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Central Office of M.
Fort St George
20 March 1858.

N. 8270

From

The Chief Engineer

To His Secretary to Government M.

Sir,

Public.

Communication.

With reference to P. M. Com.
N. 40, dated 9th March 1858, I have
the honor to state that the inland
navigation between Cochin and
Beypoor has been so often reported
on, that I consider it unnecessary to
make any fresh reference to the
local Officers on the subject.

1.

From Cochin to Chetivye -
The backwater is for the most part
broad and deep, but there is an
obstruction of mangrove called the *Pruthi*
Channel which forms a serious
obstruction during the dry season.

2.

From Chetivye to Vamanur
a small Canal extends 11 miles,
which is navigable only for canoes

and during the dry season ^{it} is greatly obstructed by bunds thrown across it for the exclusion of salt water from the cultivation.

4. It has been roughly estimated that to open the navigation for steamers from Cochin to Bombay would cost about 1 1/2 Lacs of Rupees.

5. From Bombay to Cochin there is a back water of tolerable depth and ample breadth but between Cochin and Panaji there is only a back Canal and the navigation is then interrupted entirely by a bund crossing a cut into the Vengolly Lake, and an estimate of 14,920 Rupees was sanctioned for opening this portion by the Vasapuramba Canal, but the work is stopped.

6. The communication is open from the Vengolly Lake to Bombay.

7. The total distance from Cochin to Bombay is 92 miles, and the navigation partly by Canal and partly by backwater is much

more imperfect, and at one point completely interrupted, nor can any expectation be reasonably formed of its being rendered fully efficient for navigation except by a very large expenditure, there being some considerable difficulties in the line.

Dear Sir,
20 March 1886

B. S. Gird

I have the honor to
Sir.
Your much obliged Son
W. S. Gird
Chief Eng.

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The Secretary to Government
P. M. G.

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