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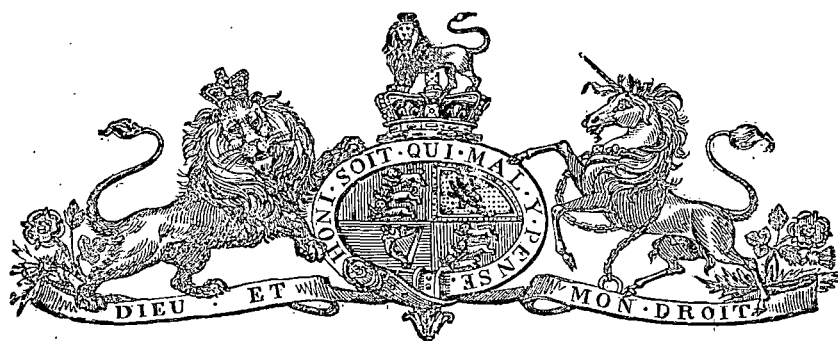
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PUBLIC WORKS.

*Return to an Order of the House of Assembly. (Mr. Barrett.)*

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 6 February, 1867.



*RETURN (on Motion of Mr. Barrett) setting forth Works completed and Works in progress in the Colony, under The Public Works Act, 1865; the Number of Officers in charge having the Supervision of such Works; with the Rates of Pay, Travelling Expenses, and all other Allowances of such Officers.*

<i>Nature and Description of Works.</i>	<i>If completed or in progress.</i>	<i>Remarks as to Overseers, Rates of Pay, &amp;c.</i>
PART OF DIRECT HUON ROAD FROM HOBART TO LESLIE.	The working Overseers and labourers have been discharged. The works have been completed so far as the vote of the Parliament £15,168 will admit of it, (with the exception of a few men who are retained for about a fortnight.)	The pay of the working Overseers having charge of the parties varied according to capacity and the number of men in each party; and was at the rate of from 8s. 6d. to 10s. per diem for working days. The works were visited almost daily by the Overseer of Works, Mr. Cheverton, and were carried out under the special supervision of the Director of Public Works.
ROAD FROM CAMBRIDGE TO THE BLUFF FERRY.	In progress. The road has been cleared, grubbed, and formed, and the Overseer and party employed thereon discharged. The metalling of the road is being proceeded with under Mr. Brock's contract.	The metalling of the road will be supervised by the Director of Public Works, and the Overseer of Works, Mr. Cheverton, by visits of inspection. The rate of pay of the working Overseer, who has been discharged, was 10s. per day for working days.
BRIDGE OVER PROSSER'S RIVER.	Completed.	Messrs. Cotton and Rudd, who were on the ground, supervised this work. Mr. Rudd received £25, and Mr. Cotton £50, for their services. <i>Vide</i> Public Works Return, No. 13, of 16th January, 1867. The works were also inspected by the Director of Public Works and the Overseer of Works, Mr. Cheverton.
NORTH WEST BAY AND SANDFLY TRAMWAY.	The clearing of this line has been completed from North West Bay to the Sandfly Basin. The clearing from Leslie to the Sandfly Basin is expected to be finished by the month of March.	This line is inspected by the Director of Public Works and the Overseer of Works.
THE GOVERNMENT ROAD THROUGH FRANKLIN, HUON, (2½ MILES.)	In progress. The contractors are bottoming and metalling roadway, and should finally complete within three months.	Mr. Rowland Davies has been superintending the works in the Huon District, rate of pay 20s. per diem for working days. He pays all his own travelling expenses, except boat-hire. Mr. Davies has been notified that his services will be dispensed with on the 28th February instant.
TRAMWAY LEADING FROM SOUTHPORT TO PORT ESPERANCE, (SLAB ROAD.)	The contract, on petition of the Inhabitants, for a slab-road, at £370 per mile, and for jetty, is in progress.	The Director of Public Works has the inspection of these works, and makes periodical visits to them.
DITTO, DOVER AND WALPOLE.	Ditto, at £375 per mile.	
PORT CYGNET ROAD.	Contract for forming 3¼ miles of metal and slab-road in progress.	

NOTE.—Mr. W. Cheverton is the General Overseer employed on the Works throughout the Island. His pay is £250 a year, with £50 for forage; and when absent more than one day on duty, 14s. per diem for personal expenses, and 8s. per diem for horse-keep. Under Government Notice, No. 93.

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THE PATERSONIA AND RINGAROOMA ROAD.	In progress.	John Cunningham, Overseer of Works, is employed in pegging out and supervising these works. His rate of pay is 12s. per diem for working days, and 2s. per diem for forage allowance.
THE BRIDPORT, SCOTT'S NEW COUNTRY. AND RINGAROOMA ROAD.	In progress.	The works are inspected periodically by the Director of Public Works. The particulars of the works appear in Progress Reports to Parliament.
ROAD FROM WEST TAMAR TO GREEN'S CREEK.	In progress.	Inspected by Director of Public Works. Particulars of the work appear in Progress Reports to Parliament.
WEST TAMAR ROAD.	In progress.	Carried out by Road Trustees under the control and direction of a Board appointed by the Government.
BRIDGE OVER RIVER LEVEN.	Completed.	Mr. J. R. Frith, the Overseer of works on the ground, who supervised the work, rate of pay 14s. per diem. The Director of Public Works was the head Inspecting Officer. ( <i>Vide</i> Progress Reports for particulars of works.)
BRIDGE OVER RIVER FORTH.	In progress.	Ditto.
ULVERSTONE TRAMWAY.	Jetty and dolphins completed. Clearing of line in progress.	Ditto.

*RETURN showing Amounts paid to Officers having the Supervision of Works from 1st January to 31st December, 1866.*

<i>Names of Officers.</i>	<i>Salary.</i>			<i>Allowances.</i>			<i>Travelling Expenses.</i>			<i>Total.</i>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wm. Hy. Cheverton .....	249	8	4	50	0	0	56	16	2	356	4	6
Rowland Davies .....	287	0	0	<i>Nil.</i>			<i>Nil.</i>			287	0	0
John R. Frith .....	206	10	0	<i>Nil.</i>			2	18	6	209	8	6
John Cunningham .....	183	4	0	27	10	0	<i>Nil.</i>			210	14	0

NOTE.—The services of Messrs. Young and Morrison, Draftsmen, employed in the Office on plans, working drawings, &c. of works, under the Act of 1865, have been dispensed with, and the Copying Clerks have had notice to leave on the 28th instant.

The entire payments on account of the several works (including the Surveyors of the Survey Department, whose claims on account of Surveys were sent to this Office for record), with the particulars of such payments, are fully set forth in the printed Progress Reports, No. 33, (Aug. 14, 1866), and No. 13, (Jan. 16, 1867).

6th February, 1867.

W. R. FALCONER, *Director of Public Works.*