No. 203.—Petition of Thomas Hedley and 46 Others (No. 1), of Waiotu, Auckland. PETITIONERS pray for a grant of £300 for continuation of Galbraith Road, Waiotu Valley.

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

20th August, 1901.

No. 188.—Petition of P. E. CHEAL, of Auckland (No. 1).

PETITIONER prays for a refund of cost of resurvey of land at Whangaripo, necessitated by error of Government Surveyor.

I am directed to report that, as there is a serious discrepancy between the statements of the petitioner and the finding of the Chief Surveyor, Auckland, the latter attributing the error to the petitioner, and not to the original Surveyor, the Committee is of opinion the dispute should be settled by the Surveyor-General. 20th August, 1901.

No. 207.—Petition of Charles Kerse and Others (No. 2), of Dunrobin.

PETITIONERS pray that the Moa Flat Estate be acquired by the Government for close settlement. I am directed to report that the Committee, after due inquiry, is of opinion that the estate in question is not suitable for close settlement, and cannot see its way clear to recommend that the prayer of the petition be acceded to.

20th August, 1901.

No. 310.—Petition of John Old, of Mahoenui, Auckland.

PETITIONER prays for compensation owing to error in selection map of lands in Awakino East District.

I am directed to report that, the petition having already been dealt with (vide last year's report), and no new facts having since arisen, the Committee recommends that their former finding be referred to the Government for consideration.

21st August, 1901.

No. 485.—Petition of John Graves and Others, of Halcombe.

PETITIONERS pray that the clause in the Counties Bill abolishing Town Boards be reconsidered. I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the petition should be referred to the Local Government Committee.

21st August, 1901.

No. 500.—Petition of John St. Clair, of Auckland.

Petitioner prays for relief, on behalf of certain grantees of lot 99, Onewhero, Lower Waikato. I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Native Affairs Committee.

21st August, 1901.

No. 189.—Petition of P. E. Cheal, of Auckland (No. 2).

PETITIONER prays for refund of expenses incurred in the part survey of Mangapapa Blocks. I am directed to report that, after carefully going into the matter, the Committee is of opinion Mr. Cheal has no claim against the colony. 22nd August, 1901.

No. 317.—Petition of D. McTaggart and Others, of Waitahuna.

PETITIONERS pray that a sum of £300 be granted for repairing road within Waitahuna Riding. I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be forwarded to Government for consideration.

22nd August, 1901.

No. 320.—Petition of AWITU ROAD BOARD, AWITU, Auckland (No. 2).

Petitioners pray for grant of £200 for erection of wharf at Orua Bay.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be forwarded to Government for consideration.

22nd August, 1901.

No. 321.—Petition of AWITU ROAD BOARD, AWITU, Auckland (No. 3).

PETITIONERS pray for grant of £500 for improving Main Trunk Road between Awitu and Waiuku. I am directed to report that the Committee recommends the petition be referred to Government for consideration.

22nd August, 1901.

No. 322.—Petition of AWITU ROAD BOARD, Awitu, Auckland (No. 4).

PETITIONERS pray for grant of £100 for erection of boat jetty.

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

22nd August, 1901.