

giving any opinion on these and similar questions, or on the relative merits of different routes, the consideration of which has been pressed on them; and they now, along with the evidence collected by them, beg to present this lengthened Report, for the unusual extent of which they trust an excuse may be found in the necessity of a minute detail, in order to bring before The House, in a manner at all satisfactory, a distinct view of the defects in the existing system for which a remedy is required.

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