

No. 94.—Petition of JOHN COLVIN, Contractor, Dunedin.

PETITIONER prays for relief on account of alleged wrong done by taking from him a portion of land.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the Government should be requested to pass an amending Act, to place the petitioner in the same position he occupied in regard to the land affected before the passing of "The Public Reserves Vesting and Sale Act, 1892," so as to enable him to take the necessary action to make good his claim to the said land.

30th July, 1895.

No. 84.—Petition of JOHN LAWSON, Official Assignee, Auckland (No. 1).

PETITIONER prays for a settlement of certain claims relating to Maori-land survey-liens.

I am directed to report that, the Government having offered to take over the various liens held in the estate of Henry Mitchell provided the Assignee will register them in a legal manner, so as to enable the Crown to get a proper transfer, and as until this is done no safe purchase of the liens can be effected, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th July, 1895.

No. 20.—Petition of M. ALDRIDGE and Others, Port Underwood (No. 1).

PETITIONER prays for a grant in aid of road-works.

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

30th July, 1895.

No. 130.—Petition of R. HOBBS and Others (6,063), Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894," may be amended.

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

31st July, 1895.

No. 81.—Petition of BOROUGH of CROMWELL, Vincent County.

PETITIONERS pray for relief from having to contribute to the cost of Cromwell Bridge.

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

31st July, 1895.

No. 148.—Petition of ANNIE E. JAQUIERY, of Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for compensation said to have been due to her late husband.

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

2nd August, 1895.

No. 110.—Petition of JAMES W. EDE, of Invercargill.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of office.

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

2nd August, 1895.

No. 151.—Petition of JOHN ELLIS, of Collingwood.

PETITIONER prays for a reward for discovering coal in the Nelson Provincial District.

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

2nd August, 1895.

No. 76.—Petition of G. W. ELL, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for a Select Committee to inquire into his case, and to further consider the evidence given before the Royal Commission, and with power to award him a just amount for the wrongs done him by the public servants.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that the petitioner should be paid the sum of £200, awarded him by the Royal Commission, upon his signing a receipt, as per attached; also, that the petitioner is entitled to a further sum of £60 for the loss of time and expenses incurred during the last two years in endeavouring to obtain payment of the £200 awarded.

The Committee further recommends that the Government, when placing a vote for the above purpose upon the supplementary estimates, should so word the same that the petitioner should be able to receive the money so voted free from any charging or other orders of any Court of the colony, for the sole purpose of winding up his estate under the Ell Empowering Act.

7th August, 1895.

No. 181.—Petition of W. J. HARKER, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays that business people may be offered facilities for obtaining money at a moderate rate of interest.

I am directed to report that, as this petition involves a matter of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

7th August, 1895.