No. 325.—Petition of WILLIAM H. MERRITT, of Wellington.

Praying for compensation for loss of employment in the Samoan constabulary.

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

29th October, 1920.

No. 292.—Petition of the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Officers' Association, of Wellington.

Praying for compensation for loss of half civil pay by those serving with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

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

29th October, 1920.

No. 328.—Petition of Thomas G. Waitt, of Auckland.

Praying for payment of deductions made from his superannuation whilst temporarily occupying a Government position.

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

29th October, 1920.

No. 256, Petition of A. J. White and 38 Others, of Aramoho, and No. 264, Petition of Thomas Bland and 63 Others, of Wellington.

Praying for an increase in the amount of their superannuation to meet the increased cost of living. I am directed to report that, as there may be a question of policy involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make; but, on the merits of the position, would suggest that Government should seriously consider the question of granting the relief asked for.

29th October, 1920.

No. 299.—Petition of ROBERT N. WICKHAM, of Christchurch.

Praying for compensation for an alleged assault whilst in the employ of the New Zealand Railway Department.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Railways Committee.

29th October, 1920.

No. 279.—Petition of PETER MALONEY, of Nainai, Lower Hutt.

PRAYING for the reopening of a certain Royal Commission on certain charges against him.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with the suggestion that the position would be met by the Commissioner of Police giving to petitioner a certificate to the effect that the charge preferred against him, impugning his honesty, had been disproved upon investigation by a Royal Commission.

1st November, 1920.

No. 357.—Petition of H. Mansoon and 45 Others, of Dunedin.

Praying that by special exemption Syrians shall no longer be described as "enemy aliens."

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

1st November, 1920.

No. 353.—Petition of HENRY W. MAYO, of Auckland.

Praying for a rehearing of a certain charge made against him of using words indicating disloyalty.

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

1st November, 1920.

No. 340.—Petition of J. J. W. WHITE, of Blenheim.

Praying for compensation for loss incurred in conducting the Blenheim Public Trust Agency.

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

1st November, 1920.