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No. 18.—Petition of J. G. Hamilton, Chairman, Pollok Road Board.

PETITIONER prays that the sum of £350 may be granted by the Government towards making and improving the main road through the Pollok Settlement.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

20th July, 1898.

No. 53.—Petition of W. F. L. A. Parsons and Others, Waiotu, Bay of Islands.

PRITIONERS pray that the sum of £500 may be granted by the Government towards making the Waiotu-Hukerenui Road to connect the several settlers' farms with the railway at Hukerenui.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

20th July, 1898.

No. 49.—Petition of John D. Bentley, Auckland.

PETITIONER states that he is an old soldier from Her Majesty's 24th Regiment; that he laid his claim for a grant of land before the late Commissioner, Mr. J. McKerrow; that, owing to petitioner having made alterations in the wording of his discharge from the army, the Commissioner refused to entertain his claim. He prays for consideration.

I am directed to report that the Committee have no recommendation to make upon this

petition. 20th July, 1898.

No. 25.—Petition of B. Hewett and Others, Waimai, Raglan.

Petitioners pray that the sum of £600 may be granted by the Government towards constructing a road from Kakahuru Valley to the Waingaro-Ngaruawahia Road.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommend that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

20th July, 1898.

No. 189, 1897.—Petition of Ellen Humber, Picton.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for injury caused to her land by the construction of the Picton-Blenheim line of railway.

I am directed to report that the Committee are of opinion that petitioner has no claim upon the colony.

3rd August, 1898.

No. 44.—Petition of HIBERNIA SMITH, Waikomiti, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that a road be opened through his land at Waikomiti.

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

17th August, 1898.

No. 141.—Petition of James Peterson and Others, Waikawa, Southland.

PETITIONERS pray for a reduction of their rent.

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

17th August, 1898.