

Waste Lands Committee 1881

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Minute book

Order of Reference – Extract from the Journals of the House of Representatives 14 Jun 1881

Ordered that a Select Committee be appointed to consider all Bills and Petitions that may be introduced into this house, affecting the Waste Lands of the Crown, and to report generally on the principles and provisions which they contain, with power to confer or sit together with any similar Committee which may be appointed by the Legislative Council, and to agree to a joint or separate report; to have power to send for persons, papers and records. Such Committee to consist of ten members; three to be a quorum. The Committee to consist of Mr H. Bunny, Mr A. S. Collins, Mr H. Driver, Mr J. Fulton, Mr W. J. Hurst, Mr H. Bastings, Mr J. Macandrew, Mr J. D. Ormond, Mr J. W. Thomson and the Mover. On motion of Hon. Mr W. Rolleston.

Minutes commence 17 Jun 1881

28 June 1881

Petitions 1,2,3,5,14,15,16,39,42,44 – resolved that consideration of these be postponed in order that notice may be given to members presenting the same to attend a meeting of the committee on Friday 1st July at 11am.

Petitions 11,21,24,37,50,51 from the County Councils of Akaroa, Whangarei, Mongonui, Waipawa, Wairoa and Selwyn respectively – praying that Counties should be placed on the same footing as municipalities as regards landed endowments. Resolved that the subject matter of these petitions being a question of Public Policy the Committee have no report to make thereon.

Petitions 20,25,38,48,49 from the County Councils of Whangarei, Mongonui, Waipawa, Wairoa and Collingwood respectively – praying that for each County comprised in a land district, the Council may elect one representative on the Board of such land district. Resolved that the subject matter of these petitions being a question of Public Policy the Committee have no report to make thereon.

01 Jul 1881

Refers to Petitions 1-3, 5, 14-16, 39, 42, 44, 70-73, 77-80, 84, 93-94, 112, 116

08 Jul 1881

Refers to Petition 112 (John Lewthwaite)

15 Jul 1881

Petitions 14, 42, 85, 103-104, 107, 112, 134-135, 147-148, 169-170, 185

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Petitions 39, 80, 84, 123, 145, 150, 174, 181

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Petitions 138, 181, 195, 198, 209, 211 – Praying for grants of land for military services
Petitions 10, 76, 86-89, 91, 106 – Praying for restoration of 20% of land revenue
Petitions 168, 183, 201-203, 206-207, 214, 216

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Petitions 5, 112, 216

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Petitions 207, 214, 216

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Petitions 174, 179, 223, 227, 242-246

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Petitions 85, 145, 179, 207, 214, 274

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Petitions 42, 94, 123, 145, 183, 216, 226, 291

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Petitions 84, 107, 179, 227, 229, 255, 277, 291, 298-299, 308

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Petitions 227, 269, 275, 277, 335, 344, 355

06 Sep 1881

Petitions 107, 283, 356

13 Sep 1881

Petition 229 (Patrick Aitken)

17 Sep 1881

Petitions 344, 361, 368, 372

Papers included with the minute book

Petition 107 David Lyall – Crown Lands Wellington Report 01 Sep 1881 – L81/2295

Petition 107 David Lyall – Copies of all correspondence with land board

Petition 107 David Lyall – Crown Lands Wellington Report 30 Sep 1881 – L81/2039

Petition 168 Thames County Council – Sir George Grey examined 02 Aug 1881 (7 pages)

Petition 207 Frank Dillon Bell – 12 pages of evidence taken by Committee 09 Aug 1881

Petition 216 John Munro, Westport Colliery Reserves – Report of Eugene O'Connor 29 Jul 1881

Petition 216 John Munro – Payment demand by Goldfields Dept to John Tyrrell 16 Jun 1881

Petition 216 John Munro – Payment demand by Goldfields Dept to John Hughes 01 Jun 1881

Petition 216 John Munro – Details of how Mr Mackay has dealt with cases of tenants on Colliery Reserve

Petition 227 George Vesey Stewart – printed copy of petition with signatories of residents and settlers of Stewart's Special Settlement, Mount Stewart, Katikati – G. B. Morris, E. B. Norris, W. M. Commons, Jonathan Brown, Wrigley and Sons, A. C. Turner, W. de R. Barclay, T. Tunks, R. C. Jordan, John Chadwick, Ed. G. B. Moss, A. Asher, J. Johnston (late Captain 80th Regiment), Brian Chaytor and upwards of 370 others

Petition 229 Patrick Aitken – Crown Lands Wellington Report 08 Sep 1881 – L81/2396

Petition 367 T. L. Harcourt – 4 pages of evidence 15 Sep 1881

Petition 343 Mary Kirby – Crown Lands Wellington Report 31 Aug 1881 – L81/2270

Petition 343 Mary Kirby – Crown Lands Wellington Report 04 May 1874 – L74/327

Petition 343 Mary Kirby – Crown Lands Taranaki Report 29 Jun 1874 – L74/535

Petition 343 Mary Kirby Telegram 08 Sep 1881 Pearce was a discharged soldier of 65th Regiment and received scrip entitling him to take up 60 acres as such he left the province and in 1873 Mr Stephenson Smith, Commissioner Crown Lands reported that he had not fulfilled conditions of residence and declared land forfeit. Subsequently Pearce sent statutory declaration of residence but too late as land had been Gazetted a county reserve (then Road Board reserve). It seems that Pearce when in Auckland Province in October 1873 sold the land to one Kirby for ten pounds conveyance is in Office of Registrar of Deeds. I firmly believe that Pearce's declaration of residence is untrue any way the utmost Kirby would be entitled to ask for would be sixty pounds scrip i.e. pound per acre for the sixty acres for which he paid in all ten pounds. C. W. Whitcombe, Commissioner of Crown Lands, New Plymouth.
