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No. 76/23.—Petition of GEORGE THOMAS BAKER, of Brooklyn.

PRAYING that he should be reimbursed for the money he expended on medical assistance for his wife, whose illness and subsequent death are alleged to have been due to the insanitary condition of the police quarters he occupied at Featherston.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that, at the request of petitioner, leave be given for petition to be withdrawn.

20th August, 1924.

No. 167/23.—Petition of THOMAS ARTHUR GLENNY, of Waipukurau.

PRAYING for refund of amount of stamp duty paid in error on a memorandum of transfer.

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

20th August, 1924.

No. 180/23.—Petition of THOMAS CALDWELL and 2 Others, of Gisborne.

PRAYING for legislation to be introduced whereby the petitioners may be permitted to reduce mortgages without gift duty being charged.

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

20th August, 1924.

No. 162/23.—Petition of WILLIAM HAMILTON and 118 Others, of Milton.

PRAYING for removal of restrictions at present in force in regard to netting fish in the Tokomairiro River.

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

20th August, 1924.

No. 201/23.—Petition of ALFRED CRAIG FERGUSON, of Lower Hutt.

PRAYING for a grant to cover law-costs incurred by him in securing the acquittal of his son, who was tried for arson.

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

20th August, 1924.