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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Kurnool district from 14th to 29th February 1892 from the Collector of Kurnool, dated Kurnool, 2nd March 1892, No. 1539 :—

STATE OF COUNTRY—*Crops*.—Standing crops cotton, castor, paddy, ragi, bengal-gram withering in affected tracts and fair under the canal and wells. Cotton and white cholum harvested in parts; yield of former 2 to 8 annas and latter 4 to 8 annas.

Fodder.—Insufficient except in the Rámallakót taluk, canal villages of Nandikót-kur taluk and the whole of Nandyál division. Prickly-pear experiments conducted in Cumbum division where babul pods, hill grass and leaves of regi, nim and other trees form the chief fodder now. Cattle not yet accustomed to eating prickly-pear.

Water-supply.—Insufficient in Pyápali division where wells are drying up and also in parts of Nandikótkur taluk. Water famine is apprehended in Márápur taluk owing to the drying up of the Gundlakamma and the wells; improvement being effected by deepening wells at cost of Taluk Board and encouraging well-sinking by the aid of State loans.

Agricultural operations.—Brisk under wells in Pyápali division. Second-crop cultivation going on in canal villages; practically over in Cumbum division. Cotton being picked and lands manured and ploughed for next cultivation season in Nandyál division.

Cattle.—Some are emaciated in affected parts of Pattikonda taluk and Owk division of Koilkuntla taluk; going down day by day in Cumbum division where calves and bullocks have been sent up to the Nallamalais.

General Remarks on above subjects.—Except in canal villages and under wells, agriculture is now practically over with a result that the influx to relief works is increasing. The rules recently issued regarding improvement of water-supply in vicinity of works or where life is endangered have been duly promulgated.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE—On works.—Look thinner than they did during the previous fortnight. This is due, I conjecture, to exposure to the sun which is now very powerful and will be still more so daily.

In villages.—Good except in Cumbum division where goshas suffering from starvation decline either to work on the road works or to resort to the kitchens.

Mortality.—None from starvation. There were 8 deaths in Pusalapad, Cumbum taluk, out of 12 attacks of cholera. A cooly died of the same disease on the 24th February on the Taticherla road, but there have been no attacks ever since there.

Sickness.—Fever and small-pox in parts. Influenza rather severe in parts of Nandikótkur and Rámallakót. Seventeen deaths from this disease during the fortnight in Mittakandala of Nandikótkur taluk. Cholera, small-pox and guinea-worm in Cumbum taluk, and guinea-worm and small-pox in Márápur taluk.

Remarks.—The presence of cholera in Cumbum taluk so close to works causes anxiety. The Medical Department should, I think, be warned that special aid may be required.

RELIEF MEASURES—Relief Works—In what taluks open.—In Pattikonda, Koilkuntla, Rámallakót, Nandikótkur, Cumbum and Márkápúr taluks.

Poor-houses—In what places and the numbers at each.—None; but kitchens are open in the following places:—

	Number fed on last day of fortnight.			
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Palakavid, Cumbum taluk	..	..	..	..
Taticherla works, Cumbum taluk	..	..	..	..
Márkápúr, Márkápúr taluk	..	..	..	..
Dornal do. do.	..	..	..	..
Dupad do. do.	..	..	..	..
	33	58	169	260
	2	2	6	10
	10	13	57	80
	6	11	36	53
	5	1	52	58

One opened for gosha females, &c., in Kurnool town, but none resorted.

Village Relief—Number of villages in each taluk for which reports of—have been received.—None.

Number of cases of death from want of food with brief note of circumstances, if possible.—None.

Remarks.—It will be observed that kitchens have been extended. It has been explained that their object is not only to take in children of workers, but to provide for incapable paupers of neighbourhood. A special kitchen opened under instructions for relief of gosha people of Kurnool was not attended by a single soul. They say they would rather die first. If food could be conveyed by servants, they would take it, but there would be immense difficulty in the way of supervision and checking of imposition.

Recently Rs. 1,000 have been received from Maharajah Holkar's donation and Rs. 100 from Mahajana Sabha with promise of further help from latter if possible.

Data are being collected as to the project of special relief to weavers.

GRAIN SUPPLY—Private trade active or not, whether in rice or dry staple food-grain.—Active in rice and staple food grains except in Nandyál and Cumbum divisions. The exception is due to good stock after recent harvests and imports.

State the imports by rail or sea of rice or other staple food-grain.—Food-grains were imported from Guntúr, Bezváda, Sholapur and Narsaraopet by rail into Pyápali and Cumbum divisions.

Known or estimated stock in taluks.—Sufficient food for 3 or 4 months in Pyápali and Cumbum divisions and about 5 months in Nandyál taluk and for a year in Kurnool division and Sirvel taluk.

State of Markets.—

	Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.				Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at
	Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.	Cumbu.			
Rámallakót	8-55	15-67	..	..	..	1. Rámallakót.	Nandyál, except as regards cholum which has risen.
Nandyál	8-9	14-4	13-5	12-5	..	2. Cumbum.	
Cumbum	8-3	12-6	12	11-6	..	3. Márkápúr.	
Márkápúr	9-13	13-43	13-50	12-32	..		

Taluks and places visited by the Collector during the fortnight.—Nil. I was recalled by the illness of my late Special Assistant when out in Koilkuntla taluk and have not since been relieved at head-quarters whilst number of trips has been reduced.

Sinking of wells.—Constructed in the fortnight none, up to the fortnight 2, under construction 5 in the fortnight and 70 up to the fortnight.

Loans.—

	In the fortnight.	Up to the fortnight.
	RS.	RS.
Construction and repair of wells ..	6,582	19,437
Purchase of seed-grain and cattle ..	225	3,670
Other purposes ..	100	1,530

Resolution—dated 14th March 1892, No. 192.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. There has been no change in the condition of the district during the fortnight, but except under wells and in the few canal villages the agricultural season is over and work in the fields is coming to an end, so that the demand for employment is increasing. The condition of the cattle is deteriorating, and, except in Rámallakót and parts of Nandikótkur and Nandyál, the stores of fodder are failing, though the Commissioner sees everywhere a sufficient supply for the better classes of cattle. The information as to the results of the experiments with prickly-pear in Cumbum is meagre and should be amplified in future reports. The cattle can only become accustomed to a new food by degrees. The water-supply in wells is decreasing, and in Márkápúr the want of water is being seriously felt.

3. The condition of the people in villages is reported to be good except in Cumbum where gosha women are reported to be suffering. The number of this class is exceedingly small however, and those likely to be seriously distressed must be very few. The Deputy Collector should be called upon to give an estimate of the numbers to which he refers and to ascertain whether any employment can be given to them in their houses, such as picking cotton, pounding grain, &c. The Collector will be requested to take the same action in the case of the gosha women in the town of Kurnool. On the works the people are reported to be looking thinner, but the authority for the statement is not given. The Commissioner has found all laborers inspected by him during the past week in the Koilkuntla and Cumbum taluks to the number of upwards of 4,000 to be in excellent health and in perfectly good condition. It is believed that the Collector refers to the condition of the laborers on the Dornal-Dupad road in the north of Márkápúr. The Commissioner can see no good reason why the condition of these workers should differ in any respect from that of others in the same taluk and in the adjoining taluk of Cumbum where no complaints of inferiority of condition are made. The only apparent cause would seem to be their distance from efficient supervision. The Deputy Collector should be directed to remain on these works for some time and to ascertain and report, and if possible remove, all the causes which militate against the health of the coolies. Kitchens have already been established at these works, but they do not as yet appear to be fully utilised.

4. The Collector expresses anxiety regarding the presence of cholera in Cumbum taluk in proximity to the relief works. He should apply to the Medical Department for such extra assistance as he may require in this matter.

5. Prices on the whole showed but little change during the fortnight, but there was a marked fall in the price of cholum at Pattikonda and Cumbum and a sharp rise at Nandikótkur, Koilkuntla and Chagalmari for the same grain. Rates are, however, easier almost everywhere than they were in January and are far cheaper than those for February 1877. The Collector is requested to report whether there has actually been the severe rise in the price of cholum at Koilkuntla which the figures show and if so, what is the cause of it.

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