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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 733, dated 2nd December 1897 :—

W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq.
(Famine Commissioner).

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Ganjam district for the period ending 15th November 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.

	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight ...	2.97	1.41
Up to the fortnight from April ...	50.54	40.00

Water-supply is ample both for drinking and irrigation purposes. There have been good freshes in rivers and nallahs.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Standing crops are paddy, sugarcane, redgram, horsegram and blackgram, which are all thriving well. Ragi, early paddy and blackgram are being harvested. Outturn of ragi middling, and the rest fair to average.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—Pasture is abundant. Fodder is becoming generally available. Condition of cattle is generally good, but cattle diseases are prevalent in Berhampur, Purushottapur and Surada taluks.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The prospects of season have considerably improved. Standing paddy is on the whole promising and needs no more rain. Grasshoppers in low paddy fields in the Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division have been destroyed to a great extent by the recent rains.

FOOD-SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 13th November 1897.

Stations.	Rice.				Ragi.		Corresponding prices of 1889.		Remarks.
	End of last period.		End of current period.		End of last period.	End of current period.	Rice.	Ragi.	
	Raw.	Boiled.	Raw.	Boiled.					
Russelkonda ..	9.00	11.00	9.50	12.00	17.35	16.41	13.00	34.00	Price of raw rice is rising in three stations, falling in seven, and stationary in two. Ragi is rising in six stations, falling in two, and stationary in four.
Surada ..	9.25	10.50	11.10	14.00	17.06	18.69	12.00	36.00	
Aska ..	8.50	10.05	9.35	10.88	15.67	15.67	11.32	31.00	
Purushottapur ..	8.50	9.50	8.90	10.00	17.00	17.00	12.00	32.00	
Chatrapur ..	8.50	9.00	8.75	9.50	11.50	13.75	11.50	27.00	
Berhampur ..	9.00	10.00	8.50	9.50	14.87	13.60	12.00	30.00	
Ichchhapuram ..	9.00	9.50	9.00	9.50	14.40	14.40	10.50	30.00	
Sompeta ..	8.66	9.45	7.83	..	13.50	12.15	12.80	35.00	
Parlakimedi ..	11.22	..	12.00	..	15.60	15.60	13.50	39.00	
Tekkali ..	9.60	..	9.60	..	17.75	14.70	13.00	39.00	
Narasannapet ..	9.75	..	7.23	..	15.00	13.12	14.00	36.00	
Chicacole ..	8.20	..	8.71	..	14.20	13.75	13.00	32.00	
Total ..	109.18	79.00	110.47	75.38	183.90	178.84	148.62	401.00	
Average ..	9.09	9.87	9.21	10.77	15.32	14.90	12.39	33.42	

Activity of trade.—The General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, reports that private trade in rice and staple food-grains is somewhat active at present in Aska, and that 224 cart-loads of paddy have been imported from Nayaghur to Berhampur side.

Exports and imports of food-grains by rail and by sea are as follow :—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By rail ...	3,031	7,535
By sea ...	...	...

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Nil.

In villages.—The condition of people in villages is generally good. Cooly classes are able to get on with the labour available in the fields.

Sickness and Mortality.—Fever and small-pox are generally prevalent :—

	Cholera deaths.
Goomsur Division ...	33
Head-quarters Deputy Collector's Division ...	58
Berhampur Division ...	9
Chicacole ..	44
Total ...	144

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

Works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers.—Nil.

Private charity.—No organised private charity at work. Some gentlemen at Aska are feeding between 20 and 30 helpless people daily. Messrs. Artaviswasara and Vinayaka Santara of Radhadevipuram near Pattupur in Chinnakimedi have been feeding 100 poor and distributing cloths in deserving cases, since the close of Government relief.

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LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

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No. 1055, REVENUE, 16TH DECEMBER 1897.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluk and places visited.—The Principal Assistant Collector and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector have visited no villages during the fortnight, the latter being in charge of the District treasury. The Senior Assistant Collector and the Goomsur General Deputy Collector have visited four and thirteen villages in their respective divisions. No further famine inspection appearing necessary, I remained in Head-quarters for the first week of the fortnight preparatory to proceeding on hill tour, and have since visited Berhampur, Ballipada, Digupudi, Pudamari and Govindapur.

No special remarks are called for. Private charity is now quite sufficient to meet all needs, and field labour is abundant as the paddy harvest has commenced.

There has been a general rise to a small extent in the price of ragi, and it is improbable that the price of this grain will fall to its normal rate during the next year.

There has, at three stations and notably in Berhampur, been a slight rise in the price of rice. This was probably due to a scare caused by heavy rain from 9th and 10th November. This has now passed off without causing any material damage, and an early or rapid fall in the price of rice may now be looked for, as the prospects of the paddy crop are very good.

All Government relief has ceased for sometime; it merely remains to collect a few outstanding cloths from defaulting weavers. Efforts are being made to dispose of the cloths locally by sale.

Resolution—No. 733, dated 2nd December 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector has been directed to discontinue the submission of fortnightly narratives.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Ganjam.
" Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 1055, Revenue, dated 16th December 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

L. E. Buckley
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Accountant-General.

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