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|-------------------|-----------|-------|---------------|-------|-----------|--------------|-------|---------------|---------|------|--|--------------|
|                   | Jann-ary. | June. | July.         |       | Janu-ary. |              | June. | July.         |         |      |  |              |
|                   |           |       | 16th.         | 30th. |           |              |       | 16th.         | 30th.   |      |  |              |
|                   |           |       | Rice.         |       |           |              |       |               | Cholum. |      |  |              |
| 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   | 8·9           | 8·9   | 12·1      | 13·2         | 13·1  | 14·4          | 14·0    | 20·4 |  |              |
| Darsi .. .. .     | 10·3      | 8·5   | Not received. | 8·5   | 11·9      | 14·0         | 13·6  | Not received. | 13·6    | 24·3 |  |              |
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| Kanigiri .. .. .  | 8·0       | 8·4   | 8·5           | 8·5   | 14·2      | 15·3         | 12·7  | 12·7          | 12·7    | 27·2 |  |              |
| Udayagiri .. .. . | ..        | ..    | ..            | ..    | 16·3      | 12·7         | 14·5  | 14·5          | 15·4    | 25·0 |  |              |
| Atmakur .. .. .   | 9·8       | 7·7   | 8·5           | 8·5   | 13·8      | 14·5         | 14·0  | 14·9          | 14·9    | 26·9 |  |              |
|                   |           |       | Cumbu.        |       |           |              |       |               | Ragi.   |      |  |              |
| Ongole .. .. .    | ..        | 13·2  | 13·2          | 13·2  | 21·7      | ..           | 17·0  | 17·0          | 17·0    | 29·2 |  |              |
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| Podili .. .. .    | 12·5      | 11·5  | 11·5          | 11·5  | 22·2      | 13·7         | 13·6  | 13·6          | 13·6    | 29·5 |  |              |
| Kanigiri .. .. .  | 12·3      | 11·6  | 11·6          | 11·6  | 23·0      | 13·6         | 13·6  | 13·6          | 13·6    | 31·0 |  |              |
| Udayagiri .. .. . | 11·5      | 13·1  | 13·1          | 13·1  | 25·4      | 14·1         | 16·2  | 17·0          | 17·0    | 29·3 |  |              |
| Atmakur .. .. .   | ..        | ..    | ..            | ..    | 25·3      | 15·5         | 14·3  | 17·0          | 17·0    | 30·4 |  |              |

4. The number of labourers employed on relief works decreased by about 8,000 during the fortnight, and there has since been a further decrease of more than a thousand. The decrease occurred chiefly on the Vemulapad work in Podili and the Duttalur work in Udayagiri; the works in Darsi, Kandukur and Atmakur having been closed during the last week. The reasons for these great reductions are said to be cholera scares, a few cases having occurred on either work. There is a good deal of cholera about in the affected area, but it would appear from these wholesale desertions on the Duttalur works in Udayagiri that the labourers cannot be very hard-pressed. The Collector anticipates that he will be able to close this work at an early date, and if he is satisfied that the labourers are in good condition and are likely to find employment elsewhere, this course should be followed. In any case, the earnings of the labourers on the work, which, whether owing to lightness of task or to the specially good condition of the workmen, have been largely in excess of those usually earned elsewhere, should now be limited to the class III rates. The special report called for regarding this work in Board's Proceedings, dated 16th July 1892, No. 6089, has not yet been received. It should be expedited. For the work now being carried on in the Ongole taluk, the Kalavakur tank, the Collector states that "there is no great demand." If the Collector is satisfied on this point, the work should at once be closed. The presence on the work on the 19th July of so many as 475 professional widders demands explanation. The work was sanctioned as a famine-relief work, and widders have not as a rule during the past six months been found to need famine relief. The Collector is requested to ascertain and report the ordinary rate of wage earned by a professional widder on the work.

The question of closing the works in Podili will require the Collector's most careful consideration. The District Surgeon's assumption that the relief works form a focus for the spread of cholera appears opposed to the actual facts of the case, for cholera seems first to have shown itself in the villages and only to have gradually spread to the works; but whatever the risk of cholera on the works may be, the risk must be

facd, unless the Collector is satisfied that the people can maintain themselves in their villages without the aid of the works. To the bitter complaints of the ryots, to which the Collector refers, that the works are taking labour off the fields, the Commissioner can attach but little weight. He is satisfied that in Podili, as everywhere else, the relief works will, if work on them is properly tasked, be abandoned at the first opportunity by all who have any chance of maintaining themselves in their villages. The risk of cholera on the works—a risk which cannot be avoided and must be faced—will deter all but the absolutely necessitous from remaining on the works.

The number of persons fed at kitchens showed practically no change during the fortnight. The Collector's proposal to close the Pamur kitchen is approved.

| Taluks.           | Numbers on works. |        |       |         | Numbers on gratuitous relief. |       |       |         |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
|                   | June.             | July.  |       | August. | June.                         | July. |       | August. |
|                   | Average.          | 16th.  | 30th. | 6th.    | Average.                      | 16th. | 30th. | 6th.    |
| Ongole .. .. .    | 2,163             | 1,159  | 401   | 572     | ..                            | ..    | ..    | ..      |
| Darsi .. .. .     | 60                | 50     | 26    | ..      | ..                            | ..    | ..    | ..      |
| Podili .. .. .    | 15,237            | 9,522  | 4,351 | 3,696   | 33                            | 37    | 60    | 60      |
| Kanigiri .. .. .  | 250               | 537    | 537   | 537     | 117                           | 87    | 59    | 62      |
| Udayagiri .. .. . | 5,622             | 5,356  | 3,726 | 3,132   | 7                             | 6     | 2     | 6       |
| Kandukur .. .. .  | 333               | 399    | ..    | ..      | ..                            | ..    | ..    | ..      |
| Atmakur .. .. .   | 193               | 104    | ..    | ..      | ..                            | ..    | ..    | ..      |
| Total ..          | 23,858            | 17,127 | 9,041 | 7,937   | 157                           | 130   | 121   | 128     |

5. The following table shows the loan operations conducted in the affected taluks during the period under reference. The reason for continuing to grant and disburse fodder loans in Ongole should be reported:—

| Loans for                  | Granted. |           | Disbursed. |           | Applications pending at the end of the period. |            |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                            | Number.  | Amount.   | Number.    | Amount.   | Number.                                        | Amount.    |
| Well-sinking .. .. .       | 20       | RS. 2,715 | 23         | RS. 2,675 | * 255                                          | RS. 39,180 |
| Purchase of fodder .. .. . | † 140    | † 9,519   | † 64       | † 4,460   | † 641                                          | † 53,551   |

\* Ongole 111, Kanigiri 126.

† Entirely in Ongole.

(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 15th August 1892, Mis. No. 6787.

ABSTRACT.—Recording letter from the Collector of Nellore reporting the closure of the Duttaloor road relief works.

ORDER—dated 22nd August 1892, No. 881, Revenue.

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2. The Government concurs in the Board's remarks in paragraph 4 of the first of its Proceedings read above.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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22ND AUGUST 1892, No. 881, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 12th August 1892, No. 575 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from C. D. MACLEANE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 8th August 1892, No. 839-Tour :—

I have the honour to submit the fortnightly narrative for period ending 31st July 1892 for the parts of this district where distress has prevailed, with the usual accompaniments.

2. Ongole taluk—State of country.—Crops same as in last report, yield being estimated at from 8 to 12 annas. Pasture much better, but dry fodder still scarce. Registered rainfall from 1st January to end of July 1892 was 5.39 inches against average for 10 years for same period 7.05; same for July 1892, 2.52 against the 10 year average for corresponding month 2.89 inches. Rainfall during fortnight 0.37 inches. Showers in villages. Water-supply sufficient for drinking purposes throughout the taluk and the tanks have from one to three months' supply accumulated. Ploughing and sowing still continue. All anxiety about cattle removed; they are reported to be in very good condition. Condition of people. Good. Slight outbreak of cholera, but at end of fortnight it had ceased. Small-pox in Kottapatam. Relief measures. The numbers on the Kalavakur Public Works Department tasked work are shown in the following table :—

|                     | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total.  |
|---------------------|------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 16th July .. ..     | 406  | 471    | 125       | 1,002   |
| 18th (Monday) .. .. | 450  | 532    | 130       | 1,112   |
| 19th .. ..          | 475  | 533    | 134       | * 1,142 |
| 25th (Monday) .. .. | 77   | 97     | 22        | 196     |
| 30th .. ..          | 194  | 241    | 36        | 471     |

\* Largest figure in the fortnight.

The composition of the numbers on the 19th was 475 professional Woddors, 253 Malás, 182 Madigas, 205 Sudras and 27 Muhamadans. Later on the Woddors left. On the 27th the work was empty. There is no great demand for this work. Grain-supply. Private trade active. Stock estimated at 417 garce.

3. DARSÍ DIVISION—*State of country*.—Besides crops last reported, korra, cotton, and aruga growing. Pasture still better. Registered rainfall from 1st January to end of July 1892, 10·22 against the 10-year average for same period 7·31 inches; same in July 1892, 3·95 against 2·11, the July average for 10 years. Registered rainfall during fortnight 0·25 inches. Tanks and wells have good supplies. Ploughing continued to raise variga. Cattle revived to their normal condition. *Condition of people*. Good. Cholera in three villages. *Grain-supply*. Private trade active. Stock estimated at 12 garce with Komaties and 13 with ryots.

4. PODILI DIVISION—*State of country*.—Crops same as in last report. Fodder still scarce, but pasture abundant. Good showers throughout division, very useful for dry crops. Tanks have from one to two months' supply; drinking water plentiful everywhere. Ploughing continued; sajja, jonna and oil-seeds sowing in both dry and garden lands. Further improvement in cattle. Number of such deficient, partly owing to great extension of agricultural operations. *Condition of people*. Good. Fever, dysentery, small-pox and cholera in villages. There were in fortnight 117 attacks of cholera with 40 deaths. A small portion of these were on works, especially in the west. The medical assistance given was ample and immediate. *Relief measures*. The numbers at Arikatla (East Podili) works were as follows:—

| —                     | Men.  | Women. | Children. | Total. |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 16th July .. .. .     | 1,053 | 1,811  | 767       | 3,631  |
| 18th (Monday) .. .. . | 858   | 1,393  | 402       | 2,653  |
| 25th ( " ) .. .. .    | 601   | 1,031  | 329       | 1,961  |
| 30th .. .. .          | 532   | 892    | 239       | 1,713  |

The gradual decrease here was not due to anything but natural causes. According to returns latest to my hand numbers are still decreasing. At Vemulapad (West Podili) works the numbers were as follows:—

| —                     | Men.  | Women. | Children. | Total. |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 16th July .. .. .     | 1,817 | 3,067  | 985       | 5,829  |
| 18th (Monday) .. .. . | 2,179 | 3,442  | 1,159     | 6,780  |
| 25th ( " ) .. .. .    | 2,048 | 3,183  | 902       | 6,133  |
| 29th July .. .. .     | 897   | 1,305  | 426       | 2,628  |

The sudden decrease here is due to cholera. Everything has been done that could be thought of by localization and shifting to evade the epidemic, but owing to the situation, it is not practicable to move to windward and I doubt its being possible to keep the works open much longer. In this connection I have just received enclosed letter from the District Surgeon. Ryots also are beginning to complain bitterly of the relief works both as taking labour off the fields and as encouraging cholera. Action will depend on the returns and other results shown in the current fortnight. *Grain-supply*. Private trade active in rice and ragi. Stock estimated as in last report.

5. KANIGIRI TALUK—*State of country*.—Standing crops are yerra jonna, sajja and oil-seeds. Fodder scanty, but pasture still improving. Registered rainfall from 1st January to end of July 1892, 7·57 against the average for 10 years for same period 6·11 inches. Registered rainfall for July 1892, 3·15 inches against 2·25 inches, the average for 10 years. At kasba Kanigiri 7 ounces of rain fell during the fortnight. The large Nandanavanam tank received a month's supply. Water difficulty removed. Well cultivation in progress; in the portion of the taluk most affected the crops noted above were sown. Condition of cattle generally good. *Condition of people*. Cholera was prevalent in 14 villages with 419 cases and 191 deaths, the outbreak being very severe in one village (Peda Irlapad) with 116 attacks and 49 deaths. The special

Hospital Assistant last reported is still on duty there. *Relief measures*. The numbers at the Pamúr kitchen remained about constant with 59 on the 15th and 50 on the 30th. The Sub-Collector has asked permission to close this, and as I presume the Board who directed it to be opened will have no objection with regard to the very favorable progress of the monsoon up to date, I am about to instruct him to do so. *Grain-supply*. Private trade active. Stock estimated at 113 garce with ryots and 34 with merchants.

6. Udayagiri taluk—*State of country*.—Crops last reported are thriving as a rule exceedingly well, but palapu jonna and pitchika sajja under wells are partly destroyed by yellow insects, reducing the estimated yield there from 8-12 to 4-2 annas. Fodder scarce, but pasture luxuriant; cholum straw available and jungle grass procurable close to the hills. Registered rainfall from 1st January to end of July 10·20 against the 10-year average for same period 5·18 inches. Rainfall in July 1892, 6·15 inches against 1·72; the 10-year average for same month 1·72 inches. Registered rainfall during fortnight 0·55. Dry crops being sown on paddy lands, where rainfall deficient. Ploughings still in progress; sowings complete in many villages. Cattle improving. *Condition of people*. Fair. Cholera in four villages: 151 attacks and 54 deaths. Also small-pox in a few villages. A special Hospital Assistant is on duty attached to the road relief work. *Relief measures*. The Duttalur road relief works continued till 16th July, when the coolies struck work on account of cholera. On the 19th the works were empty. Report was made in this office letter in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6415, dated 29th July 1892. The work was resumed eight miles to windward on the 25th July. The numbers on the work within the fortnight were as follows:—

| —                          | Men.  | Women. | Children. | Total. |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 16th July .. .. .          | 1,792 | 1,855  | £73       | 4,520  |
| 18th (Monday) .. .. .      | 275   | 277    | 111       | 663    |
| <i>At new site.</i>        |       |        |           |        |
| 25th July (Monday) .. .. . | 956   | 1,022  | 477       | 2,455  |
| 29th .. .. .               | 1,236 | 1,366  | 640       | 3,242  |
| 30th .. .. .               | 1,217 | 1,364  | 634       | 3,215  |

Since then, however, cholera has broken out again at the new site, and the numbers went down from 3,090 on 3rd August to 1,572 on the 4th August to 1,034 on 6th August and to 106 this day. I have been here at the works myself since the 6th; the condition of the coolies is evidently excellent; the country round is swimming with water—*vide* the rainfall recorded above, and if, as I suspect, the work completely empties itself in a day or two, a second attempt will not be made to reopen it. *Grain-supply*. Private trade active in ragi, cholum, and cumbu. Stock estimated at 104 garce.

7. *Reports and inspections (a)*.—The Collector was in Atmakúr during the greater part of the fortnight. (b) The following places were visited by the Sub-Collector. *Ongole taluk*. Cheemakurti, Ongole, Timmanapollem, Addanki, Kalavakúr, Dyvalravúr, Mallavaram and Vellampalli. *Podili division*. Pátapád, Podili, Marripudi, Talamalla, Uppalapad. (c) The following places were visited by the Head Assistant Collector:—Vinjamur, Duttalur. (d) The following places were visited by the Assistant Collector:—Vemulapad and Pathapad. (e) The following places were visited by the Special Deputy Collector:—Ongole, Alúr, Karavadi, Ammanabolu, Ongole and Lingamgunta. (f) The following by the Udayagiri Special Deputy Collector:—Atmakúr, Vinjamur and Duttalur.

8. *General*.—The monsoon progressed most favorably during the fortnight, especially in the affected tracts. The favorable progress has continued up to the date of writing this.

## ENCLOSURE No. 1.

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 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.</i>       |                        | RS.     |           | RS.     |            | RS.     |                                 | RS.                                  |
| Ongole ..          | Repair and construction of wells ..  | 111                    | 17,355  | 115       | 21,310  | 102        | 16,756  | 31                              | 63                                   |
| Kanigiri ..        | Repair and construction of wells ..  | 126                    | 18,625  | 37        | 5,375   | 37         | 5,375   | 3                               | 34                                   |
| Udayagiri ..       | Repair and construction of wells ..  | 18                     | 3,200   | 24        | 3,850   | 23         | 3,175   | 7                               | 10                                   |
|                    | Total ..                             | 255                    | 39,180  | 176       | 30,535  | 162        | 25,306  | 41                              | 107                                  |
|                    | <i>Agriculturists' Loans.</i>        |                        |         |           |         |            |         |                                 |                                      |
| Ongole ..          | Purchase of fodder ..                | 641                    | 53,551  | 993       | 86,329  | 815        | 74,255  | ..                              | ..                                   |
| Kanigiri ..        | Purchase of cattle ..                | 2                      | 160     | ..        | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..                              | ..                                   |
| Udayagiri ..       | Purchase of cattle ..                | 23                     | 1,060   | ..        | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..                              | ..                                   |
|                    | Purchase of cattle and seed-grain .. | 14                     | 706     | ..        | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..                              | ..                                   |
|                    | Total ..                             | 680                    | 55,477  | 993       | 86,329  | 815        | 74,255  | ..                              | ..                                   |

## ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Surgeon-Major S. C. SARKIES, District Surgeon, Nellore, to the Collector of Nellore, dated 6th August 1892, No. 1187.

As cholera is prevailing to a great extent in the district, especially so in and near the relief works of the Podili division, I have the honour to inquire whether you consider it necessary that the relief works should continue to be kept up any longer now. I believe that, owing to the recent rains, the attendance at the works has fallen considerably and the coolies are fast dispersing to resume their agricultural operations. Unless you consider the further continuance of the relief works to be absolutely necessary, I would suggest that they may be broken up as soon as possible.

Resolution—dated 12th August 1892, No. 575.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Although there was not much rain in any part of the northern section of the Nellore district during the latter part of July, the season continued favorable, and since the close of the month there have been good showers throughout the affected area—

| Stations.    | April and May. |       | June.    |       | July.    |       | August.           |             |
|--------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------|-------------|
|              | Average.       | 1892. | Average. | 1892. | Average. | 1892. | Average expected. | Up to 10th. |
| Ongole ..    | 1.91           | ..    | 2.03     | 2.87  | 3.17     | 2.52  | 3.80              | 1.28        |
| Kandukur ..  | 1.60           | 0.93  | 1.81     | 0.58  | 2.98     | 2.66  | 3.29              | 1.52        |
| Kavali ..    | 1.51           | 1.40  | 1.27     | 1.22  | 2.66     | 4.65  | 3.16              | .70         |
| Darsi ..     | 2.12           | 1.00  | 2.55     | 5.25  | 2.19     | 3.75  | 3.01              | .75         |
| Kanigiri ..  | 1.75           | 0.45  | 1.76     | 3.37  | 2.57     | 3.30  | 2.08              | 1.20        |
| Udayagiri .. | 2.23           | 1.10  | 1.28     | 1.65  | 1.69     | 6.15  | 2.23              | 1.25        |
| Atmakur ..   | 2.06           | ..    | 1.04     | 0.75  | 1.64     | 3.45  | 2.37              | .40         |

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|----------------|----------|-------|---------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|---------------|---------|------|--|--------------|
|                | January. | June. | July.         |       | January. |              | June. | July.         |         |      |  |              |
|                |          |       | 16th.         | 30th. |          |              |       | 16th.         | 30th.   |      |  |              |
|                |          |       | Rice.         |       |          |              |       |               | Cholum. |      |  |              |
| 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   | 8.9           | 8.9   | 12.1     | 13.2         | 13.1  | 14.4          | 14.0    | 20.4 |  |              |
| Darsi .. .. .  | 10.3     | 8.5   | Not received. | 8.5   | 11.9     | 14.0         | 13.6  | Not received. | 13.6    | 24.3 |  |              |
| Podili .. .. . | 9.4      | 8.9   | 8.9           | 9.4   | 13.7     | 13.8         | 12.7  | 12.7          | 12.7    | 25.8 |  |              |
| 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   | 8.5           | 8.5   | 13.8     | 14.5         | 14.0  | 14.9          | 14.9    | 26.9 |  |              |
|                |          |       | Cumbu.        |       |          |              |       |               | Ragi.   |      |  |              |
| Ongole .. .. . | ..       | 13.2  | 13.2          | 13.2  | 21.7     | ..           | 17.0  | 17.0          | 17.0    | 29.2 |  |              |
| Addanki .. ..  | 12.1     | 12.0  | 12.4          | 11.6  | 18.2     | 15.0         | 15.3  | 16.2          | 15.3    | 26.2 |  |              |
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| Udayagiri .. . | 11.5     | 13.1  | 13.1          | 13.1  | 25.4     | 14.1         | 16.2  | 17.0          | 17.0    | 29.3 |  |              |
| Atmakur .. ..  | ..       | ..    | ..            | ..    | 25.3     | 15.5         | 14.3  | 17.0          | 17.0    | 30.4 |  |              |

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faced, unless the Collector is satisfied that the people can maintain themselves in their villages without the aid of the works. To the bitter complaints of the ryots, to which the Collector refers, that the works are taking labour off the fields, the Commissioner can attach but little weight. He is satisfied that in Podili, as everywhere else, the relief works will, if work on them is properly tasked, be abandoned at the first opportunity by all who have any chance of maintaining themselves in their villages. The risk of cholera on the works—a risk which cannot be avoided and must be faced—will deter all but the absolutely necessitous from remaining on the works.

The number of persons fed at kitchens showed practically no change during the fortnight. The Collector's proposal to close the Pamur kitchen is approved.

| Taluku.           | Numbers on works. |        |       |         | Numbers on gratuitous relief. |       |       |         |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
|                   | June.             | July.  |       | August. | June.                         | July. |       | August. |
|                   | Average.          | 16th.  | 30th. | 6th.    | Average.                      | 16th. | 30th. | 6th.    |
| Ongole .. .. .    | 2,163             | 1,159  | 401   | 572     | ..                            | ..    | ..    | ..      |
| Darsi .. .. .     | 60                | 50     | 26    | ..      | ..                            | ..    | ..    | ..      |
| Podili .. .. .    | 15,237            | 9,522  | 4,351 | 3,696   | ..                            | ..    | ..    | ..      |
| Kanigiri .. .. .  | 250               | 537    | 537   | 537     | 33                            | 37    | 60    | 60      |
| Udayagiri .. .. . | 5,622             | 5,356  | 3,726 | 3,132   | 117                           | 87    | 59    | 62      |
| Kandukūr .. .. .  | 333               | 399    | ..    | ..      | 7                             | 6     | 2     | 6       |
| Atmakūr .. .. .   | 193               | 104    | ..    | ..      | ..                            | ..    | ..    | ..      |
| Total .. .. .     | 23,858            | 17,127 | 9,041 | 7,937   | 157                           | 130   | 121   | 128     |

5. The following table shows the loan operations conducted in the affected taluks during the period under reference. The reason for continuing to grant and disburse fodder loans in Ongole should be reported:—

| Loans for                  | Granted. |           | Disbursed. |           | Applications pending at the end of the period. |            |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                            | Number.  | Amount.   | Number.    | Amount.   | Number.                                        | Amount.    |
| Well-sinking .. .. .       | 20       | RS. 2,715 | 23         | RS. 2,675 | * 255                                          | RS. 39,180 |
| Purchase of fodder .. .. . | † 140    | † 9,519   | † 64       | † 4,460   | † 641                                          | † 53,551   |

\* Ongole 111, Kanigiri 126.

† Entirely in Ongole.

(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 15th August 1892, Mis. No. 6787.

ABSTRACT.—Recording letter from the Collector of Nellore reporting the closure of the Duttaloor road relief works.

ORDER—dated 22nd August 1892, No. 881, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

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2. The Government concurs in the Board's remarks in paragraph 4 of the first of its Proceedings read above.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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22ND AUGUST 1892, No. 881, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 12th August 1892, No. 575 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from C. D. MACLEANE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 8th August 1892, No. 839-Tour :—

I have the honour to submit the fortnightly narrative for period ending 31st July 1892 for the parts of this district where distress has prevailed, with the usual accompaniments.

2. Ongole taluk—State of country.—Crops same as in last report, yield being estimated at from 8 to 12 annas. Pasture much better, but dry fodder still scarce. Registered rainfall from 1st January to end of July 1892 was 5.39 inches against average for 10 years for same period 7.05; same for July 1892, 2.52 against the 10 year average for corresponding month 2.89 inches. Rainfall during fortnight 0.37 inches. Showers in villages. Water-supply sufficient for drinking purposes throughout the taluk and the tanks have from one to three months' supply accumulated. Ploughing and sowing still continue. All anxiety about cattle removed; they are reported to be in very good condition. Condition of people. Good. Slight outbreak of cholera, but at end of fortnight it had ceased. Small-pox in Kottapatam. Relief measures. The numbers on the Kalavakur Public Works Department tasked work are shown in the following table :—

|                     | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total.  |
|---------------------|------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 16th July .. ..     | 406  | 471    | 125       | 1,002   |
| 18th (Monday) .. .. | 450  | 532    | 130       | 1,112   |
| 19th .. ..          | 475  | 533    | 134       | * 1,142 |
| 25th (Monday) .. .. | 77   | 97     | 22        | 196     |
| 30th .. ..          | 194  | 241    | 36        | 471     |

\* Largest figure in the fortnight.

The composition of the numbers on the 19th was 475 professional Woddors, 253 Malás, 182 Madigas, 205 Sudras and 27 Muhammadans. Later on the Woddors left. On the 27th the work was empty. There is no great demand for this work. Grain-supply. Private trade active. Stock estimated at 417 garce.

3. DARS DIVISION—*State of country*.—Besides crops last reported, korra, cotton, and aruga growing. Pasture still better. Registered rainfall from 1st January to end of July 1892, 10.22 against the 10-year average for same period 7.31 inches; same in July 1892, 3.95 against 2.11, the July average for 10 years. Registered rainfall during fortnight 0.25 inches. Tanks and wells have good supplies. Ploughing continued to raise variga. Cattle revived to their normal condition. *Condition of people*. Good. Cholera in three villages. *Grain-supply*. Private trade active. Stock estimated at 12 garce with Komaties and 13 with ryots.

4. PODILI DIVISION—*State of country*.—Crops same as in last report. Fodder still scarce, but pasture abundant. Good showers throughout division, very useful for dry crops. Tanks have from one to two months' supply; drinking water plentiful everywhere. Ploughing continued; sajja, jonna and oil-seeds sowing in both dry and garden lands. Further improvement in cattle. Number of such deficient, partly owing to great extension of agricultural operations. *Condition of people*. Good. Fever, dysentery, small-pox and cholera in villages. There were in fortnight 117 attacks of cholera with 40 deaths. A small portion of these were on works, especially in the west. The medical assistance given was ample and immediate. *Relief measures*. The numbers at Arikatla (East Podili) works were as follows:—

|                       | Men.  | Women. | Children. | Total. |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 16th July .. .. .     | 1,053 | 1,811  | 767       | 3,631  |
| 18th (Monday) .. .. . | 858   | 1,393  | 402       | 2,653  |
| 25th ( " ) .. .. .    | 601   | 1,031  | 329       | 1,961  |
| 30th .. .. .          | 532   | 892    | 259       | 1,713  |

The gradual decrease here was not due to anything but natural causes. According to returns latest to my hand numbers are still decreasing. At Vemulapad (West Podili) works the numbers were as follows:—

|                       | Men.  | Women. | Children. | Total. |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 16th July .. .. .     | 1,817 | 3,067  | 985       | 5,829  |
| 18th (Monday) .. .. . | 2,179 | 3,442  | 1,159     | 6,780  |
| 25th ( " ) .. .. .    | 2,048 | 3,183  | 902       | 6,133  |
| 29th July .. .. .     | 897   | 1,305  | 426       | 2,628  |

The sudden decrease here is due to cholera. Everything has been done that could be thought of by localization and shifting to evade the epidemic, but owing to the situation, it is not practicable to move to windward and I doubt its being possible to keep the works open much longer. In this connection I have just received enclosed letter from the District Surgeon. Ryots also are beginning to complain bitterly of the relief works both as taking labour off the fields and as encouraging cholera. Action will depend on the returns and other results shown in the current fortnight. *Grain-supply*. Private trade active in rice and ragi. Stock estimated as in last report.

5. KANIGIRI TALUK—*State of country*.—Standing crops are yerra jonna, sajja and oil-seeds. Fodder scanty, but pasture still improving. Registered rainfall from 1st January to end of July 1892, 7.57 against the average for 10 years for same period 6.11 inches. Registered rainfall for July 1892, 3.15 inches against 2.25 inches, the average for 10 years. At kasba Kanigiri 7 ounces of rain fell during the fortnight. The large Nandanavanam tank received a month's supply. Water difficulty removed. Well cultivation in progress; in the portion of the taluk most affected the crops noted above were sown. *Condition of cattle* generally good. *Condition of people*. Cholera was prevalent in 14 villages with 419 cases and 191 deaths, the outbreak being very severe in one village (Peda Irlapad) with 116 attacks and 49 deaths. The special

Hospital Assistant last reported is still on duty there. *Relief measures*. The numbers at the Pamúr kitchen remained about constant with 59 on the 15th and 50 on the 30th. The Sub-Collector has asked permission to close this, and as I presume the Board who directed it to be opened will have no objection with regard to the very favorable progress of the monsoon up to date, I am about to instruct him to do so. *Grain-supply*. Private trade active. Stock estimated at 113 garce with ryots and 34 with merchants.

6. Udayagiri taluk—*State of country*.—Crops last reported are thriving as a rule exceedingly well, but palapu jonna and pitchika sajja under wells are partly destroyed by yellow insects, reducing the estimated yield there from 8-12 to 4-2 annas. Fodder scarce, but pasture luxuriant; cholum straw available and jungle grass procurable close to the hills. Registered rainfall from 1st January to end of July 10.20 against the 10-year average for same period 5.18 inches. Rainfall in July 1892, 6.15 inches against 1.72; the 10-year average for same month 1.72 inches. Registered rainfall during fortnight 0.55. Dry crops being sown on paddy lands, where rainfall deficient. Ploughings still in progress; sowings complete in many villages. Cattle improving. *Condition of people*. Fair. Cholera in four villages: 151 attacks and 51 deaths. Also small-pox in a few villages. A special Hospital Assistant is on duty attached to the road relief work. *Relief measures*. The Duttalur road relief works continued till 16th July, when the coolies struck work on account of cholera. On the 19th the works were empty. Report was made in this office letter in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6415, dated 29th July 1892. The work was resumed eight miles to windward on the 25th July. The numbers on the work within the fortnight were as follows:—

|                            | Men.  | Women. | Children. | Total. |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 16th July .. .. .          | 1,792 | 1,855  | 873       | 4,520  |
| 18th (Monday) .. .. .      | 275   | 277    | 111       | 663    |
| <i>At new site.</i>        |       |        |           |        |
| 25th July (Monday) .. .. . | 956   | 1,022  | 477       | 2,455  |
| 29th .. .. .               | 1,236 | 1,366  | 640       | 3,242  |
| 30th .. .. .               | 1,217 | 1,364  | 634       | 3,215  |

Since then, however, cholera has broken out again at the new site, and the numbers went down from 3,090 on 3rd August to 1,572 on the 4th August to 1,034 on 6th August and to 106 this day. I have been here at the works myself since the 6th; the condition of the coolies is evidently excellent; the country round is swimming with water—*vide* the rainfall recorded above, and if, as I suspect, the work completely empties itself in a day or two, a second attempt will not be made to reopen it. *Grain-supply*. Private trade active in ragi, cholum, and cumbu. Stock estimated at 104 garce.

7. *Reports and inspections (a)*.—The Collector was in Atmakúr during the greater part of the fortnight. (b) The following places were visited by the Sub-Collector. *Ongole taluk*. Cheemakurti, Ongole, Timmanapollem, Addanki, Kalavakúr, Dyvalravúr, Mallavaram and Vellampalli. *Podili division*. Pátapád, Podili, Marripudi, Talamalla, Uppalapad. (c) The following places were visited by the Head Assistant Collector:—Vinjamur, Duttalur. (d) The following places were visited by the Assistant Collector:—Vemulapad and Pathapad. (e) The following places were visited by the Special Deputy Collector:—Ongole, Alúr, Karavadi, Ammanabolu, Ongole and Lingamgunta. (f) The following by the Udayagiri Special Deputy Collector:—Atmakúr, Vinjamur and Duttalur.

8. *General*.—The monsoon progressed most favorably during the fortnight, especially in the affected tracts. The favorable progress has continued up to the date of writing this.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                       |                                      | Pending.               |         | Accepted. |         | Disbursed. |         | Number construct-<br>ed or repaired. | Number under<br>construction or<br>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.     |                                      | RS.                                        |
| Ongole ..             | Repair and construction of wells ..  | 111                    | 17,355  | 115       | 21,310  | 102        | 16,756  | 31                                   | 63                                         |
| Kanigiri ..           | Repair and construction of wells ..  | 126                    | 18,625  | 37        | 5,375   | 37         | 5,375   | 3                                    | 34                                         |
| Udayagiri ..          | Repair and construction of wells ..  | 18                     | 3,200   | 24        | 3,850   | 23         | 3,175   | 7                                    | 10                                         |
|                       | Total ..                             | 255                    | 39,180  | 176       | 30,535  | 162        | 25,306  | 41                                   | 107                                        |
|                       | <i>Agriculturists' Loans.</i>        |                        |         |           |         |            |         |                                      |                                            |
| Ongole ..             | Purchase of fodder ..                | 641                    | 53,551  | 993       | 86,329  | 815        | 74,255  | ..                                   | ..                                         |
| Kanigiri ..           | Purchase of cattle ..                | 2                      | 160     | ..        | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..                                   | ..                                         |
| Udayagiri ..          | Purchase of cattle ..                | 23                     | 1,060   | ..        | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..                                   | ..                                         |
|                       | Purchase of cattle and seed-grain .. | 14                     | 706     | ..        | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..                                   | ..                                         |
|                       | Total ..                             | 680                    | 55,477  | 993       | 86,329  | 815        | 74,255  | ..                                   | ..                                         |

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Surgeon-Major S. C. SARKIES, District Surgeon, Nellore, to the Collector of Nellore, dated  
6th August 1892, No. 1187.

As cholera is prevailing to a great extent in the district, especially so in and near the relief works of the Podili division, I have the honour to inquire whether you consider it necessary that the relief works should continue to be kept up any longer now. I believe that, owing to the recent rains, the attendance at the works has fallen considerably and the coolies are fast dispersing to resume their agricultural operations. Unless you consider the further continuance of the relief works to be absolutely necessary, I would suggest that they may be broken up as soon as possible.

*Resolution*—dated 12th August 1892, No. 575.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Although there was not much rain in any part of the northern section of the Nellore district during the latter part of July, the season continued favorable, and since the close of the month there have been good showers throughout the affected area—

| Stations.         | April and May. |       | June.    |       | July.    |       | August.           |             |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------|-------------|
|                   | Average.       | 1892. | Average. | 1892. | Average. | 1892. | Average expected. | Up to 10th. |
| Ongele .. .. .    | 1·91           | ..    | 2·03     | 2·87  | 3·17     | 2·52  | 3·80              | 1·28        |
| Kandukūr .. .. .  | 1·60           | 0·93  | 1·81     | 0·58  | 2·98     | 2·66  | 3·29              | 1·52        |
| Kāvali .. .. .    | 1·51           | 1·40  | 1·27     | 1·22  | 2·66     | 4·65  | 3·16              | ·76         |
| Darsi .. .. .     | 2·12           | 1·00  | 2·55     | 5·25  | 2·19     | 3·75  | 3·01              | ·75         |
| Kanigiri .. .. .  | 1·75           | 0·45  | 1·76     | 3·37  | 2·57     | 3·30  | 2·08              | 1·20        |
| Udayagiri .. .. . | 2·23           | 1·10  | 1·28     | 1·65  | 1·69     | 6·15  | 2·23              | 1·25        |
| Atmakūr .. .. .   | 2·06           | ..    | 1·04     | 0·75  | 1·64     | 3·45  | 2·37              | ·40         |

Ploughing and sowing continue in the affected tracts. The young crops are doing well. Pasturage is abundant and the water-supply sufficient. The condition of the cattle continues to improve and some deficiency of cattle is said to be felt, but this is attributed to the exceptionally wide area that is now being sown.

3. Prices showed little or no change, and the exceptionally high price of ragi at Podili—13·6 seers per rupee—continues to be quoted. The accuracy of this return should receive early attention :—

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| Stations.         | 1892.    |       |               |       | Normal July. | -1892.   |                |               |       | Normal July. |
|-------------------|----------|-------|---------------|-------|--------------|----------|----------------|---------------|-------|--------------|
|                   | Jannary. | June. | July.         |       |              | Jannary. | June.          | July.         |       |              |
|                   |          |       | 16th.         | 30th. |              |          |                | 16th.         | 30th. |              |
|                   |          |       | <i>Rice.</i>  |       |              |          | <i>Cholum.</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   | 8·9           | 8·9   | 12·1         | 13·2     | 13·1           | 14·4          | 14·0  | 20·4         |
| Darsi .. .. .     | 10·3     | 8·5   | Not received. | 8·5   | 11·9         | 14·0     | 13·6           | Not received. | 13·6  | 24·3         |
| Podili .. .. .    | 9·4      | 8·9   | 8·9           | 9·4   | 13·7         | 13·8     | 12·7           | 12·7          | 12·7  | 25·8         |
| 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   | 8·5           | 8·5   | 13·8         | 14·5     | 14·0           | 14·9          | 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         |
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| 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.     |                                 | RS.                                  |
| Ongole ..          | Repair and construction of wells ..  | 111                    | 17,355  | 115       | 21,310  | 102        | 16,756  | 31                              | 63                                   |
| Kanigiri ..        | Repair and construction of wells ..  | 126                    | 18,625  | 37        | 5,375   | 37         | 5,375   | 3                               | 34                                   |
| Udayagiri ..       | Repair and construction of wells ..  | 18                     | 3,200   | 24        | 3,850   | 23         | 3,175   | 7                               | 10                                   |
|                    | Total ..                             | 255                    | 39,180  | 176       | 30,535  | 162        | 25,306  | 41                              | 107                                  |
|                    | <i>Agriculturists' Loans.</i>        |                        |         |           |         |            |         |                                 |                                      |
| Ongole ..          | Purchase of fodder ..                | 641                    | 53,551  | 993       | 86,329  | 815        | 74,255  | ..                              | ..                                   |
|                    | Purchase of cattle ..                | 2                      | 160     | ..        | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..                              | ..                                   |
| Kanigiri ..        | Purchase of cattle ..                | 23                     | 1,060   | ..        | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..                              | ..                                   |
| Udayagiri ..       | Purchase of cattle and seed-grain .. | 14                     | 706     | ..        | ..      | ..         | ..      | ..                              | ..                                   |
|                    | Total ..                             | 680                    | 55,477  | 993       | 86,329  | 815        | 74,255  | ..                              | ..                                   |

## ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Surgeon-Major S. C. SARKIES, District Surgeon, Nellore, to the Collector of Nellore, dated 6th August 1892, No. 1187.

As cholera is prevailing to a great extent in the district, especially so in and near the relief works of the Podili division, I have the honour to inquire whether you consider it necessary that the relief works should continue to be kept up any longer now. I believe that, owing to the recent rains, the attendance at the works has fallen considerably and the coolies are fast dispersing to resume their agricultural operations. Unless you consider the further continuance of the relief works to be absolutely necessary, I would suggest that they may be broken up as soon as possible.

*Resolution*—dated 12th August 1892, No. 575.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Although there was not much rain in any part of the northern section of the Nellore district during the latter part of July, the season continued favorable, and since the close of the month there have been good showers throughout the affected area—

| Stations.    | April and May. |       | June.    |       | July.    |       | August.           |             |
|--------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------|-------------|
|              | Average.       | 1892. | Average. | 1892. | Average. | 1892. | Average expected. | Up to 10th. |
| Ongole ..    | 1.91           | ..    | 2.03     | 2.87  | 3.17     | 2.52  | 3.80              | 1.28        |
| Kandukūr ..  | 1.60           | 0.93  | 1.81     | 0.58  | 2.98     | 2.66  | 3.29              | 1.52        |
| Kāvali ..    | 1.51           | 1.40  | 1.27     | 1.22  | 2.66     | 4.65  | 3.16              | .70         |
| Darsi ..     | 2.12           | 1.00  | 2.55     | 5.25  | 2.19     | 3.75  | 3.01              | .75         |
| Kanigiri ..  | 1.75           | 0.45  | 1.76     | 3.37  | 2.57     | 3.30  | 2.08              | 1.20        |
| Udayagiri .. | 2.23           | 1.10  | 1.28     | 1.65  | 1.69     | 6.15  | 2.23              | 1.25        |
| Atmakūr ..   | 2.06           | ..    | 1.04     | 0.75  | 1.64     | 3.45  | 2.37              | .40         |