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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. // of 1860.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

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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FORT SAINT GEORGE.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for India,
Dated 11 April,
No. 17 of 1860.

Acknowledging the receipt of Despatch No. 11, and
stating that it would be inexpedient, for the present,
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Port St George
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James H. H.

P.W.D.

No. 14 of 1860

Letter to the Right Honorable
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Right Cap. Dup. of Steamer
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Copy to the Govt. of India 18 April 60
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Reply received 19 June 60 No. 42

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