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Date.	Where present.	How employed	What works inspected.	Under charge of what Officer.	Remarks.
J 1st	Madura.	Took charge of Distt. stores			
2d 20th	"	Organizing my Office and making arrangement for execution of work accounts &c.	The road in & near Madura & Water project & School house.	Mr Harrison succeeded by Capt. Payne.	Works are progressing very slowly and unsatisfactorily. Numbers of people employed being very small owing to the rates allowed by the estimate. Time & money lost in frequent and close superintendence required for inferior workpeople.
21st	Tirumangalam	Road to Palamcottah	—	Capt. Payne	In very good order
22d	Kalagoody.	"	"	"	4 miles heavily damaged. Never been properly completed. The small balance of the estimate required to finish this work has been unfortunately not allowed in the budget
23d	Virthupatty	—	—	None.	
24	Vatchakarapatty	—	—	None.	
25 & 26	Sátur.	"	Bridge		This work is dragging on with little sign of completion. No workpeople, no bricks & [illegible] [illegible] wood utterly insufficient. While the avenue trees for miles are so close & so much overhang the road as to render it almost impassable & keep the sun off it. The centre of the road being alone passable the carts have worn it into a hollow.
27.	Coilpatty			✓	
28.	Ettiapuram	Cotton road.	Cotton road.		Road in fair order but arrangement for maintenance bad. Ordered coolies on each mile at higher rate to save the road from destruction, as the subsoil is very bad & neglect is very dangerous.
29	Epathoovandan	—	—		
30.	Perianattam	—	—		
31	Tuticorin.	—	—		

Palamcottah 5th Augt. 1863.

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To

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Secy. to Govt. P. W. D.

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