

No. 25.—Petition of JOHN TAYLOR MARSHALL.

THE petitioner prays that some kind of employment may be found for him in consideration of his past long and faithful services to the Government.

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

4th July, 1890.

No. 52.—Petition of ANDREW THOMPSON, of Hawkesbury, Otago.

THE petitioner states that in 1861 he bought six sections of land in the township of Hawkesbury, on the understanding that the Government would build a jetty in Waikouaiti Bay. He prays that he may be indemnified for losses sustained through the non-erection of the jetty.

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

10th July, 1890.

No. 35.—Petition of JAMES NIGHTINGALE, of Hokitika.

THE petitioner states that he petitioned Parliament in 1879 for suitable employment, owing to his having been permanently injured while in the Government service; that the Public Petitions Committee reported favourably upon his petition, but that their recommendation has not been given effect to. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee find that a petition was presented to the House in 1879, and a report thereupon was made recommending the Government to give the petitioner employment when a suitable vacancy occurred; that the Committee also find, with the exception of nine months' employment, no effect was given to this recommendation, and they now strongly urge that the petitioner be the first to receive such employment on the West Coast as may be suitable for him when a vacancy occurs.

10th July, 1890.

No. 96.—Petition of H. ROGERS and Others, of Coromandel.

THE petitioners pray that the land known as Whangapoua may be thrown open for gold-mining purposes.

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

11th July, 1890.

No. 92.—Petition of ANNE JANE SCHNACKENBERG, of Auckland.

THE petitioner, on behalf of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand, prays that the Contagious Diseases Act may be repealed.

I am directed to report that, as there is a Bill now before the House proposing to deal with the subject-matter of this petition, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

15th July, 1890.

No. 77.—Petition of WILLIAM TIMMS, of Wanganui.

THE petitioner prays for a grant of 40 acres of land, alleging that he is entitled to that amount as a discharged soldier who paid his own passage to New Zealand.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner's application for a grant of land is already before the Commissioner appointed to inquire into such claims, this Committee has no recommendation to make.

22nd July, 1890.

Nos. 61 and 97.—Petitions of JOHN PETFORD and Others and A. S. THOMPSON and Others, of Auckland.

THE petitioners pray for repeal of "The Government Railways Act, 1887," and that an unconditional trial of the "stage" system may be made.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, these petitions should be referred to the Committee appointed to inquire into the petition of W. C. Daldy and others.

24th July, 1890.

No. 118.—Petition of THOMAS HAWKINS SMITH, of Maketu.

THE petitioner alleges that he has sustained certain injuries in connection with the purchase of Native lands by the Government. He prays for relief.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

24th July, 1890.

No. 59.—Petition of DANIEL MAHONEY, of Wellington (Interim Report).

I HAVE the honour to report that, at a meeting of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee held this day, the following resolution was passed: "That it is essential, in order for the Committee to come to a right conclusion, that certain documents in the hands of the Minister of Justice, and which were produced at the Supreme Court trial of this case, should be before this Committee; and, the Minister having declined to furnish the same for the information of the Committee, the Chairman be requested to move forthwith in the House for the production of these papers."

24th July, 1890.