

4. That, after works have been duly approved by the Minister for Public Works, imprest payments may be made from time to time to the fund of the local body by the Colonial Treasurer, upon requisition of the Chairman, accompanied by the certificate of the District Engineer,—

(a.) After the local body has spent one-fourth of the cost of the work which they are to provide (section 18); or

(b.) Has delivered to the Colonial Treasurer debentures for one-fourth of the cost of the work to be executed (section 14).

5. That the local body account to the Colonial Treasurer from time to time as may be required.

6. That, in the event of the money not being applied to the purpose for which it has been obtained, the money found by the Audit to have been so misappropriated shall be a debt due to the Crown by each and all the Councillors who consented to or permitted such misappropriation.

7. That no further grants under the Act shall be made to such local body until the matter has been reported to Parliament.

The Committee having, with the assistance of the Surveyor-General, carefully gone through the schedule of main roads agreed to by the House on the 11th September, 1882, have the honour to report that, in their opinion the following roads ought not to have been classed as main roads for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges Construction Act :—

WAITEMATA COUNTY.—Helensville, across Kaipara River, and continuing northerly through Kaipara Survey District, 5 miles.

MANUKAU COUNTY.—Hunua Railway Station to Hunua Parish, 6 miles; Scotch Church to Turanga Creek, 5 miles; Maketu to Ararimu, 10 miles; Bombay to Paparata, 15 miles.

COOK COUNTY.—Gisborne to Waimata, 15 miles.

TARANAKI COUNTY.—Opunake to Stratford (part of), 10 miles; Stratford, eastwards, towards Waitara River, 20 miles; Tariki Railway Station, eastwards, 15 miles.

HAWERA COUNTY.—Stratford to Opunake (part of), 14 miles; Normanby *via* Continuous Reserve to Manaia, 9 miles.

RANGITIKEI COUNTY.—Bull's to Scott's Ferry, 14 miles.

WAIPAWA COUNTY.—Cross road from Stockade, Waipawa River, to Block 191, Makaretu River, 10 miles; Kaihora to Pourere, *via* Homewood Bridge, 15 miles.

GERALDINE COUNTY.—Albury to McKenzie Pass.

WAIMATE COUNTY.—Waihao Forks to Waitaki, 6 miles; Waihao to McKenzie country, 32 miles; Pareora Main Road, along south branch of Pareora River, 14 miles.

WESTLAND COUNTY.—Loop-line, Greenstone Road to Christchurch Road, 5 miles.

WAIKOUAITI COUNTY.—Mount Cargill to Glendernid, 4 miles; Purakanui to Mihiwaka, 4 miles.

VINCENT COUNTY.—Clyde, *via* Conroy's, to Butcher's, 6 miles.

TAIERI COUNTY.—Cottesbrook to Mount Stoker, 11 miles.

BRUCE COUNTY.—Kaitangata to Wangaloa, through Summerhill New Road and across Corporation Reserve (coast route), 5 miles; Kaitangata to Wangaloa (inland route), 7 miles; Benhar Colliery and Brickworks to Main South Road, 2 miles.

SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—Glenam to Anderson's Station, Wyndham, 10 miles; Dipton, *via* Gorge of Dipton Creek, through Castlerock, to Castlerock Siding, 17 miles; Glenam to Run 177, and across Education Reserve, 15 miles.

The Committee desire to call attention to the report of the Surveyor-General, attached hereto, on the roads with respect to which the Committee have made recommendations.

23rd August, 1883.

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Chairman.