No. 607.—Petition of W. Goodlet, of Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office as Inspector of Works in the Public Works Department.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioner does not come under the operation of the Civil Service Acts, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

4th September, 1891.

No. 591.—Petition of John Lundon, of Auckland (No. 3).

PETITIONER prays for consideration on account of services rendered to the Government of New Zealand in Samoa.

I am directed to report that, as at this late period of the session there is not sufficient time to get the evidence of Sir J. Vogel, Mr. Tole, and Sir R. Stout, the Committee recommend this petition to the consideration of the Government.

9th September, 1891.

No. 639.—Petition of DAVID LUNDON and Others, of Auckland.

PETITIONERS protest against the Payment of Members Bill.

I am directed to report that, as this Bill is now before the Legislature, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

11th September, 1891.

No. 640.—Petition of Thomas Gilbert and Others, of Nelson.

Petitioners protest against the Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill.

I am directed to report that, as this Bill is now before the Legislature, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

11th September, 1891.

No. 643.—Petition of Sydney A. Gibbs and Others, of Nelson.

PETITION in favour of the Trafalgar Park Purchasing Bill.

I am directed to report that, as this Bill is now before the Legislature, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

11th September, 1891.

No. 497.—Petition of M. J. Jones, of Waitara.

Petitioner prays for compensation for land taken for railway purposes.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner's claim should receive the same consideration as it would have done had the statutory time not expired during which application should have been made.

14th September, 1891.

No. 582.—Petition of Emilia Johnstone, of Raglan.

PETITIONER states that the Public Petitions Committee of 1884 recommended that she should be paid the sum of £180 for losses sustained during the Maori war. She prays that the recommendation of the Committee may be given effect to.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petitioner's claim is not one which should be entertained by the Government.

14th September, 1891.

Nos. 644 and 666.—Petitions of John Jackson and Henry Burling.

Petitions re land claims.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, these petitions should be referred to the Waste Lands Committee.

14th September, 1891.

No. 653.—Petition of C. R. BAYLEY and Others, of Normanby.

Petitioners pray that a police-constable may be stationed at Normanby.

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

14th September, 1891.

No. 679.—Petition of WILLIAM EDGECOMBE, of Western Springs, Auckland.

PETITIONER states that he has suffered and is suffering great loss owing to the railway authorities having drained a large area of land on to his property. He prays for compensation, or that his case may be referred to arbitration.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, this petition should be referred to the Government with the recommendation that, failing a suitable arrangement being arrived at, petitioner should be allowed to have his claim settled by arbitration.

14th September, 1891.

No. 685.—Petition of E. LATIMER CLARK, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that an inquiry may be held into a certain case which was tried in the Supreme Court, Auckland.

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

14th September, 1891.