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*Revenue* DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

11th December 1877, No. 667.

Out-Ports.

Read the following papers:—

No. 28. To HIS GRACE THE MOST NOBLE THE  
DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS,  
*Governor of Madras.*

The humble memorial of the under-mentioned merchants, residents in the Port of Tuticorin, who welcome your Grace to this port and deeply regret the short stay your Grace contemplates on this occasion which will only permit of their forwarding this memorial through the Collector of this district, instead of seeking the honor of presenting it in person.

SHEWETH,

That the list of goods to pay 2 Annas per ton for all merchandise imported or exported, whether the Government jetty is used or not.

2ndly.—That at low water the jetty is practically useless for the general requirements of the merchants of the port.

3rdly.—That, as the jetty dues are very considerable, your memorialists pray that your Grace will give the necessary orders to have the jetty extended to double its present length and widened in proportion.

4thly.—That the money collected by the conservancy of the port may be expended on local improvements.

And, as in duty bound, your memorialists will ever pray.

(Signed) DARLEY BUTLER and Co.  
and 35 others.

No. 647.

Copy forwarded to the Master Attendant, Tuticorin, for report.

PORT ST. GEORGE,  
29th November 1877.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,  
*Chief Secretary.*

No. 29. From G. A. PHIPPS, Esq., Master Attendant, Tuticorin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tuticorin, 4th December 1877, No. 264.

With reference to the memorial of certain merchants, residents of Tuticorin, presented to His Grace the Governor on his late visit to the town, forwarded to me for report, I have the honor to inform you that the statement in the first paragraph is not strictly correct. It is true that a charge of 2 Annas per ton is levied upon all goods that pass over the Government jetty, but the cotton, senna, manure, beans, &c., the principal exports, and which do not pass over the jetty, are exempted from the charge, and no

tolls would be demanded from any merchant who might state that he did not wish to make use of the jetty and pay the dues.

2. At times there is some inconvenience from laden boats not being able to come alongside at low tide; this has happened oftener than usual during the last few months consequent upon the boats loading very deep with rice. The detention is always of slight duration and can only be obviated by extending the jetty out a considerable distance. The cost of the structure as it stands, including cranes and tramways, is Rupees 10,000, and the sum to its credit after deducting the cost of establishment is Rupees 13,767-8-2. In a few months it is my intention to ask the permission of Government to lengthen it 200 feet; it is now constructed of wooden piles sheathed with copper up to high-water mark and may last fifteen or twenty years longer. I think, however, that, in order to make it permanent, iron screw piles should be used. I would beg, however, to remark that the landing of large quantities of grain during the last few months is exceptional, and that for all ordinary imports and exports the present jetty was generally equal previous to the famine.

3. Regarding any local improvements that may be required, the one mostly wanted by the native merchants is the deepening of the inner harbour by dredging; this would require a very large outlay, and the amount at credit of this Port Fund is, I fear, far too small to allow me to venture to propose it.

No. 30.

ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1877, No. 667.

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(True Extract.)

*D. H. C.*  
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.  
" Master Attendant, Madras.  
Copy to Petitioners.

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To THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

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Dated December, 11th.

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G.O., 11th December 1877, No. 637.

DECEMBER.  
Nos. 28-30.

Out Post.—Letter from Master, Attendant,  
Jubilee, reporting upon a memorial from certain  
merchants of that town addressed to His Grace  
the Governor praying for the extension of the  
1877, cc, recorded.

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