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15TH JANUARY 1892, No. 49, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 30th December 1891, No. 833:—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from W. G. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Collector of Anantapur, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 24th December 1891, B.D. No. 448:—

With reference to the Board's telegram of the 12th instant, inquiring when the monthly report on the condition of this district will be submitted, I have the honour to state that I am not aware of any order calling for this report. The one prescribed by the famine code is the monthly statement No. 10 referred to in section 100. Probably a general report on the present condition of this district is what is wanted, and I beg to submit this, in continuation of my letter printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 708, dated 4th November 1891.

2. *Cultivation.*—The following abstract shows the cultivation and rainfall of this district from April to November 1891 for the last eight years. It will be seen from this that the current fasli is deficient both under cultivation and rainfall as compared with the preceding six years; but, taking fasli 1294, which is generally called a famine year in this district, the rainfall is almost the same, although there is an increase of about 25 per cent. in cultivation. This was owing to the anticipated fair monsoon this year, which, however, was not the case.

Cultivation and rainfall in the district from April to November.

Fasli year.	Dry.	Wet.	Total.	Rainfall in inches.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	
1891	952,134	52,659	995,802	10.79
1890	1,105,710	87,254	1,192,964	20.16
1889	1,183,452	62,503	1,245,955	32.57
1888	1,095,430	58,233	1,153,663	20.22
1887	1,269,061	71,313	1,340,374	26.53
1886	1,180,661	82,707	1,263,368	25.43
1885	1,020,613	24,600	1,045,213	20.69
1884	758,546	36,770	795,316	10.16

3. *Season.*—Reports long ago called for from divisional officers as to the precise state of affairs in their respective divisions, the intensity of distress and the nature of the relief to be provided in the affected parts have not yet been received although urgent reminders have been sent for the same. In order that there may be no further delay in the matter, this report is submitted, as the condition of each taluk in the district can be roughly ascertained from the weekly season reports sent to the Board every Monday.

4. *Prices.*—The prices of the staple food-grains in the district have, as shown in the marginal abstract, gone up higher than in fasli 1294, the last famine year, and have in some instances exceeded the scarcity rates.

Food-grains.	During week ending 19th December 1891.	During fasli 1294.	—
Rice	8.19	12.69	In seers of 80 tolas.
Cholum	12.61	24.4	
Itagi	14.27	26.8	
Cumbu	11.77	21.9	

5. *Kalyándrúg division, Dharmavaram taluk.*—Since my last report on the Kalyándrúg division of the Dharmavaram taluk (*vide* my letter No. 245, dated 31st October 1891), I received information that there was an absolute want of labour

in that division for all classes and especially for the weavers, who were in a miserable plight, the merchants on whom they depended for their sustenance having withdrawn their help for want of demand for country-made piece goods. I immediately and in anticipation of orders authorized the commencement of walling the forest reserve at an estimated cost of Rs. 400 for a mile and sanctioned as an emergency Rs. 2,000 for the purpose, as no other work was available in the vicinity of the town capable of affording labour for a sufficiently large number of people. The progress report for the week ending 19th December 1891 shows that 466 persons are now at work and that Rs. 601 have been spent up to date.

Uravakonda division, Gooty taluk.—Since my report on the state of this division

Yadiki division, Tadpatri taluk.

	Rs.
1. A feeder to the Vanganur railway station	1,620
2. Deepening a kunta at Bondaladinna	310

(vide my letter No. 244, dated 8th October 1891), circumstances have considerably changed for the worse. The failure of the north-east monsoon resulted in a sudden rise of prices and want of labour was felt everywhere. On the representation of the Deputy Collector, Gooty, I have authorized the opening of relief kitchens at Uravakonda and Yadiki. As want of labour is also reported to be felt in the main division of the Tadpatri taluk, the Deputy Collector was authorized to commence walling the reserves and to include the marginally-noted works in the programme of his division. These small works will at once be started if necessity arises. As an emergency, the sum of Rs. 2,000 was ordered to be placed, at Rs. 1,000 each, at the disposal of the Deputy Tahsildars of Uravakonda and Yadiki for relief expenditure in their respective head-quarters.

6. In Board's Proceedings No. 782, dated 9th December 1891, the opening of relief kitchens at Kalyándrug, Uravakonda and Yadiki was ordered if necessary. I have asked my divisional officers to take the necessary steps under section 56 of the code, and the services of the three stock inspectors deputed on famine duty to this district under Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 7410, dated 18th December 1891, will be utilized in the three places mentioned above. It is now certain that famine relief works have to be started at once at certain places in the district and funds allotted for the purpose. I therefore request that for the present Rs. 50,000 be sanctioned to be spent on relief works and kitchens. A detailed programme will be prepared and submitted as soon as complete information is received from divisional officers. With my letter No. 107, dated 20th instant, the programme of Civil Agency Works to be undertaken in this district was submitted and estimates are being made ready for those for which they were wanting. The following list of works has been selected for immediate execution in consultation with Mr. Clogstoun, the Famine Commissioner, and Mr. Heinig, the Sub-divisional officer :—

A. Works in hand (being done by contractors).

Penukonda Taluk.

1. Roddam large tank Near Mysore territory.
2. Roddam small tank
3. Kalpi tank

B. Works proposed (not sanctioned).

Imperial.

1. Kundurpi tank (Kalyándrug).

Minor.

2. Nuthimadugu (Dharmavaram taluk).

Imperial.

3. Apparlpyet (Dharmavaram taluk).
4. Namuddala
5. Ravaleheruvu

Imperial.

6. Potalakunta (Penukonda taluk).
7. Embankments of river at Tadpatri.
8. Embankments of river at Pawidi, Gooty taluk.

Resolution—dated 30th December 1891, No. 833.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. As already reported in Board's Proceedings, dated 4th November 1891, No. 708, the south-west monsoon rains were exceedingly deficient throughout the district, and though during October there was a fair fall in some parts, in November there was a further general failure, whilst since the beginning of the current month there has practically been no rain at all. Particulars for all rainfall stations in the district are given below :—

Stations.		Rainfall in inches.									
		April-May.		June to Septem-ber.		October.		November.		December.	
		Average.	1891.	Average.	1891.	Average.	1891.	Average.	1891.	Expected average.	Up to 26th.
Uravakonda	..	2.44	.08	11.05	7.15	5.45	.90	1.45	0.60	.32	..
Gooty	..	2.44	..	15.83	5.86	5.29	5.00	1.48	..	.16	..
Yadiki	..	1.81	1.40	13.61	6.22	4.63	1.58	1.86	0.23	.21	..
Tadpatri	..	1.87	.80	15.36	6.77	5.31	4.91	1.65	1.02	.23	..
Anantapur	..	2.30	.87	12.06	4.14	5.09	3.87	1.44	0.87	.14	..
Dharmavaram	..	2.15	.20	11.72	5.83	5.06	2.27	2.01	1.45	.19	.12
Kalyándrug	..	2.92	1.10	10.35	3.20	5.56	.70	2.65	1.36	.15	.08
Bukkapatnam	..	1.25	.15	14.75	4.50	5.52	5.65	3.12	0.50	.46	..
Penukonda	..	3.30	1.62	12.13	4.42	6.05	7.17	2.49	0.80	.31	.05
Hindupur	..	3.35	.35	11.59	5.25	5.38	2.95	1.88	1.25	.29	..
Madakasira	..	4.61	1.99	11.63	5.60	6.42	2.96	1.99	1.51	.34	.05
Average	..	2.87	.76	12.97	5.63	5.63	3.45	1.79	0.95	.22	.03

3. The early sown crops were very poor and the area sown much below the average. During October and November a considerable area was sown, but at the end of the latter month all extension of the area had ceased, and the total area put under crop showed about 306,500 acres of dry land and about 65,000 acres or more than half the wet land left waste. The Collector gives no information as to the condition of the standing crop, but from the weekly reports it appears that most of the later sowings are withered or withering, and the supplies of irrigation water in tanks, channels and wells are failing, the tanks being generally dry. The submission of full information on this subject must be expedited, and the matter must be fully noticed in the Collector's report for December, which is due on the 7th January. His attention will be specially called to the instructions given in Government of India Circular printed in Board's Proceedings, dated 31st July 1885, No. 2232 :—

Taluk.		Dry cultivation.				Wet cultivation.					Total for the year.
		Sowings.				Sowings.					
		During November.		April to November.		During November.		April to November.			
		Average.	1891.	Average.	1891.	Average.	1891.	Average.	1891.		
		ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	
Gooty	..	30,985	54,152	34,713	284,319	374,241	516	1,086	7,216	4,818	11,945
Tadpatri	..	11,154	30,627	211,982	182,431	218,029	716	2,120	7,940	8,942	10,826
Anantapur	..	23,540	21,356	182,220	154,180	264,582	809	609	9,049	6,668	17,892
Dharmavaram	..	30,000	15,807	193,364	162,865	218,972	495	107	7,953	7,465	15,496
Penukonda	..	4,737	9,399	72,047	65,958	80,536	623	641	7,797	6,556	18,687
Hindupur	..	2,945	4,676	50,075	40,941	54,934	1,118	1,962	11,477	12,193	24,455
Madakasira	..	1,606	1,547	60,230	42,440	62,983	188	430	7,990	8,863	14,763
District averages	..	104,273	146,527	1,160,094	932,134	1,230,634	4,384	7,355	65,468	62,668	117,971

The taluk averages are for three years and the district ones for five years.

4. The report gives no information as to the condition of the cattle of the district but the weekly reports show that fodder is very scarce and pasturage generally scanty, and that the cattle are suffering considerably. This matter must also receive attention.

5. Prices began to rise sharply in September last, and though there was somewhat of a pause during October, in November the rise was very rapid and has since been continued, so that the average prices of all food-grains were above the scarcity rates for the district on the 26th December:—

Stations.	In seers of 80 tolas per rupee.									
	Rice, 2nd-sort.					Cholum.				
	1891.					1891.				
	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Normal for Novem-ber.	26th Decem-ber.	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Normal for Novem-ber.	26th Decem-ber.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Uravakonda	10-80	10-26	9-07	13-68	..	21-12	16-22	15-81	32-24	..
Gooty	9-99	9-99	8-64	13-05	7-56	20-60	20-34	15-97	30-77	14-42
Yadaki	11-56	11-34	8-75	14-47	..	21-58	24-10	14-71	31-87	..
Tadpatri	10-80	10-80	9-07	14-62	8-64	19-26	20-50	15-50	27-14	12-88
Anantapur	10-80	10-61	9-07	14-28	8-64	22-71	20-75	16-89	32-21	14-42
Dharmavaram	11-26	10-80	9-89	17-64	7-56	22-31	20-60	18-36	32-78	11-33
Kalyándróg	11-34	10-80	9-72	16-20	..	23-30	21-11	16-74	34-23	..
Bukkapatnam	11-23	11-34	8-75	17-10	..	22-87	23-09	17-92	34-33	..
Penukonda	11-23	11-52	8-97	17-36	8-10	24-63	21-06	15-76	37-93	12-36
Hindupur	10-75	11-80	9-21	16-96	7-56	22-07	21-36	18-06	36-31	11-33
Madakasira	10-80	11-37	9-78	17-64	9-72	25-75	..	..	39-14	..
District average ..	11-00	11-00	9-20	15-20	8-25	22-40	21-00	16-60	32-70	12-79
Scarcity rates ..	9-7					13-7				

Stations.	In seers of 80 tolas per rupee—cont.									
	Camlu.					Ragi.				
	1891.					1891.				
	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Normal for Novem-ber.	26th Decem-ber.	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Normal for Novem-ber.	26th Decem-ber.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Uravakonda	19-27	14-10	16-92	28-10	..	20-85	12-61	..	32-91	..
Gooty	17-86	15-98	14-57	24-99	13-16	21-82	19-40	10-73	29-99	13-58
Yadaki	16-49	15-39	15-20	23-88	..	20-87	..	..	34-26	..
Tadpatri	17-67	16-17	14-48	24-53	11-75	18-62	20-05	17-27	29-52	13-58
Anantapur	19-55	15-92	14-66	26-66	11-28	23-23	20-90	17-65	33-23	14-65
Dharmavaram	21-85	20-90	17-39	31-03	10-45	24-70	24-09	20-69	35-66	13-58
Kalyándróg	24-21	24-44	18-10	36-97	..	22-31	20-56	16-97	36-86	..
Bukkapatnam	23-31	22-56	..	31-96	..	27-15	29-58	22-09	37-57	..
Penukonda	12-80	..	..	33-10	..	25-12	24-37	19-33	44-47	15-52
Hindupur	..	..	..	..	..	25-28	26-91	21-59	54-75	11-56
Madakasira	..	..	..	..	..	26-19	22-99	21-73	50-83	15-62
District average ..	20-00	18-30	15-90	29-00	11-66	23-40	22-30	19-30	36-40	14-41
Scarcity rates ..	13-1					14-7				

These prices combined with the failure of field labour have caused a good deal of pressure on the poorer classes and especially in the Kalyándróg division of Dharmavaram, the Uravakonda division of Gooty, and the Yadiki division of Tadpatri taluk.

In the first-named division a relief work has been opened at which 459 persons were employed on the 26th current and in the other two relief kitchens have been sanctioned: whilst in the main division of Tadpatri taluk a relief work has been ordered to be started.

In addition to these, works have been selected in the Gooty, Tadpatri, Dharmavaram and Penukonda taluks to be started hereafter if required. The Collector asks for a grant of Rs. 50,000 towards relief expenditure, but a grant of Rs. 10,000 will for the present be sufficient. Eight of the works in question are tanks, and the necessary estimates should be at once submitted for sanction if the works have not already received sanction. The work in the Gooty taluk is the embankment of the Pennér river near the railway bridge, a work about to be carried out by the Railway Department and suited for the employment of a large number of people. The work selected for the Tadpatri taluk is the embankment of the river as a protection to the town. There are no irrigation works in the locality on which labour can be employed. The approval of Government is requested to the selection of works made above. None will be put in hand without proved necessity.

No proposals for the increase of the establishment for the supervision of works have been submitted by the Collector. The necessity for this extra establishment will depend upon whether the test works started are found to be largely resorted to.

6. In future reports the Collector is requested to state the progress made in well-sinking by the aid of State loans fully for each

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

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

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

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 4th January 1892, Mis. No. 15:—

MR. CLOGSTON.

Read—the following letter from W. G. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Collector of Anantapur, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 29th December 1891, No. 458-B.D.:—

Adverting to Board's Proceedings, No. 782, dated 9th December 1891, I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, under section 36 of the Famine Code, that I have placed the sum of Rs. 4,000 at the disposal of the Deputy Tahsildars

	Rs.
1. Kalyándróg	2,000
2. Uravakonda	1,000
3. Yadiki	1,000
Total	4,000

noted in the margin for expenditure on relief works and kitchens and communicated a copy of this letter to the Accountant-General also.

2. In my letter, No. 448, dated 24th instant, I reported on the state of this district up to the close of this month and asked for a special grant of Rs. 50,000 for outlay on famine relief.

Resolution—dated 4th January 1892, Mis. No. 15.

Submitted for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 833, dated 30th December 1891.

2. Funds placed at the disposal of Divisional officers for the purposes of gratuitous relief in kitchens should be kept distinct from advances made for the payment of wages on relief works.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

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

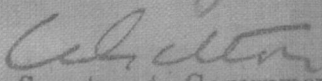
ORDER—dated 15th January 1892, No. 49, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's instructions including those regarding the selection of relief works are approved.

2. The application for funds will be disposed of in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

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