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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
14*th May* 1873.

No. 142. Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 29th April 1873, No. 24:—

As the subject is one which calls for immediate attention, and as the Board of Revenue have already, in their Proceedings dated 28th June 1872, No. 4550 (Miscellaneous) copy enclosed, recorded their opinion that the conservancy of the backwater at Cuddalore, which includes the clearance of the bar, is not a charge which can fairly be debited to Local Funds, I have the honour to submit direct, for the early consideration and orders of Government, the enclosed letter* from the Inspecting Engineer for Ports and Communications.

* Dated 2nd April 1873, No. 9—1.

2. Colonel Farewell contends that the backwater is a "communication" and that, therefore, its conservancy is chargeable to Local Funds. He has evidently never had an opportunity of inspecting the locality. It is a "communication" from the open roadstead, and on its waters are borne the boats which bring in the cargoes of ships lying in the roadstead to the Custom House which is built on its banks and to the wharves of the merchants to whom they are consigned. This portion of the backwater is used for purposes wholly connected with the shipping which pay port-dues, and in no sense of the word is it a "communication" of the nature Colonel Farewell supposes it to be. The people who complain of the present state of things are the merchants who allege that they have the greatest difficulty in getting their cargo-boats over the bar, and when in, that they stick fast in the silted-up harbour. Whilst the question has been bandied about as to who is to pay, the mischief has been growing apace, and it is probable that a fresh estimate will now have to be prepared; but, to save further delay, I beg the Government to decide once for all whether the maintenance of the Cuddalore Boat-Harbour is to be charged to the funds contributed by the ryots under Act IV. of 1871, or whether, as appears to be equitable, an allotment from Provincial or Port Funds should be made for the purpose. I am bound to state that, if some remedy is not speedily applied to the state of the harbour and the bar, a serious obstruction of trade and a diminution of the Customs Revenue must result. If his services are not more urgently required elsewhere, I would suggest Colonel Farewell being deputed to inspect the locality at an early date in view to his deciding what measures should be adopted.

3. Copies of the correspondence which have passed on the subject are enclosed.

From District Engineer to Collector, 13th December 1872, No. 7.
From Collector to Inspecting Engineer, 19th December 1872, No. 250.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
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No. 143. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1873, No. 651.

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(True Extract.)

To the Collector of South Arcot, with estimate returned.
" Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To

The COLLECTOR of SOUTH ARCOT, &c., &c.

Dated *May*, 14*th*.

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G. O., 14*th May* 1873, *No.* 651.

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Nos. 142-143.

Communicating decision that the improvement and maintenance of the Cuddalore Boat-Harbour is not the kind of work to which Local and Municipal Funds can be applied.

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Collector's Office Cuddalore
29th April 1873.

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H. E. Sullivan Esquire
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