

No. 430.—Petition of LOUISA LIVICK, of Hurau Street, Gisborne.

PETITIONER prays for compassionate allowance on account of her late husband's sudden death whilst in the employ of the Postal Department.

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

4th November, 1910.

No. 507.—Petition of J. H. BLACK and Another, of Waitaria and Fitzroy Bay, Marlborough.

PETITIONERS pray that the proposal to enforce the operation of the Counties Act in the Sounds County be not entertained.

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

11th November, 1910.

No. 711.—Petition of E. L. CLARK, of New Lynn, Auckland. (Second Petition.)

PETITIONER prays for inquiry into his claim against the estate of the late Duncan Campbell, also into grievances alleged by petitioner in connection with a Supreme Court action.

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

11th November, 1910.

No. 440.—Petition of E. J. JONES and 43 Others, of Whangarei.

PETITIONERS pray that the close season for mullet in Whangarei Harbour may be abolished.

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

11th November, 1910.

No. 332.—Petition of JOSHUA JONES, of Mokau.

PETITIONER prays for permission to present himself at the bar of the House for examination and production of papers, or other relief.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion,—

1. That the statements made in the petition regarding the Hon. Dr. Findlay have no foundation in fact.
2. That Mr. Bamford, Registrar-General, did not proceed to New Plymouth nor remove caveat *re* sale of Mokau lands, without the necessary legal authority, as stated by petitioner.
3. That the petitioner was not asked to attend the inquiry held by Sir Robert Stout and Judge Palmer, on the ground that he had no legal standing before the Commission.
4. That, according to the evidence submitted to the Committee, the petitioner does not appear to have any legal interest in the estate, and therefore the Committee cannot recommend that he be heard before the bar of the House.
5. That, in order to settle the long-standing dispute in connection with the Mokau-Mohakaitino Block, the Government be recommended to assist in bringing about an amicable understanding between the parties concerned, with the view of settling the land.
6. That, in view of the fact that the petitioner believed his original lease from the Natives to be legally sound, and taking into consideration the treatment meted out to him by solicitors in England, whereby he lost his legal interest in the estate, the Committee recommends that in any such mutual understanding the petitioner's claims to equitable consideration should be clearly defined.

15th November, 1910.

(*Vide* Appendix I.—1A.)

No. 714.—Petition of KATHLEEN CLEMENTS, of 30 Lorne Street, Wellington.

PETITIONER prays for substantial compassionate allowance, owing to her husband's death due to his carrying out the instructions of the Government Inspector of Machinery.

I am directed to report that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that in the opinion of this Committee a regulation should be passed providing that all buildings where machinery is placed should be examined and passed by the Inspector of Machinery.

16th November, 1910.

No. 721.—Petition of R. J. FELTUS, of Auckland. (Second Petition.)

PETITIONER prays for damages for ill treatment while committed to Auckland Mental Hospital.

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

16th November, 1910.