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30TH MAY 1892, No. 537, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 11th May 1892, No. 356 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following fortnightly narrative for the period ending 30th April 1892 (Badvel and Sidhout taluks) from the Deputy Collector, dated Badvel, 3rd May 1892, Disposal No. 845 :—

STATE OF COUNTRY—*Crops—Badvel taluk.*—Crops under wells are fading for want of sufficient water.

Sidhout taluk.—Crops under wells are moderately fair.

Fodder—Badvel taluk.—Even the hill grass is becoming very scarce. Ragi straw and cholum straw are available to a small extent in a few places.

Sidhout taluk.—Except in some places where ragi was recently harvested, fodder is becoming scarce.

Water-supply—Badvel taluk.—No water in tanks and channels. There were slight showers in several villages. The pits in the Sagiler near Kalasapad have become full and the water is being used by the people. In a few villages wells which were perfectly dry have now a scanty supply. There was one-tenth of an inch rain on each of the 21st and 27th at Badvel. In Badvel town the three drinking-water wells that are being sunk are freely and largely used by the public. In Porumamilla an old well much used by a large section of the people for domestic purposes has been cleaned out as it had been much silted up and there was little or no water in it. It now has ample supply and is of infinite use to the villagers. The drinking-water well too outside the town has sufficient supply.

Sidhout taluk.—No water in tanks. In several places wells are dry.

Agricultural operations—Badvel taluk.—Except watering ragi and korra under some wells, there are no agricultural operations.

Sidhout taluk.—Watering korra, gingelly and cholum under wells and harvesting of turmeric and gingelly in some places.

Cattle—Badvel taluk.—Becoming weak for want of fodder.

Sidhout taluk.—Suffering from want of fodder and water in some places.

General remarks on the above subject—Badvel taluk.—We have had thunder and lightning in all directions almost every day for the last 8 or 9 days and the sky was sometimes so cloudy that a good shower was anxiously expected. There was so much as one-fourth of an inch rain in a few places. The prickly-pear experiments are being conducted satisfactorily. The two cows that are being fed on the leaves by the Tahsildar have been taken to several places and the advantages of the pear leaf as fodder explained to the ryots.

Sidhout taluk.—There was a small fresh in the Pennér on the 22nd. The river had before that gone down very low, so much so that people had to dig pits in the bed of the river to obtain drinking water.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE—*On works—Badvel taluk.*—Good.

Sidhout taluk.—Good.

Mortality—Badvel taluk.—None except natural deaths.

Sidhout taluk.—None except natural deaths.

Sickness—Badvel taluk.—No diseases except fever.

Sidhout taluk.—Fever prevails in some places.

Remarks.—None.

Relief measures—Relief works—Badvel taluk.—The Sagilér project was opened on the 18th April 1892. As no sufficient previous intimation was given to the Revenue Department, the Pórumámilla road works could not be stopped before the 21st idem. There were 1,618 coolies on the road works near Badvel and 37 on well-sinking in Badvel town on the 30th. The numbers on the Sagilér project have not been reported by the Tahsildar. He has been called upon for explanation. There were, I think, between 2,800 and 3,000 on the 29th when I was on the work there.

Sidhout taluk.—There were 507 coolies on the Konarazapalli reserve fencing work on the 28th.

Poor-houses.—In what places open and the number at each—*Badvel taluk.*—The number of inmates in the Jangamrazupalli kitchen was 17 on the 30th against 19 on the 15th. Explanation has been called for for the decrease. I have submitted my report on the scanty attendance there—*vide* my letter, Ref. on Current No. 727, dated 19th April 1892.

Sidhout taluk.—Nil.

Village relief—Badvel taluk.—The Gosha Muhammadan women of the Badvel town who are being relieved out of the Maharaja Holkar's donation continue to receive payments.

Sidhout taluk.—Nil.

Number of cases of death for want of food—Badvel taluk.—None.

Sidhout taluk.—None.

Remarks—Badvel taluk.—The Sagilér project was commenced on the 18th. There seems to have been some confusion and want of method at the beginning. In 2 or 3 days coolies numbered 2,120 and then to 4,084. It does not appear that they were clearly made to understand their task and what wages they would get, and when all this was explained to them after the lapse of a week they struck work on the 25th. No payment was made for the first 8 days and even up to the end of the month a large number remained unpaid. I learnt from the Special Executive Engineer that all this was due to the want of sufficient establishment, such as paymasters, overseers, &c., there being only himself and a supervisor. The Executive Engineer is engaged chiefly in laying out the line and the supervisor is in charge of the work.

Sidhout taluk.—As reported in my letter, Ref. on Current No. 743, dated 23rd April 1892, the numbers on the Konarazupalli forest reserve fencing work fell considerably owing to the reduction in wages. The Forest Department paid 1st-class wages ($2\frac{1}{2}$ annas per man, $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas per woman and 1 anna per child) in the first week. In the second week they were reduced to annas 1-7, annas 1-3 and pies 10. There was a further reduction in the third week, namely, annas 1-5, annas 1-2 and pies 9. There was, I found, want of supervision over this work too. It was in the sole charge of a maistry getting 4 annas a day. The ranger went there once or twice a week. He made payments not on the spot where the work was going on, but in the village of Vontimitta and no work was done on the days on which payments were made. Matters will no doubt soon improve when the overseer who has been ordered in your letter No. 496, dated 20th April 1892, to the address of the Local Fund Engineer, takes charge of the work.

Grain-supply—Private trade active or not, whether in rice or dry staple food-grains—Badvel taluk.—Pretty active in rice, ragi and cholam.

Sidhout taluk.—Not very active.

State the imports by rail or sea of rice or other staple food-grains—Badvel taluk.—Nil by sea; very little by rail. Much rice and ragi come from Cuddapah, Cumbum, Proddutur, Nellore and other places.

Sidhout taluk.—No imports either by sea or rail.

Known or estimated stock in taluks—Badvel taluk.—There is not much stock with the merchants.

Sidhout taluk.—The Tahsildar's estimate is 4,500 putties of 400 measures of 132 tolas weight.

STATE OF MARKET—Prices at chief markets—

Rice.	Cholam.	Ragi.	Cumb.	Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at
7-42	13-40	14-85	13-61	..	..	Badvel.
7-25	13-25	14-75	13-25	..	..	Sidhout.

Advances under the Land Improvement and Agricultural Loans Acts.—A statement in the form prescribed in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3624, dated the 14th April 1892, is enclosed.

NOTE—The returns from taluks were received just to-day. The Tahsildars have been directed to submit their future reports so as to reach this office not later than the last day of each fortnight.

Endorsement by O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Horsleykonda, 5th May 1892, Extra No. 74.

Submitted. During the fortnight some showers fell, nowhere exceeding 25 cents, but a small supply is said to have come into some wells and the Pennér had a fresh on the 22nd which assisted the water-supply.

Agricultural operations in Badvel are almost at a standstill, but in Sidhout where wells are more numerous they are continuing.

2. *Works.*—The Upper Sagilér project was opened on the 18th ultimo, but without due notice being given. This perhaps was fortunate under the circumstances as coolies flocked in to the number of over 4,000 in a few days, and the organisation for tasking and paying them seems to have been decidedly faulty. I had of course issued long ago the fullest possible instructions on this head through the Executive Engineer of Cuddapah, but the fullest instructions cannot give a man experience, and Mr. Chatterjee, the Special Executive Engineer, will have to acquire the same. This want of organisation and the defective arrangements for showing tasks and paying the laborers caused a sudden fall in the numbers. These went down to 900, but have again risen to over 3,000 in the report I received yesterday. Mr. Todd, the Executive Engineer, is now on his way to establish himself there for a period and get things into a proper condition. No doubt, with his assistance, things will right themselves and in a few days run in their proper groove. At the same time it is not given to every man to command 4,000 coolies successfully the first day he tries his hand at it, and what has happened at Sagilér happened also under the experienced management of Mr. Harley, District Board Engineer, at Badvel. Most of the coolies struck work after a few days owing to paucity of wage, but finding they could gain nothing quietly returned to work. The Public Works Department establishment at Sagilér is reported to be shorthanded; this should not be. I have sent on several applications for employment there to the Engineer in charge.

3. All the people are reported to be still in good condition and prices are stationary.

4. In Sidhout on the forest work there are some 500 persons. Last fortnight I alluded to the overpayment here, and the departmental management of the work has not been successful. There has been insufficient supervision and proper tasks have not been exacted. Moreover, it has been found that the estimate originally framed for

full task performing able-bodied male laborers was not sufficient, and a supplementary estimate has been drawn up. Under the supervision of a Local Fund overseer with some famine experience who has been deputed to the work, matters will improve. I have also deputed the Assistant Conservator of Forests to the work to inquire into the management of it by the ranger, as there are very strong grounds to suspect fraud on his part. I will not say what proofs of the same are already in hand as the matter may leak out.

5. A Stock Inspector is perambulating the taluks with two cows trained to eat prickly-pear and is meeting with some success. I have also ordered him to occasionally inspect the relief kitchen. The inmates there have fallen from 19 to 17. The Divisional officer alludes to his special report on this kitchen which must have been despatched before the report under review, but it has not yet reached me.

6. Although I had ordered some days ago the closure of the Badvel road works, they seem still to have been open on April 30th. I have telegraphed to close them.

Resolution—dated 14th May 1892, No. 356.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. There was a light shower in Badvel, but no rain fell at Sidhout during the

		Badvel.	Sidhout.	
April average	...	16	41	period. In these taluks the rainfall in
1892 ...	...	20	—	April is usually very light. The average
May average	...	1.64	2.13	expected rainfall in May and June is
June „	...	2.01	2.83	noted on the margin. Some water, how-

Sidhout. Fodder is very scarce and the cattle in both taluks are suffering.

3. Prices are stationary in both taluks and trade is active. The people are in

Numbers employed.		Badvel.	Sidhout.	
April 16th	...	3,088	511	good condition and there has been no
30th	...	4,734	507	abnormal mortality. The numbers resort-
May 7th	...	5,683	44	ing to the relief works show a consider-

able increase in Badvel where the Sagilér project works were opened on the 18th April. The road works at Porumámilla were closed on the 21st idem, and the Collector has ordered the closing of the road works at Badvel. From the account given by the Collector of the opening of the Sagilér works, it is evident that they were started before the staff was ready to cope with the numbers who flocked to the work. The professional staff employed on the works would seem to be sufficient for the carrying out and tasking of the work, but the Collector will be requested to see that adequate arrangements are made for the regular and prompt payment of wages on the work, giving the professional staff any assistance that may be needed to secure this object. In Sidhout, the forest fencing work is reported to have been stopped since the close of the period.

The number fed in the relief kitchen in Badvel has decreased from 19 to 17. The Deputy Collector's special report thereon has been separately disposed of.

4. The figures given by the Deputy Collector regarding loan operations again differ from those reported by the Collector for April 30th. The following is an abstract of the progress made in the two taluks during the period according to the former figures:—

	GRANTED.		DISBURSED.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Land Improvement loans for repair and construction of wells ..	25	RS. 6,369	25	RS. 4,378
Agriculturist loans	NIL		NIL	

Fair progress has been made, but there is a considerable number (104) of applications pending in Badvel for disposal and increased attention should be given to this work.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Cuddapah.

ORDER—dated 30th May 1892, No. 537, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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