

E A S T I N D I A.
(PUBLIC WORKS, INDIA.)

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 4 March 1850;—for,

A RETURN "of all PUBLIC WORKS which have been completed in *India*
by the EAST INDIA COMPANY within the last Ten Years; including
EMBANKMENTS, CANALS and WORKS of IRRIGATION, ROADS and BRIDGES,
BUILDINGS, FACTORIES, DOCKS, and all other Public Works :"

"Also, a similar RETURN of all PUBLIC WORKS now in Progress in *India* (with
the Addition of any proposed RAILWAYS); showing in each Case the Object of
the Work, the Date of its Commencement, and (where terminated) its
Termination, the Amount of Expense incurred, the Amount Estimated
for Completion, and the probable Time of Completion of all unfinished
Works; with such Statements or Documents as may be deemed necessary
to explain or illustrate the above Returns."

East India House, }
26 July 1851. }

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
1 August 1851.

N.B.—The Return to this Order, so far as it relates to the Presidency of Bengal, comprises Public Works of all descriptions constructed under the sanction of the Government. The amount expended in the improvement of Roads, &c. under the control of local Committees, out of funds derived from Ferries, and other sources placed at their disposal for that purpose, is not included, nor the value of convict labour employed on Public Works.

The Return for the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay contains only the amounts expended on Works of Irrigation, Roads and Bridges, no general statement having been furnished by those Governments of the expenditure on Public Works of other descriptions; but such Statement has been called for.

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