No. 549.—Petition of J. H. SMYTH, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays to be granted admission to the Veterans' Home on account of his military services to the colony.

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

30th September, 1908.

No. 396.—Petition of K. MACKENZIE and Others, of Orari.

PETITIONERS pray that the water-race rates at Orari may be made the subject of Government inquiry.

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

30th September, 1908.

No. 439.—Petition of PAMELA PAGET, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that an inquiry may be held as to the state of health of her son, at present con-

I am directed to report that, in respect to the first prayer of the petition, the Committee is of opinion that it should be referred to the Government for consideration; and, in respect to the second prayer, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th September, 1908.

No. 412.—Petition of R. T. Noble-Beasley, of Wanganui.

PETITIONER prays for further remuneration for services performed as probation officer.

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

30th September, 1908.

No. 391.—Petition of A. Rizzi, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for an inquiry into the conduct of the Magistrate when hearing cases in which petitioner has been interested.

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

30th September, 1908.

No. 413.—Petition of John Ford Peters, of Dannevirke.

PETITIONER prays for inquiry to be held into his alleged illegal committal to the Mount View and Porirua Asylums.

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

2nd October, 1908.

No. 438.—Petition of John McLeod, of Auckland.

PETITIONER prays that his son may be granted further remuneration for services performed as a commissioned officer in the Ninth New Zealand Contingent.

I am directed to report that the Committee reaffirms its previous recommendation, reported to the House on the 8th October, 1907, in respect to a similar petition—viz., That, in view of the admitted facts that this officer received a commission from the New Zealand Government, and served as a lieutenant in South Africa, and, further, that he was not responsible for the nonconfirmation of his commission by the Imperial Government, the Committee is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

2nd October, 1908.

No. 440.—Petition of AGMEN GEORGE SMITH, of Wellington.

PETITIONER prays that he may be granted further remuneration for services performed as a

commissioned officer in the Ninth New Zealand Contingent.

I am directed to report that the Committee reaffirms its previous recommendation, reported to the House on the 8th October, 1907, in respect of a similar petition—viz., That, in view of the admitted facts that this officer received a commission from the New Zealand Government, and served as a lieutenant in South Africa, and, further, that he was not responsible for the nonconfirmation of his commission by the Imperial Government, the Committee is of opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

2nd October, 1908.