

diem, and that although other workmen had their wages raised again his never were. Petitioner prays that some compassionate allowance may be granted to the widow of the said William Bailey.

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

6th August, 1890.

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No. 89.—Petition of GEORGE WELLS, of Wellington.

THE petitioner states that while crossing the railway at Rattray Street crossing, Dunedin, he was knocked down by a passing train and severely injured. He alleges that the accident was owing to neglect on the part of the railway officials.

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

6th August, 1890.

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

THE petitioner, who is an architect, states that for about six years he was engaged in the service of the Government as Inspector of Works at Mount Cook Prison; that whilst so engaged he was employed by the Inspector of Prisons to prepare plans for a prison at Wanganui, for which service he was paid a bonus of £25; that in August, 1888, he was again employed to prepare plans—viz., for prison and other buildings at Dunedin; that he prepared said plans, and the Minister of Justice (Mr. Fergus) expressed his approval of them; that, as no remuneration had been agreed upon, petitioner states that he brought the matter before the notice of the Minister, and alleges that the Minister promised to treat him as if he had been a private architect instead of a Government employé; that the Minister denied that he had made any such promise, and offered him £100 or a hundred guineas, which he refused to accept; that in July, 1889, he brought an action against the Government to recover £825 for the work he had done; that the jury awarded him £495; that in March, 1890, his Honour Mr. Justice Richmond set aside the verdict of the jury, and gave judgment against him, with costs amounting to £137, on the ground that, as a Civil servant, he could not claim for extra remuneration beyond his salary; that subsequently to the verdict being set aside he was offered £105 by the Government, which he refused. He prays for relief.

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

7th August, 1890.

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No. 179.—Petition of R. STEVENS and Others, of Taranaki.

THE petitioners pray that an Act may be passed to regulate the firing of felled bush.

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

7th August, 1890.

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No. 181.—Petition of W. PATERSON and Others.

THE petitioners pray that telephone communication may be extended from Port Molyneux to Puerua.

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

7th August, 1890.

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No. 117.—Petition of WILLIAM SIMS and Others, of Southland.

THE petitioners pray that the Forest Hill Tramway may be converted into a railway.

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

12th August, 1890.

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No. 90.—Petition of RICHARD MILLER, of Ashburton.

THE petitioner prays for a compassionate allowance on account of having lost his leg while in the service of the Public Works Department.

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

12th August, 1890.

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No. 164.—Petition of SAMUEL MORRISON.

THE petitioner, late a warder in Dunedin Gaol, prays for compensation for loss of office.

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

12th August, 1890.

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

THIS petition having been referred back to the Committee by the House, to estimate the amount of compensation that ought to be allowed to the petitioner, I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, petitioner is entitled to the sum of £325, and the Committee recommend that that sum be paid to him, less any claims for law-costs.

12th August, 1890.