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REVENUE.

✓ 2293. W. d/18 August 1892
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to the S. E. II circle

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G.O., 1st August 1892, No. 775.

AUGUST.

Season, Nellore.

Directing the Collector of Nellore to submit without delay a full report regarding laxity of supervision on relief works in Podili division commented on by the Board of Revenue.

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2. Para 3 will be
communicated to
Mr. C. A. Smith through
the S. E. VI circle.

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G.O., 2nd August 1892, No. 800.

AUGUST.

Season, Kurnool.

Board's Proceeding submitting fortnightly narrative of the district for the period ending 30th June 1892, recorded with remark.

S. E. III circle

S. E. VI

Mr. A. C. Smith, and to the Special Deputy Collector, Mr. Ram Dass Naidu, for this careful conduct of their work.

7. The progress made in loan operations during the period is abstracted below :—

Loans.	Granted.		Disbursed.		Applications pending at the end of the period.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
<i>Land Improvement.</i>		RS.		RS.		RS.
For well-sinking	108	29,415	93	15,912	(a) 371	1,11,605
„ other purposes	..	1,500	1	800	(b) 78	17,350
<i>Agriculturists'.</i>						
For purchase of fodder	35	820	30	924	(c) 180	12,277
„ „ of cattle and seed-grain. ..	..	200	..	200	(d) 30	1,982

(a) 160 in Nandyál, 57 in Sirvel, 45 in Cumbum and 73 in Márkápúr; (b) in Nandyál; (c) 60 in Nandyál and 48 in Nandikótkur; (d) 21 in Sirvel.

Progress, as previously reported, has been chiefly confined to the Cumbum division, and the number of applications pending in the Nandyál division has not been materially reduced. The information regarding the number of applications pending is not complete, and no information is given as to the reason for the increased amounts shown under the loans granted for “other” land improvements and for the purchase of cattle and seed-grain. Fodder loans will not now be necessary and the applications pending should be rejected. Great care must be exercised in the grant of loans for the purchase of cattle to see that the borrowers are really enabled to add to the tilling force of the locality and not merely to secure the transference of cattle from one village where they are required, to another.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

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

ORDER—dated 2nd August 1892, No. 800, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The instructions contained in paragraph 7 of the Proceedings read above are approved.

3. The Government notes with much satisfaction the testimony borne by the Commissioner to the good work done by Messrs. C. A. Smith and Venkataram Das Naidu.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
„ the Public Works Department (W).

Exd. A. Aubert.

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Stations.	Seers of 80 tolas per rupee.									
	1892.			June.		1892.			June.	
	May.	June.	July.			May.	June.	July.		
	Average.	18th.	2nd.	Normal.	1877.	Average.	18th.	2nd.	Normal.	1877.
	Rice, 2nd sort.					Cholam.				
Pattikonda	8.6	8.6	8.1	12.9	7.6	16.0	15.1	16.5	28.0	7.7
Kurnool	9.3	9.3	9.3	12.4	5.7	15.1	15.8	15.1	26.7	6.2
Nandikótkur	9.7	10.7	10.4	14.3	5.7	15.8	15.1	15.1	28.7	6.5
Nandyál	9.3	9.3	8.6	12.6	6.4	15.4	14.7	14.7	25.5	5.8
Koilkuntla	8.3	8.3	..	12.8	..	13.4	13.8	..	26.5	7.1
Sirvel	8.2	8.2	8.2	13.0	6.8	13.9	13.4	13.4	24.5	7.5
Cumbum	8.3	8.3	8.3	12.6	6.2	12.6	13.3	12.6	24.1	7.9
Márkápúr	10.0	9.4	10.0	13.1	7.5	15.7	13.8	14.2	27.7	9.1
District average ..	9.1	9.1	9.0	13.1	6.4	14.9	14.4	14.7	28.6	7.0
Scarcity rates ..	9.7					13.7				
Stations.	Cumbu.					Ragi.				
	May.	June.	July.			May.	June.	July.		
	Average.	18th.	2nd.	Normal.	1877.	Average.	18th.	2nd.	Normal.	1877.
Pattikonda	14.6	13.2	14.1	23.9	..	..	..	..	..	9.7
Kurnool	13.8	13.8	13.8	21.6	6.3	..	..	..	..	6.8
Nandikótkur	13.1	..	11.3	19.2	..	..	..	..	..	6.1
Nandyál	12.5	12.5	15.0	20.9	..	15.5	14.8	15.5	24.5	7.1
Sirvel	..	..	..	21.9	..	15.5	15.5	15.5	29.4	5.2
Cumbum	10.9	11.6	11.6	21.8	..	13.5	13.8	14.3	27.6	9.0
Márkápúr	12.4	10.0	11.6	22.6	8.7	15.9	12.6	15.0	28.5	10.5
District average ..	12.8	12.2	12.9	24.0	7.1	15.2	14.2	15.1	31.0	7.4
Scarcity rates ..	13.1					14.7				

5. The number of persons resorting to the relief works has recently shown a large falling off as noted below :—

Taluks.	Numbers on relief works.			Numbers on gratuitous relief.		
	May.	June.	July.	May.	June.	July.
	Average.	18th.	2nd.	Average.	18th.	2nd.
Márkápúr	8,179	8,419	5,918	155	235	159
Cumbum	12,709	10,134	9,239	265	285	262
Sirvel and Nandyál	86	..	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	4,057	4,044	2,849	71	72	38
Nandikótkur	616	128	242	..	..	..
Rámallakót	1,818	1,108	648	..	..	..
Pattikonda	1,200	1,727	1,019	..	..	..
Total ..	28,665	25,560	19,915	491	592	459

The falling off is due chiefly to the improvement in the season, but partly also to another cholera scare in Márkápúr where the decrease amounted to 2,500 or nearly 30 per cent. during the last two weeks. There was a nominal increase in the numbers employed on the only relief work open in Nandikótkur, but that is explained as being due to more correct returns. Orders have been issued (Board's Proceedings, dated 25th June 1892, No. 463) for closing this work.

6. The condition of the people is reported to be generally healthy and good except for cholera in Nándyál, Cumbum and Márkápúr. The Commissioner inspected during the last week in the month about 9,000 labourers in the Cumbum and Márkápúr taluks and was entirely satisfied with their condition. The works in these taluks have been carefully organized, labour is properly tasked, and wages are regularly paid. Very great credit is due to the Special Executive Engineer,

Resolution—dated 18th July 1892, No. 504.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Since the last report was submitted there has been heavy rain in almost all parts of the district. At all stations the fall during June exceeded the average expected, at most stations very largely, and for the district as a whole, was double the normal fall. Since the beginning of the current month there have been further heavy falls in the western section of the district, as well as in the extreme south of the Sirvel taluk.

Stations.	April and May.		June.		July.		August.
	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892 up to 9th.	Average expected.
	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.
Pyápali	1.23	0.50	1.57	5.03	3.51	4.02	5.45
Pattikonda	1.33	1.57	3.18	6.71	3.36	5.79	3.77
Kurnool	2.09	2.88	3.00	7.01	4.78	2.56	5.62
Atmakúr	1.44	2.21	4.63	6.78	8.11	5.46	5.65
Nandikótkur	2.08	2.11	3.34	2.97	5.79	2.83	5.87
Kalwa	1.42	0.45	1.71	8.00	3.07	0.92	4.44
Nandyál	1.83	0.65	4.90	8.56	5.88	3.07	7.42
Owk	1.01	0.34	0.91	5.58	1.41	0.54	3.71
Koilkuntla	1.70	1.00	3.43	5.58	3.62	2.63	4.81
Chagalmari (Sirvel)	1.48	0.37	4.03	5.63	4.19	4.26	6.87
Mundlapad (Cumbum)	2.11	1.51	2.14	6.26	3.23	1.33	3.12
Márkápúr	2.07	0.31	2.39	4.66	3.10	2.92	2.67
District average ..	1.88	1.16	3.10	6.06	4.30	3.03	5.05

3. This heavy rainfall has put fair supplies into most of the tanks and has breached some, including that at Veldurti recently repaired as a relief work; but the larger tanks in the eastern section of the district have only received a small supply so far. It is only in that section that tanks are at all numerous, and further heavy falls of rain were, at the date the Collector wrote, required to fill the tanks there, including the great Cumbum tank. Much local rain has since fallen in the Cumbum and Márkápúr taluks, and when the Commissioner passed through Cumbum on the 12th, the tank was reported to hold over two months' supply. The whole or nearly the whole of the area under the tank had been sown with either dry or wet crops, but the paddy sown had, to save time and labour, been sown broadcast and much of the labour which it was hoped would be in demand for transplanting and weeding will not now be required. On the dry lands, sowing the lighter classes of soil is progressing and the preparation of the heavy regada soils is proceeding. The crops that have been already sown are in very good condition, and in the west of the Cumbum taluk where good rains fell in May they are far more forward than in other parts of the district. Grass is becoming available everywhere, and the condition of the cattle is fair and improving. On the whole the general prospects of the district are very favorable, but the Cumbum and Márkápúr taluks have still a hard time before them before the new crops can be reaped, and it is much to be feared that cholera, which is prevalent all over the division, will spread to the relief works, which up to date, with the exception of one or two, have been singularly free from it.

4. As shown below, prices became rather easier during the latter part of June, and the very serious rise in the price of ragi, the chief common "dry" food-grain in Márkápúr, which occurred in the early part of June, has not been maintained though prices are still higher than in May.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the progress made in the disposal of applications for loans during fortnight ending 30th June 1892.
[Board's Proceedings, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, Mis. No. 3624, dated 14th April 1892.]

Taluk.	Purpose of loans.	Applications accepted up to the week.		Loans disbursed up to the week.		Applications pending at the end of the period.		Wells	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Constructed.	Under construction.
<i>Land Improvement Loans.</i>									
1. Pattikonda*	1. Repair and construction of wells	41	5,500	41	5,112	..	..	..	..
2. Rámallakót ..	2. Other purposes	2	130	2	130	..	..	..	..
3. Nandikótkur ..	1. Repair and construction of wells	11	1,850	11	1,850	17	3,550	..	..
4. Nandyál ..	2. Other purposes	10	2,700	10	2,700	7	2,500	..	..
5. Koilkuntla ..	1. Repair and construction of wells	7	1,350	7	1,350	7	1,150	..	..
6. Sirvel ..	2. Other purposes	94	26,520	94	13,910	160	50,200	1	..
7. Cumbum ..	1. Repair and construction of wells	29	5,650	29	3,275	70	16,000	3	..
8. Márkápúr ..	2. Other purposes	23	4,570	21	2,895	12	4,700	4	..
	1. Repair and construction of wells	15	3,175	15	2,350	57	17,500	..	..
	2. Other purposes	309	58,304	284	34,362	45	10,370	..	..
	1. Repair and construction of wells	7	580	7	580	..	..	..	..
	2. Other purposes	441	1,28,947	396	62,980	73	22,785	2	..
Total for district	1. Repair and construction of wells	944	2,34,566	872	1,26,159	371	1,11,605	10	..
	2. Other purposes	47	7,860	47	5,455	78	17,350	..	..
	Total	991	2,42,426	919	1,31,644	449	1,28,955	10	..
<i>Agriculturists' Loans.</i>									
1. Pattikonda ..	1. Purchase of fodder	115	4,021	109	3,858	..	..	..	..
2. Ráma lakót ..	Do. of cattle and seed-grain	10	320	10	320	..	..	..	..
3. Nandikótkur ..	Do. of fodder	15	925	15	925	11	870	..	..
4. Nandyál ..	Do. of cattle and seed-grain	2	160	2	160	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla †	Do. of fodder	46	2,380	46	2,380	48	2,320	..	..
6. Sirvel ..	Do. of cattle and seed-grain	5	680	5	680	3	450	..	..
7. Cumbum ..	Do. of fodder	..	..	..	..	60	2,080	..	..
8. Márkápúr ..	Do. of cattle and seed-grain	31	830	31	830	17	5,895	..	..
	Do. of cattle and seed-grain	1	250	1	250	..	..	..	..
	Do. of fodder	6	780	6	780	21	1,232	..	..
	Do. of cattle and seed-grain	181	4,070	180	4,045	18	385	..	..
	Do. of fodder	9	365	9	365	6	300	..	..
	Do. of cattle and seed-grain	32	1,442	32	1,442	26	727	..	..
	Do. of fodder	2	200	2	200	..	..	..	..
Total for district	1. Do. of fodder	420	13,668	413	13,480	180	12,277	..	..
	2. Do. of cattle and seed-grain	35	2,755	35	2,755	30	1,982	..	..
	Total	455	16,423	448	16,235	210	14,259	..	..

* The number and amount of pending applications have not been furnished for Pattikonda under both the Acts; hence the columns concerned are left blank.

† The Tahsildar reports that where in one application loans for items 1 and 2 were asked, it was shown under item 1 and excluded from item 2. This is irregular and the Tahsildar has been directed to show the same under both the heads in future statements.

‡ These figures are inconsistent with those of the previous return; explanation called for.

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

Remarks.—Nil.

Grain supply.—Private trade active or not, whether in rice or dry staple food-grain.—Active in all grains in Pyápali and Cumbum divisions and Nandikótkur taluk of Kurnool division and moderate in Rámallakót taluk. In the Nandyál division the Head Assistant Collector reports that it is not active, as it would not sufficiently pay the merchants.

State the imports by rail or sea of rice or other staple food-grain.—None except in the Cumbum division where the imports during the fortnight are as follow:—

Cumbum.

349 maunds of cholum.
114 „ of rice.
29 „ of ragi.

Márkápúr.

150 maunds of rice.
1,645 „ of ragi.
472 „ of cholum.
320 „ of paddy.

In the Nandyál division rice was transported from Nandyál to Sirvel.
Known or estimated quantity in taluks.—Sufficient for 4 months in Cumbum division, for 2 or 3 months in Pyápali division and from about 6 to 8 months in Nandyál division; also a year's supply in Nandikótkur and 6 months' supply in Rámallakót taluks.

State of Markets.

Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.					Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at
Stations.	Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.	Cumbu.			
Kurnool ..	9-26	..	..	..	..	..	Kurnool.
	9-3	15-67	..	..	..	..	Kurnool.
Nandyál ..	..	15-1	..	..	..	..	Nandyál.
	..	15-5	..	..	..	..	Nandyál.
Cumbum ..	8-25	..	..	12-5	Nandyál.	..	Nandyál.
	..	14-4	..	..	Cumbum.	..	..
	..	..	15-00	..	Cumbum.	..	..
	9-96	..	..	12-32	..	..	Cumbum.
Márkápúr ..	..	13-82	..	..	Márkápúr.	..	Márkápúr.
	..	15-00	..	..	..	..	Márkápúr.
	..	..	11-6	..	..	..	Márkápúr.

Loans.—The transactions under this head are exhibited in the appended table in the form prescribed in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3624, dated 14th April 1892.

Suspension of kists.—The revised statement of revenue kists, the collections of which has been suspended, called for in Board's memorandum, dated 23rd March 1892, Mis. No. 2927, is appended.

Taluk and places visited by the Collector during the fortnight.—I only took charge on the 24th, but on 23rd I travelled with the Pattikonda Tahsildar by rail from the confines of the district to Dhone and subsequently by road to Kurnool. All along it was raining or had rained and signs of improvement were evident.

Taluks.	Number of coolies on the last day of the		Difference.	Remarks.
	Preceding fortnight.	Fortnight under report.		
1	2	3	4	5
1. Pattikonda	1,736	1,043	— 693	Figure of the 29th ultimo being the latest available. The decrease in the number of coolies is due chiefly to rainfall except in Márkápúr where it is due also to cholera. The increase in Nandikótkur is attributable to piece-workers not having been shown in the previous narrative.
2. Rámallakót	981	* 662	— 319	
3. Nandikótkur	48	252	+ 204	
4. Nandyál	..	..	..	
5. Koilkuntla	4,026	2,899	— 1,127	
6. Sirvel	..	..	..	
7. Cumbum	10,250	8,925	— 1,325	
8. Márkápúr	8,930	6,104	— 2,826	
Total ..	25,971	19,885	6,086	

* The figure (133) for the Veldurti tank included herein has been taken from the report for the 27th, that being the latest available report here.

Poor-houses—In what places open and the numbers at each.—No poor-houses, but kitchens are maintained in the Cumbum, Márkápúr, and Koilkuntla taluks. The annexed table shows the numbers fed at each kitchen on the last day of the fortnight:—

Kitchens.	Numbers fed.				Remarks.
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Koilkuntla Taluk.</i>					
1. Koilkuntla	3	4	31	38	} Closed for want of relief works in the neighbourhood and because of the reluctance of the coolies to send their children. Relates to 2nd July, the figure for the 30th or any immediately preceding date not being available.
2. Cherlopalli.. .. .					
3. Mayalur					
Total ..	3	4	31	38	
<i>Cumbum Taluk.</i>					
1. Palakavid	29	37	58	124	} Relates to 1st July. Newly opened on 24th June 1892.
2. Giddalur-Mundlapad	5	5	54	64	
3. Mokshagundum road	12	4	50	66	
Total ..	46	46	162	254	
<i>Mérkápur Taluk.</i>					
1. Márkápur	11	6	36	53	
2. Dupad	12	11	75	98	
3. Budveed (formerly Takapalli)	1	..	..	1	
Total ..	24	17	111	152	
Grand Total ..	73	67	304	444	

Village Relief—Number of villages in each taluk for which reports of village relief have been received.—None except that gosha females are helped out of the Holkar's money in Cumbum and Kurnool divisions. In the Cumbum division the Deputy Collector pays 5 gosha women in Márkápúr taluk and 12 in Cumbum taluk at the rate of one anna per head per diem. In the Kurnool division the distribution was made on two occasions, on the 4th May 1892 and 1st June 1892, and 68 women on the first occasion and 92 women on the second occasion were paid at the rate of Rs. 1-4-0 per head under the personal supervision of the Deputy Tahsildar of Kurnool town. Besides the 200 rupees already allotted out of this money to the Kurnool Division Deputy Collector, a further sum of Rs. 200 has been placed at his disposal very recently.

General remarks on above subjects.—The rainfall during the fortnight was as follows:—

	INCHES.
	5.91
Pattikonda	4.73
Pyápali	4.24
Kurnool	2.32
Nandikótkur	3.37
Atmakúr	6.79
Nandyál	4.80
Kalwa	* 4.48
Koilkuntla	† 2.36
Owk	3.49
Sirvel	4.60
Cumbum	2.59
Márkápúr	..

* Exclusive of 3 days in the second week for which report has not been received.
† Exclusive of the second week not reported yet.

The rainfall was very general throughout and in some villages in a few taluks it was even more than the extent registered at the cusbah stations. There has thus been a remarkable improvement in the general prospects throughout, though the Deputy Collector of Pyápali reports that in a few villages of the Thimmanayanipet firka in Koilkuntla taluk there has not yet been a sufficient quantity of timely rain. The rainfall that we have had up to date is quite sufficient for dry cultivation, but more is required for the commencement of wet cultivation.

Condition of people—On works.—Healthy and good in general; but some degree of panic owing to cholera, prevails at Basinepalli of Cumbum taluk and at Márkápúr. In the Cumbum division the Famine Duty Deputy Collector inspected 8 relief works during the fortnight, and the average pay earned by the coolies is reported to be slightly less than the 3rd-class wage.

In villages.—Good and healthy in general. In the Cumbum division the Deputy Collector reports there was no migration, as sufficient employment is available for the coolies on relief works and on the wells for which State loans have been granted. No deaths from starvation have been reported anywhere.

Mortality.—Normal everywhere except in Nandyál, Cumbum and Márkápúr taluks, where excess is shown and is due to cholera. In Nandyál there were from the outbreak up to the 28th ultimo, 31 deaths out of 60 attacks in 6 villages, in Cumbum between the 13th and 27th ultimo, 71 deaths out of 142 attacks in 12 villages; and in Márkápúr between the same two dates 53 deaths out of 155 attacks in 24 villages. In the Dibaguntla village of Sirvel taluk also there was an imported case which proved fatal.

Sickness.—Fever in parts throughout and cholera of a virulent type, small-pox and guinea-worm here and there in the Cumbum division. All possible sanitary arrangements are being made. In the Kurnool town there were 11 deaths from fever against 8 in the previous fortnight.

Remarks.—Light work gangs have been formed on almost all the works in Cumbum division. In this division the gosha women scheme recently sanctioned by the Board has been given effect to. The ragi flour required for the Dupad and Budveed kitchens is being made by the gosha women of Tangirallapalli. Under the personal orders of the Commissioner the Deputy Collector reports that a cholera shed was constructed at Márkápúr. With regard to the weavers in Kodumur, Pattikonda taluk, there are 651 of them being relieved at 3 for each loom. By the 25th ultimo they wove 40 female cloths and 121 duppati cloths (sheets). The Deputy Collector of Pyápali also reports that certain weavers of the village of Pattikonda applied to him for relief, but that he rejected it as the village is not one of the affected ones.

Relief measures.—Relief works in what taluks open.—In all taluks except Nandyál and Sirvel. The number of coolies on the works in each taluk on the last day of the fortnight are given in the appended table as compared with the preceding fortnight:—

2ND AUGUST 1892, No. 800, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 18th July 1892, No. 504:—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following fortnightly narrative of the Kurnool district for the period ending 30th June 1892 from the Collector of Kurnool, dated 5th July 1892, No. 4717:—

STATE OF COUNTRY—*Crops*.—The standing crops of the last season which are cholam and garden crops under wells are in good condition. The crops that have already been sown this season, which are yellow cholam, cumbu, korra, variga, castor and pulses, are also in very good condition, and some of these crops are still being sown in red soils. In black soils also in the Pyápali division korra is being sown.

Fodder.—Is generally insufficient except in the Nandyál division and in Nandikótkur taluk, but pasture is rapidly improving everywhere and is already sufficiently high in the Nallamalai hills for cattle of all descriptions to graze on. In the Cumbum division prickly-pear experiments are still being conducted but it is presumed they will no longer be necessary, now that pasture is springing up everywhere.

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ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the progress made in the disposal of applications for loans during fortnight ending 30th June 1892.
[Board's Proceedings, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, Mra. No. 3624, dated 14th April 1892.]

Taluka.	Purpose of loans.	Applications accepted up to the week.		Loans disbursed up to the week.		Applications pending at the end of the period.		Wells	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Constructed.	Under construction.
<i>Land Improvement Loans.</i>									
1. Pattikonda *	{ 1. Repair and construction of wells	41	5,500	41	5,112	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
2. Rámallakót ..	{ 2. Other purposes	2	130	2	130	..	..	..	41
3. Nandikótkur ..	{ 1. Repair and construction of wells	11	1,850	11	1,850	..	3,550	..	11
4. Nandyál ..	{ 2. Other purposes	10	2,700	10	2,700	..	2,500	..	6
5. Kólkuntla ..	{ 1. Repair and construction of wells	7	1,350	7	1,350	..	1,150	..	..
6. Sirvel ..	{ 2. Other purposes	94	26,520	94	13,910	160	50,200	1	9
7. Óumbum ..	{ 1. Repair and construction of wells	29	5,650	29	3,275	70	16,000	..	..
8. Márkápúr ..	{ 2. Other purposes	23	4,570	21	2,895	12	4,700	3	16
	{ 1. Repair and construction of wells	2	150	2	150	..	200	..	..
	{ 2. Other purposes	15	3,175	15	2,350	57	17,500	4	11
	{ 1. Repair and construction of wells	309	58,304	284	34,362	45	10,370	..	237
	{ 2. Other purposes	7	580	7	580	..	..	..	..
	{ 1. Repair and construction of wells	441	1,28,947	396	62,980	73	22,785	2	394
Total for district	{ 1. Repair and construction of wells	944	2,34,566	872	1,26,159	371	1,11,005	10	725
	{ 2. Other purposes	47	7,860	47	5,485	78	17,350	..	..
	Total	991	2,42,426	919	1,31,644	449	1,28,955	10	725
<i>Agriculturists' Loans.</i>									
1. Pattikonda ..	{ 1. Purchase of fodder	115	4,021	109	3,858	..	..	..	..
2. Rámallakót ..	{ Do. of cattle and seed-grain	10	320	10	320	..	..	..	..
3. Nandikótkur ..	{ Do. of fodder	15	925	15	925	11	870	..	..
4. Nandyál ..	{ Do. of cattle and seed-grain	2	160	2	160	..	..	..	..
5. Kólkuntla †	{ Do. of fodder	46	2,380	46	2,380	48	2,320	..	..
6. Sirvel ..	{ Do. of cattle and seed-grain	5	680	5	680	3	450	..	..
7. Óumbum ..	{ Do. of fodder	..	..	..	..	60	2,080	..	..
8. Márkápúr ..	{ Do. of cattle and seed-grain	31	830	31	830	17	5,895	..	..
	{ 1. Do. of cattle and seed-grain	1	250	1	250	..	..	..	..
	{ 2. Do. of cattle and seed-grain	6	780	6	780	21	1,232	..	..
	{ Do. of fodder	181	4,070	180	4,045	18	385	..	..
	{ 2. Do. of cattle and seed-grain	9	365	9	365	6	300	..	..
	{ Do. of fodder	32	1,442	32	1,442	26	727	..	..
	{ 2. Do. of cattle and seed-grain	2	200	2	200	..	..	..	..
Total for district	{ 1. Do. of fodder	420	13,668	413	13,480	180	12,277	..	..
	{ 2. Do. of cattle and seed-grain	35	2,755	35	2,755	30	1,982	..	..
	Total	455	16,423	448	16,235	210	14,259	..	..

* The number and amount of pending applications have not been furnished for Pattikonda under both the Acts; hence the columns concerned are left blank.

† The Tahsildar reports that where in one application loans for items 1 and 2 were asked, it was shown under item 1 and excluded from item 2. This is irregular and the Tahsildar has been directed to show the same under both the heads in future statements.

‡ These figures are inconsistent with those of the previous return; explanation called for.

§ This column is left blank as the entry already made is reported by the Deputy Collector to be a clerical error.

Resolution—dated 18th July 1892, No. 504.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Since the last report was submitted there has been heavy rain in almost all parts of the district. At all stations the fall during June exceeded the average expected, at most stations very largely, and for the district as a whole, was double the normal fall. Since the beginning of the current month there have been further heavy falls in the western section of the district, as well as in the extreme south of the Sirvel taluk.

Stations.	April and May.		June.		July.		August.
	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892 up to 9th.	Average expected.
	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.	INS.
Pyápali	1.23	0.50	1.57	5.03	3.51	4.02	5.46
Pattikonda	1.83	1.57	3.18	6.71	3.36	5.79	3.77
Kurnool	2.09	2.88	3.00	7.01	4.78	2.56	5.62
Atmakúr	1.44	2.21	4.63	6.78	8.11	5.46	5.65
Nandikótkur	2.08	2.11	3.34	2.97	5.79	2.83	5.87
Kalwa	1.42	0.45	1.71	8.00	3.07	0.92	4.44
Nandyál	1.83	0.65	4.90	8.56	5.88	3.07	7.42
Owk	1.01	0.34	0.91	5.58	1.41	0.54	3.71
Koilkuntla	1.70	1.00	3.43	5.58	3.62	2.63	4.81
Chagalmari (Sirvel)	1.48	0.37	4.03	5.63	4.19	4.26	6.87
Mundlapad (Cumbum).. .. .	2.11	1.51	2.14	6.26	3.23	1.33	3.12
Márkápúr	2.07	0.31	2.39	4.66	3.10	2.92	2.67
District average	1.88	1.16	3.10	6.06	4.30	3.03	5.05

3. This heavy rainfall has put fair supplies into most of the tanks and has breached some, including that at Veldurti recently repaired as a relief work; but the larger tanks in the eastern section of the district have only received a small supply falls of rain were, at the date the Collector wrote, required to fill the tanks there, including the great Cumbum tank. Much local rain has since fallen in the Cumbum and Márkápúr taluks, and when the Commissioner passed through Cumbum on the 12th, the tank was reported to hold over two months' supply. The whole or nearly the whole of the area under the tank had been sown with either dry or wet crops, but the paddy sown had, to save time and labour, been sown broadcast and much of the labour which it was hoped would be in demand for transplanting and weeding will not now be required. On the dry lands, sowing the lighter classes of soil is progressing and the preparation of the heavy regada soils is proceeding. The crops that have been already sown are in very good condition, and in the west of the Cumbum taluk where good rains fell in May they are far more forward than in other parts of the district. Grass is becoming available everywhere, and the condition of the cattle is fair and improving. On the whole the general prospects of the district are very favorable, but the Cumbum and Márkápúr taluks have still a hard time before them before the all over the division, will spread to the relief works, which up to date, with the exception of one or two, have been singularly free from it.

4. As shown below, prices became rather easier during the latter part of June, and the very serious rise in the price of ragi, the chief common "dry" food-grain in Márkápúr, which occurred in the early part of June, has not been maintained though prices are still higher than in May.

Stations.	Seers of 80 tolas per rupee.									
	1892.			June.		1892.			June.	
	May.	June.	July.			May.	June.	July.		
	Average.	18th.	2nd.	Normal.	1877.	Average.	18th.	2nd.	Normal.	1877.
	Rice, 2nd sort.					Cholum.				
Pattikonda	8.6	8.6	8.1	12.9	7.6	16.0	15.1	16.5	28.0	7.7
Kurnool	9.3	9.3	9.3	12.4	5.7	15.1	15.8	15.1	26.7	6.2
Nandikōtkur	9.7	10.7	10.4	14.3	5.7	15.8	15.1	15.1	28.7	6.5
Nandyāl	9.3	9.3	8.6	12.6	6.4	15.4	14.7	14.7	25.5	5.8
Koilkuntla	8.3	8.3	..	12.8	..	13.4	13.8	..	26.5	7.1
Sirvel	8.2	8.2	8.2	13.0	6.8	13.9	13.4	13.4	24.5	7.5
Cumbum	8.3	8.3	8.3	12.6	6.2	12.6	13.3	12.6	24.1	7.9
Márkápúr	10.0	9.4	10.0	13.1	7.5	15.7	13.8	14.2	27.7	9.1
District average ..	9.1	9.1	9.0	13.1	6.4	14.9	14.4	14.7	28.6	7.0
Scarcity rates ..	9.7					13.7				
	Cumbu.					Ragi.				
Pattikonda	14.6	13.2	14.1	23.9	..	..	..	..	..	9.7
Kurnool	13.8	13.8	13.8	21.6	6.3	..	..	..	..	6.8
Nandikōtkur	13.1	..	11.3	19.2	..	..	..	..	..	6.1
Nandyāl	12.5	12.5	15.0	20.9	..	15.5	14.8	15.5	24.5	7.1
Sirvel	..	..	..	21.9	..	15.5	15.5	15.5	29.4	5.2
Cumbum	10.9	11.6	11.6	21.8	..	13.5	13.8	14.3	27.6	9.0
Márkápúr	12.4	10.0	11.6	22.6	8.7	15.9	12.6	15.0	28.5	10.5
District average ..	12.8	12.2	12.9	24.0	7.1	15.2	14.2	15.1	31.0	7.4
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5. The number of persons resorting to the relief works has recently shown a large falling off as noted below :—

Taluka.	Numbers on relief works.			Numbers on gratuitous relief.		
	May.	June.	July.	May.	June.	July.
	Average.	18th.	2nd.	Average.	18th.	2nd.
Márkápúr	8,179	8,419	5,918	155	235	159
Cumbum	12,709	10,134	9,239	265	285	262
Sirvel and Nandyál	86	..	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	4,057	4,044	2,849	71	72	38
Nandikotkur	616	128	242	..	..	..
Rámallakót	1,818	1,108	648	..	..	..
Pattikonda	1,200	1,727	1,019	..	..	..
Total	28,665	25,560	19,915	491	592	459

The falling off is due chiefly to the improvement in the season, but partly also to another cholera scare in Márkápúr where the decrease amounted to 2,500 or nearly 30 per cent. during the last two weeks. There was a nominal increase in the numbers employed on the only relief work open in Nandikotkur, but that is explained as being due to more correct returns. Orders have been issued (Board's Proceedings, dated 25th June 1892, No. 463) for closing this work.

6. The condition of the people is reported to be generally healthy and good except for cholera in Nandyál, Cumbum and Márkápúr. The Commissioner inspected during the last week in the month about 9,000 labourers in the Cumbum and Márkápúr taluks and was entirely satisfied with their condition. The works in these taluks have been carefully organized, labour is properly tasked, and wages are regularly paid. Very great credit is due to the Special Executive Engineer,

Mr. A. C. Smith, and to the Special Deputy Collector, Mr. Ram Dass Naidu, for this careful conduct of their work.

7. The progress made in loan operations during the period is abstracted below :—

Loans.	Granted.		Disbursed.		Applications pending at the end of the period.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
<i>Land Improvement.</i>		RS.		RS.		RS.
For well-sinking	108	29,415	93	15,912	(a) 371	1,11,605
„ other purposes	..	1,500	1	800	(b) 78	17,350
<i>Agriculturists'.</i>						
For purchase of fodder	35	820	39	924	(c) 180	12,277
„ „ of cattle and seed-grain..	..	200	..	200	(d) 30	1,982

(a) 160 in Nandyál, 57 in Sirvel, 45 in Cumbum and 73 in Márkápúr; (b) 70 in Nandyál; (c) 60 in Nandyál and 48 in Nandikótkur; (d) 21 in Sirvel.

Progress, as previously reported, has been chiefly confined to the Cumbum division, and the number of applications pending in the Nandyál division has not been materially reduced. The information regarding the number of applications pending is not complete, and no information is given as to the reason for the increased amounts shown under the loans granted for “other” land improvements and for the purchase of cattle and seed-grain. Fodder loans will not now be necessary and the applications pending should be rejected. Great care must be exercised in the grant of loans for the purchase of cattle to see that the borrowers are really enabled to add to the tilling force of the locality and not merely to secure the transference of cattle from one village where they are required, to another.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

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

ORDER—dated 2nd August 1892, No. 800, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The instructions contained in paragraph 7 of the Proceedings read above are approved.

3. The Government notes with much satisfaction the testimony borne by the Commissioner to the good work done by Messrs. C. A. Smith and Venkataram Das Naidu.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture,
„ the Public Works Department (W).

Exd. A. Aubert.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 18th July 1892, No. 504 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

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General remarks on above subjects.—The rainfall during the fortnight was as follows:—

	INCHES.
Pattikonda	5.91
Pyápali	4.73
Kurnool	4.24
Nandikótkur	2.32
Atmakúr	3.37
Nandyál	6.79
Kalwa	4.80
Koilkuntla	* 4.48
Owk	† 2.36
Sirvel	3.49
Cumbum	4.60
Márkápúr	2.59

* Exclusive of 3 days in the second week for which report has not been received.
† Exclusive of the second week not reported yet.

The rainfall was very general throughout and in some villages in a few taluks it was even more than the extent registered at the cusbah stations. There has thus been a remarkable improvement in the general prospects throughout, though the Deputy Collector of Pyápali reports that in a few villages of the Thimmanayanipet firka in Koilkuntla taluk there has not yet been a sufficient quantity of timely rain. The rainfall that we have had up to date is quite sufficient for dry cultivation, but more is required for the commencement of wet cultivation.

Condition of people.—On works.—Healthy and good in general; but some degree of panic owing to cholera, prevails at Basinepalli of Cumbum taluk and at Márkápúr. In the Cumbum division the Famine Duty Deputy Collector inspected 8 relief works during the fortnight, and the average pay earned by the coolies is reported to be slightly less than the 3rd-class wage.

In villages.—Good and healthy in general. In the Cumbum division the Deputy Collector reports there was no migration, as sufficient employment is available for the coolies on relief works and on the wells for which State loans have been granted. No deaths from starvation have been reported anywhere.

Mortality.—Normal everywhere except in Nandyál, Cumbum and Márkápúr taluks, where excess is shown and is due to cholera. In Nandyál there were from the bum between the 13th and 27th ultimo, 31 deaths out of 60 attacks in 6 villages, in Cumbum between the 13th and 27th ultimo, 71 deaths out of 142 attacks in 12 villages; and in Márkápúr between the same two dates 53 deaths out of 155 attacks in 24 villages. In the Dibaguntla village of Sirvel taluk also there was an imported case which proved fatal.

Sickness.—Fever in parts throughout and cholera of a virulent type, small-pox and guinea-worm here and there in the Cumbum division. All possible sanitary arrangements are being made. In the Kurnool town there were 11 deaths from fever against 8 in the previous fortnight.

Remarks.—Light work gangs have been formed on almost all the works in Cumbum division. In this division the gosha women scheme recently sanctioned by the Board has been given effect to. The ragi flour required for the Dupad and Budveed kitchens is being made by the gosha women of Tangirallapalli. Under the personal orders of the Commissioner the Deputy Collector reports that a cholera shed was constructed at Márkápúr. With regard to the weavers in Kodumur, Pattikonda taluk, there are 651 of them being relieved at 3 for each loom. By the 25th ultimo they wove 40 female cloths and 121 duppati cloths (sheets). The Deputy Collector of Pyápali also reports that certain weavers of the village of Pattikonda applied to him for relief, but that he rejected it as the village is not one of the affected ones.

Relief measures.—Relief works in what taluks open.—In all taluks except Nandyál and Sirvel. The number of coolies on the works in each taluk on the last day of the fortnight are given in the appended table as compared with the preceding fortnight:—

Taluks.	Number of coolies on the last day of the		Difference.	Remarks.
	Preceding fortnight.	Fortnight under report.		
1	2	3	4	5
1. Pattikonda	1,736	1,043	— 693	Figure of the 29th ultimo being the latest available. The decrease in the number of coolies is due chiefly to rainfall except in Márkápúr where it is due also to cholera. The increase in Nandikótkur is attributable to pieceworkers not having been shown in the previous narrative.
2. Rámallakót	981	662	— 319	
3. Nandikótkur	48	252	+ 204	
4. Nandyál	..	..	..	
5. Koilkuntla	4,026	2,899	— 1,127	
6. Sirvel	..	..	..	
7. Cumbum	10,250	8,925	— 1,325	
8. Márkápúr	8,930	6,104	— 2,826	
Total ..	25,971	19,885	6,086	

* The figure (133) for the Veldurti tank included herein has been taken from the report for the 27th, that being the latest available report here.

Poor-houses.—In what places open and the numbers at each.—No poor-houses, but kitchens are maintained in the Cumbum, Márkápúr, and Koilkuntla taluks. The annexed table shows the numbers fed at each kitchen on the last day of the fortnight:—

Kitchens.	Numbers fed.				Remarks.
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Koilkuntla Taluk.</i>					
1. Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	Closed for want of relief works in the neighbourhood and because of the reluctance of the coolies to send their children.
2. Cherlopalli	..	..	..	..	
3. Mayalur	3	4	31	38	
Total ..	3	4	31	38	Relates to 2nd July, the figure for the 30th or any immediately preceding date not being available.
<i>Cumbum Taluk.</i>					
1. Palakavid	29	37	58	124	Relates to 1st July. Newly opened on 24th June 1892.
2. Giddalur-Mundlapad	5	5	54	64	
3. Mokshagundum road	12	4	50	66	
Total ..	46	46	162	254	
<i>Márkápúr Taluk.</i>					
1. Márkápúr	11	6	36	53	
2. Dupad	12	11	75	98	
3. Budveed (formerly Takapalli) ..	1	..	..	1	
Total ..	24	17	111	152	
Grand Total ..	73	67	304	444	

Village Relief.—Number of villages in each taluk for which reports of village relief have been received.—None except that gosha females are helped out of the Holkar's money in Cumbum and Kurnool divisions. In the Cumbum division the Deputy Collector pays 5 gosha women in Márkápúr taluk and 12 in Cumbum taluk at the rate of one anna per head per diem. In the Kurnool division the distribution was made on two occasions, on the 4th May 1892 and 1st June 1892, and 68 women on the first occasion and 92 women on the second occasion were paid at the rate of Rs. 1-4-0 per head under the personal supervision of the Deputy Tahsildar of Kurnool town. Besides the 200 rupees already allotted out of this money to the Kurnool Division Deputy Collector, a further sum of Rs. 200 has been placed at his disposal very recently.

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

Remarks.—Nil.

Grain supply—Private trade active or not, whether in rice or dry staple food-grain.—Active in all grains in Pyápali and Cumbum divisions and Nandikótkur taluk of Kurnool division and moderate in Rámallakót taluk. In the Nandyál division the Head Assistant Collector reports that it is not active, as it would not sufficiently pay the merchants.

State the imports by rail or sea of rice or other staple food-grain.—None except in the Cumbum division where the imports during the fortnight are as follow:—

Cumbum.

349 maunds of cholum.
114 „ of rice.
29 „ of ragi.

Márkápúr.

150 maunds of rice.
1,645 „ of ragi.
472 „ of cholum.
320 „ of paddy.

In the Nandyál division rice was transported from Nandyál to Sirvel.

Known or estimated quantity in taluks.—Sufficient for 4 months in Cumbum division, for 2 or 3 months in Pyápali division and from about 6 to 8 months in Nandyál division; also a year's supply in Nandikótkur and 6 months' supply in Rámallakót taluks.

State of Markets.

Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.					Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at
Stations.	Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.	Cumbu.			
Kurnool	9-26	15-67	..	..	..	..	Kurnool.
Nandyál	9-3	15-1	..	..	..	..	Kurnool.
	..	..	15-5	..	..	..	Nandyál.
	..	..	..	12-5	Nandyál.	..	Nandyál.
Cumbum	8-25	14-4	..	..	Cumbum.	..	..
	..	..	15-00	..	Cumbum.	Cumbum.	..
	..	..	..	12-32	..	..	Cumbum.
Márkápúr	9-96	13-82	..	..	Márkápúr.	..	Márkápúr.
	..	..	15-00	..	..	..	Márkápúr.
	..	..	..	11-6	..	..	Márkápúr.

Loans.—The transactions under this head are exhibited in the appended table in the form prescribed in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3624, dated 14th April 1892.

Suspension of kists.—The revised statement of revenue kists, the collections of which has been suspended, called for in Board's memorandum, dated 23rd March 1892, Mis. No. 2927, is appended.

Taluks and places visited by the Collector during the fortnight.—I only took charge on the 24th, but on 23rd I travelled with the Pattikonda Tahsildar by rail from the confines of the district to Dhone and subsequently by road to Kurnool. All along it was raining or had rained and signs of improvement were evident.

ENCLOSURE.

TABLE showing the progress made in the disposal of applications for loans under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts in affected taluks from 1st April 1891 up to end of period ending 30th June 1892.

Taluk or division.	Purpose of loan.	Applications for loans.				Loans.		Wells.	
		Pending.		Accepted.		Disbursed.		Number constructed or repaired.	Number under construction or repair.
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Land Improvement Loans.</i>			RS.		RS.		RS.		
Ongole	Repair and construction of wells.	153	25,765	92	17,295	82	13,631	31	66
Kanigiri	Repair and construction of wells.	91	14,050	25	4,050	25	4,050	1	24
Kandukúr	Repair and construction of wells.	142	20,625	36	4,770	26	2,680	25	1
Kávali	Repair and construction of wells.	72	6,440	14	1,810	14	1,810	..	14
Udayagiri	Other purposes	2	150	7	790	7	790	..	..
Atmakúr	Repair and construction of wells.	28	4,070	14	2,250	14	2,250	7	10
	Other purposes	2	200	3	345	3	345	..	..
Total	Repair and construction of wells.	499	73,950	200	32,790	178	26,536	64	121
	Other purposes	4	350	10	1,135	10	1,135	..	..
	Total	503	74,300	210	33,925	188	27,671	64	121
<i>Agriculturists' Loans</i>									
Ongole	Purchase of fodder ..	897	70,920	626	60,570	497	48,745	..	..
Kandukúr	Do.	52	4,200	2	75	1	25	..	..
Kávali	Other purposes	1	500	1	500	..	..	..	..
Atmakúr	Purchase of cattle and seed-grain.	..	..	1	50	1	50	..	..
	Total	950	75,620	630	61,195	499	48,820	..	..

Resolution—dated 18th July 1892, No. 503.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Subsequent to the period alluded to in the last report—Board's Proceedings, dated 1st July 1892, No. 474—there was a little rain during the remainder of June in the north-western corner of Nellore, but since the beginning of the current month there has been heavy rain throughout the affected portion of the district as shown below:—

Stations.	April and May.		June.		July.		August.
	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892 up to 9th.	
	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.
Ongole	1-91	..	2-03	2-87	3-17	2-15	3-60
Kandukúr	1-60	0-93	1-81	0-58	2-98	2-56	3-29
Kávali	1-51	1-40	1-27	1-22	2-66	4-35	3-16
Darsi	2-12	1-00	2-55	5-25	2-19	3-20	3-01
Kanigiri	1-75	0-45	1-78	3-37	2-57	2-45	2-08
Udayagiri	2-23	1-10	1-28	1-65	1-69	5-60	2-23
Atmakúr	2-06	..	1-04	0-75	1-64	3-45	2-37

3. Before this later rain fell, the condition of the affected area, as shown in the report read above, had already begun to improve. Agricultural operations were in full swing, sowing was being pushed on, pasture was improving, and almost every-

where the difficulties about water-supply had disappeared. The subsequent rainfall will have assured for the present a favorable opening of the season, and if succeeded by further rain, seasonable in time and amount, the affected area should soon recover. It will be noticed that in the Atmakur taluk where up to the end of June the year's rainfall had only been 0.75 inch as compared with the average of 3.10 inches, there was in the first nine days of the current month 3.45 inches of rain as compared with the whole month's average of 1.64 inches. The condition of this taluk, which was giving the Collector some anxiety, may now be considered satisfactory.

4. Prices, as shown in the next statement, remain practically unchanged throughout the affected area :—

out the affected area.

Stations.	Seers of 80 tolas per rupee.									
	1892.			June.		1892.			June.	
	May.	June	July.			May.	June.	July.		
	Average.	18th.	9th.	Normal.	1877.	Average.	18th.	9th.	Normal.	1877.
	Rice, 2nd sort.					Cholum.				
Ongole	10.3	9.4	9.4	13.6	8.3	14.9	14.4	14.4	23.5	10.5
Addanki	9.4	9.4	9.4	12.1	7.9	13.3	13.1	13.5	21.1	9.7
Darsi	8.5	8.5	8.5	11.8	7.5	13.6	13.6	13.6	25.1	9.8
Podili	8.9	8.9	8.9	13.7	7.4	12.7	12.7	12.7	26.1	9.7
Kanigiri	7.5	8.5	8.5	13.8	7.4	12.7	..	..	26.6	8.4
Udayagiri	..	..	..	15.7	7.8	14.5	14.5	14.5	24.9	8.2
Atmakur	7.5	7.5	8.5	13.8	7.0	13.6	13.6	14.9	27.1	9.6
Scarcity rates ..	11.2					14.7				
Stations.	Cumbu.					Ragi.				
	13.2	13.2	13.2	21.1	11.6	17.0	17.0	17.0	30.0	12.6
	12.0	12.0	12.4	19.0	9.0	15.6	15.3	15.7	25.9	10.9
	12.3	12.3	12.3	21.6	8.8	13.6	13.6	13.6	27.1	11.4
	11.5	11.5	11.5	22.3	8.1	13.6	13.6	13.6	28.6	10.7
	11.6	11.6	11.6	23.0	8.1	15.1	13.6	13.6	30.6	10.3
	13.1	13.1	13.1	27.3	7.7	15.3	15.3	17.0	29.7	8.6
	..	..	..	25.7	..	13.6	13.6	17.0	30.4	10.0
Scarcity rates ..	15.4					16.6				

In the Podili division, where the largest numbers are employed on relief works, the price of ragi—the staple grain—has been stationary during the past three months at the present figure of 13.6 imperial seers per rupee as compared with the normal of 28.6 imperial seers per rupee. In Udayagiri the price of ragi shows a satisfactory fall during the week ending 9th instant to 17.0 imperial seers per rupee as compared with 15.3, the rate prevailing during the two previous months.

5. Until the end of the period dealt with in the Collector's report, the number of persons resorting to the relief works increased steadily, having risen from 12,757 on the 28th May to 27,431 on the 2nd instant, the increase being chiefly in the Podili division and in the Udayagiri taluk :—

Taluka.	Numbers on relief works.				Numbers on gratuitous relief.			
	May, average.	18th June.	July.		May, average.	18th June.	July.	
			2nd.	9th.			2nd.	9th.
Ongole	578	2,027	2,164	1,158	..	..	..	..
Darsi	..	89	43	60	..	..	..	..
Podili	7,282	17,163	17,471	12,394	..	32	30	36
Kanigiri	..	24	162	29	95	51	201	210
Udayagiri	3,116	6,920	6,692	7,090	..	..	7	4
Atmakur	..	243	179	112	..	..	..	..
Kandukur	..	89	720	861	..	..	..	..
Total ..	10,976	25,638	27,431	21,704	95	83	238	250

The Commissioner has spent nine days in the Podili division during the current month, and is of opinion that, though distress is very real in the division and must continue to be so so long as prices remain at their present very high level, yet that nevertheless a considerable portion of the increase in numbers is due to the laxity which has been allowed in the exaction of the prescribed tasks. In a great number of cases the Commissioner satisfied himself that the task prescribed in the rules, which is by no means an excessive task, had been improperly reduced by allowing "leads" in excess of the actual leads; in many other cases the tasks fixed by the Local Fund Engineer with the approval of the Collector and the Commissioner had been unnecessarily and improperly reduced by the subordinate supervising staff.

In nearly every gang numbers of small children were admitted as men and women, and children of 4, 5 and 6 years of age as over 7 years.

The check which the exaction of a suitable task imposes on fraud of this kind, —for a gang, of which numbers of those classed as men and women are children, and numbers of working children are children of so tender an age as to be able to do nothing, can never do its proper task and must inevitably incur heavy fines—was absent on these roads because, as stated above, the task was in so many cases improperly fixed.

6. On the Tadivaripalle work, the numbers on which at the date of the Commissioner's visit were about 3,500, the Commissioner found that the pay of all gangs was eleven days in arrears—the rule, followed with great regularity the Commissioner is glad to say in most districts and in other parts of the Nellore district, being that pay shall be disbursed twice a week.

No proper task was exacted from labourers on the work, and as a consequence the work was resorted to not only by Nellore labourers, but by large numbers from the Cumbum taluk of Kurnool who found the untasked work preferable to the tasked work obtainable in their own district.

Numbers of cases of cholera had occurred in villages in the vicinity of the work, and the Commissioner lost a peon in the camp at Tadivaripalle. There was but one fatal case of cholera on the road work to the Commissioner's knowledge, but that the gangs should have escaped as they did is, in the Commissioner's opinion, marvellous.

It took the Sub-Collector, aided by the Assistant Collector, the Local Fund Engineer, a Deputy Collector, Mr. Venkatarama Das Nayudu, whose services the Commissioner borrowed temporarily from the Kurnool district, and a considerable staff of Assistants, four days to write up the wages accounts and to pay the labourers up to date, and the work was then closed, all in need of employment being directed to the neighbouring works in the Cumbum taluk and at Vemulapad in Podili.

The time occupied in making payments to the gangs was devoted by the Commissioner to a general and careful inspection of the labourers on the works, and he is glad to be able to state that the condition of all he saw was favorable. There was no emaciation such as might have been expected owing to the delay in payment of wages, and it is presumable, therefore, that considerable numbers who resorted to the works must have been possessed of some means of subsistence other than that derivable from the works. In the case, however, of a large number of poor people who camped on the works, this assumption cannot be made, and in their case the Commissioner would attribute their good condition to the fact that the wages previously earned had been very easily earned, and that owing to the laxity above described in dealing with children, families had received considerably higher sums than the Code contemplated. There was further the fact that the road passed through a jungle and that devadari and other leaves easily obtained in abundance formed a large portion, and as results show a not unwholesome portion, of the diet.

7. The Commissioner is satisfied that the experience now gained will show the District officers the very grave responsibility under which they lie for the proper control of the relief works, and that in future no relief work will be left without constant inspection from responsible officers.

8. The progress made during the fortnight in loan operations was as follows:—

Loans.	Granted.		Disbursed.		Applications pending at the end of the period.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
<i>Land Improvement.</i>		RS.		RS.		RS.
For well-sinking	33	4,950	43	7,341	* 499	73,950
For other purposes	1	50	1	50	4	350
<i>Agriculturists'.</i>						
For the purchase of fodder	125	10,165	175	14,760	† 950	75,620

* 153 in Ongole, 142 in Kandukúr, 91 in Kanigiri and 72 in Kávali. † 897 in Ongole and 52 in Kandukúr.

It was only in the case of the fodder loans in Ongole that any material progress was made and these loans are now no longer required. The progress made in promoting well-sinking by the aid of loans has, so far, been chiefly confined to the Ongole taluk, and in that and the adjoining Kandukúr taluk there is a large number of applications for loans for this work pending. In Udayagiri and Atmakúr but little has yet been done, and there are very few applications pending in these taluks.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary,

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

ORDER—dated 1st August 1892, No. 775, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector of Nellore will, without delay, submit a full report on the state of affairs described by the Commissioner in paragraphs 5 to 7 of the Proceedings read above and as to the officials who are responsible for the great laxity brought to notice. He will also report what measures have been taken to punish those primarily guilty of the frauds discovered. It is clear that closer supervision is required, and orders have now been issued to transfer all relief works throughout the Nellore district to the charge of the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. Aubert.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 18th July 1892, No. 503:—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from C. D. MACLEANE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 8th July 1892, No. 764-Tour:—

I have the honour to forward herewith the fortnightly narrative for the period ending 30th June 1892 with the three usual statements.

2 ONGOLE TALUK—*State of country.*—Sajja, palapu jonna and ragi under wells in good condition, yield expected 8 to 12 annas. Sajja and korra or italian millet harvested in Addanki, yield 8 annas. Fodder largely imported; pasture rapidly coming up, especially in Addanki. Registered rainfall from 1st January to 30th June 1892, 2·91 against average of 10 years 4·16. Ditto for June 1892, 2·91 against average of 10 years 2·44. Registered rainfall in fortnight under report 2·37. Showers all over the taluk between 13th and 17th. Water-supply greatly improved. Musi and Gundlakamma rivers in fresh on 17th, 23rd and 27th. Some tanks received supply of 15 to 30 days for whole ayacut. Ploughing and sowings last reported were continued. Condition of cattle improving. The end of the month saw a complete change of situation with agriculture briskly established. *Condition of people.*—Good. *Relief measures.*—Same works as in last fortnight. Numbers at Kalavakur fell as shown below:—

Date.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
16th June ..	788	921	249	1,958
20th „ Monday ..	741	911	226	1,878
27th „ „ ..	370	527	87	984
30th „ „ ..	391	575	105	1,071

Mondays are specially quoted, as being found always principal day for changes. *Grain-supply.*—Trade active in rice and cholum. Stock estimated at 232 garce, 180 with ryots and rest with merchants.

3. DARSÍ DIVISION.—*State of country.*—No standing crops reported. Pasture coming up and fodder available in small quantities. Registered rainfall from 1st January to 30th June 1892, 4·02 against an average of 10 years 5·20. Ditto for June 1892, 3·00 against an average of 10 years 2·89. Registered rainfall during the fortnight 2·20. Good local showers. Water sufficient for drinking. Several tanks received from 1 to 4 months' supply; four tanks reported to have breached. Ploughing

in progress in several villages; sajja, jonna and oil-seeds being sown. Cattle improving. The division made a great advance in the fortnight. *Condition of people.*—Generally good. *Relief measures.*—Works as in last report. Many wells having received supply, Local fund water-supply works sanctioned had to be abandoned in consequence. *Grain supply.*—Private trade dull. Stocks as in last report; division being fertile I think they are much under-stated.

4. PODILI DIVISION.—*State of country.*—As reported last fortnight, sajja and palapu jonna are standing crops under wells, expected outturn 4 annas. Fodder scarce, but pasture improving. Rainfall according to Deputy Tahsildar's gauge from 1st January to 30th June 1892, 2.70 inches against an average of 5 years 3.30. Ditto for June 1892, 2.55 against an average of 5 years 1.70. Rainfall in the fortnight 1.37 inches. Outlying villages had still more, water-supply improved after recent rains, the tanks receiving 15 days to 2 months' supply. Ploughing and sowings in rapid progress in dry lands in about one-half of the villages. Ploughing cattle in good condition. Other cattle live upon leaves, but pasture will soon be available. The division rapidly improving from an agricultural point of view. *Condition of people.*—Generally good. There are 3 kitchens at the three relief road works and infirm beggars have been taken into them. *Relief measures.*—The three large road relief works mentioned in last narrative still continue and go by the name of Arikatla (East Podili), Vemulapad (centre) and Tadivaripalli (West Podili) works situated respectively 4 miles east and 12 and 25 miles west of Podili. Two kitchens already open, and a third at Tadivaripalli was about to be opened. The Vemulapad kitchen was removed to Chinamanagundam, nearer the works, but the numbers declined especially in the case of children, because the works were nearer the coolies' villages and the latter left their children at home. The numbers in the Arikatla kitchen close to Podili were steady. The numbers on the road works declined at Arikatla, increased at Vemulapad and fluctuated at Tadivaripalli as shown below.

For Arikatla, they were—

Date.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
16th June	2,249	3,687	1,053	6,989
20th " Monday ..	2,366	3,604	1,064	7,034
25th "	2,154	3,384	989	6,527
27th " Monday ..	1,698	2,816	743	5,257
30th "	1,703	2,848	745	5,296

For Vemulapad, they were—

Date.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
16th June	2,393	3,796	988	7,177
20th " Monday ..	2,340	4,306	1,141	8,087
27th "	2,859	4,681	1,301	8,841
28th "	2,704	4,635	1,301	8,731
29th "	2,829	4,697	1,313	8,839

For Tadivaripalli, they were—

Date.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
16th June	887	1,641	402	2,930
20th " Monday ..	1,161	2,132	54	3,347
27th "	1,040	1,866	476	3,382
28th "	1,058	1,898	474	3,430
29th "	1,122	2,021	482	3,625

Grain supply.—Private trade active in rice and ragi. Stock estimated at 48 garce with merchants and 42 with ryots.

5. KANIGIRI TALUK.—*State of country.*—Well crops standing as last reported with yield estimated at 4 annas or above. Fodder and pasture scarce. Registered rainfall from 1st January to 30th June 1892, 4.05 against average of 10 years 3.46. Ditto for June 1892, 1.65 against an average of 10 years 1.11. Registered rainfall of fortnight under report 1.45. Kanigiri tank received 2 months' supply. Pamur (Kalastri cusbah village) had 2 inches of rain. Garden crops being irrigated; ploughing in progress and dry crops being sown. Cattle are improving. Taluk sharing in general improvement. *Condition of people.*—60 attacks of cholera, 25 deaths. The epidemic continuing, a special hospital assistant has been sent out. *Relief measures.*—Works as in last report. A kitchen at Pamur was opened not connected with any work. 152 children were fed on the morning and 159 on the evening of the 29th. *Grain supply.*—Private trade active. Stock estimated at 130 garce with ryots and 33 with Komaties.

6. KANDUKUR TALUK.—*State of country.*—Standing crops reported in last narrative were thriving on account of recent rains. Both fodder and pasture available. Registered rainfall from 1st January to 30th June 1892, 1.74 against an average of 10 years 1.66. Ditto for June 1892, 0.91 against an average of 10 years 1.66. Registered rainfall of fortnight 0.30. Village showers general. Palair had a full fresh on the 27th. Tanks received good supplies, difficulty for drinking water removed. Ploughing reported last fortnight continued and sowings in progress. Cattle disease Gudipettu still in two villages. Ploughing cattle in good condition, other cattle improving. This taluk had less rainfall than the others, but needed it less. *Condition of people.*—Three deaths from cholera, otherwise condition of people good. *Relief measures.*—Same as in last report. *Grain supply.*—Private trade active in all grains. Stock estimated at 80 garce with ryots and 17 with merchants.

7. KAVALI TALUK.—*State of country.*—Palapu jonna and sajja under wells thriving in a few villages, estimated yield 8 annas. Dry fodder sufficient; pasture coming up. Registered rainfall from 1st January to 30th June 1892, 2.63 against an average for 10 years 3.41 inches. Ditto for June 1.23 against an average for 10 years 2.15 inches. Registered rainfall during the fortnight 0.30 inch. Land ploughing for sajja, palapu jonna thrashing. Cattle in fair condition. State of taluk almost normal. *Condition of people.*—Good. *Relief measures.*—None. *Grain supply.*—Private trade active. Stock estimated at 102 garce.

8. UDAYAGIRI TALUK.—*State of country.*—Standing crops under wells were palapu jonna and pitchika sajja as last reported; they are being harvested, outturn being estimated at from 2 to 4 annas. Fodder scarce. Hillside cattle feed on jungle leaves, hill grass being still scarce. Registered rainfall from 1st January to 30th June 1892, 4.05 inches against an average of 10 years 3.46. Ditto for June 1892, 1.65 against an average of 10 years 1.11 inches. Registered rainfall in the fortnight 1.45 inches. Water-supply slightly improved, though not quite adequate for agricultural purposes. Dryland ploughing for cholera, korra and oil-seeds and yerra jonna, pedda sajja and indigo in a few villages being sown. Ploughing cattle alone in good condition. The general situation slightly improved in fortnight. *Condition of people.*—Fair. Small-pox in a few villages, but no fatal cases. *Relief measures.*—The large road relief work or Duttalur work is moving west towards Pamur; tamping will now begin; water-supply works in hand in 19 villages, allotment Rs. 3,028; the forest reserve wall work continued. A kitchen was started on the day succeeding the fortnight. The numbers on the road relief work remained stationary as shown below:—

Date.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
16th June 1892 (Monday) ..	2,477	2,490	957	5,924
20th "	2,357	2,470	1,016	5,843
27th "	2,251	2,492	1,277	6,020
28th "	2,232	2,482	1,318	6,032
29th "	2,238	2,498	1,329	6,065
30th "	2,204	2,434	1,295	5,933

1st August 1892, No. 775, Ravin.

Grain supply.—Private with merchants and

Date.	Men.	W.
16th June	2,249	
20th " Monday	2,366	
25th "	2,154	
27th " Monday	1,698	
30th "	1,703	

For Vemulapad, they were—

	Date.	Men
16th June		2,3
20th "	Monday ..	2
27th "	" ..	2
28th "	" ..	..
29th "	" ..	..

For Tadivaripalli, they were—

	Date.
16th June	
20th "	Monday
27th "	"
28th "	"
29th "	"

places were visited by the
Head Assistant Collector
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Kandukur taluk.—
and Ullapollem.
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