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Ordered accordingly.

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Order thereon, 18th July 1892, No. 733.

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To

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" Public Works Department.

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~~Mis.~~ G.O., 18th July 1892, No. 723

SUBJECT.

Recording, with remark, B.P. submg:, with remarks, for the information of Govt. fortnightly narrative of the Sidhout Dn for the period ending 15th June 1892.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

READ—the following fortnightly report of Badvél and Sidhout taluks for the period ending 15th June 1892 from M.R.Ry. T. RAMA RAU, Deputy Collector, dated Nandalúr, 15th June 1892, Disposal No. 1145 :—

STATE OF COUNTRY—*Crops.*—Crops under wells have revived after recent rains in both the taluks.

Fodder.—Grass is springing up in tank-beds, low grounds and valleys and on hills. Dry fodder is procurable only in a very few villages.

Water-supply—Much improved since the recent rainfall. Most of the tanks have received supplies, though to a very limited extent. There were good floods in both the Pennér and Sagilér. They are still in fresh. Wells which were dry have received water in several places.

Agricultural operations.—Cumbu is being sown to a large extent on dry lands in both the taluks; also korra and cholum. Ploughing is going on briskly.

Cattle.—The Tahsildár of Badvél reports that cattle are weak. The Sidhout Tahsildar says that they look better after the rains. Their condition has no doubt improved in the fortnight. Drinking water is available in most places.

General remarks.—Prospects have improved. There was good rain in both the taluks. It was general and very seasonable. If the season continues as favorable as it has now begun, there can be no cause for anxiety. At Sidhout there was 1·52 inches of rain and at Badvél 0·45. In the other villages it ranged from 2 inches to ¼ of an inch. The largest tanks in both the taluks (Badvél and Vontimitta tanks) have received about a month's supply, and agricultural operations are vigorously carried on under them. Other tanks have received supplies from 2 months to 15 days in Badvél taluk and between 5 and 8 days in Sidhout taluk. The Tahsildar of Sidhout states that the tanks in Kuruguntapalli and adjoining villages are still dry.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE—*On works.*—Good in both taluks.

In villages.—Good.

Mortality.—None except natural deaths.

Sickness.—Fever prevails in some villages in both the taluks.

Remarks.—Nil.

RELIEF MEASURES—*Relief works—Badvél taluk.*—There were 5,332 coolies on the Sagilér works on the 11th and 10 on well-sinking in Badvél town on the 13th.

Sidhout taluk.—There were 436 coolies on the Konarazupalli reserve fencing work on the 11th. There were some men employed on the repairs of wells, but the number is not reported by the Tahsildar.

Poor-houses—In what places open and the number at each—Badvél taluk.—The number of inmates in the Jangamrazupalli kitchen rose from 16 to 18.

Sidhout taluk.—Nil.

Village relief—Badvél taluk.—The Tahsildar of Badvél reports that the amount placed at his credit for the relief of the destitute gosha women of the Badvél town has been nearly exhausted. The Chairman of the Committee appointed for the purpose asked my permission to continue the payments for some time longer, as the women were in great need of relief. I informed him that only Rs. 100 were sanctioned and that more could not be spent. If a further allotment was allowed it would be a great help for the poor women.

Sidhout taluk.—Nil.

Number of cases of death for want of food—Badvél taluk.—None reported.

Sidhout taluk.—None reported.

Remarks—Badvél taluk.—The Tahsildar reports that there were so many as 5,208 coolies employed on well-sinking under the Loans Acts. I doubt whether such a large number was at work on any one given day. It might be the total for the fortnight or for a week. The Tahsildar has evidently adopted the figures reported by the village officers who, I believe, send weekly reports. They may have given the total number for each week. I have seen a pretty large number of wells while they are in the course of construction. The number of men employed on each is generally between 12 and 16, so that the number of coolies on 185 wells referred to in the Tahsildar's return for this fortnight would be between 2,000 and 3,000. I have called upon the Tahsildar to make full inquiry and report the result. The numbers on the Sagilér works rose from 4,879 to 5,332. It is likely that there has been since or will be shortly a falling off, as there has been pretty good rain in the taluks and agricultural operations are going on in several places.

As regards the information called for in Collector's reference * about the large number of non-working people (children under 7 years and old and infirm adults) belonging to the labourers as reported by the Public Works Department officer in charge of the Sagilér project, I have called upon the Tahsildar to furnish the required particulars. He has not yet replied, though reminders have been sent to him. I have again issued to him very strict orders and will lose no time in reporting on the matter soon after I hear from him.

* No. 89 Extra, dated 22nd May 1892.

Sidhout taluk.—As I anticipated (*vide* my letter No. 743, dated 8th June 1892) the numbers on the Konarazupalli reserve fencing work, which were close upon 600 in the early part of the fortnight, fell to 436 at the end of the period, owing no doubt to the resumption of agricultural operations consequent upon the recent rains in the vicinity. I should not be surprised if there were a greater falling off in the current fortnight. As directed by the Collector I instructed the overseer in charge of the work to conduct it on the same principles as those on other famine works and gave him personal assistance when I inspected the work on the 4th instant.

GRAIN SUPPLY.—*Private trade active or not, whether in rice or dry staple food-grains—Badvél taluk.*—Pretty active in rice, ragi and cholum.

Sidhout taluk.—Not very active.

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

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

Known or estimated stock in taluks—Badvél taluk.—There is not much stock with the merchants. What is available with rich ryots is not exposed for sale.

Sidhout taluk.—The Tahsildar's estimate is, as usual, 4,000 putties of 400 local measures of 132 tolas; but, as I stated in my last fortnightly report, the estimate does not seem to be accurate.

State of markets—

PRICES at chief markets.

Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.	Cumbu.	Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at
7	13·25	16·50	13·25	..	..	Sidhout.
7·83	..	..	..	..	..	Badvél.
..	13·61	..	13·61	Badvél.	..	..
..	..	16·50	..	..	Badvél.	..

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

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ENCLOSURE.

Taluks.	Purpose of loans.	Applications accepted up to the fortnight.		Loans disbursed up to the fortnight.	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Land Improvement Loans Act.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Badvél	For the construction and repair of wells.	191	39,093 0 0	191	29,830 0 0
Sidhout * ..		95	16,960 0 0	95	10,777 8 0
		286	56,053 0 0	286	40,607 8 0
	Agriculturists' Loans.				
Badvél	Purchase of cattle and seed-grain ..	1	200 0 0	1	200 0 0
Sidhout		5	530 0 0	5	530 0 0
		6	730 0 0	6	739 0 0
Badvél	Purchase of fodder	5	310 0 0	5	310 0 0
Sidhout ..					
		5	310 0 0	5	310 0 0

Taluks.	Purpose of loans.	Applications pending at the end of the period.		Wells	
		Number.	Amount.	Constructed.	Under construction.
		7	8	9	10
	Land Improvement Loans Act.		RS. A. P.		
Badvél	For the construction and repair of wells.	113	17,757 0 0	6	185
Sidhout * ..		13	3,450 0 0	2	93
		126	21,207 0 0	8	278
	Agriculturists' Loans.				
Badvél	Purchase of cattle and seed-grain ..	1	60 0 0	..	..
Sidhout		6	520 0 0	..	
		7	580 0 0	..	..
Badvél	Purchase of fodder	3	150 0 0	..	..
Sidhout					
		3	150 0 0	..	..

Remarks.

	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Wells	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Constructed.	Under construction.
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		
* As per weekly report of the Tahsildar for the week ending 10th June	90	15,060 0 0	90	9,827 8 0	2	88
Add applications accepted and disbursed up to the fortnight falling within the Divisional officer's authority and omitted by the Tahsildar in the weekly report	5	1,900 0 0	5	950 0 0	..	5
Total ..	95	16,960 0 0	95	10,777 8 0	2	93

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* The Tahsildar of Sidhout has been ordered to include in his future weekly reports the figures relating to the loans falling under the Divisional officer's authority.

Endorsement by O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Gurramkonda, 18th June 1892, Ref. No. 108-Extra.

Submitted. Matters have much improved during the fortnight. Tanks and wells have received a supply and rivers are flooded; also agricultural work is in full swing, and cattle are gradually getting a bite.

2. The number in the kitchen at Jangamrazupalle rose from 16 to 18.

3. Rupees 50 in addition have been allotted to Badvél from the Holkar fund for the distressed gosha women.

4. The relief works in the division are still full. In Sidhout there was a short strike owing to fines for short work; the coolies gradually drifted back, but there are now some 300 only. The work will shortly be finished, and I think it will hardly be necessary to open another. I shall judge by a personal visit.

5. Sagilér holds its 5,000 odd persons steadily still; good rain has fallen in that country also, but as long as the work is not completed it is well they should remain. Valuable water is running daily to waste that might, were the channel completed, be flowing into the tanks served by the same.

6. As desired by His Excellency the Governor I beg to subtend a summary of the reported facts anent the confusion said to have occurred at the opening of these works and the explanation thereon.

Facts reported.	*Remarks.*
1. A report was in circulation in the taluk that every man who brought a gang of 100 persons would be put on the works as head cooly whether fit for the post or not.	No such instructions were issued by any member of the Public Works Department. Probably the rumour arose as such rumours do arise in this country among the ignorant.
2. That the three days' notice for opening the work asked for by the Tahsildar (the Special Civil officer) was not given him.	This notice was not asked for by the Tahsildar till April 17th and was in reply to one received on April 14th giving notice the work would be opened on April 18th. The latter notice was barely sufficient; the Tahsildar was then at the other end of the taluk.
3. That numerous coolies were refused admittance to the works.	The Executive Engineer denies this; he says "several" head coolies and sub-maistries presented themselves at the works and were refused admittance because no coolies came with them and he could not find suitable work for them at the moment. These then returned and assembled a number of coolies and raised a clamour. There is no doubt hundreds of coolies complained and not to the Tahsildar only, but the agitation was probably artificially increased.
4. That the Executive Engineer had no money to pay the coolies and that the Tahsildar had to advance him Rs. 350 from sums for advances under the Land Improvement Act. That no paymasters were ready.	The Executive Engineer says he had Rs. 500 ready at Badvél, but could not import it for want of a guard and he could not find any Civil officer to apply for one. Money at Badvél, 30 miles off, was of no use; of course he should have taken care before hand to have his money on the spot. There is no doubt that coolies left the work because there was no man and no money to pay them during 8 days. The Executive Engineer has not yet answered why he failed to obey the Superintending Engineer's order of March 17th to apply to me for paymasters until May.
5. That the coolies had no one to point out to them to their task and did not understand what wages they would get.	No remark is made as regards alleged insufficiency of establishment. It is true the coolies did not understand their task, neither did the Engineer, because "it is impossible at the commencement to set out the task in this case, the soil at the top may appear to be soft ground, but at 6 inches or a foot below hard ground. Each description of work varies."

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6. That coolies were not paid for owing to delay in preparing nominal muster rolls.	The delay is said to be owing to a wrong notion that all muster rolls and vouchers must be written in English, and there were few English-knowing men.
7. That contractors were employed.	The notion is erroneous, all are pieceworkers.

Ever since Mr. Todd's visit the work has been progressing smoothly. No doubt the original confusion arose partly from the number of coolies, the magnitude of the work and the undesirable but often unavoidable necessity of putting a round man into a square hole. I have been detained to date by the necessary completion of jamabandi in Madanapalle taluk.

RESOLUTION—dated 23rd June 1892, No. 456.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. As noted on the margin the rainfall since the beginning of June has been good in both taluks and especially so at Sidhout. This has allowed of the commencement of agricultural work, and sowing is going on briskly. The water-supply has been much improved, and there have been heavy freshets both in the Pennér and Sagilér. Grass is springing up generally, and though the cattle are reported to be weak their condition will doubtless soon improve.

Period.		Badvél. INCHES.	Sidhout. INCHES.
April and May.	Average ...	1·80	2·54
	1892	1·02	1·70
June ..	Average ..	2·01	2·83
	1892 up to 23rd.	2·35	5·89
July average expected ..		3·45	4·08

3. Prices, as shown below, though still very high, are decidedly easier than in May, ragi having fallen to 17·1 seers per rupee at Badvél and to 16·5 seers at Sidhout:—

—		Seers of 80 tolas per rupee.			
		Badvél.	Sidhout.	Badvél.	Sidhout.
		Rice.		*Cholum.*	
May.	Average	7·7	7·1	13·2	12·6
June ..	4th	7·8	7·0	14·0	13·5
	18th	7·8	7·0	13·6	13·3
June ..	Normal	15·3	14·3	25·8	23·2
	1877	6·8	8·3	8·5	9·1
		Cumbu.		*Ragi.*	
May.	Average	12·2	11·6	14·3	15·0
June ..	4th	..	13·3	16·5	16·5
	18th	13·6	13·3	17·1	16·5
June ..	Normal	23·1	22·0	28·5	29·1
	1877	6·7	8·7	8·6	9·5

4. The number of persons resorting to the relief works has increased by nearly 1,000 during the last fortnight in Badvél, but there has been a marked falling off in Sidhout as noted on the margin. In Badvél the only work on which labour is now employed is the Upper Sagilér project. The Collector gives the results of his inquiry into the confusion which attended the opening of the Sagilér work on the 18th April last. No sufficient notice of the opening of the work seems to have been given to the Tahsildar. It was opened with the certainty that large numbers would resort to it, but no establishment had been engaged for paying the

	Badvél.	Sidhout.
Numbers on relief works—		
May average	5,162	540
June 4th	4,483	732
June 18th	5,408	198
Numbers on gratuitous relief—		
May average	17	...
June 4th	17	..
June 18th	18	...

labour, and there were no funds provided on the spot for making payments even if the establishment had been available. No proper arrangements were made for pointing out their tasks to the labourers, and the explanation given of the failure to do so is unsatisfactory. There was no impossibility in setting out tasks. If it was difficult in the first instance to gauge the hardness of the soil, the tasks first set might have been afterwards modified. When funds were available, delay was made in payment owing to a wrong impression that all muster rolls and vouchers must be written in English. The Sagilér work was sanctioned (G.O., No. 95-I) on the 4th February, and in G.O., Revenue, dated 26th February, No. 186, Government ordered that the question of putting the work in hand at once *with a view to give employment to large numbers in the taluk* should be considered in the Public Works Department. It was not till seven weeks after this date that the work was actually commenced, and the quite unnecessary confusion which followed its opening was, in the Commissioner's opinion, most discreditable.

5. In Proceedings dated 13th June 1892, No. 420, the Collector has been requested to ascertain and report what tasks are enforced on the Sagilér works and how they compare with the tasks laid down in the Famine Code. He is requested to submit this report at an early date. In clause 7 of paragraph 6 of his endorsement under consideration, it is stated that all hands are piece-workers. It is not clear from this whether it is clearly understood that nothing in excess of first-class pay is admissible unless the work turned out is in excess of the first-class task.

6. As far as can be gathered from the returns submitted, the following is the progress made in loan operations during the fortnight:—

	Granted.		Disbursed.		Applications pending at the end of the period.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		RS.		RS.		RS.
Land improvement loans	30	5,635	30	4,913	126	21,207
Agriculturists' loans—						
For purchase of fodder	5	310	5	310	3	150
For purchase of cattle and seed-grain	2	250	2	250	7	580

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Moses.

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