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3. Instances could be quoted in which harbours have been seriously injured by the reclamation of backwaters and consequent alteration of the natural conditions of tidal ebb and flow. Such schemes are often in many respects very attractive, but the effect which their execution is likely to have upon the harbour, even though this may be as yet undeveloped, should never be overlooked. The importance of retaining in the hands of the Government, or of the local body which is about to undertake the improvement of a port, those foreshore lands whose value will be so enormously increased by their operations, is of course obvious. But it seems needless to say more of the importance of the subjects above treated of. There seemed danger that they might in some cases be neglected in the absence of any present schemes of harbour improvement, and enough has been done in inviting attention to them.

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To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
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