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READ—the following letter from J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chatrapur, 24th October 1889, No. 8362:—

I have the honor to submit the reports of Messrs. Foster, Horne, Carr, A. Suryanarayana and D. Venkata Sastri for the week ending with the 19th and that of Mr. Wedderburn for the week ending with the 12th October.

2. I am glad to report the stoppage of gratuitous relief circles throughout the district on the 19th. A few selected cases will continue to receive money doles through the Revenue authorities and a few kitchens will be maintained for the reception of the worst cases and orphans pending final orders as to their disposal. As I anticipated, the latter are being taken away gradually by relatives and their caste people, and I expect that there will ultimately be very few for whom provision is necessary. The Roman Catholic Mission at Suradá offer to take ten or twelve and I request sanction for making over twelve of the famine orphans to their charge.

3. Mr. Wedderburn urges the advisability of continuing to completion the Tekkali-Anantagiri road which was commenced as a relief work. This, the Battili and Palasa roads and the Boppayapuram gedda work are all under progress, but are, I consider, no longer necessary as relief works, seeing that the average prices in the sub-division are now $12\frac{1}{2}$ seers the rupee for rice and $35\frac{1}{2}$ for ragi. I fully agree with him as to the advisability of continuing all these works though no longer required as famine relief works. I have in a previous report asked for the orders of Government on this matter and pending receipt thereof am continuing all relief works, excepting drinking-water tanks which have been commenced and are in progress. I have, however, directed that no new work is to be commenced, and that, with regard to tanks, only so much as is required to secure work already done is to be gone on with.

4. The principal roads now under construction as famine relief works are—

(1) Battili.
(2) Tekkali-Anantagiri.
(3) Ichápur-Jarada.
(4) Berhampore-Govindapur *viâ* Digupudi and Pudamari.
(5) Kallikót-Boirani.

To leave these works in their present condition would simply mean throwing away the money that has been already expended upon them, whilst to carry them on to completion would entail a large expenditure. It is the same in regard to minor village roads now in progress of construction as relief works.

5. I would respectfully recommend that all works in the sub-division be closed as relief works at once and that works in the Goomsur and Berhampore divisions be closed as relief works from the 20th proximo and that the Local Fund Board be furnished with funds to go on with such works as they may decide to continue to completion; that in short the Local Fund Board be granted a loan sufficient for this purpose.

6. In a separate communication Mr. Wedderburn asks for sanction to dispose of the cloths received from weavers in his division; the quantity is not great and there will be no difficulty in disposing of them locally and I accordingly recommend their immediate sale. I await orders of Government in regard to the disposal of the cloths in the Goomsur and Berhampore divisions, amounting in value to over 50,000 rupees.

7. I do not consider it necessary to review in detail the reports of the different officers. They have, as previously instructed, closed the remaining relief circles from the 19th current and are closing nearly all kitchens.

8. Under the Accountant-General's orders uncovenanted officers employed on famine duty are allowed the pay of their substantive appointments. Mr. Quinless drew as Police Inspector, Jeypur, Rs. 15 *horse allowance* and Rs. 40 residential allowance, and, instead of getting any extra pay for the onerous duty on which he is now engaged, is thus mulcted Rs. 55 per mensem—a considerable sum to him. I trust Government will be able to rectify this.

9. Mr. Marshall, who was in charge of the Ichápur taluk as famine relief officer, leaves for Vizagapatam by next steamer and the other famine officers, excepting Messrs. McMurray and Lever, regarding whom I have already addressed Government, can be relieved at the end of the month. I am dispensing with the special magistrates of Goomsur and Berhampore from the same date. I have also requested the Superintendent of Police to dismiss the Goomsur paiks, who were called in to undertake police duties.

10. Prices continue to fall. I give hereunder the usual comparative statement.

		Rice.	Ragi.	Cholum.	Cumbu.
19th } 12th {	October 1889	11·78	31·46	16·63	34·5
22nd	do. 1887	11·66	30·41	16·83	33·60
		17·81	33·37	25·1	34·19

Rice and cholum are still dear, whilst ragi and cumbu have reached their normal prices.

11. The following are the imports registered during the week :—

		CWTS.
By sea		256
From { Orissa		4,599
{ the Central Provinces		3,756
	Total ...	8,611

12. The numbers employed upon works are as follows :—

Rushikulya	3,378
Gopálpur canal	449
Tekkali-Anantagiri	Not reported.
Battili	286
Palasa	84
Kallikót-Boirani	Not reported.
Berhampore-Digupudi	79
Digupudi-Govindapur	606
Bhabanda-Pattupur	189
Ichápur-Jarada	Not reported.
Aska-Korcholi	110
Boppayapuram gedda	15
Drinking-water tanks	890
Minor irrigation works	371
Other works	3,674
Total ...	10,131

Owing to incessant rain during the week, work on the Gopálpur canal has been almost at a stand still.

13. There has been a satisfactory fall in numbers on gratuitous relief, which are as follows :—

Gratuitous relief.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Money doles	2,170	3,724	8,646	14,540
Fed in kitchens	416	775	3,544	4,735
Total ...				19,275

Next week this item will virtually disappear; a comparatively few very bad cases will however continue to receive money doles. The only kitchens that will remain are three in Mr. Carr's division, two in Mr. Horne's and one in Mr. Foster's. Mr. Foster proposes closing all kitchens, but I have directed him to keep the Berhampore kitchen open a little longer for the reception of all very bad cases and orphans.

14. During the week I have been at head-quarters; rain has fallen constantly and fears are entertained that we are getting too much of a good thing. Tanks are filled to the brim and many have breached. Ten days' fine weather is much needed.

15. Repairs to the three tanks at Chatrapur have been completed and the Konamana road and a small road in the town are progressing rapidly notwithstanding the rain.

16. I append two supplemental statements of establishment entertained for famine work, one on account of medical officers and the other on account of weavers, and request the sanction of Government for the same.

ENCLOSURES.

From H. W. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Senior Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Berhampore, 23rd October 1889, No. 785.

I have the honor to forward the usual weekly statement showing the number of persons on gratuitous relief and the number of coolies on relief works in the division. Only seven kitchens remain open and I propose to close all of these at the end of the week.

Kitchens.	Number fed.
Ganjam	71
Purushottapur	* 80
Injili	† 93
Gopálpur	108
Berhampore	45
Digupudi	79
Ichápur	76
Total ...	552

* Since closed. † Closed during the week.

Works.	Number of coolies.
Purushottapur road	175
Pratapur ,, ...	154
Bhabanda ,, ...	...
Konchuru ,, ...	132
Lati ,, ...	303
Gopálpur ,, ...	113
Konisi ,, ...	429
Tanganapalli ,, ...	218
Luchapada ,, ...	350
Jarada ,, ...	1,200
Total ...	3,074

From W. O. HORNE, Esq, Acting Special Assistant Agent, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Russellkonda, 22nd October 1889, No. 1027.

I have the honor to forward my report for the week ending the 19th instant.

2. Operations of relief are being rapidly closed in this division and there is now really no distress, except in a few individual cases, which could, I have no doubt, be found at any time if the same attention was paid to looking for them.

3. All the remaining circles closed on the 19th, the numbers on relief for that week being very small. There is again delay on the part of the Suradá Deputy Tahsildar in sending in the figures for the week, so that I regret I am unable to append them to this report. Those for Goomsur and Aska are submitted.

Money relief is being distributed now by the ordinary Revenue officials to a few cases of emaciation and destitution which remain.

4. The final inspection of all the circles is not yet completed as it is a longer operation than the ordinary weekly inspection, the fullest information as to deaths and desertions having to be obtained from the beginning, as these were undoubtedly inaccurate in the ordinary weekly returns, especially in the earlier stage of operations when attention had to be devoted more to the immediate relief of distress than to the collection of figures for future statistics. However since August last I and the famine officers under me have been continually insisting on the proper record of deaths, both current and in arrears, so that that matter has latterly been fairly accurately attended to. I shall, I hope, within a week submit a statement for all circles giving this information.

5. Buguda and Ballipadra kitchens were closed on the 19th, a few cases of sickness and 3 destitute orphans being sent thence to Aska kitchen for food and treatment.

Mojjogodo, Kullada and Gangupur were closed on the same date and similar cases sent from those places to Russellkonda. I am now collecting information as to the numbers relieved, died, &c., in all those kitchens and will shortly supply the information.

6. Russellkonda, Suradá and Aska kitchens remain open.

Suradá will be closed on the 26th, the sick and destitute and helpless orphans being sent to Russellkonda. Russellkonda and Aska may, I consider, be closed on the 31st. On that point I request orders.

As the committee of the Famine Fund propose to maintain at Russellkonda and Aska such cases as may require relief after closing the kitchens I am writing separately on the subject of a grant from the fund for that purpose.

7. I shall very shortly supply information as to the cases of helpless orphan children, whom no one is willing to adopt. I am collecting this and find that in most cases some one is willing to take them.

Father Decarre of the Suradá mission informs me that he would receive 10 or a dozen and I do not think there will be more than that number for whom no protection can be found.

8. I am slowly getting weavers' advances recovered, but it is difficult and there is very little hold over them. The heavy rain too has interfered with their work.

9. I have completed the accounting for expenditure up to the end of September.

10. The rain has been heavy during the week and no more is now wanted. A splendid crop of paddy is ripening. Early paddy is cut and being cut. The country has all but returned to its normal condition, the only hardship now being that rice is a few seers dearer than ordinary, but as ragi is cheaper than usual this does not affect the poorest classes.

11. From the Maliahs such accounts as I have are very favorable and a year of unusual prosperity is confidently anticipated.

12. I request early sanction to sell by auction the disused kitchen houses. They will fetch a little for timber and bamboo.

STATEMENT showing percentage of relief persons to population in each circle during the week 19th October 1889.

Name of Circle.	Population.	Number on relief.	Percentage.
1. Russellkonda	15,407	442	2·83
2. Bodokodanda	9,039	444	* 4·91
3. Bellugunta	19,893	54	·27
4. Buguda...	14,159	197	1·38
5. Jagannadhaprasad	12,163	214	1·75
6. Kullada	12,139	306	* 2·52
7. Korcholi	5,536	417	* 7·53
8. Aska	24,122	3	·001
Kitchens.			
1. Russellkonda			331
2. Kullada †			111
3. Mojjogodo †			95
4. Gangupur †			69
5. Buguda †			147
6. Aska			129
Relief works.			
Goomsur taluk			1,224
Aska do.			670

* Last week's figure. † Closed.

From the same officer, dated Russellkonda, 23rd October 1889, No. 1041.

In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, No. 1027, I have the honor to submit the following information regarding relief in Suradá during last week :—

Circle.	Population.	Number relieved.	Percentage.
Payalpada	16,892	80	·47
Ballipadra	13,396	159	1·18
Vishnuchakram	8,726	146	1·67
Kitchens.		Attendance.	
Suradá		227	
Ballipadra		105	(closed).
Relief works.			
Suradá taluk		687	

From R. C. C. CARR, Esq., Additional Special Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Pattupur, 20th October 1889, No. 824.

I have the honor to submit my special report for the week ending with October, 19th.

2. I spent part of the week at Sérgadá and the remainder at Pattupur.

3. The three Chinna Kimedi circles and that of Sérgadá were closed on the 19th instant. The Mondimorayi, Ballisira, Sérgadá, Nuvagada, Bismagiri and Kunkurada kitchens were shut on the same date. No circle, therefore, remains open in my division and only three kitchens, viz., those at Pattupur, Pudamari and Pakkidi. In the return attached to this report all the various circles, with the exception of Bodogodo, are shown, as during the past week relief either in money or in cooked food was given in them to a limited number of special cases. In Dhárákót the money doles were distributed by the manager through the agency of his revenue inspectors. The figure for the Ballisira circle for this form of relief has not been reported, but from my inspection of several villages in that locality I feel certain that 20 is a limit number and enter it accordingly.

4. A very large proportion of those remaining on the lists after successive inspections were old persons and beggars, who have now been paid one week's batta and struck off. The children have, as a rule, picked up wonderfully, and very bad cases of emaciation are rarely met with, possibly this may also be due to the fact that many of the worst cases have died.

5. The Dhárákót figures for money doles show the special cases selected by the inspectors and passed for relief by the manager or myself. In Chinna Kimedi and Sérgadá this inspection has not been as yet completed. In the latter estate, however, out of twelve villages inspected by me during the week, having a total population of nearly 5,000, only 27 persons were retained. The Sérgadá inspector has just sent in a report showing only 30 persons on relief, so he has apparently only added three to the number selected by me.

6. Mr. Quinless has been employed on similar work in the Pattupur and Pudamari circles ; he has also cleared the various kitchens of all children in fair condition, who had parents able to support them. At Nuvagada this process has resulted in a reduction of the figure from 119 to 21, and I have directed him to close this kitchen on the 19th, and to send any bad cases into Pattupur. Mr. Quinless recommended that the Pudamari kitchen, which he had reduced to 38, should also be closed on the same date, but I am inclined to think that he has been somewhat too severe in his reductions there, and as the kitchens on both sides of Pudamari are being closed, it would be better to continue to distribute cooked food there for another week. I am going in that direction on the 21st to see how matters stand.

7. The final inspection of the Bodogodo circle has been completed, and, as predicted last week, a complete clearance has been found possible. I give below the figures showing the extent to which money relief has been granted in this circle, the number of deaths and desertions, and the number struck off from other causes ; the kitchen figures are also shown. A similar return is being prepared for all circles and kitchens.

Total number who have received money doles from the beginning of distress	1,354
Percentage of above on population	11·22
Number of deaths	50
Number of desertions	22
Struck off from other causes	1,282
Balance remaining on October, 12th	*Nil.*
Total number of names entered in kitchen register	241
Number fed on October 12th	89
Number sent to work	71
Number of deaths	...
Number gone away of their own accord	81

A large number of those fed in the kitchen were in receipt of money doles before cooked food was given, so it is not possible to amalgamate the figures with any accuracy.

8. The total number in receipt of money doles in the division is 477 and of cooked food 757, the total figure for gratuitous relief is thus 1,234 and the percentage on the population 1·39 as against 2,920 and 2·90 in the previous week. From this it will be seen that money relief has been practically abolished. The remaining kitchens may be safely closed at the end of the coming week and State relief brought to an end in the division.

9. Under your orders all tank works have now been stopped, and, excluding the Digupudi road, the only works still in progress are those at Pattupur and Kunkurada. The coolies at Sérgadá strongly protested against the cessation of their employment, but as field labor is largely procurable and as the Rushikulya canal is close by, they have no great cause for complaint.

10. Heavy rain has again fallen and there is every promise of more. The subjoined table shows the rainfall registered in the last four years at Pattupur. This shows that, while the south-west monsoon of the present year was heavier than that of the three previous years, the north-east monsoon of 1889 also seems likely to exceed its predecessors.

Months.	Rainfall.			
	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
From January up to April	2·40	4·50	1·97	2·5
May	5·35	2·30	0·5	5·10
June	6·97	7·19	3·47	7·45
July	5·20	10·2	2·43	11·44
August	9·80	9·36	8·40	7·14
September	12·85	5·8	5·80	7·31
October	16·0	8·94	1·28	* 14·75
Total ..	58·57	47·39	23·40	54·24

* Up to the 18th for 1889.

11. The price of ragi at Pattupur has fallen considerably and is now 36 seers to the rupee. Rice has remained stationary. From Mondimorayi no change is reported.
The annexed statement shows the state of the various markets:—

Stations.		Last week.		This week.	
		Rice.	Ragi.	Rice.	Ragi.
Chinna Kimedi	Pattupur	12	27	12	36
	Bismagiri	11·25	24	12	33
	Pudamari	11·25	24	12	39
	Kunkurada	11·25	24	11·25	30
Dhárákót ...	Mondimorayi ...	11·9	28·5	11·72	28·36

12. The usual statements are attached.

No. I.—Numbers on gratuitous relief.

Name of circle.	Population.	Number on relief including kitchens for the week ending with October, 12th.	Percentage.	Number on relief including kitchens for the week ending with October, 19th.	Percentage.	Number in column 5 receiving cooked food.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Pattupur	13,452	324	2·4	121	·89	78
2. Pudamari	14,525	816	5·61	383	2·63	188
3. Pratapagiri	10,466	402	3·84	241	2·31	79
4. Sérgadá	12,056	660	5·47	71	·58	41
5. Dowgam	9,726	349	3·58	174	1·78	165
6. Dhárákót	13,045	208	1·59	98	·75	80
7. Ballisira	15,015	161	1·07	146	·97	126
Total ..	88,285	2,920	2·90	1,234	1·39	757

No. II.—Numbers fed in various kitchens.

Kitchen name.	Circle in which situated.	Date of opening.	Attendance on October, 11th.	Attendance on October, 18th.
1. Pattupur	Pattupur	11th June 1889	97	78
2. Pudamari	Pudamari	29th ,, ,, ...	150	38
3. Nuvagada	Do.	11th ,, ,, ...	119	21
4. Bismagiri	Do.	29th August 1889 ..	160	129
5. Kunkurada	Pratapagiri	25th July ,, ..	97	79
6. Sérgadá	Sérgadá	25th ,, ,, ..	40	41
7. Pakkidi	Dowgam	13th September 1889 ..	153	165
8. Mondimorayi	Dhárákót	6th July ,, ..	94	80
9. Ballisira	Ballisira	17th August ,, ..	113	126
		Total ..	1,023	757

No. III.—Numbers on the drinking-water tanks and wells and on the minor irrigation works.

Taluks.	On the drinking-water tanks and wells.		On the minor irrigation works.	
	Last week.	This week.	Last week.	This week.
Chinna Kimedi	203	237	200	200
Dhárákót	200	109	57	45
Sérgadá	615	50	..	..
Total ..	1,018	396	257	245

From M.R.Ry. A. SURYANARAYANA NAIDU Garu, General Deputy Collector of Goomsur, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Russellkonda, 20th October 1889, No. 951.

I have the honor to submit my special report for the week ending with 19th October 1889.

2. During the week the rainfall registered was 3 inches and 95 cents at Russellkonda, 4 inches and 56 cents at Suradá, and 3 inches and 55 cents at Aska. There were also heavy rains throughout the division.

3. All kinds of crops are in good condition, and the ryots expect a good harvest of paddy crop this year, the season being very favorable.

4. In some parts of the Goomsur taluk cattle are suffering from small-pox, the deaths reported from this cause during the week being 45.

5. The state of the country having considerably improved by the favorable character of the season and the condition of the people being much better with the good harvest of ragi crop; relief operations in this division were closed from the 19th instant.

6. However, I give below the numbers relieved during the week ending with 19th October as reported by the taluk officers, for your information.

7. The numbers receiving money doles in Goomsur during the week were 2,423 or 2·5 per cent. of the population, the numbers in Suradá were 1,353 or 3·2 per cent., and the figures in Aska were only 383 or 1·5 per cent.

8. The following statement compares the figures for the last three weeks :—

Taluks.	On the last day of the week ending with 5th Oct. 1889.	On the last day of the week ending with 12th Oct. 1889.	On the last day of the week ending with 19th Oct. 1889.
Goomsur	5,500	4	2,423
Suradá	3,361	1,721	1,353
Aska	989	482	383
Total ...	9,850	6,277	4,159

9. The following statement shows the number of persons to whom money doles were paid during the week in each circle :—

Circle.	Population.	Number on relief.				Percentage to population.	Remarks.
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.		
In the Goomsur Tahsildar's range.							
1. Russellkonda	11,777	48	114	280	442	3·7	
2. Bodokodanda	9,041	156	201	436	793	8·7	
3. Buguda	20,738	28	38	131	197	0·9	
4. Jagannadhaprasad	12,991	40	101	73	214	1·6	
5. Kullada	14,680	50	56	200	306	2·08	
6. Bellugunta	20,273	2	20	32	54	0·2	
7. Korcholi	5,536	92	99	226	417	7·5	
Total ..	95,036	416	629	1,378	2,423	2·5	
In the Suradá Deputy Tahsildar's range.							
8. Ballipadra	14,613	148	236	392	776	5·3	
9. Vishnuchakram	10,409	42	68	108	218	2·09	
10. Payalpada	16,892	44	91	224	359	2·1	
Total ..	41,914	234	395	724	1,353	3·2	
11. Aska	24,122	58	125	200	383	1·5	
Grand total ..	161,072	708	1,149	2,302	4,159	2·5	

10. The circles of Mojjogodo, Gulleri, and Kukuluba in Goomsur and those of Asurubontho and Pandakholl in Suradá range were abolished from the 5th October, the Suradá and Bodoborsingi circles were closed from the 12th and all the other circles from the 19th instant, money doles in the latter circles having been paid up to that date as shown in the above statement.

11. The following statement shows the numbers fed in kitchens :—

Kitchens.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1. Russellkonda	30	70	230	330
2. Kullada	17	30	64	111
3. Buguda	16	31	100	147
4. Gangupur	10	15	44	69
5. Mojjogodo	8	32	55	95
6. Ballipadra	10	26	69	105
7. Suradá	10	25	170	205
8. Aska	9	15	102	126
Total ...	110	244	834	1,188

12. The Bellugunta kitchen was closed from the 12th and those at Kullada, Mojjogodo, Buguda, Ballipadra and Gangupur from the 19th instant. The kitchens at Russellkonda, Suradá and Aska are still kept.

13. The following statement shows the numbers employed on relief works :—

Taluk.	On drinking-water tanks.	On minor irrigation works.	On other works.	Total.	Number of weakly persons.
Goomsur	655	278	291	1,224	1,224
Suradá	445	170	...	615	440
Aska	670	...	...	670	510
Total ...	1,770	448	291	2,509	2,174

14. The construction and repairs of tanks were stopped in Goomsur taluk. Only Bodokodanda and Kullada village roads are now in progress. Rushikulya project works are going on as usual.

15. Fever is generally prevalent in the division, while small-pox still exists here and there.

16. The prices of food-grains are as follows :—

Station.	Rice. This week.	Rice. Last week.	Ragi. This week.	Ragi. Last week.
Russellkonda	11	11	35	34
Suradá	11½	11	36	33
Aska	10	10	28	25

17. The price of ragi has fallen at all the above stations and that of rice at Suradá has also slightly fallen, while it is stationary at Russellkonda and Aska.

Paddy is imported from Nyaghar, Baupore and Berhampore taluks for consumption, while ragi is procurable in the division in sufficient quantity.

18. As I am engaged with the jamabandi of Goomsur taluk, I have not inspected any villages during the week.

From M.R.Ry. D. VENKATA SASTRI Garu, General Deputy Collector, Chatrapur Division, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Purushottapur, 20th October 1889, No. 1,466.

I have the honor to submit my report on the Atagadá and Kallikót estates for the week ending 19th October 1889.

2. *Rainfall.*—The total rainfall at Kallikót during the week was 5·3 inches.

The five revenue inspectors' reports show the same quantity of rain in their mutahs on 16th, 17th and 18th instant. I spent five days in the Palasara mutah during the week. To give a clear idea of the rainfall this week, I beg to state that on the 18th I had to pass a distance of 15 miles from Palasara to Boirani through one sheet of water under torrents of rain across two impassable streams. Out of deference for my position, ryots joined together and managed at great risk to themselves and myself to carry me to the other side of the streams. But for fear of a terrible wigging from you for the unpunctual submission of the report which I cannot avoid if I remained at Palasara, I would not have ventured to set out for Boirani.

Ryots are a little afraid that excessive rainfall will result in the partial failure of paddy crop. As yet no perceptible loss has occurred. The manager reports that several tanks have breached. I myself saw a breach of about 30 feet long at Jakkara caused by the river Donnai near a big sluice.

3. *Agricultural operations.*—The wonderful growth of paddy crop presents a delightful aspect. In some fields in the Palasara and Boirani mutahs a person 5 feet high can safely hide himself from being seen by the passers-by. I jumped out of my palanquin into a field on my return to Boirani and to my surprise the crop came up to my breast. Its growth is so charming as if it is expressing the sympathy of the Providence for the faminished creatures of these mutahs.

Bodomandia is being reaped in most places. Light paddy is ready for the sickle. Grasshoppers still trouble some villages in the Kulladi mutah of the Atagadá taluk though not to a great extent.

4. *Prices.*—

Station.	Past Week. Boiled rice. 1st sort.	Past Week. Boiled rice. 2nd sort.	Past Week. Raw rice. 1st sort.	Past Week. Raw rice. 2nd sort.	Past Week. Ragi.	Present Week. Boiled rice. 1st sort.	Present Week. Boiled rice. 2nd sort.	Present Week. Raw rice. 1st sort.	Present Week. Raw rice. 2nd sort.	Present Week. Ragi.
Kallikót ..	12	14	11	12	21 old / 30 new	12	14	11	12	33 new
Boirani ..	11½	12½	9¾	11½	21 old / 30 new	11½	12½	10⅜	11½	23½ old / 33½ new
Palasara ..	12	13	10	11½	30 new	12	13	10	11	35 new
Pasi ..	11½	12 5/16	10⅞	11¼	25 old / 26⅞ new	11¾	12 5/16	10⅞	11¼	25 old / 40 new

The price of ragi has fallen at all the stations. The rest are nearly stationary. Nowhere famine signs are now visible.

5. *Gratuitous relief.*—

(*a*) *Kallikót taluk.*

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Balance as per last week	180	321	1,047	1,548
Deductions	65	160	395	620
Balance ...	115	161	652	928
Additions ...	3	3	4	10
Total ...	118	164	656	938

(*b*) *Atagadá taluk.*

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Balance as per last week	365	639	1,899	2,903
Deductions	17	38	111	166
Balance ...	348	601	1,788	2,737
Additions ...	1	4	11	16
Total ...	349	605	1,799	2,753

6. The aggregate number remaining at the end of the week—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
In Kallikót taluk	118	164	656	938
„ Atagadá „	349	605	1,799	2,753
Total ...	467	769	2,455	3,691

showing a decrease of 610 in the former and 150 in the latter, amounting to 760 in both.

7. State relief is no longer necessary in my taluks, really emaciated paupers being very few. At all times professional beggars exist and time has come for them to live back on private charity. I have instructed the manager to discontinue all gratuitous relief except in the case of those on whom famine marks are visible.

8. *Boirani kitchen.*—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Balance as per last week	6	14	102	122
Deductions	1	...	3	4
Balance ...	5	14	99	118

Last week I discharged 68 persons above 7 years of age from the kitchen, of whom 53 are children. Not one of them has come back to the kitchen praying for relief. This is a healthy sign of the season. I have instructed the manager to close the kitchen from the 19th. The 118 still on relief are as healthy and strong as children in a rich family. I do not see the slightest necessity for the retention of the kitchen any longer.

9. *Weavers.*—Cloths to the value of Rs. 77-14-0 have been delivered by the weavers of Vitramapur. Rs. 86 were advanced to them at the beginning. They have therefore still to pay Rs. 8-2-0. Palasara weavers have all returned their advances with the exception of a single weaver who owes us Rs. 4-8-0 which he said he would pay in a week.

Boirani weavers still owe us Rs. 108-9-9 towards the advance made to them.

During the week, I submitted bills to the Treasury Deputy Collector to the extent of Rs. 25 thousand odd gratuitous relief and thousand odd weaver advances drawn by me up to the end of September. I have to adjust only the sums that will be drawn in this month.

10. No coolies were on relief works during the week except 8 on drinking-water tanks in the Boridakhandi mutah.

11. No reports of cholera or small-pox have been received.

PERCENTAGE return for the week ending 19th October 1889.

Number.	Names of circles.	Population.	Number on relief.	Percentage.	Remarks.
	Atagadá taluk.				
1	Boirani	20,473	221	1·07	No gratuitous relief was given in this circle during the week.
2	Kolladi	24,524	569	2·32	No gratuitous relief was given in this circle during the week.
3	Atagadá	22,140	1,094	4·94	As per return for the week ending 12th October 1889. Will be closed from the 19th October.
4	Palasara	18,477	16	..	As per return for the week ending 19th October. Will be closed from the 19th October.
5	Pandripada	3,604	41	..	Closed in this week.
	Total ..	..	1,941	..	
	Kallikót taluk.				
1	Kallikót	21,836	127	·58	Already closed.
2	Bengunaupada	17,925	80	·44	Will be closed from the 19th October 1889.
3	Mundula	14,930	731	4·87	As per return for the week ending 12th October 1889. Will be closed from the 19th October.
	Total ..	..	938	..	
	Grand Total ..	..	2,879	..	

	Kitchen.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1.	Boirani	5	14	99	118

Coolies— NO.

1. Minor irrigation works 8
2. Drinking-water tanks and wells ... ...
3. Other works ... ...

Total ... 8

From M.R.Ry. D. VENKATA SASTRI Garu, General Deputy Collector, Chatrapur Division, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Purushottapur, 20th October 1889, No. 1467.

In continuation of my season report for the week ending 19th last, I have the honor to submit this supplemental report as the returns from Palasara and Pandripada Circle Inspectors have been received by me after closing the above report.

Under head gratuitous relief in Atagadá taluk the following figures were shown as the number remaining at the end of this week :—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
	349	605	1,799	2,753
Deductions	103	195	514	812
Balance ...	246	410	1,285	1,941

which is the number remaining on the last day of this week.

From F. E. K. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Chicacole, 16th October 1889, No. 186-F.

I have the honor to submit with much pleasure my last weekly report for the week ending 12th October 1889.

2. I visited the Tekkali kitchen on 10th and found 64 inmates, the greater number of these were old mamul beggars, but there were 10 persons mostly children who were not sufficiently recovered to be turned adrift. I accordingly placed a sufficient sum of money from private subscription fund in the hands of the Apothecary at Tekkali, and he has agreed to look after this remnant at the dispensary. The shed adjoining the dispensary which for some time served

as the relief kitchen, is available for their use. I thought this course better than sending them all the way to Kimedi where after all there is not much more accommodation for them. The kitchen was closed on 12th and the materials will be sold by auction. Doles were also discontinued on the same day. Two of the dole recipients will be taken care of by the Apothecary.

3. All gratuitous relief from Government source has now ceased in my Sub-division.

4. The prospects are all that can be desired. The north-east monsoon has broken early; black paddy is now in ear, and the rice crop promises to be abundant. The ragi harvest is over and has yielded a very fair if not a full crop.

Ragi selling at 36 seers per rupee.

5. The Anantagiri road still employs a large number of coolies; earthwork is approaching completion, and metalling is progressing. From the extract from your district report to Government at the close of last month, I see that you urged upon Government the desirability of completing this work. I can only add that should Government be unable to provide funds for its completion from famine grants, it would be better that the road should be finished now and the remaining expenditure debited to the District Board as a loan than that the work should be abandoned and left incomplete. The Taluk Board will certainly not be in a position for a long time to come to provide sufficient funds for bridging the road, and until the road is bridged, it cannot be used and will only deteriorate rapidly. As a relief work, it is undoubtedly of the greatest benefit to the coolies in the Tekkali estate and if not now absolutely necessary to avert starvation, it is helping to improve the condition of a large number of very destitute persons.

Number 639 on 12th.

6. The earthwork and gravelling on the Palasa road is almost completed and consequently few coolies are now employed on it; the culverts are being built; the whole sum allotted to this work will soon be spent.

On 12th, 157.

7. It may be convenient at this period to summarise a few facts relating to the distribution of gratuitous relief in the Sub-division, reserving remarks and criticisms for another occasion.

8. The distribution of cooked food commenced at Tekkali in May, but the numbers fed were only 26 on the 8th June. From that date the number rapidly increased till 21st June when 500 were admitted at the Tekkali kitchen. I then began to establish kitchens at other places in the Tekkali division and by the end of June food was being distributed at 10 kitchens in this division.

9. During the first week in July relief was extended to the Parlákimedi estate and Chicacole division and from middle of July to the middle of August 23 kitchens in all continued open. From the middle of August I began closing kitchens and by the end of that month relief in Parlákimedi estate and Chicacole division ceased. During September, I was able gradually to close the kitchens in Tekkali division and by the end of September the kitchen at Tekkali only remained. This has now been closed on the 12th October and with it gratuitous relief in the Sub-division has ended.

10. The highest number reached was in the week ending 3rd August, when the returns gave 6,306 as relieved, but from 20th July to 10th August, or for about 3 weeks, the number remained steadily above 6,000 and varied but little.

11. The largest number relieved on one day does not of course represent the total number of persons relieved during the 4 months, since new cases were being constantly admitted and old cases discharged during the whole period.

12. Taking as a unit one person fed or receiving dole on one day, I find roughly that 3 lakhs 36 thousand units were fed at a cost of Rs. 25,000 which sum includes food, cost of kitchen sheds, cooking establishment and sundries. This gives an average of 1 anna 2 pies per head.

13. Considering that two-thirds of those relieved were children, I shall not be far wrong in distributing the cost at 10 pies per child and Rs. 0-1-10 per adult. In my original estimate in July, I put it at Rs. 0-1-9 per adult and 11 pies per child.

14. The number of deaths that occurred at the kitchens is 177. From my observation, I should say that about one-sixth of those admitted were in an advanced state of emaciation and that five out of six persons admitted in an advanced stage of emaciation recovered.

15. I do not think I can find a better place than this for acknowledging the assistance I have received in carrying out these relief operations during the last 4 months. The burden of the work has fallen upon the Deputy Tahsildar, Tekkali, Mr. Ranganadham Puntulu, and I have much pleasure in recording that he has not only done his work with energy but has shown great tact in dealing with the prejudices of the people and resource in overcoming the difficulties that have frequently arisen.

16. My other subordinates, the Parlákimedi Manager, Chicacole Tahsildar, Narsannapet Deputy Tahsildar and others have done their work to my satisfaction.

17. I must thank Mr. Perimbam, Apothecary at Tekkali, who organized and took charge of the kitchen at Tekkali during the first and most trying part of the distress. I have also to thank Mr. Henderson, Apothecary at Chicacole and Municipal Chairman, for having managed the kitchen at Chicacole, and Mr. Gibson, Taluk Board member, for looking after the kitchen at Calingapatam.

18. Mr. Venkateswaracharyer, Chairman of the Tekkali Union, kindly undertook the distribution of doles at Tekkali and Mr. Narasimharao Puntulu, Salt Assistant Inspector, supervised the kitchen at Naupada.

19. My thanks are also due to those members of the Unions of Tekkali, Narsannapet and Calingapatam who assisted in supervising the kitchens at these places and to the Relief Committee at Chicacole who undertook distribution of doles in that town. Of this committee, the most prominent member was Mr. Sambiah Shastri who, for three months, kept a kitchen open at Chicacole at his own expense with the help of subscriptions, before the Government kitchen was started.

20. I have already brought to notice the contributions received from the elder proprietrix of Tekkali and the zemindar of Tarla, and must thank all others who have with their money or time assisted towards the relief of distress in the Sub-division.

Order—dated 11th November 1889, No. 903, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Orders will be passed as to the disposal of the unclaimed orphans that may ultimately be left on the hands of Government on receipt of the report promised by the Collector in paragraph 6 of his special report for the week ending 12th October; meanwhile the question whether any are to be handed over to the Suradá Mission should be held in abeyance.

2. The Collector is authorized to keep relief works open till the end of the current month wherever he considers it necessary to do so; but wherever he thinks they may be safely closed as such he may close them at once. The Local Boards may carry on as ordinary Local Fund works such of them as they think worth completing and can provide funds for. It is doubtful whether in the present embarrassed state of the Local Funds a special loan is admissible under the rules, and this question can only be dealt with on a special application from the Board and with reference to their resources, actual income, expenditure, &c. The Collector will be informed accordingly by wire.

3. The Collector's proposal to sell the cloths manufactured in the Sub-division locally is sanctioned; the cloths manufactured in the Goomsur and Berhampore divisions will be kept stored for the present. The Collectors of Kistna and Godávari will be requested to report whether there is any demand for these cloths in their districts.

4. In view of the circumstances brought to notice in paragraph 8 of the report, the Government is pleased to sanction, as a special case, a local allowance of Rs. 55 per mensem to Mr. Quinless during the period he was on famine duty. The establishments referred to in paragraph 16 are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
„ the Judicial Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Collectors of Ganjam, Godávari and Kistna.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
„ the „ (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
„ the „ (Separate Revenue).
„ the Surgeon-General.
„ the Editors' Table.

No. 903-A.

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

APPENDIX.

Telegram to the Collector of Ganjam, dated 8th November 1889.

"Your report for week ending 19th October. You may close road works in Sub-division and Goomsur and Berhampore at once if you think it can be safely done: but where you consider them still necessary as relief works may keep them open till end of November. Loan to Local Boards can be dealt with only on a special application from them and in accordance with rules regulating loans to Local authorities."

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Passing orders on the reports of the Collector and his Assistants on the — for week ending 19th October 1889.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chatrapur, 24th October 1889, No. 8362:—

I have the honor to submit the reports of Messrs. Foster, Horne, Carr, A. Suryanarayana and D. Venkata Sastri for the week ending with the 19th and that of Mr. Wedderburn for the week ending with the 12th October.

2. I am glad to report the stoppage of gratuitous relief circles throughout the district on the 19th. A few selected cases will continue to receive money doles through the Revenue authorities and a few kitchens will be maintained for the reception of the worst cases and orphans pending final orders as to their disposal. As I anticipated, the latter are being taken away gradually by relatives and their caste people, and I expect that there will ultimately be very few for whom provision is necessary. The Roman Catholic Mission at Suradá offer to take ten or twelve and I request sanction for making over twelve of the famine orphans to their charge.

3. Mr. Wedderburn urges the advisability of continuing to completion the Tekkali-Anantagiri road which was commenced as a relief work. This, the Battili and Palasa roads and the Boppayapuram gedda work are all under progress, but are, I consider, no longer necessary as relief works, seeing that the average prices in the sub-division are now $12\frac{1}{2}$ seers the rupee for rice and $35\frac{1}{2}$ for ragi. I fully agree with him as to the advisability of continuing all these works though no longer required as famine relief works. I have in a previous report asked for the orders of Government on this matter and pending receipt thereof am continuing all relief works, excepting drinking-water tanks which have been commenced and are in progress. I have, however, directed that no new work is to be commenced, and that, with regard to tanks, only so much as is required to secure work already done is to be gone on with.

4. The principal roads now under construction as famine relief works are—

(1) Battili.
(2) Tekkali-Anantagiri.
(3) Ichápur-Jarada.
(4) Berhampore-Govindapur *viâ* Digupudi and Pudamari.
(5) Kallikót-Boirani.

To leave these works in their present condition would simply mean throwing away the money that has been already expended upon them, whilst to carry them on to completion would entail a large expenditure. It is the same in regard to minor village roads now in progress of construction as relief works.

5. I would respectfully recommend that all works in the sub-division be closed as relief works at once and that works in the Goomsur and Berhampore divisions be closed as relief works from the 20th proximo and that the Local Fund Board be furnished with funds to go on with such works as they may decide to continue to completion; that in short the Local Fund Board be granted a loan sufficient for this purpose.

6. In a separate communication Mr. Wedderburn asks for sanction to dispose of the cloths received from weavers in his division; the quantity is not great and there will be no difficulty in disposing of them locally and I accordingly recommend their immediate sale. I await orders of Government in regard to the disposal of the cloths in the Goomsur and Berhampore divisions, amounting in value to over 50,000 rupees.

7. I do not consider it necessary to review in detail the reports of the different officers. They have, as previously instructed, closed the remaining relief circles from the 19th current and are closing nearly all kitchens.

8. Under the Accountant-General's orders uncovenanted officers employed on famine duty are allowed the pay of their substantive appointments. Mr. Quinless drew as Police Inspector, Jeypur, Rs. 15 *horse allowance* and Rs. 40 residential allowance, and, instead of getting any extra pay for the onerous duty on which he is now engaged, is thus mulcted Rs. 55 per mensem—a considerable sum to him. I trust Government will be able to rectify this.

9. Mr. Marshall, who was in charge of the Ichápur taluk as famine relief officer, leaves for Vizagapatam by next steamer and the other famine officers, excepting Messrs. McMurray and Lever, regarding whom I have already addressed Government, can be relieved at the end of the month. I am dispensing with the special magistrates of Goomsur and Berhampore from the same date. I have also requested the Superintendent of Police to dismiss the Goomsur paiks, who were called in to undertake police duties.

10. Prices continue to fall. I give hereunder the usual comparative statement.

		Rice.	Ragi.	Cholum.	Cumbu.
19th } 12th {	October 1889	11·78	31·46	16·63	84·5
22nd	do. 1887	11·66	30·41	16·83	33·60
	... ...	17·81	33·37	25·1	34·19

Rice and cholum are still dear, whilst ragi and cumbu have reached their normal prices.

11. The following are the imports registered during the week :—

		CWTS.
By sea		
From { Orissa		256
{ the Central Provinces		4,599
		3,756
	Total ...	8,611

12. The numbers employed upon works are as follows :—

Rushikulya	3,378
Gopálpur canal	449
Tekkali-Anantagiri	Not reported.
Battili	286
Palasa	84
Kallikót-Boirani	Not reported.
Berhampore-Digupudi	79
Digupudi-Govindapur	606
Bhabanda-Pattupur	189
Ichápur-Jarada	Not reported.
Aska-Korcholi	110
Boppayapuram gedda	15
Drinking-water tanks	890
Minor irrigation works	371
Other works	3,674
Total ...	10,131

Owing to incessant rain during the week, work on the Gopálpur canal has been almost at a stand still.

13. There has been a satisfactory fall in numbers on gratuitous relief, which are as follows :—

Gratuitous relief.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Money doles	2,170	3,724	8,646	14,540
Fed in kitchens	416	775	3,544	4,735
Total ...				19,275

Next week this item will virtually disappear; a comparatively few very bad cases will however continue to receive money doles. The only kitchens that will remain are three in Mr. Carr's division, two in Mr. Horne's and one in Mr. Foster's. Mr. Foster proposes closing all kitchens, but I have directed him to keep the Berhampore kitchen open a little longer for the reception of all very bad cases and orphans.

14. During the week I have been at head-quarters; rain has fallen constantly and fears are entertained that we are getting too much of a good thing. Tanks are filled to the brim and many have breached. Ten days' fine weather is much needed.

15. Repairs to the three tanks at Chatrapur have been completed and the Konamana road and a small road in the town are progressing rapidly notwithstanding the rain.

16. I append two supplemental statements of establishment entertained for famine work, one on account of medical officers and the other on account of weavers, and request the sanction of Government for the same.

ENCLOSURES.

From H. W. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Senior Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Berhampore, 23rd October 1889, No. 785.

I have the honor to forward the usual weekly statement showing the number of persons on gratuitous relief and the number of coolies on relief works in the division. Only seven kitchens remain open and I propose to close all of these at the end of the week.

Kitchens.	Number fed.
Ganjam	71
Purushottapur	* 80
Injili	† 93
Gopálpur	108
Berhampore	45
Digupudi	79
Ichápur	76
Total ...	552

* Since closed. † Closed during the week.

Works.	Number of coolies.
Purushottapur road	175
Pratapur ,, ...	154
Bhabanda ,, ...	...
Konchuru ,, ...	132
Lati ,, ...	303
Gopálpur ,, ...	113
Konisi ,, ...	429
Tanganapalli ,, ...	218
Luchapada ,, ...	350
Jarada ,, ...	1,200
Total ...	3,074

From W. O. HORNE, Esq., Acting Special Assistant Agent, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Russellkonda, 22nd October 1889, No. 1027.

I have the honor to forward my report for the week ending the 19th instant.

2. Operations of relief are being rapidly closed in this division and there is now really no distress, except in a few individual cases, which could, I have no doubt, be found at any time if the same attention was paid to looking for them.

3. All the remaining circles closed on the 19th, the numbers on relief for that week being very small. There is again delay on the part of the Suradá Deputy Tahsildar in sending in the figures for the week, so that I regret I am unable to append them to this report. Those for Goomsur and Aska are submitted.

Money relief is being distributed now by the ordinary Revenue officials to a few cases of emaciation and destitution which remain.

4. The final inspection of all the circles is not yet completed as it is a longer operation than the ordinary weekly inspection, the fullest information as to deaths and desertions having to be obtained from the beginning, as these were undoubtedly inaccurate in the ordinary weekly returns, especially in the earlier stage of operations when attention had to be devoted more to the immediate relief of distress than to the collection of figures for future statistics. However since August last I and the famine officers under me have been continually insisting on the proper record of deaths, both current and in arrears, so that that matter has latterly been fairly accurately attended to. I shall, I hope, within a week submit a statement for all circles giving this information.

5. Buguda and Ballipadra kitchens were closed on the 19th, a few cases of sickness and 3 destitute orphans being sent thence to Aska kitchen for food and treatment.

Mojjogodo, Kullada and Gangupur were closed on the same date and similar cases sent from those places to Russellkonda. I am now collecting information as to the numbers relieved, died, &c., in all those kitchens and will shortly supply the information.

6. Russellkonda, Suradá and Aska kitchens remain open.

Suradá will be closed on the 26th, the sick and destitute and helpless orphans being sent to Russellkonda. Russellkonda and Aska may, I consider, be closed on the 31st. On that point I request orders.

As the committee of the Famine Fund propose to maintain at Russellkonda and Aska such cases as may require relief after closing the kitchens I am writing separately on the subject of a grant from the fund for that purpose.

7. I shall very shortly supply information as to the cases of helpless orphan children, whom no one is willing to adopt. I am collecting this and find that in most cases some one is willing to take them.

Father Decarre of the Suradá mission informs me that he would receive 10 or a dozen and I do not think there will be more than that number for whom no protection can be found.

8. I am slowly getting weavers' advances recovered, but it is difficult and there is very little hold over them. The heavy rain too has interfered with their work.

9. I have completed the accounting for expenditure up to the end of September.

10. The rain has been heavy during the week and no more is now wanted. A splendid crop of paddy is ripening. Early paddy is cut and being cut. The country has all but returned to its normal condition, the only hardship now being that rice is a few seers dearer than ordinary, but as ragi is cheaper than usual this does not affect the poorest classes.

11. From the Maliahs such accounts as I have are very favorable and a year of unusual prosperity is confidently anticipated.

12. I request early sanction to sell by auction the disused kitchen houses. They will fetch a little for timber and bamboo.

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Statement showing percentage of relief persons to population in each circle during the week 19th October 1889.

Name of Circle.	Population.	Number on relief.	Percentage.
1. Russellkonda	15,407	442	2·83
2. Bodokodanda	9,039	444	* 4·91
3. Bellugunta	19,893	54	·27
4. Buguda...	14,159	197	1·38
5. Jagannadhaprasad	12,163	214	1·75
6. Kullada	12,139	306	* 2·52
7. Korcholi	5,536	417	* 7·53
8. Aska	24,122	3	·001
Kitchens.			
1. Russellkonda			331
2. Kullada †			111
3. Mojjogodo †			95
4. Gangupur †			69
5. Buguda †			147
6. Aska			129
Relief works.			
Goomsur taluk			1,224
Aska do.			670

* Last week's figure. † Closed.

From the same officer, dated Russellkonda, 23rd October 1889, No. 1041.

In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, No. 1027, I have the honor to submit the following information regarding relief in Suradá during last week :—

Circle.	Population.	Number relieved.	Percentage.
Payalpada	16,892	80	·47
Ballipadra	13,396	159	1·18
Vishnuchakram	8,726	146	1·67
		Attendance.	
Kitchens.			
Suradá		227	
Ballipadra		105	(closed).
Relief works.			
Suradá taluk		687	

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From R. C. C. Carr, Esq., Additional Special Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Pattupur, 20th October 1889, No. 824.

I have the honor to submit my special report for the week ending with October, 19th.

2. I spent part of the week at Sérgadá and the remainder at Pattupur.

3. The three Chinna Kimedi circles and that of Sérgadá were closed on the 19th instant. The Mondimorayi, Ballisira, Sérgadá, Nuvagada, Bismagiri and Kunkurada kitchens were shut on the same date. No circle, therefore, remains open in my division and only three kitchens, viz., those at Pattupur, Pudamari and Pakkidi. In the return attached to this report all the various circles, with the exception of Bodogodo, are shown, as during the past week relief either in money or in cooked food was given in them to a limited number of special cases. In Dhárákót the money doles were distributed by the manager through the agency of his revenue inspectors. The figure for the Ballisira circle for this form of relief has not been reported, but from my inspection of several villages in that locality I feel certain that 20 is a limit number and enter it accordingly.

4. A very large proportion of those remaining on the lists after successive inspections were old persons and beggars, who have now been paid one week's batta and struck off. The children have, as a rule, picked up wonderfully, and very bad cases of emaciation are rarely met with, possibly this may also be due to the fact that many of the worst cases have died.

5. The Dhárákót figures for money doles show the special cases selected by the inspectors and passed for relief by the manager or myself. In Chinna Kimedi and Sérgadá this inspection has not been as yet completed. In the latter estate, however, out of twelve villages inspected by me during the week, having a total population of nearly 5,000, only 27 persons were retained. The Sérgadá inspector has just sent in a report showing only 30 persons on relief, so he has apparently only added three to the number selected by me.

6. Mr. Quinless has been employed on similar work in the Pattupur and Pudamari circles ; he has also cleared the various kitchens of all children in fair condition, who had parents able to support them. At Nuvagada this process has resulted in a reduction of the figure from 119 to 21, and I have directed him to close this kitchen on the 19th, and to send any bad cases into Pattupur. Mr. Quinless recommended that the Pudamari kitchen, which he had reduced to 38, should also be closed on the same date, but I am inclined to think that he has been somewhat too severe in his reductions there, and as the kitchens on both sides of Pudamari are being closed, it would be better to continue to distribute cooked food there for another week. I am going in that direction on the 21st to see how matters stand.

7. The final inspection of the Bodogodo circle has been completed, and, as predicted last week, a complete clearance has been found possible. I give below the figures showing the extent to which money relief has been granted in this circle, the number of deaths and desertions, and the number struck off from other causes ; the kitchen figures are also shown. A similar return is being prepared for all circles and kitchens.

Total number who have received money doles from the beginning of distress	1,354
Percentage of above on population	11·22
Number of deaths	50
Number of desertions	22
Struck off from other causes	1,282
Balance remaining on October, 12th	*Nil.*
Total number of names entered in kitchen register	241
Number fed on October 12th	89
Number sent to work	71
Number of deaths	...
Number gone away of their own accord	81

A large number of those fed in the kitchen were in receipt of money doles before cooked food was given, so it is not possible to amalgamate the figures with any accuracy.

8. The total number in receipt of money doles in the division is 477 and of cooked food 757, the total figure for gratuitous relief is thus 1,234 and the percentage on the population 1·39 as against 2,920 and 2·90 in the previous week. From this it will be seen that money relief has been practically abolished. The remaining kitchens may be safely closed at the end of the coming week and State relief brought to an end in the division.

9. Under your orders all tank works have now been stopped, and, excluding the Digupudi road, the only works still in progress are those at Pattupur and Kunkurada. The coolies at Sérgadá strongly protested against the cessation of their employment, but as field labor is largely procurable and as the Rushikulya canal is close by, they have no great cause for complaint.

10. Heavy rain has again fallen and there is every promise of more. The subjoined table shows the rainfall registered in the last four years at Pattupur. This shows that, while the south-west monsoon of the present year was heavier than that of the three previous years, the north-east monsoon of 1889 also seems likely to exceed its predecessors.

Months.	Rainfall.			
	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
From January up to April	2·40	4·50	1·97	2·5
May	5·35	2·30	0·5	5·10
June	6·97	7·19	3·47	7·45
July	5·20	10·2	2·43	11·44
August	9·80	9·36	8·40	7·14
September	12·85	5·8	5·80	7·31
October	16·0	8·94	1·28	* 14·75
Total ..	58·57	47·39	23·40	54·24

* Up to the 18th for 1889.

11. The price of ragi at Pattupur has fallen considerably and is now 36 seers to the rupee. Rice has remained stationary. From Mondimorayi no change is reported.

The annexed statement shows the state of the various markets:—

Stations.		Last week.		This week.	
		Rice.	Ragi.	Rice.	Ragi.
Chinna Kimedi	Pattupur	12	27	12	36
	Bismagiri	11·25	24	12	33
	Pudamari	11·25	24	12	39
	Kunkurada	11·25	24	11·25	30
Dhárákót ...	Mondimorayi ...	11·9	28·5	11·72	28·36

12. The usual statements are attached.

No. I.—Numbers on gratuitous relief.

Name of circle.	Population.	Number on relief including kitchens for the week ending with October, 12th.	Percentage.	Number on relief including kitchens for the week ending with October, 19th.	Percentage.	Number in column 5 receiving cooked food.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Pattupur	13,452	324	2·4	121	·89	78
2. Pudamari	14,525	816	5·61	383	2·63	188
3. Pratapagiri	10,466	402	3·84	241	2·31	79
4. Sérgadá	12,056	660	5·47	71	·58	41
5. Dowgam	9,726	349	3·58	174	1·78	165
6. Dhárákót	13,045	208	1·59	98	·75	80
7. Ballisira	15,015	161	1·07	146	·97	126
Total ..	88,285	2,920	2·90	1,234	1·39	757

No. II.—Numbers fed in various kitchens.

Kitchen name.	Circle in which situated.	Date of opening.	Attendance on October, 11th.	Attendance on October, 18th.
1. Pattupur	Pattupur	11th June 1889	97	78
2. Pudamari	Pudamari	29th ,, ,, ...	150	38
3. Nuvagada	Do.	11th ,, ,, ...	119	21
4. Bismagiri	Do.	29th August 1889 ..	160	129
5. Kunkurada	Pratapagiri	25th July ,, ..	97	79
6. Sérgadá	Sérgadá	25th ,, ,, ..	40	41
7. Pakkidi	Dowgam	13th September 1889 ..	153	165
8. Mondimorayi	Dhárákót	6th July ,, ..	94	80
9. Ballisira	Ballisira	17th August ,, ..	113	126
		Total ..	1,023	757

No. III.—Numbers on the drinking-water tanks and wells and on the minor irrigation works.

Taluks.	On the drinking-water tanks and wells.		On the minor irrigation works.	
	Last week.	This week.	Last week.	This week.
Chinna Kimedi	203	237	200	200
Dhárákót	200	109	57	45
Sérgadá	615	50	..	..
Total ..	1,018	396	257	245

From M.R.Ry. A. SURYANARAYANA NAIDU Garu, General Deputy Collector of Goomsur, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Russellkonda, 20th October 1889, No. 951.

I have the honor to submit my special report for the week ending with 19th October 1889.

2. During the week the rainfall registered was 3 inches and 95 cents at Russellkonda, 4 inches and 56 cents at Suradá, and 3 inches and 55 cents at Aska. There were also heavy rains throughout the division.

3. All kinds of crops are in good condition, and the ryots expect a good harvest of paddy crop this year, the season being very favorable.

4. In some parts of the Goomsur taluk cattle are suffering from small-pox, the deaths reported from this cause during the week being 45.

5. The state of the country having considerably improved by the favorable character of the season and the condition of the people being much better with the good harvest of ragi crop; relief operations in this division were closed from the 19th instant.

6. However, I give below the numbers relieved during the week ending with 19th October as reported by the taluk officers, for your information.

7. The numbers receiving money doles in Goomsur during the week were 2,423 or 2·5 per cent. of the population, the numbers in Suradá were 1,353 or 3·2 per cent., and the figures in Aska were only 383 or 1·5 per cent.

8. The following statement compares the figures for the last three weeks :—

Taluks.	On the last day of the week ending with 5th Oct. 1889.	On the last day of the week ending with 12th Oct. 1889.	On the last day of the week ending with 19th Oct. 1889.
Goomsur	5,500	4,074	2,423
Suradá	3,361	1,721	1,353
Aska	989	482	383
Total ...	9,850	6,277	4,159

9. The following statement shows the number of persons to whom money doles were paid during the week in each circle :—

Circle.	Population.	Number on relief.				Percentage to population.	Remarks.
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.		
In the Goomsur Tahsildar's range.							
1. Russellkonda	11,777	48	114	280	442	3·7	
2. Bodokodanda	9,041	156	201	436	793	8·7	
3. Buguda	20,738	28	38	131	197	0·9	
4. Jagannadhaprasad	12,991	40	101	73	214	1·6	
5. Kullada	14,680	50	56	200	306	2·08	
6. Bellugunta	20,273	2	20	32	54	0·2	
7. Korcholi	5,536	92	99	226	417	7·5	
Total ..	95,036	416	629	1,378	2,423	2·5	
In the Suradá Deputy Tahsildar's range.							
8. Ballipadra	14,613	148	236	392	776	5·3	
9. Vishnuchakram	10,409	42	68	108	218	2·09	
10. Payalpada	16,892	44	91	224	359	2·1	
Total ..	41,914	234	395	724	1,353	3·2	
11. Aska	24,122	58	125	200	383	1·5	
Grand total ..	161,072	708	1,149	2,302	4,159	2·5	

10. The circles of Mojjogodo, Gulleri, and Kukuluba in Goomsur and those of Asurubontho and Pandakholl in Suradá range were abolished from the 5th October, the Suradá and Bodoborsingi circles were closed from the 12th and all the other circles from the 19th instant, money doles in the latter circles having been paid up to that date as shown in the above statement.

11. The following statement shows the numbers fed in kitchens :—

Kitchens.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1. Russellkonda	30	70	230	330
2. Kullada	17	30	64	111
3. Buguda	16	31	100	147
4. Gangupur	10	15	44	69
5. Mojjogodo	8	32	55	95
6. Ballipadra	10	26	69	105
7. Suradá	10	25	170	205
8. Aska	9	15	102	126
Total ...	110	244	834	1,188

12. The Bellugunta kitchen was closed from the 12th and those at Kullada, Mojjogodo, Buguda, Ballipadra and Gangupur from the 19th instant. The kitchens at Russellkonda, Suradá and Aska are still kept.

13. The following statement shows the numbers employed on relief works :—

Taluk.	On drinking-water tanks.	On minor irrigation works.	On other works.	Total.	Number of weakly persons.
Goomsur	655	278	291	1,224	1,224
Suradá	445	170	...	615	440
Aska	670	...	...	670	510
Total ...	1,770	448	291	2,509	2,174

14. The construction and repairs of tanks were stopped in Goomsur taluk. Only Bodokodanda and Kullada village roads are now in progress. Rushikulya project works are going on as usual.

15. Fever is generally prevalent in the division, while small-pox still exists here and there.

16. The prices of food-grains are as follows :—

Station.	Rice. This week.	Rice. Last week.	Ragi. This week.	Ragi. Last week.
Russellkonda	11	11	35	34
Suradá	11½	11	36	33
Aska	10	10	28	25

17. The price of ragi has fallen at all the above stations and that of rice at Suradá has also slightly fallen, while it is stationary at Russellkonda and Aska.

Paddy is imported from Nyaghar, Baupore and Berhampore taluks for consumption, while ragi is procurable in the division in sufficient quantity.

18. As I am engaged with the jamabandi of Goomsur taluk, I have not inspected any villages during the week.

From M.R.Ry. D. VENKATA SASTRI Garu, General Deputy Collector, Chatrapur Division, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Purushottapur, 20th October 1889, No. 1,466.

I have the honor to submit my report on the Atagadá and Kallikót estates for the week ending 19th October 1889.

2. *Rainfall.*—The total rainfall at Kallikót during the week was 5·3 inches.

The five revenue inspectors' reports show the same quantity of rain in their mutahs on 16th, 17th and 18th instant. I spent five days in the Palasara mutah during the week. To give a clear idea of the rainfall this week, I beg to state that on the 18th I had to pass a distance of 15 miles from Palasara to Boirani through one sheet of water under torrents of rain across two impassable streams. Out of deference for my position, ryots joined together and managed at great risk to themselves and myself to carry me to the other side of the streams. But for fear of a terrible wigging from you for the unpunctual submission of the report which I cannot avoid if I remained at Palasara, I would not have ventured to set out for Boirani.

Ryots are a little afraid that excessive rainfall will result in the partial failure of paddy crop. As yet no perceptible loss has occurred. The manager reports that several tanks have breached. I myself saw a breach of about 30 feet long at Jakkara caused by the river Donnai near a big sluice.

3. *Agricultural operations.*—The wonderful growth of paddy crop presents a delightful aspect. In some fields in the Palasara and Boirani mutahs a person 5 feet high can safely hide himself from being seen by the passers-by. I jumped out of my palanquin into a field on my return to Boirani and to my surprise the crop came up to my breast. Its growth is so charming as if it is expressing the sympathy of the Providence for the faminished creatures of these mutahs.

Bodomandia is being reaped in most places. Light paddy is ready for the sickle. Grasshoppers still trouble some villages in the Kulladi mutah of the Atagadá taluk though not to a great extent.

4. *Prices.*—

Station.	Past Week. Boiled rice. 1st sort.	Past Week. Boiled rice. 2nd sort.	Past Week. Raw rice. 1st sort.	Past Week. Raw rice. 2nd sort.	Past Week. Ragi.	Present Week. Boiled rice. 1st sort.	Present Week. Boiled rice. 2nd sort.	Present Week. Raw rice. 1st sort.	Present Week. Raw rice. 2nd sort.	Present Week. Ragi.
Kallikót ..	12	14	11	12	21 old / 30 new	12	14	11	12	33 new
Boirani ..	11½	12½	9¾	11½	21 old / 30 new	11½	12½	10⅓	11½	23⅓ old / 33½ new
Palasara ..	12	13	10	11½	30 new	12	13	10	11	35 new
Pasi ..	11½	12 5/16	10⅞	11¼	25 old / 26⅞ new	11¾	12 5/16	10⅞	11¼	25 old / 40 new

The price of ragi has fallen at all the stations. The rest are nearly stationary. Nowhere famine signs are now visible.

5. *Gratuitous relief.*—

(*a*) *Kallikót taluk.*

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Balance as per last week	180	321	1,047	1,548
Deductions	65	160	395	620
Balance ...	115	161	652	928
Additions ...	3	3	4	10
Total ...	118	164	656	938

(*b*) *Atagadá taluk.*

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Balance as per last week	365	639	1,899	2,903
Deductions	17	38	111	166
Balance ...	348	601	1,788	2,737
Additions ...	1	4	11	16
Total ...	349	605	1,799	2,753

6. The aggregate number remaining at the end of the week—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
In Kallikót taluk	118	164	656	938
„ Atagadá „	349	605	1,799	2,753
Total ...	467	769	2,455	3,691

showing a decrease of 610 in the former and 150 in the latter, amounting to 760 in both.

7. State relief is no longer necessary in my taluks, really emaciated paupers being very few. At all times professional beggars exist and time has come for them to live back on private charity. I have instructed the manager to discontinue all gratuitous relief except in the case of those on whom famine marks are visible.

8. *Boirani kitchen.*—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Balance as per last week	6	14	102	122
Deductions	1	...	3	4
Balance ...	5	14	99	118

Last week I discharged 68 persons above 7 years of age from the kitchen, of whom 53 are children. Not one of them has come back to the kitchen praying for relief. This is a healthy sign of the season. I have instructed the manager to close the kitchen from the 19th. The 118 still on relief are as healthy and strong as children in a rich family. I do not see the slightest necessity for the retention of the kitchen any longer.

9. *Weavers.*—Cloths to the value of Rs. 77-14-0 have been delivered by the weavers of Vitramapur. Rs. 86 were advanced to them at the beginning. They have therefore still to pay Rs. 8-2-0. Palasara weavers have all returned their advances with the exception of a single weaver who owes us Rs. 4-8-0 which he said he would pay in a week.

Boirani weavers still owe us Rs. 108-9-9 towards the advance made to them.

During the week, I submitted bills to the Treasury Deputy Collector to the extent of Rs. 25 thousand odd gratuitous relief and thousand odd weaver advances drawn by me up to the end of September. I have to adjust only the sums that will be drawn in this month.

10. No coolies were on relief works during the week except 8 on drinking-water tanks in the Boridakhandi mutah.

11. No reports of cholera or small-pox have been received.

PERCENTAGE return for the week ending 19th October 1889.

Number.	Names of circles.	Population.	Number on relief.	Percentage.	Remarks.
	Atagadá taluk.				
1	Boirani	20,473	221	1·07	No gratuitous relief was given in this circle during the week.
2	Kolladi	24,524	569	2·32	No gratuitous relief was given in this circle during the week.
3	Atagadá	22,140	1,094	4·94	As per return for the week ending 12th October 1889. Will be closed from the 19th October.
4	Palasara	18,477	16	..	As per return for the week ending 19th October. Will be closed from the 19th October.
5	Pandripada	3,004	41	..	Closed in this week.
	Total ..	..	1,941	..	
	Kallikót taluk.				
1	Kallikót	21,836	127	·58	Already closed.
2	Bengunaupada	17,925	80	·44	Will be closed from the 19th October 1889.
3	Mundula	14,930	731	4·87	As per return for the week ending 12th October 1889. Will be closed from the 19th October.
	Total ..	..	938	..	
	Grand Total ..	..	2,879	..	

	Kitchen.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1.	Boirani	5	14	99	118

Coolies— NO.

1. Minor irrigation works ... ...
2. Drinking-water tanks and wells 8
3. Other works ... ...

Total ... 8

From M.R.Ry. D. VENKATA SASTRI Garu, General Deputy Collector, Chatrapur Division, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Purushottapur, 20th October 1889, No. 1467.

In continuation of my season report for the week ending 19th last, I have the honor to submit this supplemental report as the returns from Palasara and Pandripada Circle Inspectors have been received by me after closing the above report.

Under head gratuitous relief in Atagadá taluk the following figures were shown as the number remaining at the end of this week :—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
	349	605	1,799	2,753
Deductions	103	195	514	812
Balance ...	246	410	1,285	1,941

which is the number remaining on the last day of this week.

From F. E. K. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Chicacole, 16th October 1889, No. 186-F.

I have the honor to submit with much pleasure my last weekly report for the week ending 12th October 1889.

2. I visited the Tekkali kitchen on 10th and found 64 inmates, the greater number of these were old mamul beggars, but there were 10 persons mostly children who were not sufficiently recovered to be turned adrift. I accordingly placed a sufficient sum of money from private subscription fund in the hands of the Apothecary at Tekkali, and he has agreed to look after this remnant at the dispensary. The shed adjoining the dispensary which for some time served

as the relief kitchen, is available for their use. I thought this course better than sending them all the way to Kimedi where after all there is not much more accommodation for them. The kitchen was closed on 12th and the materials will be sold by auction. Doles were also discontinued on the same day. Two of the dole recipients will be taken care of by the Apothecary.

3. All gratuitous relief from Government source has now ceased in my Sub-division.

4. The prospects are all that can be desired. The north-east monsoon has broken early; black paddy is now in ear, and the rice crop promises to be abundant. The ragi harvest is over and has yielded a very fair if not a full crop.

Ragi selling at 36 seers per rupee.

5. The Anantagiri road still employs a large number of coolies; earthwork is approaching completion, and metalling is progressing. From the extract from your district report to Government at the close of last month, I see that you urged upon Government the desirability of completing this work. I can only add that should Government be unable to provide funds for its completion from famine grants, it would be better that the road should be finished now and the remaining expenditure debited to the District Board as a loan than that the work should be abandoned and left incomplete. The Taluk Board will certainly not be in a position for a long time to come to provide sufficient funds for bridging the road, and until the road is bridged, it cannot be used and will only deteriorate rapidly. As a relief work, it is undoubtedly of the greatest benefit to the coolies in the Tekkali estate and if not now absolutely necessary to avert starvation, it is helping to improve the condition of a large number of very destitute persons.

Number 639 on 12th.

6. The earthwork and gravelling on the Palasa road is almost completed and consequently few coolies are now employed on it; the culverts are being built; the whole sum allotted to this work will soon be spent.

On 12th, 157.

7. It may be convenient at this period to summarise a few facts relating to the distribution of gratuitous relief in the Sub-division, reserving remarks and criticisms for another occasion.

8. The distribution of cooked food commenced at Tekkali in May, but the numbers fed were only 26 on the 8th June. From that date the number rapidly increased till 21st June when 500 were admitted at the Tekkali kitchen. I then began to establish kitchens at other places in the Tekkali division and by the end of June food was being distributed at 10 kitchens in this division.

9. During the first week in July relief was extended to the Parlákimedi estate and Chicacole division and from middle of July to the middle of August 23 kitchens in all continued open. From the middle of August I began closing kitchens and by the end of that month relief in Parlákimedi estate and Chicacole division ceased. During September, I was able gradually to close the kitchens in Tekkali division and by the end of September the kitchen at Tekkali only remained. This has now been closed on the 12th October and with it gratuitous relief in the Sub-division has ended.

10. The highest number reached was in the week ending 3rd August, when the returns gave 6,306 as relieved, but from 20th July to 10th August, or for about 3 weeks, the number remained steadily above 6,000 and varied but little.

11. The largest number relieved on one day does not of course represent the total number of persons relieved during the 4 months, since new cases were being constantly admitted and old cases discharged during the whole period.

12. Taking as a unit one person fed or receiving dole on one day, I find roughly that 3 lakhs 36 thousand units were fed at a cost of Rs. 25,000 which sum includes food, cost of kitchen sheds, cooking establishment and sundries. This gives an average of 1 anna 2 pies per head.

13. Considering that two-thirds of those relieved were children, I shall not be far wrong in distributing the cost at 10 pies per child and Rs. 0-1-10 per adult. In my original estimate in July, I put it at Rs. 0-1-9 per adult and 11 pies per child.

14. The number of deaths that occurred at the kitchens is 177. From my observation, I should say that about one-sixth of those admitted were in an advanced state of emaciation and that five out of six persons admitted in an advanced stage of emaciation recovered.

15. I do not think I can find a better place than this for acknowledging the assistance I have received in carrying out these relief operations during the last 4 months. The burden of the work has fallen upon the Deputy Tahsildar, Tekkali, Mr. Ranganadham Puntulu, and I have much pleasure in recording that he has not only done his work with energy but has shown great tact in dealing with the prejudices of the people and resource in overcoming the difficulties that have frequently arisen.

16. My other subordinates, the Parlákimedi Manager, Chicacole Tahsildar, Narsannapet Deputy Tahsildar and others have done their work to my satisfaction.

17. I must thank Mr. Perimbam, Apothecary at Tekkali, who organized and took charge of the kitchen at Tekkali during the first and most trying part of the distress. I have also to thank Mr. Henderson, Apothecary at Chicacole and Municipal Chairman, for having managed the kitchen at Chicacole, and Mr. Gibson, Taluk Board member, for looking after the kitchen at Calingapatam.

18. Mr. Venkateswaracharyer, Chairman of the Tekkali Union, kindly undertook the distribution of doles at Tekkali and Mr. Narasimharao Puntulu, Salt Assistant Inspector, supervised the kitchen at Naupada.

19. My thanks are also due to those members of the Unions of Tekkali, Narsannapet and Calingapatam who assisted in supervising the kitchens at these places and to the Relief Committee at Chicacole who undertook distribution of doles in that town. Of this committee, the most prominent member was Mr. Sambiah Shastri who, for three months, kept a kitchen open at Chicacole at his own expense with the help of subscriptions, before the Government kitchen was started.

20. I have already brought to notice the contributions received from the elder proprietrix of Tekkali and the zemindar of Tarla, and must thank all others who have with their money or time assisted towards the relief of distress in the Sub-division.

ORDER—dated 11th November 1889, No. 903, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Orders will be passed as to the disposal of the unclaimed orphans that may ultimately be left on the hands of Government on receipt of the report promised by the Collector in paragraph 6 of his special report for the week ending 12th October; meanwhile the question whether any are to be handed over to the Suradá Mission should be held in abeyance.

2. The Collector is authorized to keep relief works open till the end of the current month wherever he considers it necessary to do so; but wherever he thinks they may be safely closed as such he may close them at once. The Local Boards may carry on as ordinary Local Fund works such of them as they think worth completing and can provide funds for. It is doubtful whether in the present embarrassed state of the Local Funds a special loan is admissible under the rules, and this question can only be dealt with on a special application from the Board and with reference to their resources, actual income, expenditure, &c. The Collector will be informed accordingly by wire.

3. The Collector's proposal to sell the cloths manufactured in the Sub-division locally is sanctioned; the cloths manufactured in the Goomsur and Berhampore divisions will be kept stored for the present. The Collectors of Kistna and Godávari will be requested to report whether there is any demand for these cloths in their districts.

4. In view of the circumstances brought to notice in paragraph 8 of the report, the Government is pleased to sanction, as a special case, a local allowance of Rs. 55 per mensem to Mr. Quinless during the period he was on famine duty. The establishments referred to in paragraph 16 are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Judicial Department.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Collectors of Ganjam, Godávari and Kistna.
" the Accountant-General.
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" the " (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
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(Signed) J. GROSE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

APPENDIX.

Telegram to the Collector of Ganjam, dated 8th November 1889.

"Your report for week ending 19th October. You may close road works in Sub-division and Goomsur and Berhampore at once if you think it can be safely done: but where you consider them still necessary as relief works may keep them open till end of November. Loan to Local Boards can be dealt with only on a special application from them and in accordance with rules regulating loans to Local authorities."

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Passing orders on the reports of the Collector and his Assistants on the — for week ending 19th October 1889.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chatrapur, 24th October 1889, No. 8362 :—

I have the honor to submit the reports of Messrs. Foster, Horne, Carr, A. Suryanarayana and D. Venkata Sastri for the week ending with the 19th and that of Mr. Wedderburn for the week ending with the 12th October.

2. I am glad to report the stoppage of gratuitous relief circles throughout the district on the 19th. A few selected cases will continue to receive money doles through the Revenue authorities and a few kitchens will be maintained for the reception of the worst cases and orphans pending final orders as to their disposal. As I anticipated, the latter are being taken away gradually by relatives and their caste people, and I expect that there will ultimately be very few for whom provision is necessary. The Roman Catholic Mission at Suradá offer to take ten or twelve and I request sanction for making over twelve of the famine orphans to their charge.

3. Mr. Wedderburn urges the advisability of continuing to completion the Tekkali-Anantagiri road which was commenced as a relief work. This, the Battili and Palasa roads and the Boppayapuram gedda work are all under progress, but are, I consider, no longer necessary as relief works, seeing that the average prices in the sub-division are now $12\frac{1}{2}$ seers the rupee for rice and $35\frac{1}{2}$ for ragi. I fully agree with him as to the advisability of continuing all these works though no longer required as famine relief works. I have in a previous report asked for the orders of Government on this matter and pending receipt thereof am continuing all relief works, excepting drinking-water tanks which have been commenced and are in progress. I have, however, directed that no new work is to be commenced, and that, with regard to tanks, only so much as is required to secure work already done is to be gone on with.

4. The principal roads now under construction as famine relief works are—

(1) Battili.
(2) Tekkali-Anantagiri.
(3) Ichápur-Jarada.
(4) Berhampore-Govindapur *viâ* Digupudi and Pudamari.
(5) Kaḷikót-Boirani.

To leave these works in their present condition would simply mean throwing away the money that has been already expended upon them, whilst to carry them on to completion would entail a large expenditure. It is the same in regard to minor village roads now in progress of construction as relief works.

5. I would respectfully recommend that all works in the sub-division be closed as relief works at once and that works in the Goomsur and Berhampore divisions be closed as relief works from the 20th proximo and that the Local Fund Board be furnished with funds to go on with such works as they may decide to continue to completion ; that in short the Local Fund Board be granted a loan sufficient for this purpose.

6. In a separate communication Mr. Wedderburn asks for sanction to dispose of the cloths received from weavers in his division ; the quantity is not great and there will be no difficulty in disposing of them locally and I accordingly recommend their immediate sale. I await orders of Government in regard to the disposal of the cloths in the Goomsur and Berhampore divisions, amounting in value to over 50,000 rupees.

7. I do not consider it necessary to review in detail the reports of the different officers. They have, as previously instructed, closed the remaining relief circles from the 19th current and are closing nearly all kitchens.

8. Under the Accountant-General's orders uncovenanted officers employed on famine duty are allowed the pay of their substantive appointments. Mr. Quinless drew as Police Inspector, Jeypur, Rs. 15 *horse allowance* and Rs. 40 residential allowance, and, instead of getting any extra pay for the onerous duty on which he is now engaged, is thus mulcted Rs. 55 per mensem—a considerable sum to him. I trust Government will be able to rectify this.

9. Mr. Marshall, who was in charge of the Ichápur taluk as famine relief officer, leaves for Vizagapatam by next steamer and the other famine officers, excepting Messrs. McMurray and Lever, regarding whom I have already addressed Government, can be relieved at the end of the month. I am dispensing with the special magistrates of Goomsur and Berhampore from the same date. I have also requested the Superintendent of Police to dismiss the Goomsur paiks, who were called in to undertake police duties.

10. Prices continue to fall. I give hereunder the usual comparative statement.

		Rice.	Ragi.	Cholum.	Cumbu.
19th } 12th }	October 1889	11·78	31·46	16·63	34·5
22nd	do. 1887	17·81	33·37	25·1	34·19

Rice and cholum are still dear, whilst ragi and cumbu have reached their normal prices.

11. The following are the imports registered during the week :—

		cwts.
By sea		256
From { Orissa		4,599
From { the Central Provinces		3,756
	Total ...	8,611

12. The numbers employed upon works are as follows :—

Rushikulya	3,378
Gopálpur canal	449
Tekkali-Anantagiri	Not reported.
Battili	286
Palasa	84
Kallikót-Boirani	Not reported.
Berhampore-Digupudi	79
Digupudi-Govindapur	606
Bhabanda-Pattupur	189
Ichápur-Jarada	Not reported.
Aska-Korcholi	110
Boppayapuram gedda	15
Drinking-water tanks	890
Minor irrigation works	371
Other works	3,674
Total ...	10,131

Owing to incessant rain during the week, work on the Gopálpur canal has been almost at a stand still.

13. There has been a satisfactory fall in numbers on gratuitous relief, which are as follows :—

Gratuitous relief.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Money doles	2,170	3,724	8,646	14,540
Fed in kitchens	416	775	3,544	4,735
Total ...				19,275

Next week this item will virtually disappear ; a comparatively few very bad cases will however continue to receive money doles. The only kitchens that will remain are three in Mr. Carr's division, two in Mr. Horne's and one in Mr. Foster's. Mr. Foster proposes closing all kitchens, but I have directed him to keep the Berhampore kitchen open a little longer for the reception of all very bad cases and orphans.

14. During the week I have been at head-quarters ; rain has fallen constantly and fears are entertained that we are getting too much of a good thing. Tanks are filled to the brim and many have breached. Ten days' fine weather is much needed.

15. Repairs to the three tanks at Chatrapur have been completed and the Konamana road and a small road in the town are progressing rapidly notwithstanding the rain.

16. I append two supplemental statements of establishment entertained for famine work, one on account of medical officers and the other on account of weavers, and request the sanction of Government for the same.

Enclosures.

From H. W. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Senior Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Berhampore, 23rd October 1889, No. 785.

I have the honor to forward the usual weekly statement showing the number of persons on gratuitous relief and the number of coolies on relief works in the division. Only seven kitchens remain open and I propose to close all of these at the end of the week.

Kitchens.	Number fed.
Ganjam	71
Purushottapur	* 89
Injili	† 93
Gopálpur	108
Berhampore	45
Digupudi	79
Ichápur	76
Total ...	552

* Since closed. † Closed during the week.

Works.	Number of coolies.
Purushottapur road	175
Pratapur ,, ...	154
Bhabanda ,, ...	...
Konchuru ,, ...	132
Lati ,, ...	303
Gopálpur ,, ...	113
Konisi ,, ...	429
Tanganapalli ,, ...	218
Luchapada ,, ...	350
Jarada ,, ...	1,200
Total ...	3,074

From W. O. HORNE, Esq., Acting Special Assistant Agent, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Russellkonda, 22nd October 1889, No. 1027.

I have the honor to forward my report for the week ending the 19th instant.

2. Operations of relief are being rapidly closed in this division and there is now really no distress, except in a few individual cases, which could, I have no doubt, be found at any time if the same attention was paid to looking for them.

3. All the remaining circles closed on the 19th, the numbers on relief for that week being very small. There is again delay on the part of the Suradá Deputy Tahsildar in sending in the figures for the week, so that I regret I am unable to append them to this report. Those for Goomsur and Aska are submitted.

Money relief is being distributed now by the ordinary Revenue officials to a few cases of emaciation and destitution which remain.

4. The final inspection of all the circles is not yet completed as it is a longer operation than the ordinary weekly inspection, the fullest information as to deaths and desertions having to be obtained from the beginning, as these were undoubtedly inaccurate in the ordinary weekly returns, especially in the earlier stage of operations when attention had to be devoted more to the immediate relief of distress than to the collection of figures for future statistics. However since August last I and the famine officers under me have been continually insisting on the proper record of deaths, both current and in arrears, so that that matter has latterly been fairly accurately attended to. I shall, I hope, within a week submit a statement for all circles giving this information.

5. Buguda and Ballipadra kitchens were closed on the 19th, a few cases of sickness and 3 destitute orphans being sent thence to Aska kitchen for food and treatment.

Mojjogodo, Kullada and Gangupur were closed on the same date and similar cases sent from those places to Russellkonda. I am now collecting information as to the numbers relieved, died, &c., in all those kitchens and will shortly supply the information.

6. Russellkonda, Suradá and Aska kitchens remain open.

Suradá will be closed on the 26th, the sick and destitute and helpless orphans being sent to Russellkonda. Russellkonda and Aska may, I consider, be closed on the 31st. On that point I request orders.

As the committee of the Famine Fund propose to maintain at Russellkonda and Aska such cases as may require relief after closing the kitchens I am writing separately on the subject of a grant from the fund for that purpose.

7. I shall very shortly supply information as to the cases of helpless orphan children, whom no one is willing to adopt. I am collecting this and find that in most cases some one is willing to take them.

Father Decarre of the Suradá mission informs me that he would receive 10 or a dozen and I do not think there will be more than that number for whom no protection can be found.

8. I am slowly getting weavers' advances recovered, but it is difficult and there is very little hold over them. The heavy rain too has interfered with their work.

9. I have completed the accounting for expenditure up to the end of September.

10. The rain has been heavy during the week and no more is now wanted. A splendid crop of paddy is ripening. Early paddy is cut and being cut. The country has all but returned to its normal condition, the only hardship now being that rice is a few seers dearer than ordinary, but as ragi is cheaper than usual this does not affect the poorest classes.

11. From the Maliahs such accounts as I have are very favorable and a year of unusual prosperity is confidently anticipated.

12. I request early sanction to sell by auction the disused kitchen houses. They will fetch a little for timber and bamboo.

STATEMENT showing percentage of relief persons to population in each circle during the week 19th October 1889.

Name of Circle.	Population.	Number on relief.	Percentage.
1. Russellkonda	15,407	442	2·83
2. Bodokodanda	9,039	444	*4·91
3. Bellugunta	19,893	54	·27
4. Buguda...	14,159	197	1·38
5. Jagannadhaprasad	12,163	214	1·75
6. Kullada	12,139	306	*2·52
7. Korcholi	5,536	417	*7·53
8. Aska	24,122	3	·001
Kitchens.			
1. Russellkonda			331
2. Kullada †			111
3. Mojjogodo †			95
4. Gangupur †			69
5. Buguda †			147
6. Aska			129
Relief works.			
Goomsur taluk			1,224
Aska do.			670

* Last week's figure. † Closed.

From the same officer, dated Russellkonda, 23rd October 1889, No. 1041.

In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, No. 1027, I have the honor to submit the following information regarding relief in Suradá during last week :—

Circle.	Population.	Number relieved.	Percentage.
Payalpada	16,892	80	·47
Ballipadra	13,396	159	1·18
Vishnuchakram	8,726	146	1·67
Kitchens.		Attendance.	
Suradá		227	
Ballipadra		105	(closed).
Relief works.			
Suradá taluk		687	

From R. C. C. CARR, Esq., Additional Special Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Pattupur, 20th October 1889, No. 824.

I have the honor to submit my special report for the week ending with October, 19th.

2. I spent part of the week at Sérgadá and the remainder at Pattupur.

3. The three Chiuna Kimedi circles and that of Sérgadá were closed on the 19th instant. The Mondimorayi, Ballisira, Sérgadá, Nuvagada, Bismagiri and Kunkurada kitchens were shut on the same date. No circle, therefore, remains open in my division and only three kitchens, viz., those at Pattupur, Pudamari and Pakkidi. In the return attached to this report all the various circles, with the exception of Bodogodo, are shown, as during the past week relief either in money or in cooked food was given in them to a limited number of special cases. In Dhárákót the money doles were distributed by the manager through the agency of his revenue inspectors. The figure for the Ballisira circle for this form of relief has not been reported, but from my inspection of several villages in that locality I feel certain that 20 is a limit number and enter it accordingly.

4. A very large proportion of those remaining on the lists after successive inspections were old persons and beggars, who have now been paid one week's batta and struck off. The children have, as a rule, picked up wonderfully, and very bad cases of emaciation are rarely met with, possibly this may also be due to the fact that many of the worst cases have died.

5. The Dhárákót figures for money doles show the special cases selected by the inspectors and passed for relief by the manager or myself. In Chinna Kimedi and Sérgadá this inspection has not been as yet completed. In the latter estate, however, out of twelve villages inspected by me during the week, having a total population of nearly 5,000, only 27 persons were retained. The Sérgadá inspector has just sent in a report showing only 30 persons on relief, so he has apparently only added three to the number selected by me.

6. Mr. Quinless has been employed on similar work in the Pattupur and Pudamari circles ; he has also cleared the various kitchens of all children in fair condition, who had parents able to support them. At Nuvagada this process has resulted in a reduction of the figure from 119 to 21, and I have directed him to close this kitchen on the 19th, and to send any bad cases into Pattupur. Mr. Quinless recommended that the Pudamari kitchen, which he had reduced to 38, should also be closed on the same date, but I am inclined to think that he has been somewhat too severe in his reductions there, and as the kitchens on both sides of Pudamari are being closed, it would be better to continue to distribute cooked food there for another week. I am going in that direction on the 21st to see how matters stand.

7. The final inspection of the Bodogodo circle has been completed, and, as predicted last week, a complete clearance has been found possible. I give below the figures showing the extent to which money relief has been granted in this circle, the number of deaths and desertions, and the number struck off from other causes ; the kitchen figures are also shown. A similar return is being prepared for all circles and kitchens.

Total number who have received money doles from the beginning of distress	1,354
Percentage of above on population	11·22
Number of deaths	50
Number of desertions	22
Struck off from other causes	1,282
Balance remaining on October, 12th	*Nil.*
Total number of names entered in kitchen register	241
Number fed on October 12th	89
Number sent to work	71
Number of deaths	...
Number gone away of their own accord	81

A large number of those fed in the kitchen were in receipt of money doles before cooked food was given, so it is not possible to amalgamate the figures with any accuracy.

8. The total number in receipt of money doles in the division is 477 and of cooked food 757, the total figure for gratuitous relief is thus 1,234 and the percentage on the population 1·39 as against 2,920 and 2·90 in the previous week. From this it will be seen that money relief has been practically abolished. The remaining kitchens may be safely closed at the end of the coming week and State relief brought to an end in the division.

9. Under your orders all tank works have now been stopped, and, excluding the Digupudi road, the only works still in progress are those at Pattupur and Kunkurada. The coolies at Sérgadá strongly protested against the cessation of their employment, but as field labor is largely procurable and as the Rushikulya canal is close by, they have no great cause for complaint.

10. Heavy rain has again fallen and there is every promise of more. The subjoined table shows the rainfall registered in the last four years at Pattupur. This shows that, while the south-west monsoon of the present year was heavier than that of the three previous years, the north-east monsoon of 1889 also seems likely to exceed its predecessors.

Months.	Rainfall.			
	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.
From January up to April	2·40	4·50	1·97	2·5
May	5·35	2·30	0·5	5·10
June	6·97	7·19	3·47	7·45
July	5·20	10·2	2·43	11·44
August	9·80	9·36	8·40	7·14
September	12·85	5·8	5·80	7·31
October	16·0	8·94	1·28	* 14·75
Total ..	58·57	47·39	23·40	54·24

* Up to the 18th for 1889.

11. The price of ragi at Pattupur has fallen considerably and is now 36 seers to the rupee. Rice has remained stationary. From Mondimorayi no change is reported.

The annexed statement shows the state of the various markets:—

Stations.			Last week.		This week.	
			Rice.	Ragi.	Rice.	Ragi.
Chinna Kimedi	Pattupur ...	...	12	27	12	36
	Bismagiri ...	...	11·25	24	12	33
	Pudamari ...	...	11·25	24	12	39
	Kunkurada ...	...	11·25	24	11·25	30
Dhárákót ...	Mondimorayi	...	11·9	28·5	11·72	28·36

12. The usual statements are attached.

No. I.—Numbers on gratuitous relief.

Name of circle.	Population.	Number on relief including kitchens for the week ending with October, 12th.	Percentage.	Number on relief including kitchens for the week ending with October, 19th.	Percentage.	Number in column 5 receiving cooked food.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Pattupur	13,452	324	2·4	121	·89	78
2. Pudamari	14,525	816	5·61	383	2·63	188
3. Pratapagiri	10,466	402	3·84	241	2·31	79
4. Sérgadá	12,056	660	5·47	71	·58	41
5. Dowgam	9,726	349	3·58	174	1·78	165
6. Dhárákót	13,045	208	1·59	98	·75	80
7. Ballisira	15,015	161	1·07	146	·97	126
Total ..	88,285	2,920	2·90	1,234	1·39	757

No. II.—Numbers fed in various kitchens.

Kitchen name.	Circle in which situated.	Date of opening.	Attendance on October, 11th.	Attendance on October, 18th.
1. Pattupur	Pattupur	11th June 1889	97	78
2. Pudamari	Pudamari	29th ,, ,, ...	150	38
3. Nuvagada	Do.	11th ,, ,, ...	119	21
4. Bismagiri	Do.	29th August 1889 ..	160	129
5. Kunkurada	Pratapagiri	25th July ,, ..	97	79
6. Sérgadá	Sérgadá	25th ,, ,, ..	40	41
7. Pakkidi	Dowgam	13th September 1889 ..	153	165
8. Mondimorayi	Dhárákót	6th July ,, ..	94	80
9. Ballisira	Ballisira	17th August ,, ..	113	126
		Total ..	1,023	757

No. III.—Numbers on the drinking-water tanks and wells and on the minor irrigation works.

Taluks.	On the drinking-water tanks and wells.		On the minor irrigation works.	
	Last week.	This week.	Last week.	This week.
Chinna Kimedi	203	237	200	200
Dhárákót	200	109	57	45
Sérgadá	615	50	..	..
Total ..	1,018	396	257	245

From M.R.Ry. A. SURYANARAYANA NAIDU Garu, General Deputy Collector of Goomsur, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Russellkonda, 20th October 1889, No. 951.

I have the honor to submit my special report for the week ending with 19th October 1889.

2. During the week the rainfall registered was 3 inches and 95 cents at Russellkonda, 4 inches and 56 cents at Suradá, and 3 inches and 55 cents at Aska. There were also heavy rains throughout the division.

3. All kinds of crops are in good condition, and the ryots expect a good harvest of paddy crop this year, the season being very favorable.

4. In some parts of the Goomsur taluk cattle are suffering from small-pox, the deaths reported from this cause during the week being 45.

5. The state of the country having considerably improved by the favorable character of the season and the condition of the people being much better with the good harvest of ragi crop; relief operations in this division were closed from the 19th instant.

6. However, I give below the numbers relieved during the week ending with 19th October as reported by the taluk officers, for your information.

7. The numbers receiving money doles in Goomsur during the week were 2,423 or 2·5 per cent. of the population, the numbers in Suradá were 1,353 or 3·2 per cent., and the figures in Aska were only 383 or 1·5 per cent.

8. The following statement compares the figures for the last three weeks :—

Taluks.	On the last day of the week ending with 5th Oct. 1889.	On the last day of the week ending with 12th Oct. 1889.	On the last day of the week ending with 19th Oct. 1889.
Goomsur	5,500	4,074	2,423
Suradá	3,361	1,721	1,353
Aska	989	482	383
Total ...	9,850	6,277	4,159

9. The following statement shows the number of persons to whom money doles were paid during the week in each circle :—

Circle.	Population.	Number on relief.				Percentage to population.	Remarks.
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.		
In the Goomsur Tahsildar's range.							
1. Russellkonda	11,777	48	114	280	442	3·7	
2. Bodokodanda	9,041	156	201	436	793	8·7	
3. Buguda	20,738	28	38	131	197	0·9	
4. Jagannadhaprasad	12,991	40	101	73	214	1·6	
5. Kullada	14,680	50	56	200	306	2·08	
6. Bellugunta	20,273	2	20	32	54	0·2	
7. Korcholi	5,536	92	99	226	417	7·5	
Total ..	95,036	416	629	1,378	2,423	2·5	
In the Suradá Deputy Tahsildar's range.							
8. Ballipadra	14,613	148	236	392	776	5·3	
9. Vishnuchakram	10,409	42	68	108	218	2·09	
10. Payalpada	16,892	44	91	224	359	2·1	
Total ..	41,914	234	395	724	1,353	3·2	
11. Aska	24,122	58	125	200	383	1·5	
Grand total ..	161,072	708	1,149	2,302	4,159	2·5	

10. The circles of Mojjogodo, Gulleri, and Kukuluba in Goomsur and those of Asurubontho and Pandakholl in Suradá range were abolished from the 5th October, the Suradá and Bodoborsingi circles were closed from the 12th and all the other circles from the 19th instant, money doles in the latter circles having been paid up to that date as shown in the above statement.

11. The following statement shows the numbers fed in kitchens :—

Kitchens.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1. Russellkonda	30	70	230	330
2. Kullada	17	30	64	111
3. Buguda	16	31	100	147
4. Gangupur	10	15	44	69
5. Mojjogodo	8	32	55	95
6. Ballipadra	10	26	69	105
7. Suradá	10	25	170	205
8. Aska	9	15	102	126
Total ...	110	244	834	1,188

12. The Bellugunta kitchen was closed from the 12th and those at Kullada, Mojjogodo, Buguda, Ballipadra and Gangupur from the 19th instant. The kitchens at Russellkonda, Suradá and Aska are still kept.

13. The following statement shows the numbers employed on relief works :—

Taluk.	On drinking-water tanks.	On minor irrigation works.	On other works.	Total.	Number of weakly persons.
Goomsur	655	278	291	1,224	1,224
Suradá	445	170	...	615	440
Aska	670	...	...	670	510
Total ...	1,770	448	291	2,509	2,174

14. The construction and repairs of tanks were stopped in Goomsur taluk. Only Bodokodanda and Kullada village roads are now in progress. Rushikulya project works are going on as usual.

15. Fever is generally prevalent in the division, while small-pox still exists here and there.

16. The prices of food-grains are as follows :—

Station.	Rice.		Ragi.	
	This week.	Last week.	This week.	Last week.
Russellkonda	11	11	35	34
Suradá	11½	11	36	33
Aska	10	10	28	25

17. The price of ragi has fallen at all the above stations and that of rice at Suradá has also slightly fallen, while it is stationary at Russellkonda and Aska.

Paddy is imported from Nyaghar, Baupore and Berhampore taluks for consumption, while ragi is procurable in the division in sufficient quantity.

18. As I am engaged with the jamabandi of Goomsur taluk, I have not inspected any villages during the week.

From M.R.Ry. D. VENKATA SASTRI Garu, General Deputy Collector, Chatrapur Division, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Purushottapur, 20th October 1889, No. 1,466.

I have the honor to submit my report on the Atagadá and Kallikót estates for the week ending 19th October 1889.

2. *Rainfall.*—The total rainfall at Kallikót during the week was 5·3 inches.

The five revenue inspectors' reports show the same quantity of rain in their mutahs on 16th, 17th and 18th instant. I spent five days in the Palasara mutah during the week. To give a clear idea of the rainfall this week, I beg to state that on the 18th I had to pass a distance of 15 miles from Palasara to Boirani through one sheet of water under torrents of rain across two impassable streams. Out of deference for my position, ryots joined together and managed at great risk to themselves and myself to carry me to the other side of the streams. But for fear of a terrible wigging from you for the unpunctual submission of the report which I cannot avoid if I remained at Palasara, I would not have ventured to set out for Boirani.

Ryots are a little afraid that excessive rainfall will result in the partial failure of paddy crop. As yet no perceptible loss has occurred. The manager reports that several tanks have breached. I myself saw a breach of about 30 feet long at Jakkara caused by the river Donnai near a big sluice.

3. *Agricultural operations.*—The wonderful growth of paddy crop presents a delightful aspect. In some fields in the Palasara and Boirani mutahs a person 5 feet high can safely hide himself from being seen by the passers-by. I jumped out of my palanquin into a field on my return to Boirani and to my surprise the crop came up to my breast. Its growth is so charming as if it is expressing the sympathy of the Providence for the faminished creatures of these mutahs.

Bodomandia is being reaped in most places. Light paddy is ready for the sickle. Grasshoppers still trouble some villages in the Kulladi mutah of the Atagadá taluk though not to a great extent.

4. *Prices.*—

Station.	Past Week.					Present Week.				
	Boiled rice.		Raw rice.		Ragi.	Boiled rice.		Raw rice.		Ragi.
	1st sort.	2nd sort.	1st sort.	2nd sort.		1st sort.	2nd sort.	1st sort.	2nd sort.	
Kallikót ..	12	14	11	12	21 old, 30 new	12	14	11	12	33 new
Boirani ..	11½	12½	9¾	11½	21 old, 30 new	11½	12½	10½	11½	23½ old, 33½ new
Palasara ..	12	13	10	11½	30 new	12	13	10	11	35 new
Pasi ..	11½	12 5/16	10⅞	11¼	25 old, 26⅞ new	11⅜	12 5/16	10⅞	11¼	25 old, 40 new

The price of ragi has fallen at all the stations. The rest are nearly stationary.
Nowhere famine signs are now visible.

5. *Gratuitous relief.*—

(*a*) *Kallikót taluk.*

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Balance as per last week	180	321	1,047	1,548
Deductions	65	160	395	620
Balance ...	115	161	652	928
Additions ...	3	3	4	10
Total ...	118	164	656	938

(*b*) *Atagadá taluk.*

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Balance as per last week	365	639	1,899	2,903
Deductions	17	38	111	166
Balance ...	348	601	1,788	2,737
Additions ...	1	4	11	16
Total ...	349	605	1,799	2,753

6. The aggregate number remaining at the end of the week—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
In Kallikót taluk	118	164	656	938
„ Atagadá „	349	605	1,799	2,753
Total ...	467	769	2,455	3,691

showing a decrease of 610 in the former and 150 in the latter, amounting to 760 in both.

7. State relief is no longer necessary in my taluks, really emaciated paupers being very few. At all times professional beggars exist and time has come for them to live back on private charity. I have instructed the manager to discontinue all gratuitous relief except in the case of those on whom famine marks are visible.

8. *Boirani kitchen.*—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Balance as per last week	6	14	102	122
Deductions	1	...	3	4
Balance ...	5	14	99	118

Last week I discharged 68 persons above 7 years of age from the kitchen, of whom 53 are children. Not one of them has come back to the kitchen praying for relief. This is a healthy sign of the season. I have instructed the manager to close the kitchen from the 19th. The 118 still on relief are as healthy and strong as children in a rich family. I do not see the slightest necessity for the retention of the kitchen any longer.

9. *Weavers.*—Cloths to the value of Rs. 77-14-0 have been delivered by the weavers of Vitramapur. Rs. 86 were advanced to them at the beginning. They have therefore still to pay Rs. 8-2-0. Palasara weavers have all returned their advances with the exception of a single weaver who owes us Rs. 4-8-0 which he said he would pay in a week.

Boirani weavers still owe us Rs. 108-9-9 towards the advance made to them.

During the week, I submitted bills to the Treasury Deputy Collector to the extent of Rs. 25 thousand odd gratuitous relief and thousand odd weaver advances drawn by me up to the end of September. I have to adjust only the sums that will be drawn in this month.

10. No coolies were on relief works during the week except 8 on drinking-water tanks in the Boridakhandi mutah.

11. No reports of cholera or small-pox have been received.

PERCENTAGE return for the week ending 19th October 1889.

Number.	Names of circles.	Population.	Number on relief.	Percentage.	Remarks.
	Atagadá taluk.				
1	Boirani	20,473	221	1·07	No gratuitous relief was given in this circle during the week.
2	Kolladi	24,524	569	2·32	No gratuitous relief was given in this circle during the week.
3	Atagadá	22,140	1,094	4·94	As per return for the week ending 12th October 1889. Will be closed from the 19th October.
4	Palasara	18,477	16	..	As per return for the week ending 19th October. Will be closed from the 19th October.
5	Pandripada	3,004	41	..	Closed in this week.
	Total ..	..	1,941	..	
	Kallikót taluk.				
1	Kallikót	21,836	127	·58	Already closed.
2	Bengunaupada	17,925	80	·44	Will be closed from the 19th October 1889.
3	Mundula	14,930	731	4·87	As per return for the week ending 12th October 1889. Will be closed from the 19th October.
	Total ..	..	938	..	
	Grand Total ..	..	2,879	..	

	Kitchen.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1.	Boirani	5	14	99	118

Coolies—	NO.
1. Minor irrigation works	...
2. Drinking-water tanks and wells	8
3. Other works	...
Total ...	8

From M.R.Ry. D. VENKATA SASTRI Garu, General Deputy Collector, Chatrapur Division, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Purushottapur, 20th October 1889, No. 1467.

In continuation of my season report for the week ending 19th last, I have the honor to submit this supplemental report as the returns from Palasara and Pandripada Circle Inspectors have been received by me after closing the above report.

Under head gratuitous relief in Atagadá taluk the following figures were shown as the number remaining at the end of this week :—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
	349	605	1,799	2,753
Deductions	103	195	514	812
Balance ...	246	410	1,285	1,941

which is the number remaining on the last day of this week.

From F. E. K. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Chicacole, 16th October 1889, No. 186-F.

I have the honor to submit with much pleasure my last weekly report for the week ending 12th October 1889.

2. I visited the Tekkali kitchen on 10th and found 64 inmates, the greater number of these were old mamul beggars, but there were 10 persons mostly children who were not sufficiently recovered to be turned adrift. I accordingly placed a sufficient sum of money from private subscription fund in the hands of the Apothecary at Tekkali, and he has agreed to look after this remnant at the dispensary. The shed adjoining the dispensary which for some time served

as the relief kitchen, is available for their use. I thought this course better than sending them all the way to Kimedi where after all there is not much more accommodation for them. The kitchen was closed on 12th and the materials will be sold by auction. Doles were also discontinued on the same day. Two of the dole recipients will be taken care of by the Apothecary.

3. All gratuitous relief from Government source has now ceased in my Sub-division.

4. The prospects are all that can be desired. The north-east monsoon has broken early; black paddy is now in ear, and the rice crop promises to be abundant. The ragi harvest is over and has yielded a very fair if not a full crop.

Ragi selling at 36 seers per rupee.

5. The Anantagiri road still employs a large number of coolies; earthwork is approaching completion, and metalling is progressing. From the extract from your district report to Government at the close of last month, I see that you urged upon Government the desirability of completing this work. I can only add that should Government be unable to provide funds for its completion from famine grants, it would be better that the road should be finished now and the remaining expenditure debited to the District Board as a loan than that the work should be abandoned and left incomplete. The Taluk Board will certainly not be in a position for a long time to come to provide sufficient funds for bridging the road, and until the road is bridged, it cannot be used and will only deteriorate rapidly. As a relief work, it is undoubtedly of the greatest benefit to the coolies in the Tekkali estate and if not now absolutely necessary to avert starvation, it is helping to improve the condition of a large number of very destitute persons.

Number 639 on 12th.

6. The earthwork and gravelling on the Palasa road is almost completed and consequently few coolies are now employed on it; the culverts are being built; the whole sum allotted to this work will soon be spent.

On 12th, 157.

7. It may be convenient at this period to summarise a few facts relating to the distribution of gratuitous relief in the Sub-division, reserving remarks and criticisms for another occasion.

8. The distribution of cooked food commenced at Tekkali in May, but the numbers fed were only 26 on the 8th June. From that date the number rapidly increased till 21st June when 500 were admitted at the Tekkali kitchen. I then began to establish kitchens at other places in the Tekkali division and by the end of June food was being distributed at 10 kitchens in this division.

9. During the first week in July relief was extended to the Parlákimedi estate and Chicacole division and from middle of July to the middle of August 23 kitchens in all continued open. From the middle of August I began closing kitchens and by the end of that month relief in Parlákimedi estate and Chicacole division ceased. During September, I was able gradually to close the kitchens in Tekkali division and by the end of September the kitchen at Tekkali only remained. This has now been closed on the 12th October and with it gratuitous relief in the Sub-division has ended.

10. The highest number reached was in the week ending 3rd August, when the returns gave 6,306 as relieved, but from 20th July to 10th August, or for about 3 weeks, the number remained steadily above 6,000 and varied but little.

11. The largest number relieved on one day does not of course represent the total number of persons relieved during the 4 months, since new cases were being constantly admitted and old cases discharged during the whole period.

12. Taking as a unit one person fed or receiving dole on one day, I find roughly that 3 lakhs 36 thousand units were fed at a cost of Rs. 25,000 which sum includes food, cost of kitchen sheds, cooking establishment and sundries. This gives an average of 1 anna 2 pies per head.

13. Considering that two-thirds of those relieved were children, I shall not be far wrong in distributing the cost at 10 pies per child and Rs. 0-1-10 per adult. In my original estimate in July, I put it at Rs. 0-1-9 per adult and 11 pies per child.

14. The number of deaths that occurred at the kitchens is 177. From my observation, I should say that about one-sixth of those admitted were in an advanced state of emaciation and that five out of six persons admitted in an advanced stage of emaciation recovered.

15. I do not think I can find a better place than this for acknowledging the assistance I have received in carrying out these relief operations during the last 4 months. The burden of the work has fallen upon the Deputy Tahsildar, Tekkali, Mr. Ranganadham Puntulu, and I have much pleasure in recording that he has not only done his work with energy but has shown great tact in dealing with the prejudices of the people and resource in overcoming the difficulties that have frequently arisen.

16. My other subordinates, the Parlákimedi Manager, Chicacole Tahsildar, Narsannapet Deputy Tahsildar and others have done their work to my satisfaction.

17. I must thank Mr. Perimbam, Apothecary at Tekkali, who organized and took charge of the kitchen at Tekkali during the first and most trying part of the distress. I have also to thank Mr. Henderson, Apothecary at Chicacole and Municipal Chairman, for having managed the kitchen at Chicacole, and Mr. Gibson, Taluk Board member, for looking after the kitchen at Calingapatam.

18. Mr. Venkateswaracharyer, Chairman of the Tekkali Union, kindly undertook the distribution of doles at Tekkali and Mr. Narasimharao Puntulu, Salt Assistant Inspector, supervised the kitchen at Naupada.

19. My thanks are also due to those members of the Unions of Tekkali, Narsannapet and Calingapatam who assisted in supervising the kitchens at these places and to the Relief Committee at Chicacole who undertook distribution of doles in that town. Of this committee, the most prominent member was Mr. Sambiah Shastri who, for three months, kept a kitchen open at Chicacole at his own expense with the help of subscriptions, before the Government kitchen was started.

20. I have already brought to notice the contributions received from the elder proprietrix of Tekkali and the zemindar of Tarla, and must thank all others who have with their money or time assisted towards the relief of distress in the Sub-division.

ORDER—dated 11th November 1889, No. 903, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Orders will be passed as to the disposal of the unclaimed orphans that may ultimately be left on the hands of Government on receipt of the report promised by the Collector in paragraph 6 of his special report for the week ending 12th October; meanwhile the question whether any are to be handed over to the Suradá Mission should be held in abeyance.

2. The Collector is authorized to keep relief works open till the end of the current month wherever he considers it necessary to do so; but wherever he thinks they may be safely closed as such he may close them at once. The Local Boards may carry on as ordinary Local Fund works such of them as they think worth completing and can provide funds for. It is doubtful whether in the present embarrassed state of the Local Funds a special loan is admissible under the rules, and this question can only be dealt with on a special application from the Board and with reference to their resources, actual income, expenditure, &c. The Collector will be informed accordingly by wire.

3. The Collector's proposal to sell the cloths manufactured in the Sub-division locally is sanctioned; the cloths manufactured in the Goomsur and Berhampore divisions will be kept stored for the present. The Collectors of Kistna and Godávari will be requested to report whether there is any demand for these cloths in their districts.

4. In view of the circumstances brought to notice in paragraph 8 of the report, the Government is pleased to sanction, as a special case, a local allowance of Rs. 55 per mensem to Mr. Quinless during the period he was on famine duty. The establishments referred to in paragraph 16 are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
,, the Judicial Department.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Collectors of Ganjam, Godávari and Kistna.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
,, the ,, (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
,, the ,, (Separate Revenue).
,, the Surgeon-General.
,, the Editors' Table.

No. 903-A.

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

APPENDIX.

Telegram to the Collector of Ganjam, dated 8th November 1889.

"Your report for week ending 19th October. You may close road works in Sub-division and Goomsur and Berhampore at once if you think it can be safely done: but where you consider them still necessary as relief works may keep them open till end of November. Loan to Local Boards can be dealt with only on a special application from them and in accordance with rules regulating loans to Local authorities."

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

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G.O., 11th November 1889, Nos. 903, 903A.

NOVEMBER.

Condition of the Ganjam District.

Passing orders on the reports of the Collector and his Assistants on the — for week ending 19th October 1889.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Honors and Salutes.

Read the following papers:—

No. 218. *From C. F. MACCARTIE, Esq., Revenue Officer in charge of Chairman's Office, Ootacamund Municipal Council, to the Chief Secretary to Government; dated Ootacamund, 20th July* 1889, *No.* 727.

In submitting the accompanying copy of Resolution No. VII (5), passed by the Municipal Council, Ootacamund, at their meeting held on the 4th instant, at which I was unable to preside, for the information and orders of Government, I have the honor to remark that the Government Order on which the resolution is based contains no allusion to the erection of a saluting battery.

2. If, however, any such scheme is in contemplation, the Commissioners trust that the battery will not be located in the immediate vicinity of any public thoroughfare. They take this opportunity of submitting that, in their opinion, the position of the existing time-gun endangers the safety of the traffic up and down Church Hill.

PROCEEDINGS of a Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Council held on Thursday the 4th July 1889.

Present:

J. BROWNE, Esq.
A. DREW, Esq.
Surgeon-Major S. L. DOBIE.
ABOO MAHOMED SAIT, Khan Bahadur.
MEANJEE SAIT, Khan Bahadur.
A. R. H. FAKEER MAHOMED SAIT, Khan Bahadur.
GOOL MAHOMED SAIT, Khan Bahadur.
W. PARKINSON, Esq.

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VII (5). G.O., No. 3921, dated 15th June 1889 (Arms—Ammunition):

In connection with this Government Order the Committee decides that Government be asked to favor the Municipal Council with papers connected with the proposed site of the magazine and saluting battery. * * * *

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. F. MACCARTIE,
Chairman, Ootacamund Municipal Council.

No. 57.

Submitted to Government.

22*nd July* 1889. (Signed) C. F. MACCARTIE,
Acting Collector.

No. 629, Local and Municipal.

Transferred to the Military Department.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
7*th August* 1889. (Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Assistant Secretary.

No. 5355.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of remarks, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 4369, dated 4th July 1889, and Quarter Master General's letter No. 2145-A, dated 20th July 1889.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND, *9th August* 1889. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl., *Secretary to Government.*

To the Quarter Master General.

No. 219. *From Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE*, C.B., C.S.I., *Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 6th November* 1889, *No.* 3975-*A* (*Honors and Salutes*).

In returning the documents which accompanied Reference Order No. 5355, dated 9th August 1889, I am desired to state that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has selected a site for the location of the saluting battery, referred to in O.G. No. 4369 of 4th July 1889, on the south slope of Stonehouse Hill, and on the completion of the battery the time-gun will, in future, be fired therefrom.

2. The Executive Engineer was present on the occasion when the guns were fired from the site above referred to, and is of opinion that no harm is likely to result to the buildings on Stonehouse Hill by the location of the battery on the site now approved by His Excellency.

3. Should Government also approve of this site, I am to say that on receipt of a reply to this office letter No. 2145-A of the 20th July last, the construction of the battery, &c., will be at once proceeded with.

No. 220. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1889, No. 7942.

The site selected on Stonehouse Hill for the location of the Saluting Battery is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Adjutant-General for information.

Exd. J. Henricus.

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MILITARY.

To

THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

No: 3343 W a/ 25th Nov: 1889.

Communicated to the
Supdg. Engineer IV Circle.
Sd/ W. L. C. B.

Dated November, 14th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 14th November 1889, No. 7942.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 218—220.

To
The Supdg. Engineer
IV Circle.

Honors and Salutes.

Saluting Battery at Ootacamund.—Site selected on Stonehouse Hill for the location of the —, sanctioned.

Date