

No. 13.

His Honor W. FITZHERBERT to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Wellington, 4th January, 1872.
Herewith I forward you the classification of road districts in this Province, as required by 13th section of "Payments to Provinces Act, 1871."
I trust that the General Government will authorize me to pay over to each Board the moiety of the amount allotted under such classification, as was done last year to the satisfaction of all the Boards.
"The District Highways Act, 1871," comes into operation on the 1st July next, which will very much simplify the distribution in this Province of any moneys voted by the Assembly for Road Boards in future years. This arrangement is, in my opinion, the nearest compliance with the Act that it is in my power to propose.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM FITZHERBERT,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

AMOUNTS allotted to Road Boards for Year ending 30th June, 1872, under "Payments to Provinces Act, 1871.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Foxton	47	15	3	Brought forward ..	2,705	18	9
Lower Rangitikei	88	19	6	Mungaroa	294	1	0
Upper Rangitikei	340	17	6	Stokes Valley	68	7	5
Kahauraponga	73	19	9	Upper Waiwetu	8	8	6
North Makirikiri	37	9	4	Middle Waiwetu	13	2	4
South Makirikiri	35	11	11	Lower Waiwetu	31	17	0
Turakina Valley	44	19	3	Belmont	118	0	0
Matarawa	249	2	0	Western Hutt	146	1	10
Kaitoke	11	4	10	Upper Wainuiomata ..	206	19	0
Tunahaere	82	8	4	Lower Wainuiomata ..	86	4	0
Matuongaonga	25	5	10	East Harbour	39	6	10
Brunswick	40	5	7	Takapu	45	17	8
Masterton	111	8	0	Kaiwarra	42	3	0
Taratahi	481	7	5	Rhodes Highway	164	16	6
Carterton	108	12	9	Karori Makara	274	8	0
Greytown	515	1	0	Ohario	166	14	0
Featherston	134	17	2	Pahautanui	107	14	0
Lower Valley	79	16	0	Horokiwi	152	13	0
Moroa	79	16	2	Hutt District No. 6 ..	10	6	0
Whareama	117	1	2				
Carried forward ..	£2,705	18	9	Total	£4,682	18	10

VI.—NELSON.

No. 14.

His Honor O. CURTIS to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,— Superintendent's Office, Nelson, 20th January, 1872.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th December last, forwarding a copy of "The Payments to Provinces Act, 1871," and informing me that the Government had decided to pay, for the two quarters ending 30th September and 31st December, 1871, at the rate of one-half the amount allotted to each Province out of the total sum of £100,000, reserving the other half until the Minister for Public Works and myself should have decided, in conformity with the provisions of the 28th section of the Act, what portion of the reserved half is to be devoted to permanent public works within the Province, authorized by an Act of the Superintendent and Provincial Council.
You proceed to direct my special attention to the 19th section of the Act, which renders it imperative that I should hold in reserve one-tenth of the sum allotted to the Province for Road Boards not yet in existence, but which may be established before the 1st July next, as well as to the reservation of three-elevenths, directed by section 29, to be made for Road Boards to be hereafter established in the Nelson South-west Gold Fields.