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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 24th August 1892, No. 593 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Kurnool District for the period ending 15th August 1892, No. 5950, dated 19th August 1892 :—

STATE OF COUNTRY—*Crops*.—Standing crops—korra, arika, cholum, indigo, paddy, oil-seeds, sazza, pulses, ragi, cotton, hemp, gingelly and the garden crops are all in good condition and those that were withering are now improving from the recent rains. Some dry crops including jonna about the village of Owk. were reported by the Divisional officer and the Tahsildar as having already withered away and I have now called upon the latter to make a specific report on this matter.

With regard to the Cumbum division specially, all the dry crops are stated to be in excellent condition, except in parts of the Cumbum firka of the Cumbum taluk and of the Márkápur firka of the Márkápur taluk where more rain is still wanted. The extent over which dry crops were sown up to the end of July was much above the normal and was 15,783 acres in the Cumbum taluk and 39,555 acres in the Márkápur taluk. The Deputy Collector states that about a week ago, crops all over the Márkápur taluk and in the Cumbum firka of the Cumbum taluk exhibited signs of withering and caused some anxiety, but that, fortunately, the rain that fell over a large portion of the Márkápur taluk on the 10th and 14th has revived them and that at present crops can get on very well for a week or so more without rain except in the tract bounded on the south by Cumbum, on the north by Gobbur, on the east by Bodducherla and Bondalapad, and on the west by Jangamuntla and Chintakunta, which, as stated above, requires rain. The condition of all the crops under wells, too, is good and the transplantation of cumbu, chillies and brinjals is completely over.

As regards the wet crops in this division, most of the tanks are said to have received a moderate supply, and though it is not sufficient to mature a wet crop, still, in anticipation of getting more rain soon, ryots appear to have sown seed-beds and are preparing the fields for transplantation, which will begin within a week in the Cumbum taluk and within two or three weeks in the Márkápur taluk. The Cumbum tank is reported to have received a fresh supply and to contain ample water for maturing a single wet crop over the whole of its ayacut, but, unfortunately, one-third of the ayacut has already been sown with dry crops which are in good condition and likely to come to harvest in about twenty days' time. The area on which wet crops were sown up to the end of July was 2,371 acres in Cumbum and 1,166 acres in Márkápur taluk.

Fodder.—is available at high prices in the Nandyál division and barely sufficient for the stall-fed cattle in the Cumbum division; elsewhere, also, it is generally insufficient. But pasture is available everywhere, being abundant in the Nandyál and Cumbum divisions especially. In a few villages in the Pyápali division, stalks of cholum grown under wells are stated to be used as fodder by a small number of ryots.

Water-supply.—sufficient in Pyápali and Kurnool divisions and abundant in the rest.

Agricultural operations.—Except in the Cumbum division, weeding the crops already sown and ploughing and preparing the black soils for the sowing of the late crops is generally going on briskly. In the Pyápali division paddy is being sown on wet lands under the large tanks, and korra and cotton to a large extent on regar soils. In the Cumbum division, instead of weeding the garden lands which in ordinary years would by this time have been briskly going on, hoeing and harrowing have been substituted owing to the expensiveness of weeding and the only agricultural operations now in progress are (1) the partial transplantation known as "Sedapunatu" on wet fields on which paddy was sown broadcast, (2) the preparing of the wet fields for future transplantation, (3) the collection of green or other manure for wet fields, and (4) the hoeing and harrowing of dry and garden lands.

Cattle.—The condition of cattle is good and healthy everywhere. In the Pyápali division, they are improving. In four villages of the Nandikótkur taluk, rinderpest is prevalent, and during the fortnight under report, the attacks numbered 18 and deaths 8.

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

	INCHES.						
Pattikonda	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.17
Pyápali	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.39
Kurnool	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.10
Nandikótkur	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.19
Atmakur	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.30
Nandyál	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.32
Kalwa	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.70
Koilkuntla	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.20
Owk	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.62
Sirvel	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.36
Cumbum	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.21
Márápur	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.08

NOTE.—Reports for the last day from some stations and for the last two days from some others have not yet been received.

The general prospects have thus considerably improved except in the Owk division of Koilkuntla taluk and in some villages of the Cumbum and Márápur taluks where more rain is still wanted.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE—On works.—Healthy in general, but the following deaths from cholera are reported during the fortnight on the works specified below:—

Cumbum-Kurnool Road.—

Mokshagundam section	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Taticherla section	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Giddalur section	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Márápur road	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bollapally-Mallayya tank	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Ardhavid tank	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Medapi tank	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	53

In the Cumbum division, the Famine Duty Deputy Collector inspected the coolies on five relief works and the inmates of two kitchens, and found all of them in good condition.

In villages.—Good, save that cholera is prevalent as stated *infra*:—

Mortality.—Normal from ordinary causes, but excessive owing to cholera in seven taluks as follows:—

	Attacks.	Deaths.	
1. Rámallakóta	201	76	In Kurnool town and 6 villages.
2. Nandyál	410	205	In 18 villages from 1st to 14th.
3. Sirvel	6	4	In 3 villages.
4. Cumbum	438	179	In 38 villages from 28th July to 12th August.
5. Márápur	376	134	In 29 villages from 28th July to 12th August.
6. Koilkuntla	178	57	In 11 villages.
7. Nandikótkur	1	..	In 1 village.
Total	1,610	655	

Cholera has also recently appeared in 3 villages in the Pattikonda taluk, but the details of attacks and deaths are not yet to hand.

Sickness.—Fever and cholera in parts throughout. Small-pox in Cumbum division and dysentery and diarrhoea in that and Nandyál divisions. In the Kurnool town, there were 28 deaths from fever against 38 in the previous fortnight.

Remarks.—All possible measures are being adopted to check the spread of cholera. The Holkar Fund is being distributed among the poor people in the Cumbum and Kurnool divisions and the Gosha women in the Cumbum division who are capable of working are being given spinning work, the weakly people being put in the weak gangs on the relief works. With regard to the weavers of Pattikonda, there are 1,038 of them under relief in the villages of Kodumur, Gonegondla and Peddamaravadi working on 346 looms, and by the 10th current, 1,219 female cloths and 326 duppati cloths had been received into store. Since the character of the season appeared favorable some time ago, the weavers have been delaying our work, having got private employment from some Sholapur Sowcars and others. I have, therefore, ordered that this relief should be discontinued from the 25th current, the interval being required to get our out-lying work brought in by the weavers.

RELIEF MEASURES.—Relief works—In what taluks open.—In the taluks of Koilkuntla, Cumbum and Márápur. The road work in Pattikonda taluk was closed on the 13th instant, the coolies, whose number had by that day gradually fallen to 316, having declined to work on the work spot being shifted from near the villages to the sixth mile on the road. The number of coolies on the works in each taluk on the last day of the fortnight is given in the appended table as compared with the preceding fortnight:—

Taluk.	No. of coolies on the last day of the		Difference.	Remarks.
	Preceding fortnight.	Fortnight under report.		
1	2	3	4	5
1. Pattikonda	327	Work closed.	— 327	Decrease due partly to cholera and partly to improved prospects.
2. Rámallakóta	..	..	..	..
3. Nandikótkur	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyál	865	1,197	+ 332	..
5. Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..
6. Sirvel	6,933	4,361	— 2,572	..
7. Cumbum	5,126	5,189	+ 63	..
8. Márápur	..	..	..	..
Total	18,251	10,747	— 7,504	..

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

Kitchens.	Numbers fed.			
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5
<i>Cumbum taluk.</i>				
1. Palakavid	9	18	78	105
2. Giddalur-Mundlapad road work	4	5	14	23
3. Cumbum-Mokshagundam road work ..	10	9	40	59
Total	23	32	132	187
<i>Márkápúr taluk.</i>				
1. Márkápúr	7	5	37	49
2. Dupad	9	8	66	83
3. Badveed	8	6	20	36
Total	24	21	123	168
Grand Total	47	53	255	355

Village relief—Number of villages in each taluk for which reports of—have been received.—None except that Holkar's money is being distributed in the Cumbum and Kurnool divisions. In the former, 17 Gosha women are being paid at the rate of one anna per head per diem and in the latter Rs. 50 have been distributed among some paupers in the Kurnool town.

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

Remarks.—None.

GRAIN SUPPLY—Private trade, active or not, whether in rice or dry staple food-grain.—Moderate in Nandikótkur taluk and not active in Nandyál division but active in all grains elsewhere.

State the imports by rail or sea of rice or other staple food-grain.—Into the Márkápúr taluk—

333 railway maunds of rice,	1,357 railway maunds of ragi, and
897 " " of cholam,	470 " " of paddy
118 " " of cumbu,	

were imported. Except into the Kurnool division, there were also imports elsewhere in the district, but the details have not been furnished.

Known or estimated stock in taluks.—Sufficient for about 6 months in Nandyál, Sirvél and Rámallakót taluks, for four months in Cumbum division and for more than a year in Nandikótkur taluk. In the Pyápalí division, the stock is sufficient for the local demand.

State of markets.—

Stations.	Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.				Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at
	Rice.	Cholam.	Ragi.	Cumbu.			
Kurnool	9-20	15-75	..	..	..	..	Kurnool.
Nandyál	10-01	15-75	..	13-75	..	..	Kurnool.
Cumbum	9-96	15-80	15-48	13-12	Nandyál.	Nandyál.	Nandyál.
Márkápúr	9-96	14-22	15-00	11-60	Cumbum.	Cumbum.	Cumbum.
					Márkápúr.	Márkápúr.	Márkápúr.

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

TALKS AND PLACES VISITED BY THE COLLECTOR DURING THE FORTNIGHT.—*Nil.* The Collector is unavoidably detained at head-quarters at present. With reference to the remarks of the Commissioner as to the inspection of the Koilkuntla coolies, this has been done by the Head Assistant Collector. His official report has not yet come in, but he has informed me that he found none of them "ill-fed" and that there was nothing in their condition which would protract the closing of works. I have further ascertained that, on the occasion which elicited the Deputy Collector's remark, the gang had travelled to the work from a long distance (presumably without food) and that when they arrived at the work spot no stones were procurable and so their wage was docked. I pointed out to him how wrong this was and that under such circumstances a modified task for the day or days should have been imposed. He subsequently told me the "ill-fed" hands he had seen had levanted from fear of cholera. So altogether I think the Deputy's remarks were hasty and unnecessarily alarming.

P.S.—Since writing above, the Head Assistant's official report has come to hand. A copy of it is forwarded and the irregularities brought to notice shall have due attention.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. A. CUMMING, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, Nandyál, to the Collector of Kurnool, dated 17th August 1892, No. 867.

As requested in your demi-official, dated 2nd instant, I have the honour to report that I inspected the coolies on famine works in Koilkuntla taluk.

2. The coolies on the Nandyál-Nossam road were inspected on 8th when 424 coolies were at work near Putehakayapalli. These are the first famine coolies I have seen and I should not call them "ill-fed." In every village normally a proportion of the people look ill-fed and so also among these some do not look robust. These are generally old or people who had been but a short time on the works. The children were invariably well nourished. The general appearance was not suggestive of famine.

3. There were no complaints of irregular payments. They were paid on 4th, 5th, 7th, 11th, 14th, 18th, 21st, 25th and 29th ultimo and had been paid on the morning of the 8th. Reduced pay for short work was disbursed as per margin. The wages quoted are those of a man.

Gang No. 1—7 pie on 6 days, 1 anna 2 pie on 1. The chief reason was want of stones near Maya-lur and they were subsequently moved to Putehakayapalli where it is abundant.

4. The tasks on the 8th were as under:—

Number of gang.	Number of men.	Number of nursing mothers.	Number of women.	Number of children.	Total.	Task.	Nature of work.
1	13	9	53	19	94	9-7 cf.	Breaking and stacking metal.
2	24	7	35	12	78	8-7	
4	20	10	48	21	99	10-4 cf.	
5	29	14	18	20	81	9	
72	21	12	23	16	72	6-3	Stone for this gang 2 furlongs off.
Total ..					424		

5. The tasks were correctly marked out on the ground. Those of gangs 1 and 4 are correctly calculated according to your circular No. 1398, dated 22nd February 1892, but those of gangs 2 and 5 should be 8-6 and 8-7 respectively. The normal task of gang 72 should be 7-7 and I have no data at hand for reduction for lead of two furlongs.

6. Next day I inspected the coolies on the Owk-Koilkuntla road. If anything they looked better than the others, and the Tahsildar told me they had been much more in earnest and given much less trouble than those on the Koilkuntla side. The worst looking gang was No. 6, which was rather weedy, but they have been doing their full task and even over it. On one day, however, they did only a half task. I cannot say that any considerable proportion of these coolies look "ill-fed."

7. They had been paid up to the 6th and there were no complaints of irregular payments. There had been considerable fluctuations in the pay earned last month; gang No. 2 got 7 pie once, 8 pie once, 10 pie twice and 11 pie once; No. 3 got 6 pie once and 7 pie once; No. 5 got 10 pie twice and 11 pie three times; No. 6 got 4 pie twice, 10 pie twice and 11 once; No. 7 ten pie once; No. 8 eleven pie twice. On the other hand No. 1 earned 1 anna 7 pie three times; No. 4 one anna eight pie three times; No. 7 one anna seven pie once.

8. The tasks were as under:—

Number of gang.	Men.	Nursing mothers.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Task.	Nature of work.
1	18	9	41	17	85	25 yds.	Spreading gravel.
2	19	2	49	23	93	8-8	Breaking metal, metal 2 furlongs distant.
3	13	8	49	23	93	8-1	Excavating gravel.
4	16	11	44	26	97	47-7	Carrying gravel, distance 3 furlongs.
5	13	7	38	27	85	10-2	Breaking metal, metal 2 furlongs distant.
6	20	14	43	20	97	9-4	Spreading metal.
7	24	10	36	26	96	8-6	Breaking metal, metal 2 furlongs distant.
8	11	1	20	13	45	3-5	
Total ..					891		

9. The tasks of gangs, 1, 4, 7 are correct. Those of the others are calculated by taking 1 man = 4 boys and 1 woman = 2 boys and not according to your circular No. 1398, dated 22nd February 1892. The latter was being followed till June when the Local Fund Engineer inspected and ordered the other system to be adopted. The Tahsildar tells me he pointed out the mistake and the Local Fund Engineer promised to cancel his order. He does not appear to have done so up to date, and, therefore, the coolies have been losing the benefit of the Commissioner's order. Further I found the tasks very irregularly marked on the ground. For instance, the task for gang No. 5 was 10-2, but that actually pegged out was 13. The overseer explained it by saying it included the deficiency of the two previous days. This is irregular and in any case inaccurate, as the deficiency was 3-8 and it should therefore have been 14; as a matter of fact, 14 was done. I found similar inaccuracies in the tasks pegged out for gangs 3, 6 and 8.

10. I find therefore that the coolies are not ill-fed to any appreciable extent, that they are regularly paid and that tasks have not been properly calculated at Owk.

11. I see no reason why the works should not be closed at the end of the month. There is not nearly so much cultivation in Nandyál and such crops as there are, are generally indifferent; on the Owk side very much so; but early crops are not usually sown in Koilkuntla, the Tahsildar tells me. The real cultivation begins now and will afford ample work. The cultivation under the Owk tank alone could absorb all the coolies working at Owk and I expect the numbers must have considerably fallen on the last day or two owing to the rain.

12. I regret the delay in submitting this report due to my having to send to Koilkuntla for certain information to test the tasks.

STATEMENT showing the progress made in the disposal of applications for loans during fortnight ending 15th August 1892.

Enclosure No. 2.

STATEMENT showing the progress made in the disposal of applications for loans during the year ending 1911.

Taluka.	Purpose of loans.	Applications accepted up to the week.		Loans disbursed up to the week.		Applications pending at the end of the period.		Wells	
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Constructed.	Under construction.
Land Improvement Loans.									
1. Pattikonda ..	1. Repair and construction of wells	61	12,000	53	4,555	56	16,800	..	53
2. Ramalakot ..	2. Other purposes	2	150	2	130	..	2,450	..	15
3. Nandikotkur ..	1. Repair and construction of wells	15	3,050	15	3,050	16	2,450	..	6
4. Nandyál ..	2. Other purposes	11	2,850	11	2,850	6	1,100	..	29
5. Koilkuntla ..	1. Repair and construction of wells	7	1,350	7	1,350	100	30,200	4	24
6. Sirvel ..	2. Other purposes	120	32,945	110	16,758	60	16,200	6	13
7. Cumbum ..	1. Repair and construction of wells	33	6,400	30	3,325	7	2,670	..	257
8. Markapur ..	2. Other purposes	31	7,900	31	5,465	1	200	..	548
	1. Repair and construction of wells	3	250	3	250	48	13,950	4	945
	2. Other purposes	31	5,475	21	3,600	21	5,900	..	..
	1. Repair and construction of wells	360	70,174	303	39,227	1	150	2	..
	2. Other purposes	7	680	7	680	2	550	..	..
	1. Repair and construction of wells	551	1,71,455	550	89,268	..	..	..	..
	2. Other purposes	1,210	3,05,850	1,094	1,56,813	255	73,770	15	..
	1. Repair and construction of wells	52	8,710	49	5,655	58	11,650	..	..
	2. Other purposes	1,202	3,11,500	1,143	1,72,418	313	85,420	15	945
Total ..									
Agriculturists' Loans.									
1. Pattikonda ..	1. Purchase of fodder	285	7,805	168	5,014	..	..	..	..
2. Ramalakot ..	2. of cattle and seed-grain	10	320	10	320	..	..	..	..
3. Nandikotkur ..	1. of fodder	16	925	15	925	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyál ..	2. of cattle and seed-grain	2	100	2	100	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla ..	1. of fodder	48	2,480	48	2,480	7	600	..	..
6. Sirvel ..	2. of cattle and seed-grain	6	830	6	830	..	..	..	..
7. Cumbum ..	1. of fodder	5	400	5	400	..	..	..	..
8. Markapur ..	2. of cattle and seed-grain	38	1,045	38	1,045	8	600	..	..
	1. of cattle and seed-grain	5	950	5	950	30	1,982	..	..
	2. of cattle and seed-grain	9	1,220	9	1,220	24	605	..	..
	1. of fodder	181	4,070	180	4,045	12	715	..	..
	2. of fodder	9	365	9	365	..	..	..	..
	1. of cattle and seed-grain	107	2,437	107	2,437	..	..	..	..
	2. of cattle and seed-grain	135	2,122	133	2,112	..	..	..	..
	1. of fodder	561	16,346	561	16,346	24	605	..	..
	2. of cattle and seed-grain	176	5,267	174	5,257	57	3,897	..	..
	1. of cattle and seed-grain	856	24,420	735	21,003	81	4,502	..	..
	2. of cattle and seed-grain	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..									

* The increase is due to the grant of second instalment.
 † The Tahsildar of Nandyál says he has postponed disposal of applications on account of the rainy season. I think all such should be disposed of one way or other and perhaps it should be better to receive no more at this season.
 ‡ The decrease is due to the withdrawal of an application.
 § Explanation for the decrease has been called for.
 || Explanation for the decrease is due to the rejection of applications.

Resolution—dated 24th August 1892, No. 593.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the first half of the current month, the rainfall was heavy in Nandikotkur, Sirvel, and the greater part of the Koilkuntla, Nandyál and Cumbum taluks and fair elsewhere in the district. There was some deficiency in part of the Cumbum division lying near the towns of Cumbum and Márkápur and in the western (Owk) portion of Koilkuntla. The only taluks of the district which continue to be included in the affected area are Márkápur and Cumbum, where distress has been most acute, Koilkuntla, where the distress was severe only in a portion of the taluk, and Pattikonda.

Stations.	April and May.		June and July.		August.		
	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892.	Average.	1892.	
						1-15.	15-21.
Pyápalli	1.23	0.50	5.08	9.67	5.45	1.39	.78
Pattikonda	1.83	1.57	6.54	12.69	3.77	2.17	.75
Kurnool	2.09	2.88	7.78	10.68	5.62	2.10	1.07
Atmakúr	1.44	2.21	12.74	15.46	5.65	5.33	1.92
Nandikotkur	2.08	2.11	9.13	6.96	5.87	4.55	.61
Kalva	1.42	0.45	4.78	9.37	4.44	.70	.30
Nandyál	1.83	0.65	10.78	12.32	7.42	6.29	..
Owk	1.01	0.34	2.32	6.12	3.71	1.50	.51
Koilkuntla	1.70	1.00	7.05	8.21	4.81	6.20	1.15
Chagalmari (Sirvel)	1.48	0.37	8.22	10.17	6.87	6.51	2.90
Mundlapad (Cumbum)	2.11	1.51	5.37	11.17	3.12	4.21	2.14
Márkápur	2.07	0.31	5.49	8.77	2.67	1.08	.62
District average ..	1.88	1.16	7.40	10.13	4.95	3.50	..

Preparation of the black cotton soils for sowing the late crops is going on, as well as the cultivation of the wet land. Sowing of the black soils in Pattikonda has been commenced, and hoeing and weeding the standing crops is proceeding everywhere. In the Cumbum division, the area of dry land already sown is reported to be much in excess of the average. The standing crops are doing well except in the small portion of Márkápur and Cumbum already mentioned. There the rain which has fallen since the 15th current will probably have revived the drooping crops.

Pasture and water are available everywhere, and the condition of the cattle continues to improve.

3. Prices became slightly cheaper during the fortnight in the district as a whole. There was a rise, however, at Márkápur in the price of ragi, the staple-grain, from 15.8 Imperial seers per rupee on the 30th ultimo to 15.0 Imperial seers on the 13th instant. Cholum, the staple-grain in Cumbum, was stationary in Cumbum at 15.8 Imperial seers per rupee, but fell in Koilkuntla from 16.6 to 17.4. Prices are, however, still nearly double normal rates at this time of year:—

Stations.	1892.						1892.						August.	
	July.		August.		August.		July.		August.		August.			
	Average.	30th.	13th.	20th.			Average.	30th.	13th.	20th.				
<i>Rice.</i>													<i>Cholum.</i>	
Pattikonda	9.7	9.7	10.8	..	13.7	11.3	16.9	16.5	15.5	..	20.6	26.4		
Kurnool	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	12.2	12.2	15.4	16.3	15.8	15.8	26.4	22.6		
Nandikotkur	10.4	..	10.7	10.7	14.2	12.2	16.8	..	17.8	17.8	29.0	25.3		
Nandyál	9.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	12.7	11.4	14.7	15.1	15.8	15.8	26.2	25.3		
Koilkuntla	9.6	9.1	9.1	9.1	12.3	11.6	16.2	16.6	17.4	18.2	25.5	26.4		
Sirvel	8.6	8.9	8.9	9.3	12.7	10.3	16.5	15.1	15.1	15.5	23.8	25.1		
Cumbum	9.1	10.0	10.0	..	12.3	10.8	14.6	15.8	15.8	..	26.3	28.1		
Márkápur	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	13.1	11.6	14.2	14.2	14.2	..	27.7	..		
District average ..	9.7	9.6	9.9	9.7	13.0	11.9	16.3	15.4	15.9	16.2	29.1	26.1		
<i>Cumbu.</i>													<i>Ragi.</i>	
Pattikonda	14.1	14.1	..	..	24.7	22.6	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Kurnool	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	22.6	15.2	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Nandikotkur	12.6	..	12.6	12.6	16.3	17.2	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Nandyál	15.3	15.0	13.1	13.1	22.5	21.3	16.1	16.8	16.5	15.8	25.8	24.2		
Sirvel	..	15.0	13.8	14.4	22.6	23.5	16.7	16.8	16.8	17.4	28.4	27.8		
Cumbum	12.3	14.5	13.1	..	20.9	21.8	15.0	16.5	16.5	..	27.0	24.0		
Márkápur	14.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	21.8	19.3	15.2	15.8	15.0	15.0	28.2	24.4		
District average ..	13.7	14.0	13.0	13.1	23.2	19.9	15.7	16.4	15.9	16.0	28.0	27.4		

4. The people are reported to be generally in good condition, but cholera exists in all parts of the district, and is spreading. During the fortnight, the disease caused 655 reported deaths against 593 in the preceding period. There were 53 deaths from cholera on the relief works, of which 17 occurred on one and 20 on another work.

The number of persons resorting to the relief works decreased by nearly 2,000 during the fortnight, and the Collector reports his having closed the only remaining relief work open in Pattikonda on which 359 persons were employed on the 13th current. The decrease occurred chiefly in Cumbum taluk, and is ascribed partly to fear of cholera and partly to improved prospects. The Head Assistant Collector, who, owing to the Collector's compulsory detention at head-quarters, was deputed to inspect the laborers in Koilkuntla, reports that they are generally in good condition, and that he sees no reason why the works should not be closed at the end of the month. The cultivation of the black soils is now beginning, as is also that under tanks, and ample employment will be thus afforded to every one. All work in the taluk may accordingly be closed on the last day of the month.

The Commissioner considers that all the remaining relief works in the district, those, namely, in the Cumbum and Márkápur taluks, should be closed by the 15th September at latest. The Collector will report whether, in his opinion, it will be possible or advisable to close any of them earlier.

The numbers fed at the kitchens in Márkápur and Cumbum have not yet shown much decrease—

Taluka.	Numbers on works.			Numbers on gratuitous relief.		
	July average.	July 30th.	August 13th.	July average.	July 30th.	August 13th.
Pattikonda	712	352	359	..	..	..
Ramallakót	2.8	..	..	..	..	..
Nandikotkur	106	..	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	1,771	818	1,155	10	..	..
Cumbum	8,486	7,064	4,704	255	191	186
Márkápur	5,811	5,137	5,286	184	179	174
Total ..	17,094	13,371	11,504	449	370	360

5. The loan operations of the fortnight are shown in the subjoined table :—

Loans.	Granted.		Disbursed.		Applications pending at the end of the period.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
<i>Land Improvements.</i>		RS.		RS.		RS.
Well-sinking	49	15,773	43	10,531	* 255	73,770
Others	3	650	..	..	† 58	11,650
<i>Agriculturists.</i>						
For purchase of fodder ..	2	134	27	190	24	606
For do. of cattle and seed-grain ..	48	1,795	94	2,212	† 57	3,897

* Pattikonda, 56; Nandyal, 100; Sirvel, 48. † Nandyal, 50. ‡ Sirvel, 30.

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