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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
19th January 1874.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
19th January 1874.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secy. to Govt.

24th October 1873.

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1874, No. 74.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1874 Madras

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 19th.

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JANUARY.
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Vedarniem Canal, Tanjore District.—Opinion expressed that all the traffic on this canal should be required to pay a light toll or license fee, the proceeds to be applied to the maintenance of the canal, and arrangements ordered to be made accordingly.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Tanjore, with G. O.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Financial Department.

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L. R.

To The Board of Revenue. Rev. Dept.

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- 9 Sept ———

Transferred to the Financial Department with the enquiry whether the levy of toll on the Kollidam Canal be desirable, for the purpose of

Assistant Secretary to Board

Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

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OCTOBER.
No. 1,987.

Vedaraniem Canal—in Tanjore District.—Further remarks submitted to Government on proposed levy of toll on traffic over ——.

Financial Department.

No. 1938.

From Pres. Board of Revenue

Dated 1 October 1873.

FOR ORDERS.

Should not a moderate
Pilotage surplus
Expenses for

Vedarniem Canal.

For order.



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