

Nos. 457 and 458.—Petition of JAMES JACKSON, of Hyde, Otago Central, and P. KINNEY and 73 Others.

PETITIONERS pray that James Jackson may be found some suitable employment, or receive compensation, on account of injuries received while in the service of the Railway Department.

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

8th October, 1896.

No. 516.—Petition of JOSEPH H. DOYLE, of Fairlie, Mackenzie County.

PETITIONER prays for redress on account of losses said to have been caused by an action of the Government Insurance Department.

I am directed to report that, having made careful inquiry into all the circumstances of the case, the Committee is of the opinion that the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

13th October, 1896.

No. 499.—Petition of M. E. GARNAUT, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for redress on account of the seizure of her boat by Her Majesty's Customs.

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

13th October, 1896.

No. 397.—Petition of JOHN FITZGERALD, of Little Grey Junction.

PETITIONER prays that he may receive relief on account of the encroachment of the Grey River upon his land, said to be caused by the erection of a bridge over the said river.

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

13th October, 1896.

No. 534.—Petition of NILS JACOBSON, Masterton.

PETITIONER prays for compensation on account of alleged wrongful imprisonment, and also for delay in liberation after such wrongful incarceration is said to have been proved.

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

16th October, 1896.

No. 388.—Petition of THOMAS BOYES and Others, of Motueka.

PETITIONERS pray that the sum of £100 may be placed upon the estimates to assist them in erecting protective works upon the Motueka River.

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

16th October, 1896.

No. 550.—Petition of H. MORRIS and 399 Others, of Onehunga.

PETITIONERS pray that the House may devise some means for preserving in its integrity the bargain made between the Parliament of New Zealand and the Borough Council of Onehunga in "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1881," *in re* a public cemetery.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the injunction against the cemetery should be withdrawn, or that the borough and county should be compensated in such a manner as to place them in the same position as they occupied before the passing of "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1881."

16th October, 1896.

Nos. 554, 544, 545, 548, 549, and 553.—Petitions of Rev. P. McQUEEN and 95 Others, Rev. B. RHODES and 46 Others, Rev. S. LAWRY and 55 Others, C. R. COLDHAM and 45 Others, Rev. Father PAUL and 56 Others, and THOMAS MAICHER and 22 Others, of Onehunga.

PETITIONERS pray that a piece of land in the Borough of Onehunga, used as a cemetery until such practice was stopped by an injunction against further burying, may be reopened as a public cemetery.

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

16th October, 1896.

No. 538.—Petition of JOHN DODDS, of Christchurch.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for alleged wrongful arrest by the police.

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

16th October, 1896.

No. 552.—Petition of J. G. LE BRUN, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for redress on account of alleged injustice.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, it is too late in the session—being the last day but one—to open an inquiry such as the petitioner desires; therefore it has no recommendation to make.

16th October, 1896.