

No. 129.—Petition of FREDERICK LAURIE.

THE petitioner asks for compensation for land, and buildings thereon, situate at Kawhia, in the Auckland District, which property, he alleges, his father surrendered by order of the Government in 1860, during the Maori war.

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

4th July, 1888.

No. 179.—Petition of JOHN H. LATHAN and CHARLES B. KNORPP.

THE petitioners state that in the years 1883, 1884, and 1885 they planted three parcels of land with forest-trees in the Waikato District; that they have received a sum of £576 7s. 6d., but have been refused payment by Government of two other sums of £484 and £513. They pray that these sums may now be paid to them.

I am directed to report that, as the matter is now before the Legislature, the Committee are of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

4th July, 1888.

No. 298.—Petition of GEORGE J. N. BEAMISH.

THE petitioner states that he was a captain in the 14th Regiment, and served with that corps for several years in New Zealand. He prays, as a reward for his services, that he may be given a grant or such other relief as may be deemed most fitting.

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

4th July, 1888.

No. 108.—Petition of EBENEZER BLACK and Others.

THE petitioners state that they are deferred-payment settlers in the Mount Hyde district. They ask that the price of their land may be reduced.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, as the subject-matter of the petition is now under the consideration of Parliament, they have no recommendation to make.

4th July, 1888.

No. 43.—Petition of BENJAMIN NAYLOR and Another.

THE petitioners state that they purchased land under the deferred-payment system at Lauder in the year 1875, and made improvements thereon; that the land was afterwards sold through their not having built homesteads thereon, and was repurchased by them at an advance on original price. They pray for inquiry and relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the report of the Waste Lands Committee in June, 1886, on a similar petition by the same petitioners, should be affirmed—viz., "That the petitioners have no claim."

4th July, 1888.

Nos. 322, 335, and 337.—Petitions of JOHN McANESTRY, JOHN FOLEY, and ROBERT NOTTON.

THE petitioners pray that, in return for their military services in New Zealand during the Maori war, they may be given grants of land.

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

6th July, 1888.

No. 182.—Petition of CHARLES A. BROWN and 14 Others.

THE petitioners state that they are village settlers at Swanson and Waitakerei, in the Auckland District. They pray that their holdings may be altered from leasehold to freehold.

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

6th July, 1888.

No. 208.—Petition of WILLIAM BROWN and Others.

THE petitioners pray that the Endowment Reserves Administration Bill may not become law, as it would seriously infringe on their financial interests in their endowments.

I am directed to report that, as the Committee have already made recommendations on the Bill to which this petition objects, they have no further recommendation to make.

6th July, 1888.

LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

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

17th July, 1888.

ELLESMERE LAKE LANDS BILL.

THE Waste Lands Committee, to whom was referred the above Bill, have the honour to report that they have duly considered the same. They recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

18th July, 1888.