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No. 3.—Petition of Colin Campbell Crump, of Khardallah.

Praying for remission of land-tax on land at Kawau Island, which has been claimed from him as mortgagee.

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

20th August, 1924.

No. 4.—Petition of MARIE FLORENCE DEW, of Wellington.

Praying for a compassionate allowance in recognition of the services of her deceased husband, formerly an Inspector in the Police Force of New Zealand.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with the suggestion that a further grant of six months' salary (making a total of twelve months' salary) be paid to petitioner as a compassionate allowance. 20th August, 1924.

No. 32.--Petition of Robert William Harris, of Taranaki.

Praying for refund of stamp duty paid on an agreement to mortgage which was subsequently annulled.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 20th August, 1924.

No. 38.—Petition of Booth and Co. (London), Limited.

Praying for a refund of excess income-tax paid in error for the year 1918.

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

20th August, 1924.

No. 142.—Petition of Booth and Co. (London), Limited.

Praying for a rebate of income-tax alleged to have been paid on an incorrect assessment.

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

20th August, 1924.

No. 98.—Petition of DIXON INVESTMENT COMPANY (LIMITED), (per Levin and Co. (Limited), of Wellington, as the Attorney of the said Dixon Investment Company (Limited)).

Praying for inquiry into the alleged incorrect assessment of trading-license fee, and for return to them of the excess rate collected.

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. 125.—Petition of Ernest Atkinson, of Dunedin.

Praying that a further allowance of £400 be granted to him as compensation for the accident which was the cause of his retirement from the Lands Department three years before his time.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration; and the Committee desires to call the attention of the Government to the fact that, although petitioner received a compassionate allowance of £100 as the result of a petition in the session of 1921, his medical expenses owing to the accident amounted to £200.

20th August, 1924.

No. 27.—Petition of Frederick William Kemp, of Hamilton.

Praying for refund of stamp duty paid on an option to purchase land, which option expired before completion of the transaction.

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. 118.—Petition of RACHAEL MARY BRYDON, of Blenheim.

PRAYING that she may be granted the widow's pension without deductions.

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

9th September, 1924.