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13TH APRIL 1892, No. 362, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 23rd March 1892, No. 229 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from C. D. MACLEANE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 19th March 1892, No. 197 :—

I have the honour to submit the fortnightly narrative on the state of season in this district for the period ending 15th March 1892, as prescribed in Famine Code form XVI. Where no remarks appear corresponding to the heads of the form, the entry is to be understood as a *nil* entry. Endeavour will be made in next report to give a better idea of the area under each stage of crop or harvest. For state of market in each taluk or division see tables 1 and 2. Estimate of stocks is here omitted as being quite valueless at present; endeavour will be made in next report to give better. The "scarcity rates" are here for the first time the group rates mentioned in Board's Proceedings, No. 984, dated 17th July 1880, as per recent instructions; this standard of course makes a very great deal of difference. For loans in each taluk or division see table 3.

2. ONGOLE TALUK.—*State of country.*—Standing crops were ragi under wells, cotton and oil-seeds; estimated outturn 2 to 8 annas. Fodder scarce and hence imported from Kistna. Pasture even less than usual at this season. Water-supply considerably improved in Addanki, but insufficient in most villages of Ongole taluk. Watering of garden crops in progress. Condition of cattle (the reserved ploughing cattle excepted) bad. As a whole Ongole taluk is doing well, except Addanki division; the worst ragi crops are in Addanki. *Condition of people.*—In villages generally good. Mortality normal in Addanki. Cholera slightly prevalent in Ongole, of which 12 attacks and 3 deaths in the fortnight. Small-pox reported prevalent. Harvest of garden crops being in progress, work easily obtainable on the fields and the demand for it very much less than before. No Government works under Famine Code wanted for say 2 months. In Addanki Rs. 1,600 being spent on clearing wells. *Grain supply.*—Private trade active in paddy. Paddy imported from Kistna by canal.

3. DARSİ DIVISION.—*State of country.*—Standing cotton crop withering. Cholum, cumbu and variga fodder slightly procurable. Water-supply insufficient for all purposes. Sowing and irrigation of garden crops in progress. Cattle suffering. *Condition of people.*—In villages normal. Mortality normal. Small-pox prevalent. Assistant Collector recently inspected the worst villages of Darsi division and found no cases of emaciation. About 300 people were employed on the Márkápúr relief works in Kurnool district. *Grain supply.*—Private trade dull. No imports.

4. PODILI DIVISION.—*State of country.*—Ragi under wells doing moderately estimated outturn 8 annas. Oil-seeds harvested, outturn being below 2 annas. Rag straw slightly obtainable since the harvesting of ragi began. Fodder imported from Ongole taluk. Pasture much less than usual at this time of year. Water-supply sufficient in Podili and adjacent villages and scarce elsewhere. Sowing and ploughing of garden lands for korra, sajja and jonna in progress. Condition of cattle bad except ploughing cattle. The division is certainly now the worst affected tract and the crops are very poor. Dry crops on dry lands are more or less a complete failure. Ragi under wells is somewhat thriving. *Condition of people.*—Much improved on the Chinna Arikatla works. Children in their normal condition. Condition of ryot classes

in villages generally good, but Málas and Mádigas as usual the worst. Mortality normal. Small-pox prevalent. On the whole the people are reported as better off than they were two months ago. *Relief measures.*—The numbers on the Chinna Arikatla works were as under on two days 16 days apart:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
27th February	679	903	227	1,809
14th March	843	1,293	327	2,463

The increase in numbers since the last fortnight was due to a large influx of laborers from a village Marripád, 14 miles distant and to some having come from the Vemulapád relief works where the wages paid were a little lower. The work here is stone-breaking and the collection of gravel from the near vicinity; it is moving slowly W. along the Ongole-Cumbum road which is a wrong direction and the question of diverting it E. has been taken up; there is at same junction a road S. available; spreading not yet begun, but question under inquiry whether water can be taken from a place N.E. The kitchen permitted to be opened at Chinna Arikatla in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2069, dated 29th February 1892, is reported by the Sub-Collector on personal inspection to be unnecessary. I shall be there in 10 days to decide the matter. *Grain supply.*—Private trade active in paddy and ragi. Paddy imported from Ongole and ragi from Ongole and Kánigiri.

5. KANIGIRI TALUK—*State of country.*—Garden ragi being harvested. Other standing crops cholom, horse-gram, cotton and oil-seeds withering. Pasture and fodder both very scarce. The cattle being fed by margosa leaves, joovvy leaves and leaves of various jungle trees. Water-supply very bad in the western villages and not good elsewhere. Ragi crops being watered from wells. Cattle in a poor condition, except ploughing cattle. The north-western portion of this taluk is the worst. *Condition of people.*—On works moderate. In villages ditto. Three attacks from cholera and one death in a hamlet of Kánigiri. Small-pox very prevalent. Water difficulty the chief one in this taluk. *Relief measures.*—The numbers on the Vemulapád relief works were as under on two dates 16 days apart:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
27th February	751	694	199	1,644
14th March	772	768	196	1,736

There was a temporary fall on 12th, but numbers came up again on 14th. Work here is 2 miles from foot of ghát leading into Kurnool, on a road moving S.E.; spreading not begun. This is in addition to well work at same locality. *Grain supply.*—Private trade active; in paddy especially. Rice imported from Ongole and Ullapalem by canal.

6. KANDUKUR TALUK—*State of country.*—Garden crops thriving, jonna and variga being harvested. Outturn 0 to 16 annas for former and 0 to 8 annas for latter. Other crops poor. Fodder slightly procurable but pasture withered as is usual in hot weather. Water-supply insufficient in many villages. Sowing and irrigation of garden crops together with harvesting of crops under wells and of ragi on dry lands in progress. Cattle poor to moderate except ploughing cattle. This taluk is much better than Ongole; should scarcely be considered affected. *Condition of people.*—In villages good. Mortality normal. Small-pox prevalent. Jonna and garden crops harvest being in progress, work was obtainable here as in Ongole taluk. *Relief measures.*—No regular relief works under section 185. The Public Works Department works originally started under section 121 were employing many laborers; some of these, however, left the works for harvest.

7. KAYALI TALUK—*State of country.*—Cholom in black cotton soils and ragi under wells doing well. Former being cut in several villages. Aruga was a failure

here as in Atmakúr and Udayagiri. Dry stacked fodder available in villages where paddy crop had been cut. Cholom harvest also supplying fresh stocks which would last for 4 or 5 months. Water-supply poor. Paddy and cholom being harvested in the coast villages. Cattle good except in centre of taluk. There is very little the matter with this taluk. *Condition of people.*—In villages normal. Mortality normal. Small-pox and measles in several villages. *Grain-supply.*—Private trade active in rice, cholom and ragi. The above grains were being imported largely by canal from the north.

8. UDAYAGIRI TALUK—*State of country.*—Cholom, horsegram and ragi harvested in parts; outturn 0 to 10 annas for cholom, 4 to 6 annas for horsegram and 4 to 16 annas for ragi. The wet crops, together with aruga, were a total failure, but crops under wells were thriving. Cotton and oil-seeds were poor. Cholom on wet lands was expected to yield 12 annas. Fodder insufficient, cattle being fed on hill grass. Experiments on prickly-pear being conducted by the Head Assistant Collector. Cattle accustomed to long journeys and therefore changeable diet, generally ate the prickly-pear, but not the village cattle. Water-supply scanty everywhere. Cattle taken to Rápúr kanchas for grazing. *Condition of people.*—On works fair. In villages ditto. Mortality normal. Small-pox slightly prevalent, but no fatal cases reported. *Relief measures.*—The road relief work opened at Duttalur was attracting increased numbers, indicating cessation of the harvest — vide below:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
27th February	252	263	66	581
14th March	665	663	174	1,502

The adequacy of the task allotted in this taluk is being inquired into. *Grain-supply.*—Private trade not active. No imports.

9. ATMAKUR TALUK—*State of country.*—Cholom, horsegram and ragi in parts harvested; outturn 0 to 8 or 10 annas for cholom, 4 to 6 annas for horsegram and 4 to 16 annas for ragi. Wet crops under tanks, and aruga a failure but garden crops, and paddy under river-fed channels thriving. Oil-seeds and cotton poor. Cholom crop generally good on wet lands. Cholom everywhere procurable and also paddy straw in about 10 villages where paddy crop had been cut. Water-supply scanty except in some villages bordering on Pennér. Cholom and ragi being harvested in parts. Cattle taken to the Nallamalas. *Condition of people.*—In villages fair. Mortality normal. Cholera prevalent, of which 10 attacks and 5 deaths in the fortnight. *Grain-supply.*—Private trade not very active. No imports.

10. REPORTS AND INSPECTIONS.—(a) The following places were visited by the Sub-Collector during the fortnight:—Ongole taluk—Ongole; Kandukúr taluk—Kandukúr, Singarayaconda; Podili division—Podili, Chinna Arikatla. (b) The following by the Head Assistant Collector:—Kávali taluk—Kaligiri, Polumpad, Brahmanakraka, Bitragunta, Kadanutala; Atmakúr taluk—Anantasagaram, Gavara-varam; Udayagiri taluk—Pollavolu, Tikkavaram, Marripád, Irlapád, Bhimavaram, Chinna Machunúr, Nandipád, Udayagiri, Kondareddipalli, Gurvadi, Iskapalli, Kaniempad, Narravada, Duttalur.

11. REMARKS BY BOARD.—The case of alleged death from starvation in Jakka-palligudúr in Kávali taluk referred to in paragraph 6 of Board's Proceedings, dated 5th March, No. 169, is under inquiry.

12. GENERAL—*Rain.*—None in period. *Season and prospects.*—No improvement in season; it cannot be expected at this time of year. The best feature is the well cultivation. Slight fall in prices owing to harvesting of cholom and ragi. *State of people.*—The officers who have to date made actual inspection pronounce the condition of the people to be scarcely if at all distinguishable from the normal. *Labour on Famine works.*—Numbers on Chinna Arikatla and Duttalur relief works have been increasing. On the former work it has become necessary to appoint a 2nd paying officer. The coolies on the second work have nearly doubled since the last fortnight.

owing to the cessation of harvest. The tasks are rigorously exacted; the question of the standard of the tasks will engage my attention directly I get upon the works. I am not sure that, if the present works were opened in same localities in an ordinary year in the hot season and after harvest, they would not be very freely resorted to, for it is to be observed that the value of such and such a quantity of money or grain depends to a certain extent on the usual standard of living of the locality. *Programme of relief measures.*—The list of possible works submitted with this office letter, dated 21st November 1891, No. 3381-Vern., is already almost out of date, much having been done under section 121. The list for 1892-93 will be submitted very shortly. A selection of certain Public Works Department works is being added to the latter programme as on the previous occasion, but the questions raised in paragraph 2 of this office letter in Board's Proceedings, dated 11th January 1892, No. 20, are, as far as I know, still in an indeterminate condition. If the Collector's office is not the repository for at least a programme of all possible famine relief works, he is not in the position contemplated by the Famine Code and his action must be characterized by much circumlocution. With reference to measures of minor reliefs, I may mention that I hope a great deal of work will be done this hot season in the way of clearing the wells to make the most of such south-west monsoon as may reach the district. Experiments are also going to be made immediately with some more tube wells; they are delicate, but do very well in sandy soils.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

TABLE No. I.

Taluku and divisions.	Prices of food-grains in seers per rupee.							
	2nd-sort rice.		Jonna.		Ragi.		Sazza.	
	Week ending 27th February.	Week ending 12th March.	Week ending 27th February.	Week ending 12th March.	Week ending 27th February.	Week ending 12th March.	Week ending 27th February.	Week ending 12th March.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ongole	9-40	9-40	14-40	14-40	17-00	17-00	13-20	13-20
Addanki	8-93	8-93	12-60	12-60	14-45	14-45	11-55	11-55
Darsi	8-46	8-46	13-57	13-57	13-60	13-60	12-30	12-30
Podili	8-93	8-93	13-12	13-12	13-60	13-60	11-89	11-89
Kanigiri	7-52	8-46	..	..	13-60	15-30	11-55	13-20
Kandukur	11-28	11-28	13-57	15-38	13-60	15-30	13-12	13-94
Kavali	10-34	10-34	13-57	14-48	13-60	13-60	..	13-12
Udayagiri	..	..	12-67	12-67	15-30	15-30	13-12	13-12
Atmakur	9-62	8-46	14-48	14-02	15-30	14-45	..	..
Group scarcity rates as prescribed in Board's Proceedings, No. 984, dated 17th July 1890 ..	..	11-20	..	14-70	..	16-60	..	15-40

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Table No. II.

Names of food-grains.	Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at
Second-sort rice	Atmakur	Kanigiri	Other stations.
Cholum	Do.	Kandukur	Do.
Ragi	Do.	Kavali	Do.
Camba		Kandukur	Do.
		Kanigiri	

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Table No. III.

Taluku.	Items.	Applications accepted up to the end of the week ending 12th March 1892.		Loans disbursed up to the end of the week ending 12th March 1892.		Wells.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number constructed.	Number under construction.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ongole	Wells	15	rs. 3,025	15	rs. 2,800	..	2
	Purchase of fodder	34	3,585	30	3,070	..	..
Darsi		..	..	..	..	..	..
Podili		..	..	..	..	..	..
Kanigiri	Wells	4	1,200	1	200	..	1
Kandukur	Wells	6	800	5	575	..	6
	Wells	9	1,100	7	850	..	7
Kavali	Other improvements to land.	4	640	4	640	..	..
Udayagiri	Wells	8	1,500	8	1,500	3	7
	Wells	4	400	4	400	..	..
	Other land improvements	2	250	1	150	..	..
Atmakur	Purchase of cattle and seed-grain.	1	50	1	50	..	..
	Wells	46	8,025	40	6,325	3	23
	Other improvements to land.	6	890	5	790	..	..
	Purchase of cattle and seed-grain.	1	50	1	50	..	..
	Purchase of fodder	34	3,585	30	3,070	..	..
Total	Grand Total	87	12,550	76	10,235	3	23

Resolution—dated 23rd March 1892, No. 229.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2 There appears to have been no practical change in the condition of the affected parts of Nellore during the period under report, but the completion of the harvest is throwing considerable numbers of the labouring classes out of employ, and the numbers resorting to relief works are increasing.

3. Prices have become steady and trade is active and the markets well supplied.

The people are in good condition. The number resorting to relief works has increased chiefly in the Udayagiri taluk, and the Collector is about to proceed to the spot to inquire into the adequacy of the task imposed there. His report on the subject will be awaited.

The Sub-Collector has found it unnecessary to open the relief kitchen alluded to in paragraph 6 of Board's Proceedings, dated 5th March 1892, No. 169.

4. The progress made in well-sinking by the aid of loans has so far been inconsiderable, but the return now submitted shows eleven new loans granted in Ongole and two each in Kandukur and Kavali since the last report, but one has been withdrawn in Kanigiri, and the total now stands at 46, and in 40 cases disbursements have been made. The return given by the Collector does not specify the number of applications that were pending in each taluk at the end of the period, as directed in Board's Proceedings, dated 29th February 1892, No. 157. These particulars should be given in future reports.

5. In his concluding remarks regarding the programme of works which he has to submit for the year 1892-93, the Collector refers to a question previously raised

by him in his letter recorded in G.O., dated 25th January 1892, No. 94, Revenue, as to whether the programme of famine works which the Collector is required to maintain should not include, in addition to the works referred to in section 28 of the Madras Famine Code, all other works in the district, whether those to be executed by the Public Works Department or any other department. The Commissioner is decidedly of opinion that sections 27 and 28 of the Code need modification. He considers that there should be one programme of famine works for a district; that the Collector should be held responsible for its preparation and submission; and that the programme should include all works in the district on which expenditure could with advantage be incurred in the employment of famine labour. When a time arrives it is the Collector's duty to determine where works are needed, and he should be in a position at the same time to state what works are available for execution. Under present circumstances he is not in possession of this information, and he, as experience shows, can only obtain it after much delay.

The Collector will be informed that what is required of him under section 28 of the Code is a programme of Civil Agency works.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Nellore.

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

ORDER—dated 13th April 1892, No. 362, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The question discussed in paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings is settled by the recent Resolution of the Government

of India, dated 21st March 1892, Circular No. 8-52, communicated to the Board with G.O., dated 8th April, No. 344.

From Rule II it will be seen that the Collector of the district, subject to the Board's control, is responsible for the preparation of the programme of relief-works, which should include Professional agency as well as Civil agency works. These instructions supersede those contained in the Madras Famine Code, which will be revised when distress has ceased.

(True Extract.)

Chatterjee
Secretary to Government.

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