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9TH AUGUST 1892, No. 821, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 27th July 1892, No. 538:—

MR. CLOESTOUN.

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 21st July 1892, No. 789-Tour:—

I have the honour to submit the fortnightly narrative for the period ending 15th July 1892, with the three usual statements.

2. The last two reports compared the actual rainfall registrations to end of May and June, respectively, of this year with the corresponding averages for previous 10 years. The same will be done for July in the report following this.

3. ONGOLE TALUK—*State of country.*—Sajja, jonna, ragi, korra and indigo have been sown. The standing crop palapu jonna is in excellent condition. Pasture now procurable everywhere. Registered rainfall during fortnight 2.15 inches. Village rainfall throughout the taluk probably from 3 to 4 inches. Gundlakamma and Mushi rivers were still in fresh. All the tanks are more or less full. Ploughing and sowing in rapid progress throughout taluk. Condition of cattle much improved. The taluk has almost regained its normal condition. *Condition of people.*—Good. Cholera reported in 3 villages, but no deaths. *Relief measures.*—Kalavakur tank, Public Works Department work, and Runga Row tank, Local Fund work, were still proceeding, but all minor irrigation works and water-supply works stopped on account of the heavy rains. The following were the numbers of labourers on the Kalavakur tasked work:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1st	481	675	129	1,285
4th (Monday)	337	380	112	916
11th (Do.)	337	380	112	839
15th	402	461	121	984

Grain supply.—Trade not very active owing to rains. Kistna paddy coming in by canal. Estimated stocks of grain: with Comaties 180 garce, with ryots 46 garce.

4. DARSİ DIVISION—*State of country.*—Sajja, jonna and oil-seeds were sown. Slight fodder and abundant new pasture. Registered rainfall during fortnight 3.70 inches. Information about village rainfall not to hand. Tanks and wells received good supplies. Ploughing and sowing last reported are active. Cattle much improved. The condition of the division is considered to be almost normal. *Condition of people.*—Good. Fever and small-pox in a few villages. *Relief measures.*—Works as in last report. *Grain supply.*—Private trade dull owing to rains. Estimated stocks: with Comaties 11 garce, with ryots 26 garce.

5. PODILI DIVISION—*State of country.*—Sajja, jonna, and oil-seeds are standing crops and are in fair condition. Fodder scarce, but pasture much improving. Rainfall registered by Deputy Tahsildar 2.35 inches. Ploughing and sowing general for dry and garden lands. Condition of cattle improved. The only present impediment to the agriculture of the division is deficiency of cattle owing to casualties. *Condition of people.*—Generally good. Fever and small-pox in a good many villages; cholera

in 2 villages, where 2 attacks and 1 death in each. There were 2 deaths from dysentery on the 14th and 15th on the Arikatla (east Podili) works. *Relief measures.*—The numbers of labourers at Arikatla (east Podili) were as follows:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1st				
4th (Monday)	1,727	2,866	757	5,350
11th (Do.)	1,558	2,695	723	4,976
15th	1,278	2,114	833	4,165
	1,050	1,897	753	3,610

at Vemulapad (central Podili) they were:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1st				
4th (Monday)	2,759	4,639	1,297	8,695
11th (Do.)	2,785	4,533	1,224	8,542
15th	1,889	3,139	1,099	6,028
	1,847	3,067	993	5,912

The Tadivaripalli (west Podili) section of the road work was closed on the 9th instant, under orders of the Famine Commissioner. The only information I have as to the reasons, is that to be derived from paragraph 6 of Board's Proceedings, No. 503, dated 18th July 1892, just to hand and nothing explicit is stated there. The work in question was opened by my instructions on 10th June 1892 (*vide* paragraph 4 of this office letter in Board's Proceedings, No. 474, dated 1st July 1892), under the consideration that it was not desirable to crowd the then enormously increasing numbers on to two works, and in deference to the opinions of local officers already several times expressed that the works should be more spread out to avoid risk of pestilence. The locality was chosen as that which had long been designated on similar authority as the quarter from which a large number of the most distressed persons came. If the Famine Commissioner found at his inspection about 3 weeks later that the work was unnecessary, I can only say that I am very glad to hear that it was considered so and to be quit of it. The Famine Commissioner came to the district for inspection and took the important executive measure of closing a work which had been opened 3 weeks before, without holding communication of any sort with the Collector of the district. I am writing therefore as above said with scanty data. As regards the strictures on Tadivaripalli work at paragraph 6 of Board's Proceedings above quoted, the work may be stated to have been only just started, and with the very rough material due to a great emergency which was mentioned at paragraph 4 of my letter above quoted. As a set off against the view that the Kurnool people came to it solely because the tasking was lax, is to be mentioned the fact that the engineering sub-divisional officer telegraphed to me 2 days after it was opened that the Kurnool people were flocking in; it cannot have had time then to establish a reputation in one way or another as regards the severity of tasks. As regards supervision, the Sub-Collector would have been on the spot in any case at the time the Famine Commissioner inspected. I was stopped from going there myself only by hearing that the Famine Commissioner was already inspecting. The instructions left by the Famine Commissioner regarding deviations from prescribed tasks, &c., in Podili generally will be strictly attended to. The Tadivaripalli kitchen referred to in last report was opened on the 3rd and closed on the 8th with the close of the works. On the 8th, 45 were fed in the morning and 32 in the evening. The numbers remained as before in the 2 other kitchens at Chinamanagundam (Vemulapad) and Podili (Arikatla). *Grain supply.*—Private trade active in rice and ragi. Stock of grain estimated at 45 garce with merchants and 34 with ryots.

6. KANIGIRI TALUK.—*State of country.*—Standing crops are yerra jonna, sajja, betel-leaves in 2 villages and sugarcane in 1 village; outturn estimated at 4 annas.

Fodder scanty, but pasture improved. Registered rainfall during fortnight 2.45 inches; the Kanigiri tank has 3 months' supply. The crops noted above being irrigated, and dry crops have been sown. Condition of cattle generally good. The taluk is in a better condition than at date of last report. *Condition of people.*—Good. Cholera in 6 villages, 92 attacks and 46 deaths. A Special Hospital Assistant is on duty. *Relief measures.*—Water-supply works mostly in abeyance on account of the rains. At Pamur kitchen last reported, the numbers fell on the 12th to 67 children in the morning and 69 in the evening, due to situation improving by rains and partly to exclusion of all but deserving subjects.

Grain supply.—Private trade active. Estimated stock of grain 127 garce with ryots and 33 with merchants.

7. KANDUKUR TALUK.—*State of Country.*—Besides standing crops last reported as thriving, sajja, jonna, indigo and oil-seeds were sown during the fortnight. Fodder scarce, pasture already luxuriant. Rainfall during fortnight (average of 2 registering stations Kandukur and Pakala) is 2.82 inches. Village rain abundant. Rivers, tanks, ponds and irrigation and drinking-water wells received good supplies. Early ploughings continued and sowings in progress. Cattle in sufficiently good condition. This taluk which was a little behind the others in rainfall made the deficiency good during the fortnight. *Condition of people.*—Good. Small-pox in some villages. *Relief measures.*—The minor irrigation works were all closed owing to tanks being full. *Grain supply.*—Private trade active. Estimated stock of grains 76 garce with ryots and 16 with merchants.

8. KAVALI TALUK.—Does not require special report. The taluk had very good rainfall and the agricultural situation is all that could be desired.

9. UDAYAGIRI TALUK.—*State of country.*—Besides crops last reported, indigo and korra under wells are flourishing. Fodder scarce, but sajja and cholum straw available in some places. Pasture freely springing up. Registered rainfall during fortnight 5.60 inches. Village rain known to have ranged from 1 to 3 inches general. The Boggeru and Pillaperu were in continuous flood. All tanks and wells filling up. Dry ploughings in progress; sowings in some villages commenced and in others completed. Cattle improving. The situation of this long-trying taluk is now at length very promising. *Condition of people.*—Generally good. *Relief measures.*—Same as in last report. The number on the Duttalur road relief work fell mostly due to heavy rains, as in Podili:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1st				
4th (Monday)	2,220	2,458	1,311	5,989
11th (Do.)	2,430	2,636	1,272	6,338
15th	2,118	2,173	966	5,257
	1,788	1,847	872	4,507

A kitchen at Vinjamur, as last reported, under the immediate supervision of the Special Deputy Collector. The numbers never exceeded 7 and the minimum was 3. *Grain supply.*—Private trade active. Stock estimated at 106 garce.

10. ATMAKUR TALUK.—*State of Country.*—Crops as last reported. Dry fodder available and pasture sprouting after late rains. Registered rainfall during fortnight 3.45 inches. Village rains sufficient for agricultural purposes. The rivers were in fresh. All tanks filling up. Ploughings for dry crops continued. Condition of cattle generally good. Season generally progressing very favorably. *Condition of people.*—Good. Cholera in 1 village, 3 attacks and 1 death. *Grain supply.*—Private trade fair. Stock estimated at 245 garce.

11. REPORTS AND INSPECTIONS.—(a) The Collector remained at head-quarters during the fortnight. After close of Nellore jamabandi where about 3 lakhs of rupees were remitted out of a beriz of say 5 lakhs, the arrears of nearly 6 months of appeal cases requiring hearing of both parties and vakils at head-quarters (52 in number) had to

be cleared off. At close of fortnight he proceeded on tour in Atmakur and Udayagiri. (b) The following places were visited by the Sub-Collector: *Podili Division*.—Tadivaripalli, Pathapad, Podili and Talamalla. (c) The following by the Head Assistant Collector: *Kavali taluk*.—Kaligiri. *Udayagiri taluk*.—Vinjamur. *Atmakur taluk*.—Gumpurilapad, Ashnapuram. (d) The following by the Assistant Collector:—*Podili Division*.—Tadivaripalli, Pathapad, Podili and Talamalla. (e) The following by the Udayagiri Special Deputy Collector:—*Udayagiri taluk*.—Udayagiri and Vinjamoor (the scene of the road relief work and the kitchen).

12. GENERAL.—Appended is a fourth statement showing the cultivation (sowings) of the whole district for the expired quarter and the expired month, with comparisons. Looking to village practice the figures for a month must be held to be figures down to the 20th of the month only. The next month's return will no doubt show an extraordinary progress due to the successful continuation of the monsoon. The figures speak for themselves, and it will be noticed what a great advance over the two previous years has already been shown in dry sowings.

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 up to end of period ending 15th July 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 Act.</i>		RS.		RS.		RS.		
Ongole ..	Repair and construction of wells ..	134	20,040	111	20,870	96	15,931	31	57
Kanigiri ..	Repair and construction of wells ..	128	18,050	29	4,450	29	4,450	3	25
Kandukur ..	Repair and construction of wells ..	113	16,640	58	7,950	34	3,360	1	33
Kavali ..	Repair and construction of wells ..	70	5,865	15	1,885	15	1,885	..	15
	Other purposes ..	7	450	7	790	7	790	..	..
Udayagiri ..	Repair and construction of wells ..	22	3,420	16	2,500	14	2,250	7	10
Atmakur ..	Repair and construction of wells ..	9	2,425	21	2,590	21	2,590	..	7
	Other purposes ..	2	250	4	445	4	445	..	..
Total ..	Repair and construction of wells ..	476	66,440	250	40,245	209	30,466	42	148
	Other purposes ..	9	700	11	1,235	11	1,235	..	..
	Total ..	485	67,140	261	41,480	220	31,701	42	148
	<i>Agriculturists' Loans Act.</i>								
Ongole ..	Purchase of fodder ..	811	64,880	853	76,810	751	69,795	..	..
Kanigiri ..	Do. do. ..	12	580	..	75	..	75	..	..
Kandukur ..	Do. do. ..	260	10,030	2	75	2	75	..	..
Kavali ..	Purchase of cattle and seed-grain ..	2	48	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other purposes ..	1	500	1	500	..	..	..	..
Udayagiri ..	Purchase of cattle and seed-grain ..	6	280	..	..	..	..	..	..
Atmakur ..	Purchase of cattle and seed-grain ..	..	..	1	50	1	50	..	..
	Total ..	1,092	76,318	857	77,435	754	69,920	..	..

Resolution—dated 27th July 1892, No. 538.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. As already reported (Board's Proceedings, dated 18th July 1892, No. 503), the rainfall at the beginning of the current month in the northern parts of Nellore was good. As shown below the rainfall up to the 23rd current had been considerably in excess of the average in the western portion of the affected area and good in the eastern taluks:—

Stations.	April and May.		June.		July.		August.
	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892, up to 23rd.	Average expected.
	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.
Ongole ..	1.91	..	2.03	2.87	3.17	2.52	3.80
Kandukur ..	1.60	0.93	1.81	0.58	2.98	2.66	3.29
Kavali ..	1.51	1.40	1.27	1.22	2.66	4.45	3.16
Darsi ..	2.12	1.00	2.55	5.25	2.19	3.75	3.01
Kanigiri ..	1.75	0.45	1.76	3.37	2.57	3.30	2.08
Udayagiri ..	2.23	1.10	1.28	1.65	1.69	5.65	2.23
Atmakur ..	2.06	..	1.04	0.75	1.64	3.45	2.37

3. Everywhere throughout the northern portion of the district, agricultural operations are proceeding briskly, and extensive sowings are being made, and the statement given by the Collector shows that up to 20th June the area sown was larger than usual. Pasture has greatly improved, and the cattle are picking up rapidly. Water-supplies are sufficient. In fact, the general prospects have so much improved that the Commissioner has already decided that the Atmakur, Kavali and Kandukur taluks, which have never been very seriously affected, should be removed from the affected area entirely. It is, therefore, unnecessary for the Collector to refer to the condition of these taluks in detail in future.

4. Prices, except at Addanki, Darsi and Udayagiri, have not shown any change since the beginning of the month; but at Addanki and Udayagiri both ragi and cholam and at Darsi ragi are now considerably cheaper than they were. The price of ragi, the staple grain at Podili, is still exceptionally high:—

Stations.	1892.				Normal. July.	1892.				Normal. July.		
	January.	June.	July.			January.	June.	July.				
			2nd.	23rd.				2nd.	23rd.			
			<i>Rice.</i>						<i>Cholam.</i>			
Ongole	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	13.5	12.6	14.4	14.4	14.4	23.7		
Addanki	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	12.1	13.2	13.1	13.5	14.4	20.4		
Podili	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.9	13.7	13.8	12.7	12.7	12.7	25.8		
Darsi	10.3	8.5	8.5	8.5	11.9	14.0	13.6	13.6	13.6	24.3		
Kanigiri	8.0	8.4	8.5	8.5	14.2	15.3	12.7	..	..	27.2		
Udayagiri	..	..	..	..	16.3	12.7	14.5	14.5	15.4	25.0		
Atmakur	9.8	7.7	8.0	8.5	13.8	14.5	14.0	14.5	14.9	26.9		
			<i>Cumbu.</i>						<i>Ragi.</i>			
Ongole	..	13.2	13.2	13.2	21.7	..	17.0	17.0	17.0	29.2		
Addanki	..	12.1	12.0	12.4	18.2	15.0	15.2	15.3	16.2	26.2		
Podili	..	12.5	11.5	11.5	22.2	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.6	29.5		
Darsi	..	12.6	12.3	12.3	21.0	14.2	13.6	13.6	15.3	26.4		
Kanigiri	..	12.3	11.6	11.6	23.0	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.6	31.0		
Udayagiri	..	11.5	13.1	13.1	25.4	14.1	16.2	17.0	18.7	29.3		
Atmakur	..	..	..	..	25.3	15.5	14.3	15.3	17.0	30.4		

5. The condition of the people is reported to be good in all parts, but there is a good deal of cholera about in the villages. The numbers resorting to the relief works decreased by over 10,000 between the 2nd and 16th of the month, and the season

report of the week ending 23rd instant shows a further fall of about 6,000 consequent on the total desertion of the Udayagiri road work due to a cholera scare. The following telegram has been received from the Collector on this subject in reply to a telegram from the Board:—

"Duttalur 16th, 4,520 coolies and one attack of cholera. 17th, Sunday, 15 coolies. 18th, 2 attacks, 663 coolies, rest having abandoned work for cholera. 19th, 1,452 coolies, increase due to attendance for payments, 2 more attacks and one death. 17th (20th?), 635 coolies; payments completed. No attendance since. Eleven coolies shown in returns were store watchers, &c. Hospital Assistant present on the work."

The condition of the taluk must be carefully watched by the Collector and employment must be again offered, if absolutely necessary, to those applying for it, task work being strictly enforced and wages limited to the amount of work turned out. The fact, however, that all the labourers were in a condition to leave work seems to show that they are not in very severe distress.

The numbers on the works in Podili are still nearly 9,000, and show a decrease of only 637 during the week ending 23rd instant. These works, however, have very recently been carefully inspected by the Sub-Collector, and the Commissioner sees no reason to doubt that those now on the works are really in need:—

Taluk.	Numbers on relief works.				Numbers on gratuitous relief.			
	June average.	July.			June average.	July.		
		2nd.	16th.	23rd.		2nd.	16th.	23rd.
Ongole	2,163	2,164	1,159	842	..	..	..	..
Darsi	60	43	50	50	..	..	..	..
Podili	15,237	17,471	9,522	8,885	33	30	37	37
Kanigiri	250	162	537	537	117	209	87	69
Udayagiri	5,622	6,692	5,356	649	7	7	6	5
Kandukur	333	720	399	..	..	..	..	..
Atmakur	193	179	104	..	..	..	..	..
Total	23,858	27,431	17,127	10,963	157	246	130	111

Instructions have already been issued for the closure of all works except those

Ongole—Kalavakur.
Podili—Arikatla and Vemulapad.
Udayagiri—Duttalur.

noted on the margin, and for the concentration of those seeking relief on these works.

The numbers on gratuitous relief also decreased by over 50 per cent. during the period, owing, as the Collector reports, "to the situation improving by rains and partly to exclusion of all but deserving subjects."

6. In paragraph 5 of his report the Collector takes exception to the action of the Commissioner in "closing a work which had been opened three weeks before without holding communication of any sort with the Collector of the district." The work in question, the Collector states, was opened by his "instructions on 10th June 1892 under the consideration that it was not desirable to crowd the then enormously increasing numbers on to two works, and in deference to the opinions of local officers already several times expressed that the works should be more spread out to avoid risk of pestilence. The locality was chosen as that which had long been designated on similar authority as the quarter from which a large number of the most distressed persons came." The Commissioner does not question the fact that with the information before him the Collector was justified in opening the work at Tadivaripalli and its opening was not opposed by the Commissioner, who at the time was in ignorance that work sufficient to give employment to all in need of it in Tadivaripalli was available in the adjoining taluk of Cumbum within a few miles of Tadivaripalli. The discovery of that fact would have been quite sufficient to justify the Commissioner in ordering a stoppage of the road work at Tadivaripalli, but the main reason for stopping it was

the reasonable certainty that existed that if allowed to continue, the work, on the departure of the Commissioner and the District officers, would drift into the same condition in which the Commissioner had found it.

The Commissioner would have consulted the Collector before closing the work, if he had anticipated that any reason could have been urged by him for allowing its continuance which could not have been urged by the Sub-Collector who was in camp with the Commissioner. The Collector is aware of the situation of Tadivaripalli and knows that communication between it and Nellore is a matter of several days' time which could not be spared by the Commissioner before coming to a decision.

7. The progress made in loan operations is shown in the subjoined table. It is presumed that in the improved state of the season no more fodder loans will now be required:—

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	50	7,455	31	3,930	(a) 476	66,440
For other improvements	1	100	1	100	9	700
<i>Agriculturists'.</i>						
For purchase of fodder	(e) 227	(e) 16,240	(e) 255	(e) 21,100	(b) 1,083	75,490
For purchase of cattle and seed-grain	..	..	..	..	8	328
For other purposes	..	..	..	..	1	500

(a) Ongole 134, Kanigiri 128, Kandukur 113, Kavalali 70. (b) Ongole 811, Kandukur 260.
(c) Ongole whole, excepting 1 loan and Rs. 50 disbursed.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

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

READ—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 29th July 1892, Mis. No. 6415.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting for information letter from the Collector of Nellore reporting the temporary closing of the Duttalur road relief works, and regretting to hear of Dr. Maclean's indisposition and that of so many of his District officers.

ORDER—dated 9th August 1892, No. 821, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

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