

No. 346. Sess. II., 1887.—Petition of J. P. OAKES (No. 2.)

THE petitioner claims a piece of land on the Hokianga River, and prays that a Crown grant thereof may be given to him.

I am directed to report that the petitioner has no claim on the colony.

12th June, 1888.

No. 280, Sess. II., 1887.—Petition of G. G. COOPER and Others.

THE petitioner prays for the repeal of certain clauses in Nelson Crown lands leases.

I am directed to report that, as relief may be given by a Bill now before the House, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

12th June, 1888.

No. 271, Sess. II., 1887.—Petition of THOMAS FRAZER and 2 Others.

THE petitioners state that they are settlers in the Waihemo District, and that they have suffered a serious injustice through the Land Act of 1878, by which the price of sections was raised from £1 10s. to £3.

I am directed to report that, as relief may be given by a Bill now before the House, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

12th June, 1888.

NAVAL AND MILITARY SETTLERS' AND VOLUNTEERS' LAND BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the Naval and Military Settlers' and Volunteers' Land Bill, have the honour to report that they recommend that the Bill, as amended, be allowed to proceed; and the Committee further recommend that a provision should be inserted in the Bill making the certificates transferable by indorsement.

12th June, 1888.

Nos. 175, 184, and 185.—Petitions of FRANCIS J. S. PRINGLE, JAMES BROWN, and DAVID MACARTNEY.

THE three petitioners state that they served in the Imperial Army in New Zealand during the Maori war. They pray that they may be given the grants of land to which they are entitled.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, these three petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

13th June, 1888.

No. 403, Sess. II., 1887.—Petition of JAMES M. CLARKE.

THE petitioner prays that the line between the school-reserve and his property in the Parish of Waitara may be resurveyed and set out by the Government surveyor.

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

13th June, 1888.

No. 302, Sess. II., 1887.—Petition of J. D. BAKER and Others.

THE petitioners complain of the rents payable under the West Coast Settlements Act, and pray that a revaluation of the Waihi Block may be made.

I am directed to report that, as relief may be given to the petitioners by a Bill now before the House, the Committee have no recommendation to make.

13th June, 1888.

No. 508, Sess. II. 1887.—Petition of JAMES ROGER and 67 Landowners, Catlin's River Settlement.

THE petitioners pray—(1) That as the survey of three blocks of land in the Catlin's River District has been completed, and access to them will have to be taken through private property, the necessary roads should be at once purchased; (2) that survey of road-lines should be made before sale through all lands open for application; (3) that, owing to the heavy traffic coming from the deferred-payment lands at the head of Owake Valley, a sum should be placed on the estimates for repair of Owake Valley Road.

I am directed to report that, with regard to the former part of the petition, the Committee report that the Survey Department are carrying out the wishes of the petitioners, and, as to the latter part, the Committee recommend that the petitioners be referred to the local body for relief.

13th June, 1888.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above-mentioned Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same. The Committee recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed, subject to the amendments shown in a copy of the Bill attached.

13th June, 1888.

ENDOWMENT RESERVES ADMINISTRATION BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same, and they recommend that it be allowed to proceed, subject to