

No. 229.—Petition of Mrs. ELIZABETH KENNERLEY.

THE petitioner prays for consideration for her late husband's services in introducing settlers into the colony.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

30th November, 1887.

No. 297.—Petition of W. CARROLL and Others.

THE petitioners pray for relief from the burden of the New Plymouth Harbour-rate.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, this petition should be referred to the New Plymouth Harbour Committee.

30th November, 1887.

No. 350.—Petition of MARTIN KRIPPNER.

THE petitioner claims remuneration for introducing German settlers into New Zealand.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner has no claim against the colony.

30th November, 1887.

No. 357.—Petition of P. B. BOULTON.

THE petitioner makes a claim for consideration for service under Provincial Government.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th November, 1887.

No. 361.—Petition of J. S. HANDYSIDE and Others.

THE petitioners pray for the erection of a telephone at Akitio.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

30th November, 1887.

No. 215.—Petition of MARTIN FRANCIS COFFEY, of Hawera.

THE petitioner states that he was formerly a sergeant in the military service of the colony; that he was wounded at Ketemarae in 1866, and was for twelve months in receipt of a pension for his wounds; that he afterwards returned to active service, and was finally discharged from the Armed Constabulary in 1881; that on his return to active service his pension ceased, and has not been renewed since his discharge; that his old wound is troubling him again and hindering him from earning his living. He prays that he may be reinstated in the enjoyment of his former pension.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

2nd December, 1887.

No. 236.—Petition of JAMES J. ELWIN and Others.

THE petitioners are lessees of Native lands in the Stony River Block, Taranaki, and pray for relief from the burden of high rents.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

2nd December, 1887.

No. 359.—Petition of J. MURRAY GIBBES, M.D., of New Plymouth.

THE petitioner prays that he may receive the decoration of the New Zealand Cross.

I am directed to report that, a Royal Commission having been appointed to consider the question of awarding the New Zealand Cross, and the list having been closed, the Committee is not prepared to consider this petition.

2nd December, 1887.

No. 272.—Petition of A. R. BLOXAM, Registrar of the Supreme Court at Christchurch.

THE petitioner complains that the compensation awarded to him for the loss of certain fees is insufficient, and prays for further consideration.

I am directed to report that, since the petitioner has infringed the rules of the Service by petitioning Parliament on the subject of his pay and allowances whilst he is still a member of the Service, the Committee is not prepared to entertain his petition.

6th December, 1887.

No. 351.—Petition of JOHN HUDSON, of the Thames.

THE petitioner prays for a refund of excess of property-tax paid in past years on an estate held in trust for six beneficiaries.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the sums admitted by the Property-tax Commissioner to have been paid in excess should be refunded to the petitioner.

6th December, 1887.

No. 400.—Petition of JOHN J. CARRUTHERS and Others.

THE petitioners pray for a grant of money towards the erection of a wharf at Turanga Creek, Franklin North.