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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.*Despatches to England.*

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 7 of 1860.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

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We have the honor to acknowledge your Despatch of the 31st January in this Department, No. 11, noticing the Rules lately passed by us for enforcing an acquaintance with the Vernacular languages on members of the Public Works Department, and expressing your opinion that it would be better to adopt stoppage of promotion as the penalty of failure to pass, as is the practice in Bengal, in place of stoppage of pay.

2. In reply we beg to say that we were not unaware of the inconveniences attending the last-mentioned plan, and that we did not adopt this part of our Chief Engineer's scheme without some hesitation. But that Rule having been established, we are of opinion that it is inexpedient to change it, for the present at least, as, in our opinion, the evil effects of the unsettlement which such a change would occasion, would outweigh the benefits of the change.

We have the honor to be,

Right Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

// April 1860.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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Port St George
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P. W. D.

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Letter to the Right Honorable
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Right Hon. Secy of the Admiralty
London on the 14th April 1860
Via Southampton

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Reply received 29 June 60 No. 42

Copy to the Govt. of India 18 April 60
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