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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 12th February 1892, No. 103 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from M.R.Ry. R. GOVINDA ROW NAYUDU Garu, Deputy Collector, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Cuddapah, 1st February 1892, No. 204 :—

I have the honour to submit the fortnightly narrative for the period ending the 30th January 1892.

STATE OF COUNTRY—Crops.—The standing crops are paddy, ragi, saffron, korra, sweet potatoes, cotton, cummin seed and coriander. Those under river channels and canals and those watered by wells are in good condition. In the villages of Chinnakampalli, Ippapenta, and the Palagiri side, there are no crops standing and the tracts are dead waste as there are not many wells there, and those that exist are almost dried up. The crops harvested are paddy (vanki) and ragi; the former yielded between 8 and 12 annas, and ragi under tanks is almost withered.

Fodder.—The cholum and ragi having been recently harvested, cholum straw, the staple fodder, is available in all parts at present, except in the Chinnakampalli side. It is deficient towards Animela and Palagiri where cattle are now fed on thatch. On account of the high prices prevailing, the stock of fodder available in other parts is not in easy reach of the poorer ryots.

Water-supply.—None in tanks. Kurnool-Cuddapah canal has sufficient supply. The supply in channels is small and very little in the Pennér and none in minor rivers, such as Vekkileru, &c. Drinking water is sufficient at present in all parts, except at Palagiri, Aninela and Yerraguntla, Chinnakampalli and Ippapenta.

Agricultural operations.—Paddy and ragi under channels and canal is being harvested. Ryots are busy in thrashing and storing grain harvested and in stacking cholum straw. The ryots who have wells are baling water for crops under them.

Cattle.—No disease. The mortality is normal, but the cattle in the affected villages generally look thin, being under-fed. This is due more to poverty than to insufficient fodder.

General remarks.—The state of the division is normal, except in Chinnakampalli side and Palagiri side. Drinking water is gradually diminishing in several parts. Fodder is daily becoming dearer and dearer owing to large exports.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE.—On works.—None.

In villages.—People in villages depending on agricultural wages are at present in good condition as they have work enough, but here and there cooly people may be seen as under-fed.

Mortality.—Ordinary.

Sickness.—Cholera is prevailing in the villages of Patha Cuddapah and Ukkayapalli in the vicinity of Cuddapah town.

Remarks.—Except the people of Chinnakampalli and Ippapenta and parts of Animela firka, the others do not require any relief now.

RELIEF MEASURES.—Relief Works.—None opened yet.

Poor-houses.—None except Muthyalaseshu's choultry, in which 30 persons are fed with one meal a day.

Village relief.—None.

Number of deaths from want of food.—None.

Remarks.—Nil.

GRAIN SUPPLY—

Private trade.—Not active.

Imports by rail.—Have gone down considerably.

Known or estimated stock in taluk.—The stock of grain is now increasing in some villages owing to recent harvest. The rich land-holders are reserving their stock for future use. There is grain reserved in the taluk enough to maintain the whole taluk until the next harvest.

STATE OF MARKET.—Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains :—

	Rice, second sort.	Cholum.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Cuddapah, seers of 80 tolas	8½	14	15½	..
Kamalapuram do.	8½	12½	13½	..

Endorsement by the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 4th February 1892, Reference on Current No. 18-Perdl.

Submitted.

The Deputy Collector is not correct in stating there are no crops standing on the Palagiri side. There is ragi under wells to a fair extent, as I saw on the 16th instant at Palagiri itself. There is no question, however, that that portion of the taluk has had a very poor season. Still the people are in good condition, and I noticed no sign of distress.

2. I can hardly agree with the remark that "the state of the division is normal," considering that no tank has had a crop under it, wet or dry; the people no doubt are in normal condition; neither have I seen any under-fed person except a few of the town beggars. There has been ample labour for all during the fortnight in the shape of the canal harvest, which I see has been attracting labourers from Proddutur and Badvel.

3. The minor irrigation works to be started at Chinakampalli and Ippapenta, two of the worst villages, are still under discussion. Revised estimates have been prepared by the Executive Engineer and are being sent to the Commissioner. I consider it advisable to start these works during the current month.

4. The divisional officer has omitted to send the statement of recording progress of work under the Land Improvement Loans Act; it has been called for and will be submitted when received.

5. The information required under section 35, Famine Code, has also been received but in an imperfect form and has been returned for completion. The Rs. 30,000 if the average rains come in May and in June, but a much larger sum will be required if the rain is deferred as in last year till July. The most seriously affected tracts are round Cuddapah to the south and south-east, and the tract in Animela firka, the south-west of the taluk. The whole taluk of course is suffering from two bad years in succession and the high prices affect the poor.

6. In the above Rs. 30,000, I have not included the sanitary works for Cuddapah town, which should not be lost sight of; money may perhaps be better spent on these than on minor irrigation works at high rates; for it is the same class who will work on both and it is better that they should work on the former than the latter.

7. I have seen during the past month some twenty or more villages of the taluk from Palagiri eastward to Cuddapah, besides those around Cuddapah, and also passed right through the north-east portion of the taluk through Puttur. The poor of the town, many of whom I now know well enough, do not seem to me to be falling off in their condition such as it is. I shall see them again in the next fortnight on my return.

Resolution—dated 12th February 1892, No. 103.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. All over the Cuddapah taluk the ryots were busy during the fortnight in thrashing and stacking the moderate crops previously harvested, or, in a few places under the canal, in harvesting the standing crop. The worst portion of it is the southern and south-eastern along and near the foot of the Seshachellam Range from Cuddapah to Paligiri near the borders of Pulivendla. The tanks are dry, and there has been much loss of crop. The people, however, do not appear to have suffered, and so far ample employment has been available for them. The Collector states that it may be necessary to open relief works for them during the current month and is preparing revised estimates for two minor irrigation works to be started for that purpose.

3. The price of cholum, the staple food-grain, and of ragi also, has become much cheaper at Cuddapah since December, and the former is now being sold there at half a seer more than the scarcity rate. At Kamalapuram in the same taluk there has been no change of prices. At the former place trade is reported not to be active and the imports by rail to have decreased considerably. Most of the ryots have,

	SEERS OF 80 TOLAS PER RUPEE.					
	Rice.		Cholum.		Ragi.	
	Cuddapah.	Kamalapuram.	Cuddapah.	Kamalapuram.	Cuddapah.	Kamalapuram.
1891.						
December ..	7-88	8-71	12-64	12-64	12-75	13-50
1892.						
January 16th ..	7-83	8-66	13-82	12-64	14-25	13-50
Do. 30th ..	7-83	8-66	14-22	12-64	14-62	13-50
1877.						
January ..	6-64	7-88	7-90	8-29	8-25	8-62
Scarcity rates	9-7		13-7		14-7	

however, secured some produce from the recent scanty harvests and stocks appear to be sufficient. Full information under section 35 of the Famine Code has not yet been submitted, but the Collector estimates that an expenditure of Rs. 30,000 may be required for the relief of distress in the taluk before the next rains fall. Some rain may be expected in May, and more should fall in June. The Collector again urges the advisability of putting in hand the large works proposed at Cuddapah town, consideration of which was referred to the Public Works Department in G.O., No. 115, dated 2nd February 1892, but the Commissioner would point out that these works would not be of much use for relieving the distressed in the Animela firka. The contrast between the value of the sanitary works near Cuddapah, and that executed at high rates on minor irrigation works which the Collector draws in paragraph 6, is not very clear. Work on the minor irrigation works, as already directed in Board's Proceedings, dated 25th January 1892, No. 57, should be carried out departmentally by task work at Famine Code rates of wages where the work is sufficiently large to justify such a course. Where the works are petty, the estimates should be so fixed as to allow workers to earn about the third-class wages.

4. Fodder for cattle is available all over the taluk, though deficient in the northern parts, and is becoming dearer owing to large exports. The cattle are generally in good condition, excepting those of the poorer ryots in the affected areas.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

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

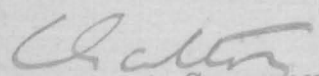
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