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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 50 of 1860.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 17th December 1856, No. 10, we have the honor to forward a letter* from the Chief Engineer, reporting the cost of the operations in the Virashólan river in the District of Tanjore, to open a line of water communication from Trichinopoly to the Sea at Tranquebar; the extent to which the communication has been taken advantage of, and the period for which it is generally open.

Procs. 18th July 1860, Nos. 296—298.

* Dated 2nd June 1860, No. 1,180.

2. Her Majesty's Government will notice that the river was used largely one year in taking stones to Tranquebar for the groynes there, a Government work; but that it has not by any means come into general use and cannot have withdrawn traffic from the road running parallel with it, as supposed by the Court of Directors. Whatever its capabilities may be, it is not suited to commercial navigation at present. It cannot be navigated upwards, as the current is too strong; and the boats, which are merely of bamboo basket-work covered with leather, are taken to pieces on arrival at Tranquebar, the bamboo material sold, and the leather covering taken back by land. The river is only open three and a half months in the year, for want of water. During the whole of 1857, it appears that only 120 boats passed down. No returns are available for 1859.

3. The enclosed report of traffic on Trunk Road No. 9, shows it to be by no means insignificant. The daily average of four days in April 1860 at one point was $396\frac{1}{2}$ wheel conveyances.

Chief Engr.'s letter 22nd June 1860, No. 1,881.

We have the honor to be,

Right Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
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From: 18th July 1860 No. 2964. 298.

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