No. 405, Session II.—Petition of R. H. Travers and 18 Others, of Pungarehu.

PETITIONERS pray for the work on the Pungarehu Road to be proceeded with.

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

12th October, 1906.

No. 304, Session II.—Petition of J. Wotherspoon and 24 Others, of Whangaripo. Petitioners pray for a grant to be used in constructing a road from the Pakiri Parish to the Whangaripo Creamery.

I am directed to report that, in view of the report from the Department, the Committee is of

opinion that this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

12th October, 1906.

No. 29, Session II.—Petition of Miss F. M. Willis, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for compensation for loss of effects destroyed while nursing a small-pox patient at Christchurch.

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

12th October, 1906.

No. 322, Session II.—Petition of W. Sneddon, of Waverley. (No. 2.)

PETITIONER prays for further remuneration for services rendered as overseer in the Public Works Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee, having reconsidered the petition, has no further

recommendation to make.

12th October, 1906.

No. 106, Session II.—Petition of WILLIAM PATRICK, of Okarito.

PETITIONER prays for a refund of stamp duty paid on estate.

I am directed to report that, in view of the decision of Mr. Justice Williams in the case of C. M. A. Stewart (vide Gazette Law Reports, Vol. vi, 1903, p. 227), which is on all-fours with the case under consideration, and as the time has expired within which the Commissioner could legally comply with the request made for the refund of the stamp duty paid, the Committee is of opinion that a sufficient sum should be placed on the estimates by the Government, and paid to the trustee of the estate, to recoup him for his loss in the matter.

12th October, 1906.

No. 645, Session II.—Petition of D. J. O'CARROLL and 25 Others, of Maungakaramea. Petitioners pray for a grant of £500 for metalling the Whangarei-Maungakaramea Road at the worst portions.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion that this petition should be referred

to the Government for consideration.

23rd October, 1906.

No. 626, Session II.—Petition of D. Pringle and 14 Others, of Moa Flat.

 $P_{\text{ETITIONERS}}$  pray for a pound-for-pound subsidy up to £600 for improving the Moa Flat Road.

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

23rd October, 1906.

No. 586, Session II.—Petition of J. O'REILLY and Another, of Ohiwa, Whakatane.

PETITIONERS pray for further remuneration for work done for the Roads Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to this petition.

23rd October, 1906.

Nos. 325 and 326, Session II.—Petitions of C. Ferris and 4 Others, of Gisborne, and J. R. Ruston and 50 Others, of Ohiwa.

PETITIONERS pray for pensions for military services rendered.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make in respect to these petitions.

23rd October, 1906.