

No. 212.—Petition of ARTHUR BROAD REYNOLDS, of 67 Woods Street, Ponsonby, Auckland.
 PRAYING for reinstatement to his former position in the Customs Department, or other relief.
 I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on the petition.
 13th September, 1912.

No. 102.—Petition of ARTHUR FREDERICK WIMSETT, of Nelson.
 PRAYING for relief and assistance in connection with law-costs incurred in defending a prosecution for burglary.
 I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.
 13th September, 1912.

No. 183.—Petition of RICHARD ROSS, of Thames.
 PRAYING for compensation for military services rendered as a member of the Auckland Naval Volunteers in the Maori war.
 I am directed to report that the Committee, in view of the Magisterial report, has no recommendation to make on the petition.
 18th September, 1912.

No. 206.—Petition of HENRY WETHERILT, of 41 Jervois Road, Ponsonby, Auckland.
 PRAYING for compensation for injuries sustained in connection with the wreck of the s.s. "Elingamite," while travelling on the public service.
 I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on the petition.
 20th September, 1912.

No. 226.—Petition of JESSIE EVELYN STRATFORD, of Pahiatua.
 PRAYING for a sum of money to pay the costs of a suit of a decree of nullity of her marriage with one William James Jackson.
 I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petition should be referred to the Government for full inquiry and consideration.
 20th September, 1912.

No. 67.—Petition of JOHN HENRY TIMMS, of 10 Herald Street, Berhampore.
 PRAYING for an inquiry in order to vindicate the character and abilities of the petitioner.
 I am directed to report,—
 (1.) That in 1910 Mr. F. Thompson (of the Christchurch electric-car service) and other witnesses, when giving evidence before a Select Committee of the House, referred to petitioner in such terms as to prompt the Wellington Tramways authorities to refuse him promotion as requested. The Committee finds that this allegation had some justification in fact.
 (2.) That Mr. Thompson, now general manager of the Christchurch Tramway system, in his evidence mainly detailed the records of the Christchurch Tramway Board, for which he was not responsible, and did not, as alleged, reflect upon the general character of the petitioner.
 (3.) That, in view of the conflicting nature of the evidence and affidavits submitted, the Committee does not consider that it would be justified in recommending that an inquiry be set up to go into the petitioner's allegations, as prayed.
 20th September, 1912.

No. 227.—Petition of SYDNEY G. TUPPERY and 94 Others, of Invercargill.
 PRAYING for a grant of money as a subsidy towards the erection of a bridge across the Waihopai Channel at Invercargill.
 I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make, as a question of policy is involved.
 20th September, 1912.

No. 195.—Petition of ELIJAH TRASK, of Auckland.
 PRAYING for compensation for injuries received while serving a term of imprisonment at the tree-planting camp at Waipa.
 I am directed to report that, in the opinion of the Committee, the petition should be referred to the Government for further inquiry.
 20th September, 1912.