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4th September, 1890.

No. 212.—Petition of A. W. HURST.

THE petitioner states he served in the colonial forces during the Maori wars. He prays for a grant of land.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

4th September, 1890.

No. 148.—Petition of J. E. GLOVER and Others.

THE petitioners pray that Run No. 109, Otago, may be cut up into small runs at the expiration of the current pastoral lease, thereby making provision for settlement in the district.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that it is desirable that Run No. 109, Otago, should as soon as possible be thrown open on settlement conditions.

9th September, 1890.

No. 162.—Petition of JOHN MCAULEY.

THE petitioner states that he purchased 80 acres of land with a house thereon near the mouth of the Waipu River, and occupied the same for twelve months; that he applied at the Land Office, Auckland, for the purchase of said section, and was there promised he should get it when surveyed; that eight months after his application, and before survey, the section was conveyed by perpetual lease to one Carlton; that petitioner has now lost the section, after spending £30 upon it. He prays for relief.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that it appears that, in the absence of the Chief Commissioner from Auckland, and through some inadvertence, the petitioner did not receive personal notice that the land which he was occupying would be open for application, and he thus was turned out of his house and lost the value of his improvements. The Committee recommend that the value of these improvements be placed to petitioner's credit in any application he may make for land in the district.

9th September, 1890.

No. 182.—Petition of W. A. WILSON.

THE petitioner states that he is the owner of a section in Block IV., Portobello, Otago; that his section was bounded by a road-line; that at the request of the Superintendent of Otago he agreed, in 1865, to allow a road to be made through his land on condition that he was given the road bounding his property; that the agreement has not been carried out. He prays for redress.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that petitioner has no claim upon the colony.

9th September, 1890.

No. 187.—Petition of C. F. MITCHELL and Others.

THE petitioners state that several years since they took up sections of land on lease in the Ohinemuri Goldfields at a rental of 1s. per acre for the first seven years, 1s. 6d. for the second seven years, and 2s. for the third seven years; that, owing to representations made to the Government, they were offered the freehold of the land at 5s. per acre, if arrears of rent to year 1884 were paid up; that they have now memorialised the Government to reduce the price of their land, and been informed that such cannot be done. They pray for relief.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they are of opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

9th September, 1890.

No. 183.—Petition of ALEXANDER CLARKE and C. FRAZER.

THE petitioners pray that a road may be made through their property in Block IV., Otago Peninsula Survey District.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that, the matter of this petition being a question for the local body to deal with, they have no recommendation to make thereon.

9th September, 1890.

No. 202.—Petition of F. COCKERILL.

THE petitioner states that he is the owner of a section in the Blueskin district; that his neighbours have put fences across the surveyed road to his section. He prays for relief.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that, the matter of this petition being a question for the local body to deal with, they have no recommendation to make thereon.

9th September, 1890.

No. 203.—Petition of W. CLEAVER and Others.

THE petitioners state they are deferred-payment settlers holding land in Taranaki; that they have paid up their instalments. They pray that their holdings may be brought under the provisions of "The Selectors' Lands Revaluation Act, 1889," and that they may receive a refund of portion of their payments.

The Waste Lands Committee have the honour to report that they have no recommendation to make upon this petition.

9th September, 1890.