SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 31st Day of August, 1898.

PUBLIC PETITIONS A TO L COMMITTEE.

No. 8.—Report on the Petition of W. J. Burk and 30 Others, of St. Kilda.

THE petitioners pray for compensation on account of the encroachment of the sea at St. Kilda, said

to have been caused by negligence upon the part of the Defence Department.

I am directed to report that, in the opinion of this Committee, the petitioners have sustained considerable damage through the action of the officers of the Defence Department in the manner of constructing the Central Battery.

The Committee therefore recommends the petition to the favourable consideration of the Government.

30th August, 1898.

JOHN JOYCE, Chairman.

PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE.

No. 104.—Report on the Petition of George Johnston Small, of Wanganui. THE petitioner states that he is entitled to the New Zealand Cross for an act of bravery performed at an attack on the Taurangaika Pa in the year 1868. He prays for relief. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

30th August, 1898.

R. MEREDITH, Chairman.

REPORTING DEBATES AND PRINTING COMMITTEE.

REPORT.

The Reporting Debates and Printing Committee have the honour to report that at the request of the Deputy-Speaker a meeting was held on Saturday, the 27th August instant, to consider the question of the proposed insertion in *Hansard* of a map exhibited in debate by the Hon. the Minister of Lands, and that after considering the matter the following resolution was passed: namely, "That after considering the question the Committee recommends the Hon. the Speaker to allow of the publication in *Hansard* of the map referred to." A report of the proceedings of the Committee is hereto appended.

30th August, 1898.

W. J. STEWARD, Chairman.