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VICTORIA.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

RETURN to an Order of the *Legislative Assembly*,
Dated 2nd September 1880, for—

A RETURN showing the cases, if any, where the rate per mile for the construction of Railway Lines has been exceeded by the Department, and the authority under which such excess money was paid.

(*Mr. Woods.*)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 5th April 1880.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

RETURN showing where the Rate per Mile for the Construction of Railway Lines has been exceeded, and authority under which the excess money is provided for.

Act.	Line.	Length,	Rate.	Amount originally authorized.	Amount expended.*	Excess.	Authority under which such Excess Money was paid.
		Miles.	£	£	£	£	
415	Ballarat and Ararat ..	148 59	5,900	876,681	904,272	27,591	{ Votes of the Legislature in Appropriation Acts of 1877-8, 1878-9, and 1879-80, also by Construction Act 657.
..	Castlemaine and Dunolly						
..	Ballarat and Maryborough	m. c. l.					
475	Glppsland	118 33 39	6,400	757,871	770,215	12,344	Votes of the Legislature in Appropriation Acts of 1878-9 and 1879-80, also by Construction Act 657.
475	Ararat and Stawell	18 68 37	5,750	108,414	119,700	11,286†	
475	Wangaratta and Beechworth ..	22 18 89	5,750	127,858	168,925	36,067†	Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account, 37 Vic. 475.
580	Warrenhelp and Gordons ..	13 5 82	5,750	75,168	85,432	10,264†	Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account, 37 Vic. 475. Loan 39 Vic. 53, Schedule 2, Item 1. Act 580.

* Less preliminary surveys separately charged before passing of Act.

† Whilst the cost of these individual lines is in excess of the amount available to spend on them according to the mileage, yet on the group at £5,750 per mile under these Acts, the expenditure has not been in excess of the amount authorized, as per ruling of the Crown Law Officers, that the average of all lines under any one Act authorized at an uniform rate per mile could be taken collectively.

Railway Department (Accountant's Office),
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