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The statement has been prepared for the villages classed as "affected" only. The figures for the Annur firka in Coimbatore are under preparation, and will be forwarded when ready, if in any way striking. I have also had prepared, and subjoin a comparative statement (F) of births and deaths in the five worst taluks from January to June inclusive (the July returns cannot be tabulated in time) for 1889, 1890 and 1891 shewing in a separate column the deaths from cholera, which are included in the totals also. It will be seen therefrom that in *Pollachi* the births are considerably less than in the two previous years and the deaths proportionately higher, that the same is, in a less degree, true as regards births in *Udamalpet*, that the births in *Palladam* are, however, more numerous than in the corresponding period of the previous two years, and the deaths slightly less than in last year, while in Dhárápuram the birth-rate has greatly fallen off, the death-rate being much as in 1889, and far less than in 1890, and in Coimbatore the births have increased, and the deaths are almost the same. Statistics are, perhaps, misleading, and in each of these taluks there is a prosperous area, but the figures in Pollachi still deserve consideration, tallying, as they do, with the known fact of scarcity. With the exception of old and infirm people, and of the lower castes, who suffer from want of drinking water owing to caste exclusiveness, as well as from want of food, it would, I think, be however safe to say that the people generally do not show signs of emaciation. None the less are measures, in my opinion, required to prevent the present state of things from coming to this.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From L. M. WYNCH, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Coimbatore, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Dhárápuram, 21st July 1891, No. D.

In reply to your letter, No. 887-Sub., dated 13th July 1891, I have the honour to state that I have just made a rapid tour through the Kundadam firka which is, I am informed, the tract most affected by scarcity in the Dhárápuram taluk.

2. I camped at Kundadam (Melumgam) on the 18th and inspected that evening the villages of Jothampatti, Sembutholuvu (otherwise known as Kokkumpalaiyam) and two or three hamlets, making a circuit of about 12 miles to the north of Kundadam. On Sunday, the 19th, I inspected Ammapalaiyam (a hamlet of Vadamugam), Thenmugam (otherwise called Sadayapalaiyam), Erukampatti, a hamlet of Sadayapalaiyam, Bellampatti, Muthiampatti and a hamlet, making a circuit of about 25 miles to the west. On the 20th I rode into Dhárápuram and passed through Chinnaripalaiyam, Gethalrave, Thoppampatti, Nanjiampalaiyam, making a circuit of about 15 miles to the south and south-east. I had camped at Tirupúr on the 17th and on the morning of the 18th, before starting for Kundadam, I saw the Deputy Tahsildar of Kángyam. He informed me that he has inspected about 20 out of the 30 villages in his division. Scarcity of water and of fodder for cattle is most felt. Application has been made to the Taluk Board to sanction funds for deepening wells, and fodder is being brought in from Tirupúr and Kodumudi. Supplies of grain are available at prices prevailing in the taluk. Garden cultivation is in progress, but water in the wells is running short.

3. The 18th was market day at Kundadam. I found ample supplies of grain for sale at the following prices :—

Second-sort rice	10·50	Madras measures per rupee.	The local measure is one of 160 tolas.
Do. paddy ...	20·		
White cholum	16·		
Red do.	18·		
Cumbu	24·		
Ragi	22·		

which compare with the prices at Dhárápuram for the weeks ending 4th and 18th July, respectively, as follows :—

	Week ending 4th July.	Week ending 18th July.
Second-sort rice	10·	10·50
Cholum	16·	18·
Ragi	22·	22·10
Cumbu	20·50	20·50

It will thus be observed that prices have fallen slightly within the last fortnight. There were also some bandy-loads of cholum stalks for sale at Rs. 12 to 14 per bandy. They had been brought in from Palni.

4. There was very little water in the wells at Jothampatti and Kokkampalaiyam. Many complaints were made to me by Pariahs on this account, as they have in some places to depend for their water-supply on the good will of owners of garden wells. I ordered the Revenue Inspector to prepare at once estimates for deepening wells. These villages have several scattered hamlets and I ordered the Revenue Inspector to make a detailed inspection of each the next day and submit his report on the state of water-supply through the Tahsildar without delay. At Kokkampalaiyam I inspected the karnam's accounts. There is no punja cultivation and there was none last year up to the corresponding period. But whereas last year 1,100 acres of garden were under cultivation, this year there are only 267 acres. Labourers get only a small amount of work cutting prickly-pear for the ryots, deepening wells, picking prickly-pear fruits and cutting firewood.

5. Some Vellalars had left the village to seek work on the Nílgiris, which is unusual. The poorer ryots are selling their sheep and cattle to buy grain and fodder.

6. The cattle I saw looked somewhat out of condition, but I did not see any persons, adults or children, showing any signs of emaciation. (The Apothecary, Dhárápuram, tells me that so far persons attending the hospital have not shown any appearance of famine).

7. The condition of things in the villages inspected on Sunday morning was better. I noticed more garden lands under cultivation, and with the exception of Yerragampalli, the supply of drinking water was reported to be sufficient.

8. I was told, however, that cattle were being sold to buy grain, and at Bellampatti there was not much work. In the hamlet of Muthiyampatti (mostly inhabited by Vellalars) the people told me that there was no work in the fields and their children were cutting firewood and taking it to the Pulavadi market for sale. There are not many coolies in these two villages and no complaints of inability to get work were made to me : the chief sufferers appear to be the poorer ryots.

9. At Muthiyampatti I found a big ryot who had received an instalment of Rs. 600 out of a loan of Rs. 1,000 for sinking a well ; he had stopped work about two months ago and was too lazy to go to the taluk to get the balance of the loan. I left the Tahsildar to measure up the work done and ordered him to issue the balance of the loan at once ; this work will afford relief at once to some laborers.

10. Bellampatti and Muthiyampatti are more than 5 miles from the Kundadam-Palladam road. The Local Fund Overseer has been ordered to prepare an estimate for improving the track from Kundadam to the Pulavadi market. This work would furnish relief to these villages and the estimate should, I think, be prepared as soon as possible.

11. The garden crops will be harvested in about another fortnight. Meanwhile I shall send the Revenue Inspector, as soon as he has made out his estimate for wells in the villages above referred to, to prepare an estimate for removing prickly-pear at Muthiyampatti and along the Itteri to Bellampatti. The Tahsildar will also be sent to these villages again to see if more loans for sinking or deepening wells cannot be given.

12. At Sinnaripalaiyam the Pariahs' well requires deepening, as also does the caste well at Nanjayampalaiyam. Relief will be afforded to all the villages seen on the 20th by the opening of work on the Dhárápuram-Palladam road. Cattle are very badly off for fodder. I saw many being fed on neem leaves cut from trees by the road-side. Sheep and goats were nibbling at anything green they could get and some I saw trying to eat prickly-pear.

13. I have ordered the Tahsildar to get information from the village heads at market centres as to the numbers of cattle and sheep being sold. Work on the Dhárápuram-Palladam road was commenced yesterday, and I hear 150 people applied for work.

14. From the appearance of the children and the fact that men and women were to be seen wearing jewels as usual, I do not think relief kitchens need be started yet. If found necessary later on, Kundadam would do for one centre. But several others would be necessary owing to the distance between villages and their hamlets.

15. Owing to the necessarily hasty nature of my inspection, I regret that I cannot give you more detailed information as to the probable extent of distress now prevailing. The road work and the number of coolies employed will afford a better criterion.

16. There are freshes in the Amarávati to-day. Slight showers fell on the 19th during my inspection of Muthiyampatti and Bellampatti. But not enough to do any good. Rain appeared, however, to be falling heavily on the eastern slopes of the Anaimalais.

The price list of food-grains in Dhárápuram market to-day is appended. It was received since writing the above report.

Resolution—dated 7th August 1891, No. 501.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the month under report there was no rain in Dhárápuram, while it was slight in Palladam and Udamalpet, the amounts registered being ·11 and ·27 inches, respectively, against a ten-year average for the month of ·89 and ·35 inches. In Polláchi, there was a fall of 3·21 inches against an average of 5·12 inches. Most of this rain (2·09) fell during the latter half of the month. At Kattampatti in the north-east portion of the Polláchi taluk and on the Polláchi-Palladam road, 2 inches of rain are reported to have fallen which has enabled ploughing to be commenced over a certain area, with the result that the number of coolies on the Palladam-Polláchi road-work went down from 463 on the 18th July to 174 on the 27th idem. In the Coimbatore taluk, there has been ample rain on the hills which feed the Nóyil, and a fair amount in and around Coimbatore town. This rain has filled the tanks in the Nóyil valley, but has not extended to the tract north-east of Coimbatore (the Annur firka), which, with the north-west portion of the Avanáshi division of the Palladam taluk, is in a very parched condition. The Collector proposes to start the repair of the Annur tank which, it is expected, will give employment to the poorer classes in that tract. The rainfall up to date in each of these taluks is shown in the margin as compared with the ten years' average.

—	April to June.	In July.	Total.
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Coimbatore .. Average 1891–92	6·13	1·28	7·41
	5·23	1·61	6·84
Dhárápuram .. Average 1891–92	5·59	·71	6·30
	3·74	..	3·74
Polláchi .. Average 1891–92	9·70	5·12	14·82
	8·42	3·21	11·63
Udamalpet .. Average 1891–92	5·87	·35	6·22
	1·64	·27	1·91

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	Five years' average.	Current year.
Dhárápuram ...	22,961	6,918
Udamalpet	51,826	22,624
Palladam	23,657	17,908
Polláchi	67,146	66,397

5. The total area of sowings from April to July in the Dhárápuram, Udamalpet and Palladam taluks have been considerably below the average, especially in the first two as shown in the margin.

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ORDER—dated 17th August 1891, No. 763, Revenue.

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Resolution—dated 7th August 1891, No. 501.

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	1891-92	5·23	1 61	6·84
Dhárápuram ..	Average	5 59	·71	6·30
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	1891-92	8 42	3·21	11·63
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* Marked as A.

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15. Owing to the necessarily hasty nature of my inspection, I regret that I cannot give you more detailed information as to the probable extent of distress now prevailing. The road work and the number of coolies employed will afford a better criterion.

16. There are freshes in the Amarávati to-day. Slight showers fell on the 19th during my inspection of Muthiyampatti and Bellampatti. But not enough to do any good. Rain appeared, however, to be falling heavily on the eastern slopes of the Anaimalais.

The price list of food-grains in Dhárápuram market to-day is appended. It was received since writing the above report.

Resolution—dated 7th August 1891, No. 501.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the month under report there was no rain in Dhárápuram, while it was slight in Palladam and Udamalpet, the amounts registered being ·11 and ·27 inches, respectively, against a ten-year average for the month of ·89 and ·35 inches. In Polláchi, there was a fall of 3·21 inches against an average of 5·12 inches. Most of this rain (2·09) fell during the latter half of the month. At Kattampatti in the north-east portion of the Polláchi taluk and on the Polláchi-Palladam road, 2 inches of rain are reported to have fallen which has enabled ploughing to be commenced over a certain area, with the result that the number of coolies on the Palladam-Polláchi road-work went down from 463 on the 18th July to 174 on the 27th idem. In the Coimbatore taluk, there has been ample rain on the hills which feed the Nóyil, and a fair amount in and around Coimbatore town. This rain has filled the tanks in the Nóyil valley, but has not extended to the tract north-east of Coimbatore (the Annur firka), which, with the north-west portion of the Avanáshi division of the Palladam taluk, is in a very parched condition. The Collector proposes to start the repair of the Annur tank which, it is expected, will give employment to the poorer classes in that tract. The rainfall up to date in each of these taluks is shown in the margin as compared with the ten years' average.

—		April to June.	In July.	Total.
			INS.	INS.
Palladam ..	Average of ten years ending 1889–90	7·19	·89	8·08
	1891–92	3·66	·11	3·77
Coimbatore ..	Average	6·13	1·28	7·41
	1891–92	5·23	1·61	6·84
Dhárápuram ..	Average	5 59	·71	6·30
	1891–92	3·74	..	3·74
Polláchi ..	Average	9·70	5·12	14·82
	1891–92	8 42	3·21	11·63
Udamalpet ..	Average	5·87	·35	6·22
	1891–92	1·64	·27	1·91

3. In the Kandadam firka of the Dhárápuram taluk which has been inspected by the Sub-Collector, it is reported that there is some cause for anxiety owing to the absence of rainfall in the month. In this tract scarcity of water and of fodder for cattle is most felt and it is said that some of the poorer ryots are selling their cattle and sheep to buy grain and fodder. The Sub-Collector saw no signs of emaciation amongst the people, but considers that the starting of work on the Dhárápuram-Palladam road and on the track from Kandadam to the Pulavadi market is desirable and will afford all the relief that is needed in this tract. Work on the former road was commenced on the 20th July and 150 people are stated to have resorted to it. The Local Fund overseer has been ordered to prepare an estimate for the latter track, and it is hoped that this will be ready soon and work will be put in hand without delay. The Commissioner considers, however, that road work should be restricted to breaking and stacking metal on the sides of existing road. This work is generally easily visited and inspected and easily tasked, while it is very difficult to task the labour of numerous gangs on a new road.

4. Prices of food-grains have on the whole risen in the affected taluks, but the rise has been gradual, and there is no apprehension of any serious and sudden rise in view of the continuous importation of stocks from other places.

	April to July.	
	Five years' average.	Current year.
Dhárápuram ...	22,961	6,918
Udamalpet	51,826	22,624
Palladam	23,657	17,908
Polláchi	67,146	66,397

5. The total area of sowings from April to July in the Dhárápuram, Udamalpet and Palladam taluks have been considerably below the average, especially in the first two as shown in the margin.

6. During the month under report the work of stone-breaking and spreading was in progress on the roads noted in the margin which gave employment to 1,840 coolies on the 25th July. On the 1st August the numbers rose to 2,265. The Collector has called for estimates for certain through roads begun in the last famine, but discontinued, and these he proposes to take in hand in the event of the north-east monsoon also proving a failure. The estimates which have been entrusted to the Local Fund Engineer, Mr. Stephens, will, it is hoped, be completed soon. In addition to these remedial measures, the Collector proposes—

(1) Sulur-Palladam road.
(2) Palladam-Polláchi road, 17th to 23rd miles from Polláchi.
(3) Palladam-Polláchi road, 5th to 8th miles from Polláchi.
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(5) Polláchi-Udamalpet road.
(6) Palladam-Dhárápuram road.

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(2) The establishment of relief kitchens in eight places—two in each of the taluks of Palladam, Udamalpet and Polláchi, one in the Dhárápuram taluk, and one in the Coimbatore taluk.

The Commissioner has satisfied himself by personal inspection of the necessity of providing a few kitchens, and the proposals of the Collector on this matter are approved.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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I have the honour to report on the season for the month of July in this district.

2. *Rainfall.*—The chief feature during the period under report has been a fair rainfall, which lasted from the 19th to the 26th July (inclusive) over a portion of the affected area, and I have delayed this report as long as possible in order to ascertain what has been the effect of this rain.

3. For the week ending 25th July, the rain registered at Pólláchi was as much as 1·20, at Palladam ·22, at Udamalpet ·18, and at Kattampatti, as I learn from the overseer's report (necessarily, in the absence of a rain-gauge, which has been applied for, somewhat rough), as much as 1·75 inches, to which must be added ·25 on the 26th.

The total rain for the month under report at these places was Pólláchi 3·21, Palladam and Udamalpet (·22 and ·27, respectively) and Kattampatti 2 inches. There was good rain on the 23rd, 24th and 25th July in and around Coimbatore town, but none, unfortunately, has fallen during the month at Dhárápuram.

4. The reports for last week and the present week seem to show that the rain round Kattampatti, which may be taken as a centre, has not been without its effect. Ploughing has commenced over a certain area, and the number of coolies on the Palladam-Pólláchi road (17th—23rd miles) went down from 463 (18th July) to 174 (only 25 of these being men) on the 27th.

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3. The above sum, at an average wage of As. 2 per diem, will afford employment for four months to 58,427 persons, or 4·6 per cent. of the population of the district, which amounted to 1,268,887 souls in the census taken in 1891.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with list, in original.
„ Collector of Cuddapah.

ORDER—dated 12th August 1891, No. 741, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

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