

PUBLIC WORKS (INDIA).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 15 April 1853;—for,

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A RETURN "of all SUMS spent on PUBLIC WORKS (not of a Military kind) in *India*, since April 1834, keeping distinct the Amounts spent on the REPAIRS of OLD, and on the CONSTRUCTION of NEW WORKS, together with the Objects of the Works newly Constructed; and stating, when remunerative, the Amounts received from such Works."

East India House,
17 August 1853.

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
20 August 1853.

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MEMORANDUM.

Para. 1. THE Papers Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the following list of contents will explain the impossibility of a Return being prepared for the exact period embraced, or in the precise form prescribed in the Order of the Honourable the House of Commons.

2. In the printed Return to the Order of the Honourable the House of Commons, dated 4th March 1850, No. 622 of 1851, has been given,

FOR BENGAL.

The particulars of and total expenditure on Public Works in the Civil Department from season 1839-40 to 1848-9 inclusive.

FOR FORT ST. GEORGE.

A digest of a general Report by the Superintendent of Roads, dated the 9th August 1848, on the Road Department, from its establishment to the 1st May 1848; also information in regard to district roads, with a statement of the charges incurred for the years 1838 to 1847 inclusive.

FOR BOMBAY.

As regards the Presidency of Bombay, it was pointed out that a "Return to an Order of the Honourable the House of Commons, dated the 20th December 1847, was presented on the 7th February 1848, which Return contained copy of the annual Reports of the Superintendent of Roads and Tanks within the Presidency of Bombay from the first (viz., that for season 1835-36) to the latest received to that time, or to season 1844-45 inclusive." The Reports for season 1845-46 and 1846-47 formed part of the Return No. 622 of 1851.

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3. The whole of the further information which can be supplied from the Reports received in continuation of the foregoing is contained in the present Return, and includes, as regards the Presidency of

BENGAL,

An analysis of a Report of the Military Board, dated the 8th September 1840, setting forth in a tabular form, and in alphabetical arrangement, all the information which the Government of Bengal could obtain on Public Works under the Military Board's general management at the time that the systematic preparation and printing of that Board's annual Reports was first ordered; also a statement compiled from the Reports of the Bengal Military Board for the official year 1849-50 and 1850-51, in continuation of and embodied with the previous statement for the official years 1839-40 to 1848-49.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

A digest of a further Report by the late Superintendent of Roads, dated the 17th October 1851, being in continuation of that dated 9th August 1848, giving information on the works in progress to the 1st May 1851; also a statement of the more important works executed under the Civil Engineer Department for 1848 and 1849, and of expenditure in the Civil Department of Public Works for the years 1848, 1849, and 1850.

BOMBAY.

Particulars of the formation of the Road and Tank Department in 1836; together with a tabular statement of the principal works executed by that department from its formation to the year 1850-51 inclusive, and a statement of expenditure compiled from the annual Reports of the Superintendent of Roads and Tanks, and of the Bombay Engineers.

RETURNS to an Order of the Honourable the House of Commons, dated the 24th February 1853, for "Copies of the Reports of the several Commissioners on Public Works at Bengal, Madras, and Bombay in the year 1851-52; of the Minutes of the Members of the Government thereon; and of any Orders or Despatches of the Court of Directors relating thereto," were presented to the Honourable the House of Commons on the 26th April 1853, for the Presidencies of Bengal and Fort St. George. The Return for the Presidency of Bombay will be presented on the meeting of Parliament in 1854.

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Note.—The Statements for the Presidency of Bengal for the series of years from 1839-40 to 1850-51 inclusive, and for the Presidency of Bombay, are arranged alphabetically. The preliminary Statement of the Military Board at Bengal, dated the 8th September 1840, and the Statements relating to works executed by the Civil Engineer's Department for the years 1848 and 1849, are preceded by an Index.