

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 10th March 1892, No. 183 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following Fortnightly report for the fortnight ending 27th February 1892, from the Deputy Collector of Sidhout, dated 29th February 1892, No. 448 :—

STATE OF COUNTRY—CROPS—*Badvél Taluk*.—Both wet and dry crops have withered in several places except under wells.

Sidhout Taluk.—Dry crops under wells fair. Almost withered in some places in the south of the taluk.

FODDER—*Badvél Taluk*.—Very scanty. People are getting hill grass in some places. Ragi straw obtained under wells, and paddy straw where the crops withered. Also cholum straw in about half a dozen villages to the south of the *Badvél* town, and in *Badvél* and *Anantarazupuram*.

Sidhout Taluk.—Except in some villages in the northern part of the taluk, fodder is becoming scarce.

WATER-SUPPLY—*Badvél Taluk*.—No water in tanks and channels. In most of the agricultural wells, too, water is getting low. Even drinking-water for men and cattle has become scanty in several places. Great difficulty is felt in *Badvél* and *Porumamilla* towns. Three wells are being sunk in *Badvél* under the Collector's orders.

Sidhout Taluk.—Almost all the tanks are empty. Only one or two in the northern part of the taluk have a little supply. There is water in the wells in that tract. Supply getting scanty in the wells to the south of the *Pennér*.

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS—*Badvél Taluk*.—Cholum being harvested in the *Badvél* tank bed. Yield between 12 and 16 annas. In the villages (about half a dozen) bordering the *Sidhout* taluk the harvest of cholum is nearly over. Outturn from 4 to 8 annas. Ragi being harvested under wells in some places. Yield from 4 to 8 annas.

Sidhout Taluk.—Harvesting of cholum almost over in the northern part of the taluk. Yield from 6 to 8 annas; that of ragi going on under wells.

CATTLE—*Badvél Taluk*.—Becoming weak for want of fodder and water. Some are being sold at low prices.

Sidhout Taluk.—The condition of cattle is fair in the northern part of the taluk. They suffer for want of fodder and pasturage to the south of the *Pennér*. No disease.

GENERAL REMARKS ON THE ABOVE SUBJECTS—*Badvél Taluk*.—There has been a good crop of cholum in the *Badvél* tank bed over an extent of about 40 acres. A larger extent sown with cholum at a greater distance from the bund, however, has failed. The work on one of the three wells newly sanctioned in the *Badvél* town was stopped for a few days after the receipt of the Board's Proceedings (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 8th February 1892, Mis. No. 1377, in which only two wells were sanctioned. But the *Tahsildar* has since been ordered to

resume the work on that well too, as per orders contained in Board's Proceedings (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 20th February 1892, Mis. No. 1828. The work on the other two wells has fairly progressed, and it is hoped that water will be made available for the public in the course of a week. This will be no little relief to the town people.

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CONDITION OF PEOPLE—On works—Badvel Taluk.—Good on the whole. There are a few aged coolies who are in a weakly condition. The number of such people is, however, very small.

Sidhout Taluk.—Good.

IN VILLAGES—Badvel Taluk.—Good on the whole.

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MORTALITY—Badvel Taluk.—Two deaths from cholera in the village of Chennampalli, 30 miles from Badvel.

Sidhout Taluk.—Nil.

SICKNESS—Badvel Taluk.—No other diseases except cholera in one village. Two attacks and two deaths.

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Remarks.—I have once again travelled over a greater portion of the taluk. The condition of people in the taluk is not, on the whole, so bad as it is around Badvel. The people of the villages about Badvel, too, may be said to be improving after the relief-works have been started.

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Poor houses, in what places open and the number at each.—Badvel and Sidhout Taluks.—Nil.

Village relief—Number of villages in each taluk for which reports have been received.—Nil in both taluks.

Number of cases of death for want of food, with brief note of circumstances if possible.—Nil.

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Sidhout Taluk.—Nil.

GRAIN-SUPPLY.—Private trade active or not, whether in rice or dry staple food-grains—Badvel Taluk.—Active in rice, ragi and cholam.

Sidhout Taluk.—Private trade not very active. There was not much importation. Some exportation of dry staple food-grains to Badvel.

State the import by rail or sea of rice or other staple food-grain—Badvel taluk—Nil by sea. Very little by rail. Large imports from Cuddapah, Cumbum, Nellore, Proddutur, &c.

Sidhout taluk.—No imports by sea, nor to any appreciable extent by rail.

Known or estimated stock in taluks—Badvel taluk.—There is not much grain with merchants for sale. Large quantities come from outside. What is with rich ryots is not exposed for sale.

Sidhout taluk.—The Tahsildar's estimate is 4,000 putties of 400 local seers of 132 tolas.

STATE OF MARKETS—Price at chief markets of principal food-grains.—There are no markets in either of the two taluks. The prices given below were those ruling in the Tahsildar's head-quarter stations:—

Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.	Cumbu.	Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at	Remarks.
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8-25	14-00	15-67	14-00	..	} Badvel.	..	Due to large imports.
..	..	..	..	..			
..	..	..	..	..			
..	..	..	..	..			
Sidhout Taluk.							
8-25	13-20	14-75	14-00	..	Sidhout.	..	} Sidhout.
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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	RS. A. P.			RS.	RS. A. P.
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Special rules	6,097 8 0	..	55	12,450	7,357 8 0
General rules	2,100 0 0	1	8	2,100	2,100 0 0
Sidhout—					
Special rules	800 0 0	2	5	2,960	1,717 8 0
General rules	450 0 0	..	3	450	450 0 0
Total ..	9,447 8 0	3	71	17,960	11,625 0 0

Taluks.	Up to the end of the current fortnight—cont.				Applications pending at the end of the current fortnight.	Remarks.
	Loans—cont.					
	For purchasing cattle and seed-grain.		Wells			
	Sanctioned or granted.	Disbursed.	Completed.	Under construction.	Number.	
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Badvel—	rs.	rs.				
Special rules	200	200	..	65	} 82	Number of wells inspected by the Tahsildar one and by the Divisional-officer 8. Number of men employed 140.
General rules	..	..	1	8		
Sidhout—						
Special rules	..	..	2	17	35	Number of wells inspected by the Tahsildar up to the end of the fortnight 3. The number of coolies employed on these works 110.
General rules	..	..	..	3	1	
Total ..	200	200	3	93	..	

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At my instance the Executive Engineer has sent a subordinate to Porumamilla to complete a Public Works Department work at that tank. On January 1st, there were Rs. 3,170 of work uncompleted. The Executive Engineer does not say how much is yet left to be done, and he thinks some of it may not be suitable for famine work; the estimate is headed "raising bund and converting gaps as weirs." There must, therefore, be some earthwork as the tank is very large, and no doubt it will be advantageous to complete it. I have no official information yet about the Sagiler project; unless it is commenced before very many weeks are over, it may become necessary to open another centre of work at Porumamilla. No doubt the Commissioner will judge of this on his approaching visit to Badvel and will also know, what I do not, the particulars regarding the upper Sagiler project.

During the fortnight I have ordered the opening of a relief kitchen at Jangamrajupalli.

Resolution—dated 10th March 1892, No. 183.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Some field work still continues in both the Sidhout and Badvel taluks especially in the northern and eastern portions of the former and on the southern border of the latter taluk. The tanks are nearly all dry, and the supply of water in the wells is becoming exhausted except in the northern parts of Sidhout. In Badvel, the cattle are beginning to suffer, but in Sidhout their condition is still fair. Generally however, except in the more fortunate villages of Sidhout, the supplies of fodder are becoming scanty. No efforts have apparently so far been made to encourage the use of prickly-pear leaves for fodder in these taluks. This is a duty to which the Stock Inspector's services could be very fittingly directed.

3. The condition of the people is on the whole good, and even near Badvel, where it was worst, it has improved since work was provided there. Prices also, as shown below, have fallen slightly on the whole, and, though still very high, are not much above the scarcity rates fixed for the district:—

Seers of 80 tolas per rupee.								
	Rice, second sort.		Cholum.		Cumbu.		Bagi.	
	Badvel.	Sidhout.	Badvel.	Sidhout.	Badvel.	Sidhout.	Badvel.	Sidhout.
January 1892	7.7	7.1	12.4	11.9	11.4	12.3	13.3	13.5
February 13th	8.3	7.8	13.3	12.6	12.2	12.0	14.3	13.5
Do. 27th	8.3	8.3	13.4	12.6	12.3	12.3	14.3	13.5
February—								
Normal	14.9	13.6	25.3	22.2	23.1	22.9	26.4	27.3
Last famine	7.0	7.5	8.5	9.1	6.7	8.0	8.3	9.4
Scarcity rates ..	9.7		13.7		13.1		14.7	

The total number of persons employed on relief works has not shown much increase in Badvel, and in Sidhout has largely decreased during the period, as noted on the margin, and, unless some greater demand for labour arises, there appears to be no early necessity for starting the Sagiler project works sanctioned in G.O., dated 4th February 1892, No. 95 I, a copy of which was communicated to the Collector with Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd February 1892, Mis. No. 2105, but it is desirable that such persons as are in need should be employed rather on tank works than roads, and the attention of the Collector will be drawn to the matter.

The Collector has ordered the opening of a relief kitchen in Badvel taluk.

4. One new well appears to have been sunk in Badvel and two in Sidhout, whilst in the former taluk 73 are under construction and in the latter 20 by the aid of loans. These numbers exceed by one in each case in the Collector's weekly return for 27th February. The amounts of the loans as given by the Divisional officer also differ from those noted in the return alluded to, which were as follows:—

	BADVEL.		SIDHOUT.	
	Loans.		Loans.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Granted	73	Rs. 13,606	21	Rs. 3,385
Disbursed	73	9,202	21	2,218

21st MARCH 1892, No. 278, REVENUE.

In Badvel 82 applications were pending inquiry and in Sidhout 36 at the end of the period, but it is not stated what amount was involved.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Cuddapah.

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

ORDER—dated 21st March 1892, No. 278, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The Government concurs in the Commissioner's remarks in paragraph 3 of his Proceedings read above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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MARCH.

Season, Cuddapah.

Board's Proceedings submitting letter from the Collector regarding the state of the season in Badvel and Sidhout taluks for the fortnight ending 27th February 1892, recorded with remarks.

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	Badvel.	Sidhout.	Badvel.	Sidhout.	Badvel.	Sidhout.	Badvel.	Sidhout.
January 1892	7.7	7.1	12.4	11.9	11.4	12.3	13.3	13.5
February 13th	8.3	7.8	13.3	12.6	12.2	12.0	14.3	13.6
Do. 27th	8.3	8.3	13.4	12.6	12.3	12.3	14.3	13.5
February—								
Normal	14.9	13.6	25.3	22.2	23.1	22.9	26.4	27.3
Last famine	7.0	7.5	8.5	9.1	6.7	8.0	8.3	9.4
Scarcity rates ..	9.7		13.7		13.1		14.7	

The total number of persons employed on relief works has not shown much increase in Badvel, and in Sidhout has largely decreased during the period, as noted on the margin, and, unless some greater demand for labour arises, there appears to be no early necessity for starting the Sagiler project works sanctioned in G.O., dated 4th February 1892, No. 95 I, a copy of which was communicated to the Collector with Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd February 1892, Mis. No. 2105, but it is desirable that such persons as are in need should be employed rather on tank works than roads, and the attention of the Collector will be drawn to the matter.

The Collector has ordered the opening of a relief kitchen in Badvel taluk.

4. One new well appears to have been sunk in Badvel and two in Sidhout, whilst in the former taluk 73 are under construction and in the latter 20 by the aid of loans. These numbers exceed by one in each case in the Collector's weekly return for 27th February. The amounts of the loans as given by the Divisional officer also differ from those noted in the return alluded to, which were as follows:—

Loans.	BADVEL.		SIDHOUT.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Granted	73	Rs. 13,606	21	Rs. 3,385
Disbursed	73	9,202	21	2,218

In Badvel 82 applications were pending inquiry and in Sidhout 36 at the end of the period, but it is not stated what amount was involved.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Cuddapah.

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Miscellaneous.

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2. The Government concurs in the
Commissioner's remarks in paragraph 3
of his Proceedings read above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture,
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