

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 47 W

DATED 7. January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Relief: Pro: Revenue Dept according
Board's Pro: Submitting report of the Collector
of Cuddapah on the rise in the prices of food
grains & the means suggested for relief,
Comm. to S.E. C. with direction to ex-
pedite the preparation of plans & estimates for
works required for —

Recording B.P. Submitting
to Govt. report of the Collr.
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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 12TH DEC. 1896, No. 423.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

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Chitvel	8-30	8-30	8-30	8-30	15-00	15-00	15-00	15-00	15-80	15-80	15-80	15-80	10-87	10-87	10-87	10-87	Chitvel, no change.
Pellampet	8-30	8-30	8-71	8-71	15-00	15-00	15-00	15-00	15-80	15-80	15-80	15-80	11-60	11-60	11-60	11-60	Pellampet, no change in ragi.
Sidhant	8-25	8-25	8-25	8-25	20-62	18-97	19-80	18-15	16-50	18-20	18-20	18-20	13-20	13-20	13-20	13-20	Sidhant, cholam and cumba.
Badvel	8-25	9-07	9-07	9-07	13-50	16-50	19-50	15-75	12-67	14-22	14-52	12-64	11-60	13-05	15-22	11-60	Badvel.
Cuddapah	7-88	8-30	8-30	8-30	12-00	13-12	17-25	15-00	10-27	10-66	13-82	11-85	11-60	9-42	10-15	15-22	Cuddapah.
Kannapuram	9-07	9-07	9-07	9-07	12-37	18-61	18-17	16-50	10-72	11-36	14-02	13-20	11-60	10-15	15-22	11-60	Kannapuram.
Proddatur	8-25	8-25	9-09	9-09	13-20	13-20	19-08	17-73	10-37	10-31	14-43	14-02	13-61	12-78	12-78	16-05	Proddatur.
Jammalamadugu	7-47	7-47	8-30	8-30	12-00	12-00	19-50	15-00	10-37	10-27	13-43	12-64	10-80	10-50	10-50	16-05	Jammalamadugu.
Pulivendla	7-87	7-47	9-13	8-71	14-63	13-50	18-00	15-00	12-55	13-64	14-22	14-22	10-87	11-60	11-20	14-50	Pulivendla.
Kadri	8-30	7-47	9-76	8-71	14-63	13-50	18-00	15-00	12-55	13-64	14-22	14-22	10-87	11-60	11-20	14-50	Kadri.
Rayachoti	9-54	9-54	9-96	9-54	15-75	15-75	18-75	18-00	12-55	13-64	14-22	14-22	12-91	18-00	18-00	15-80	Rayachoti.
Piler	10-72	10-72	10-72	10-72	22-50	22-50	22-50	22-50	12-64	12-64	12-64	12-64	21-75	21-75	21-75	21-75	Piler.
Vayalpad	9-13	9-76	10-79	10-37	13-37	14-25	24-00	18-00	12-64	12-64	12-64	12-64	12-32	13-70	17-40	15-95	Vayalpad.
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Rice.

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On 22nd November 1896 ..	9-87	..	8-30	7-15	..	7-0
" 23rd " " ..	9-87	..	8-30	7-15	..	7-0
" 24th " " ..	9-87	..	8-30	7-15	..	7-50
" 25th " " ..	9-87	..	8-30	7-86	..	8-0
" 26th " " ..	10-34 for the week ending 28th Nov. 1896.	11-13	8-30	7-86	..	8-0
" 27th " " ..	..	..	8-30	8-21	..	..
" 28th " " ..	..	..	8-30	..	..	8-0
" 29th " " ..	10-34	11-66	8-30	..	..	8-0
" 30th " " ..	11-28	..	8-30	8-58	..	8-0
" 1st December 1896 ..	11-28	12-19	8-30	8-58	..	..
" 2nd " " ..	..	12-19	8-30	8-58	..	8-0
" 3rd " " ..	11-28	..	8-30	..	..	..
" 4th " " ..	..	..	8-30	7-86	7-56	..
" 5th " " ..	..	12-19	8-30	..	7-56	..

ENCLOSURE No. I-B.

Ragi.

Date.	North Arcot.	Nellore.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.	Anantapur.	Bellary.
For the week ending 21st November 1896 ..	16-24	..	13-02	11-24	15-52	Not reported.
On 22nd November 1896 ..	16-24	..	13-50	11-25	..	
" 23rd " " " " " " "	16-24	..	15-00	11-25	..	
" 24th " " " " " " "	17-10	..	18-00	11-79	..	
" 25th " " " " " " "	{ 18-81 for the week ending 28th November 1896. }	16-32	16-50	13-54	..	
" 26th " " " " " " "		..	16-50	13-54	..	
" 27th " " " " " " "		..	17-25	15-48	..	
" 28th " " " " " " "		..	17-25	..	..	
" 29th " " " " " " "	20-52	17-28	17-25	..	..	
" 30th " " " " " " "	20-52	..	17-25	15-48	..	
" 1st December 1896 ..	19-23	18-24	15-00	15-48	..	
" 2nd " " " " " " "	..	18-24	15-00	15-48	..	
" 3rd " " " " " " "	17-95	..	15-00	..	..	
" 4th " " " " " " "	..	..	15-00	12-90	13-58	
" 5th " " " " " " "	..	18-24	15-00	..	13-58	

ENCLOSURE No. I-C.

Cholum.

Date.	North Arcot.	Nellore.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.	Anantapur.		Bellary.	
					White.	Yellow.	White.	Yellow.
For the week ending 21st November 1896 ..	..	..	10-66	11-24	14-42	15-45	10-0	12-1
On 22nd November 1896 ..	..	..	11-06	11-25	..	..	10-0	12-0
" 23rd " " " " " " "	..	..	12-64	11-25	..	..	10-0	12-0
" 24th " " " " " " "	..	..	13-04	11-79	..	..	12-0	13-0
" 25th " " " " " " "	..	15-45	13-82	13-54	..	..	12-0	15-0
" 26th " " " " " " "	..	..	13-82	13-54	..	..	12-0	16-0
" 27th " " " " " " "	..	..	13-82	15-48	..	..	..	..
" 28th " " " " " " "	..	..	13-82	..	..	..	12-0	14-0
" 29th " " " " " " "	..	16-48	13-82	..	..	..	12-0	14-0
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" 1st December 1896 ..	..	16-48	12-64	15-48	..	..	12-0	14-0
" 2nd " " " " " " "	..	16-48	12-64	15-48	..	..	12-0	14-0
" 3rd " " " " " " "	..	..	11-85	..	..	..	..	..
" 4th " " " " " " "	..	..	11-85	12-90	11-33	13-39	..	..
" 5th " " " " " " "	..	15-45	11-85	..	11-33	13-36	..	..

ENCLOSURE No. I-D.

Cumbu.

Date.	North Arcot.	Nellore.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.	Anantapur.	Bellary.
For the week ending 21st November 1896 ..	..	..	10-15	9-37	..	Not reported.
On 22nd November 1896 ..	..	..	10-15	10-0	..	
" 23rd " " " " " " "	..	..	11-60	10-0	..	
" 24th " " " " " " "	..	..	15-22	10-0	..	
" 25th " " " " " " "	..	13-16	15-22	15-0	..	
" 26th " " " " " " "	..	..	15-22	13-12	..	
" 27th " " " " " " "	..	..	15-22	13-75	..	
" 28th " " " " " " "	..	..	15-22	..	..	
" 29th " " " " " " "	..	12-22	15-22	..	..	
" 30th " " " " " " "	..	..	15-22	13-75	..	
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" 3rd " " " " " " "	..	..	10-15	..	..	
" 4th " " " " " " "	..	..	10-15	12-50	..	
" 5th " " " " " " "	..	11-75	10-15	..	..	

ENCLOSURE No. II.

Name of taluk.	Name of work.	Total amount of estimate.	Amount available for famine labourers.	Number of men on each work with employ for three months.	Remarks showing whether estimate has been prepared, where it is, &c.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Jammalamadugu taluk.	Peddapasupala project ..	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 11,000	1,460	The estimate was submitted to the Board on 6th December 1896.
Do.	Muddanur tank ..	4,000	4,000	520	Estimate is ready; will be submitted shortly.
Do.	Collection of metal and gravel on the road from Kondapuram to Simhadripalli.	31,000	31,000	4,000	Estimates ready.
Do.	Chintakunta tank ..	10,000	10,000	1,332	Under investigation; estimates will be ready within a fortnight.
Pulivendla taluk.	Lingala tank ..	8,000	7,000	932	Estimate almost ready.
Do.	Devataparam tank ..	25,000	20,000	2,600	To be investigated.
Do.	Collection of metal from Royalapuram to Simhadripalle.	15,400	15,400	2,050	Estimate ready.

RESOLUTION—dated 12th December 1896, No. 423.

Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of B.P., dated 10th December 1896, No. 413.

2. As the Board apprehended, prices are fast rising again, the rainfall at the end of November having been inadequate and too late to cause much change in the prospects of the more seriously affected portion of the district. In these circumstances, the expansion of the relief works in the affected area will soon be necessary, and the works selected by the Collector appear to the Board suitable; but it is unable to make the desired application for sanction to the irrigation works specified, in the absence of the estimates, the preparation of which is apparently the duty of the Public Works Department. The estimates should be expedited. The papers regarding the Peddapasupala project were submitted for the orders of Government with B.P., dated 9th December 1896, No. 6375.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Order thereon No 759 of 29th Dec. 1896

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To

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Pullampet ..	8-30	8-30	8-71	8-71	15-00	15-00	15-00	15-00	..	..	16-50	18-20	..	11-60	11-60	11-60	11-60	
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" 24th " "	9-87	..	8-30	7-15	..	7-50
" 25th " "	9-87	..	8-30	7-15	..	8-0
" 26th " "	..	11-13	8-30	7-86	..	8-0
" 27th " "	10-34 for the	..	8-30	7-86	..	..
" 28th " "	week ending 23th	..	8-30	8-21	..	8-0
" 29th " "	Nov. 1896.	..	8-30	..	..	8-0
" 30th " "	10-34	11-66	8-30	..	..	8-0
" 1st December 1896	11-28	12-19	8-30	8-58	..	8-0
" 2nd " "	11-28	..	8-30	8-58	..	..
" 3rd " "	..	12-19	8-30	8-58	..	..
" 4th " "	..	..	8-30	7-86	7-56	..
" 5th " "	..	..	8-30	..	7-56	..

ENCLOSURE No. I-B.

Ragi.

Date.	North Arcot.	Nellore.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.	Anantapur.	Bellary.
For the week ending 21st November 1896 ..	16-24	..	13-02	11 24	15-52	Not reported.
On 22nd November 1896	16-24	..	13-50	11-25	..	
" 23rd " " " " " "	16-24	..	15-00	11-25	..	
" 24th " " " " " "	17-10	..	18-00	11-79	..	
" 25th " " " " " "	{ 18-81 for the week ending 28th November 1896. }	16-32	16-50	13-54	..	
" 26th " " " " " "		..	16-50	13-54	..	
" 27th " " " " " "		..	17-25	15-48	..	
" 28th " " " " " "		..	17 25	..	..	
" 29th " " " " " "	20-52	17-28	17-25	..	..	
" 30th " " " " " "	20-52	..	17-25	15-48	..	
" 1st December 1896	19-23	18-24	15-00	15-48	..	
" 2nd " " " " " "	..	18-24	15-00	15-48	..	
" 3rd " " " " " "	17-95	..	15-00	..	..	
" 4th " " " " " "	..	..	15-00	12 90	13-58	
" 5th " " " " " "	..	18-24	15 00	..	13-58	

ENCLOSURE No. I-C.

Cholum.

Date.	North Arcot.	Nellore.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.	Anantapur.		Bellary.	
					White.	Yellow.	White.	Yellow.
For the week ending 21st								
November 1896 ..	..	..	10.66	11.24	14.42	15.45	10.0	12.1
On 22nd November 1896 ..	..	..	11.06	11.25	..	..	10.0	12.0
" 23rd " " "	..	..	12.64	11.25	..	..	10.0	12.0
" 24th " " "	..	..	13.04	11.79	..	..	12.0	13.0
" 25th " " "	..	15.45	13.82	13.54	..	..	12.0	15.0
" 26th " " "	..	..	13.82	13.54	..	..	12.0	16.0
" 27th " " "	..	..	13.82	15.48	..	..	..	..
" 28th " " "	..	..	13.82	..	..	..	12.0	14.0
" 29th " " "	..	16.48	13.82	..	..	..	12.0	14.0
" 30th " " "	..	..	13.82	15.48	..	..	12.0	14.0
" 1st December 1896 ..	..	16.48	12.64	15.48	..	..	12.0	14.0
" 2nd " " "	..	16.48	12.64	15.48	..	..	..	..
" 3rd " " "	..	..	11.85	..	..	..	..	..
" 4th " " "	..	..	11.85	12.90	11.33	13.39	..	..
" 5th " " "	..	15.45	11.85	..	11.33	13.36	..	..

ENCLOSURE No. I-D.

Cumbu.

Date.	North Arcot.	Nellore.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.	Ananta-pur.	Bellary.
For the week ending 21st November 1896	..	..	10-15	9-37		
On 22nd November 1896	..	..	10-15	10-0		
" 23rd "	..	..	11-60	10-0		
" 24th "	..	..	15-22	10-0		
" 25th "	..	13-16	15-22	15-0		
" 26th "	..	..	15-22	13-12		
" 27th "	..	..	15-22	13-75		
" 28th "	..	..	15-22	..		
" 29th "	..	12-22	15-22	..		
" 30th "	..	..	15-22	13-75		
" 1st December 1896	..	11-28	11-60	13-75		
" 2nd "	..	11-28	11-60	13-75		
" 3rd "	..	..	10-15	..		
" 4th "	..	..	10-15	12-50		
" 5th "	..	11-75	10-15	..		
	Not reported.				Not sold.	Not reported.

ENCLOSURE No. II.

Name of taluk.	Name of work.	Total amount of estimate.	Amount available for famine labourers.	Number of men on each work with employ for three months.	Remarks showing whether estimate has been prepared, where it is, &c.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Jammalamadugu taluk.	Peddapasupula project ..	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 11,000	1,460	The estimate was submitted to the Board on 6th December 1896.
Do.	Muddanur tank	4,000	4,000	520	Estimate is ready; will be submitted shortly.
Do.	Collection of metal and gravel on the road from Kondapuram to Simhadripalli.	31,000	31,000	4,000	Estimates ready.
Do.	Chintakunta tank ..	10,000	10,000	1,332	Under investigation; estimates will be ready within a fortnight.
Pulivendla taluk.	Lingala tank	8,000	7,000	932	Estimate almost ready.
Do.	Devataparam tank ..	25,000	20,000	2,600	To be investigated.
Do.	Collection of metal from Royalapuram to Simhadripalle.	15,400	15,400	2,050	Estimate ready.

RESOLUTION—dated 12th December 1896, No. 423.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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Secretary.

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

Order thereon No 759 date 29 December/26

Recorded.

(True extract)

(Sd) Lionel Davidson

Under Secy. Bout.

Exd. Md. Pahlvan.

Public Works Department

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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(Revenue Settlement, Land Records
and Agriculture),

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Order thereon

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Superintending Engineer III Circle
who will expedite the preparation
of the plans and estimates for
works required for famine
relief.

(True extract)

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To

The Superintending Engineer
III Circle.

Relief.—Submitting to Government report of
the Collector of Cuddapah on the rise in the
prices of food-grains and the measures suggested
for —.

Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following

BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 12TH DEC. 1896, No. 423.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from A. T. FORBES, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah,
to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director
of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 10th December
1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 6810-Rev.:—

I have the honour to report, for the information of the Board, that, after the cessa-
tion of the rains, the prices have again been rising rapidly. The following statement
shows the daily quotation of prices in local measures of the principal food-grains in
Cuddapah town from the 17th November to the 5th instant:—

Date.	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholum.	Cumbu.
17th to 21st November 1896	5.00	8.75	6.75	7.00
22nd November 1896	5.00	9.00	7.00	7.00
23rd " "	5.00	10.00	8.00	8.00
24th " "	5.00	12.00	8.25	10.50
25th " "	5.00	11.00	8.75	10.50
26th " "	5.00	11.00	8.75	10.50
27th " "	5.00	11.50	8.75	10.50
28th " "	5.00	11.50	8.75	10.50
29th " "	5.00	11.50	8.75	10.50
30th " "	5.00	11.50	8.75	10.50
1st and 2nd December 1896	5.00	10.00	8.00	8.00
3rd to 5th December 1896	5.00	10.00	7.50	7.00

With the exception of rice, the prices of the other grains, after temporarily falling,
are approaching, and in the case of cumbu, have reached, the high figure at which
they stood on 17th November.

2. The annexed statement compares the prices in Imperial seers at the several
stations in the district where prices are recorded during the past four weeks. The
rains began to fall from the 17th November and continued till the 29th. The prices,
which during the week ending 21st November 1896, had shown an upward tendency,
suddenly fell in the following week in eleven out of the fourteen stations. Since the
cessation of the rains, the prices have again rapidly risen; ragi is now selling dearer
than the scarcity rate in six stations and cholum is dearer than that rate in all the nine
stations where it is sold.

Stations.	Rice.					Ragi.					Cholum.					Cumba.					Stations.
	For the week ending					For the week ending					For the week ending					For the week ending					
	14th Novem-ber 1896,	21st Novem-ber 1896,	28th Novem-ber 1896,	5th Decem-ber 1896,	14th Novem-ber 1896,	21st Novem-ber 1896,	28th Novem-ber 1896,	5th Decem-ber 1896,	14th Novem-ber 1896,	21st Novem-ber 1896,	28th Novem-ber 1896,	5th Decem-ber 1896,	14th Novem-ber 1896,	21st Novem-ber 1896,	28th Novem-ber 1896,	5th Decem-ber 1896,					
Chitvel ..	8-30	8-30	8-30	8-30	15-00	15-00	15-00	15-00	15-80	..	10-87	10-87	10-87	10-87	10-87	10-87	10-87	Chitvel, no change.			
Pallampet ..	8-30	8-30	8-71	8-71	15-00	15-00	15-00	15-00	15-80	..	11-60	11-60	11-60	11-60	11-60	11-60	11-60	Pallampet, no change in ragi.			
Sidhout ..	8-25	8-25	8-55	9-07	20-62	18-97	19-80	18-15	16-50	..	11-60	11-60	13-20	13-05	14-85	..	..	Sidhout, cholum and cumba.			
Badvel ..	8-25	9-07	9-07	9-07	13-50	16-50	19-50	15-75	12-67	14-22	14-52	12-64	11-60	13-05	15-22	11-60	..	Badvel.			
Cuddarah ..	7-88	8-30	8-30	8-30	12-00	13-12	17-25	15-00	10-27	10-66	13-82	11-85	9-42	10-15	15-22	10-15	..	Cuddarah.			
Kamalapuram ..	9-07	9-07	9-07	9-07	12-37	13-61	18-17	16-50	10-72	11-96	14-85	13-20	..	..	16-05	16-05	..	Kamalapuram.			
Proddatur ..	8-25	8-25	9-09	9-09	13-20	13-20	19-08	17-73	10-72	10-31	14-02	14-02	13-61	12-78	16-05	16-05	..	Proddatur.			
Jammalamadugu ..	7-47	7-47	8-30	8-30	12-00	12-00	19-50	15-00	10-37	10-27	13-43	12-64	10-80	10-50	11-20	11-20	..	Jammalamadugu.			
Pulivendla ..	7-87	7-47	9-13	8-71	10-50	10-50	18-00	15-00	11-85	11-06	13-05	12-64	..	11-60	13-05	13-05	..	Pulivendla.			
Kadri ..	8-30	7-47	9-76	8-71	14-63	13-50	18-00	18-00	12-25	12-64	14-22	14-22	10-87	12-91	18-00	15-80	..	Kadri.			
Râyachôti ..	9-54	9-54	9-06	9-54	15-75	15-75	18-75	18-00	13-82	13-82	18-96	14-50	12-91	12-91	21-75	21-75	..	Râyachôti.			
Piler ..	10-72	10-72	10-72	10-72	22-50	22-50	22-50	22-50	..	..	..	..	21-75	21-75	17-40	15-95	..	Piler.			
Vâyalpâd ..	9-13	9-76	10-79	10-37	13-37	14-25	24-00	18-00	12-64	..	..	..	12-32	13-70	17-40	14-50	..	Vâyalpâd.			
Madanapalle ..	8-30	8-30	10-79	8-54	13-50	13-50	22-50	18-00	14-22	12-65	17-01	12-66	12-32	11-60	17-40	14-50	..	Madanapalle.			

3. This upward tendency is noticeable in other districts also. So far as reports have been received, information has been compiled for the districts of North Arcot, Nellore, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur and four statements are herewith submitted for the Board's information.

4. The recent rains have been late and though undeniably productive of much good, the fall is still insufficient over the greater portion of the district and especially in the black cotton soil taluks. The ryots are not confident of securing a good crop on the area sown unless there is again a good fall of rain in time. The merchants generally expected that big ryots who had stored grain to meet the contingency of a three years' famine would also freely bring in their stock to the markets, but so far I am not aware that their expectations have been realised. Many merchants who had imported grain when the prices had already risen high have sold off in a hurry expecting the rainfall to be abundant as it has really been in Pullampet of this district and at Madras and elsewhere. The break in the rains has revived the fears both of the ryots and of the merchants, and the prices have again risen and there are indications that they will rise still further.

5. It seems thus necessary that arrangements should be made to meet a large increase in the number of relief workers

- Jammalamadugu Taluk.*
1. Peddapasupala project.
 2. Muddanur tank.
- Pulivendla Taluk.*
3. Lingala tank.
 4. Devatapuram tank.

increase in the number of relief workers in the taluks of the Jammalamadugu division—Pulivendla and Jammalamadugu taluks in particular—at an early date. I have already asked that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the execution of the marginally-noted works.

I have also stated in this letter that I would start the collection of gravel and metal on the road from Royalapuram to Simhadripalle. Besides these, the following works are available in the two taluks above mentioned, (1) Kothapalle tank in Pulivendla taluk, (2) Chintakunta tank in Jammalamadugu taluk, (3) the collection of gravel and metal on the road from Kondapuram railway station in Jammalamadugu taluk to Simhadripalle in Pulivendla taluk. The annexed statement shows the total amount of estimates for all these works, the amount available for famine labourers and the numbers they would employ for a period of three months. All these works are in the famine programme of the district and I request that sanction may be obtained for putting them in hand as soon as I may deem it necessary. The sanction of the District Board will be obtained for the road works.

ENCLOSURE No I-A.

Rice.

Date.	North Arcot.	Nellore.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.	Anantapur.	Bellary.
For the week ending 21st November 1896 ..	9-87	..	8-30	7-15	8-64	7-0
On 22nd November 1896	9-87	..	8-30	7-15	..	7-0
" 23rd " " " " " " " " " " " "	9-87	..	8-30	7-15	..	7-0
" 24th " " " " " " " " " " " "	9-87	..	8-30	7-15	..	7-50
" 25th " " " " " " " " " " " "	9-87	11-13	8-30	7-86	..	8-0
" 26th " " " " " " " " " " " "	10-34 for the	..	8-30	7-86	..	8-0
" 27th " " " " " " " " " " " "	week ending 28th	..	8-30	8-21	..	8-0
" 28th " " " " " " " " " " " "	Nov. 1896.	..	8-30	..	..	8-0
" 29th " " " " " " " " " " " "	10-34	11-66	8-30	..	..	8-0
" 30th " " " " " " " " " " " "	11-28	..	8-30	8-58	..	8-0
" 1st December 1896	11-28	12-19	8-30	8-58	..	8-0
" 2nd " " " " " " " " " " " "	11-28	..	8-30	..	..	..
" 3rd " " " " " " " " " " " "	..	12-19	8-30	7-86	7-56	..
" 4th " " " " " " " " " " " "	..	..	8-30	..	7-56	..
" 5th " " " " " " " " " " " "	..	..	..	..	..	..

ENCLOSURE No. I-B.

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On 22nd November 1896	16-24	..	13-50	11-25	..	
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" 24th " "	17-10	..	18-00	11-79	..	
" 25th " "	{ 18-81 for the week ending 28th November 1896. }	16-32	16-50	13-54	..	
" 26th " "		..	16-50	13-54	..	
" 27th " "		..	17-25	15-48	..	
" 28th " "		..	17-25	..	..	
" 29th " "	20-52	17-28	17-25	..	..	
" 30th " "	20-52	..	17-25	15-48	..	
" 1st December 1896	19-23	18-24	15-00	15-48	..	
" 2nd " "	..	18-24	15-00	15-48	..	
" 3rd " "	17-95	..	15-00	..	..	
" 4th " "	..	..	15-00	12-90	13-58	
" 5th " "	..	18-24	15-00	..	13-58	

ENCLOSURE No. I-C.

Cholum.

Date.	North Arcot.	Nellore.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.	Anantapur.		Bellary.	
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" 1st December 1896	..	16.48	12.64	15.48	..	..	12.0	14.0
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" 3rd " " "	..	..	11.85	..	..	..	..	..
" 4th " " "	..	..	11.85	12.90	11.33	13.39	..	..
" 5th " " "	..	15.45	11.85	..	11.33	13.36	..	..

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On 22nd November 1896	..	..	10.15	10.0		
" 23rd "	..	..	11.60	10.0		
" 24th "	..	..	15.22	10.0		
" 25th "	..	13.16	15.22	15.0		
" 26th "	..	..	15.22	13.12		
" 27th "	..	..	15.22	13.75		
" 28th "	..	..	15.22	..		
" 29th "	..	12.22	15.22	..		
" 30th "	..	..	15.22	13.75		
" 1st December 1896	..	11.28	11.60	13.75		
" 2nd "	..	11.28	11.60	13.75		
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" 4th "	..	..	10.15	12.50		
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