

the amendment shown in a copy of the Bill attached, and with a clause embodying the resolution hereto appended.

*Resolution appended.*

Resolved, That a clause be added to the Bill providing that any lands put up for sale or lease under the provisions of the Public Reserves Act or this Act shall remain open for selection at the same upset price or rental for a period not exceeding twelve months after the date on which such land was put up for sale.

20th June, 1888.

No. 412, Sess. II., 1887.—Petition of F. T. MURRAY and 26 Village Settlers, at Motukaraka. THE petitioners pray that the Village Steward be directed to visit them regularly; that they still be allowed compensation for bushfelling, &c.; that roadwork be given to them, and that they be paid monthly for the same.

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

28th June, 1888.

No. 3.—Petition of BENJAMIN ROBINSON.

THE petitioner states that prior to the year 1864 he received a land-order from the Government; that during the Maori war in 1864 he gave the order to Dr. Featherston. He prays that a search be made in the Crown Lands Office respecting his claim.

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

28th June, 1888.

No. 471, Sess. II., 1887, and No. 147 of 1888.—Petitions of MARTIN POWER.

THE petitioner states that he surrendered his lands on the Waimate Plains to the Government, and received £90 compensation for his improvements. He prays that he may be granted a further sum of money, he being in bad health.

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

28th June, 1888.

Nos. 18, 22, 30, and 53.—Petitions of JOSEPH GOWER and HENRY SMITH, WILLIAM McALLAN, GEORGE GREGG and 30 Others, and ALEXANDER MCPHERSON and 33 Others.

THE petitioners are deferred-payment settlers. They pray for a revaluation of their land and a readjustment of their financial position with the Government.

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

28th June, 1888.

No. 247, Sess. II., 1887.—Petition of MARGARET D. BIGGS.

THE petitioner prays that she be allowed to select land in the Auckland District under a land scrip which has been lost.

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

28th June, 1888.

No. 2.—Petition of JAMES ATKINSON.

THE petitioner asks compensation for loss of land at Wanganui, which he alleges was cut off by the Government, and given to Mr. Churton.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the facts alleged in the petition are contrary to the evidence before them, and therefore the petitioner has no claim upon the colony.

28th July, 1888.

Nos. 12, 32, 47, 48, 54, 56, 59, 94, 95, 117, 119, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133 of Sess. II., 1887, and 215, 216, of 1888.—Petitions of HENRY PORTER, Lieut.-Colonel A. CROWE, WILLIAM LOVE, JOHN JOYCE, JOHN LOVE, WILLIAM MCKEEVER, HENRY S. SYMES, WILLIAM H. CLARK, SIMON RYAN, WILLIAM MILLER, JAMES McCORMICK, SAMUEL HUTCHINSON, WILLIAM G. GARRARD, ROBINSON SPENCER, WILLIAM F. MAWE, GEORGE WATSON, ALBERT RUSSELL, PETER MCKEARNEY, and JOHN SADGROVE.

THE petitioners severally pray that they may be given grants of land in consideration of their military services in New Zealand.

I am directed to report that, in accordance with a previous resolution adopted by the Committee, these nineteen petitions are referred to the Government for consideration.

28th June, 1888.

FAIR RENT AND PRICE OF LAND 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 the amendments shown in a copy of the Bill attached.

29th June, 1888.