native Affairs Committee, as not coming within the scope of the order of reference of the Waste Lands Committee.

29th June, 1886.

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No. 130.—Petition of JAMES POTIER and Sister.

THE petitioners, who are the only surviving children of their mother, state that she was an aboriginal native, and held 5,000 acres of land at Te Puna, near Tauranga; that such land was seized by the Government towards the close of the war; that they were requested by the late Sir Donald McLean to forward particulars of such land, so that he could lay the matter before Parliament; that Sir Donald McLean died soon after particulars were forwarded, and nothing further has been done. They pray for inquiry and relief.

I have the honour to report as follows: That the petition be referred to the Native Affairs Committee, as not coming within the scope of the order of reference of the Waste Lands Committee.

29th June, 1886.

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No. 236.—Petition of MICHAEL STEVENS.

THE petitioner states that he was a member of the 70th Regiment of foot; that he served in the Maori war, and was afterwards appointed Drill Instructor for the Province of Otago; that he was badly injured when on duty in 1866, and subsequently in the following year; that he is unfit for further service through the said injuries, and on account of old age.

I have the honour to report as follows: That the petition be referred to the Public Petitions Committee, as not coming within the scope of the order of reference of the Waste Lands Committee.

30th June, 1886.

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No. 217.—Petition of HENRY PEMBLE and Others.

THE petitioners state that they are settlers occupying perpetual-lease, deferred-payment, and cash sections on the education reserves and other Crown lands near Waikaka Township; that they were induced to take up the sections mainly through the hope given out by the Government that facilities for the transport of their produce would be placed within their reach by the construction of the Gore-Kelso Railway; that the railway has not been constructed; that the petitioners cannot make a living off the lands, as the impassability of the roads renders it impossible to transport their produce at the proper season. They pray for relief, either by a reduction of rent or by taking over the land and allowing a fair valuation for improvements.

I have the honour to report as follows: That the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

30th June, 1886.

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No. 237.—Petition of W. G. GARRARD (No. 1).

THE petitioner prays to know why he cannot obtain his naval land grant, which was promised him in 1865.

I have the honour to report as follows: That the Committee are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim.

1st July, 1886.