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Food-supplies and state of the Markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets, in seers, of 80 tolahs per rupee, for the week ending 27th February 1897.

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10. Tekkali	10·10	10·10	15·22	15·22	
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12. Chicacole	9·73	9·73	15·83	15·02	
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Exports and imports of food-grains by rail are as follow :—

	Mds.
Exports	4,263
Imports	4,685

Four thousand one hundred and four maunds of food grains and pulses have been exported by sea. No imports by sea. There are some imports of grain by road from Nyaghar. Orders have been issued for its registration.

Condition of the people.

(1) *On works.*—The condition of the people on Kaliyapalli quarry is excellent.

(2) *In villages.*—Generally good for the present. In some villages old chronic beggars and other helpless people complain absence of private charity and appear to be stinting. The villagers do not care to come for famine wages. Some people are going long distances to do earth work for two annas though they refuse famine wages in the neighbourhood of their villages.

Sickness and mortality—Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.—No deaths from want of food have been reported. Poorer classes are beginning to feel want of employment in places, but still demand ordinary wages. Fevers slightly exist in certain parts. Small-pox exists in parts of Goomsur, Aska and Suradá taluks, but it is not as virulent as before. Cholera deaths 10. *Berhampur division.*—No deaths from starvation. Cholera has entirely subsided except in a few villages. Cholera deaths 15. *Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.*—No deaths from starvation have been reported. There is small-pox and cholera here and there. Cholera deaths 24. *Chicacole division.*—No deaths from starvation. Cholera and small-pox are prevalent. Cholera deaths 104.

Remarks.—Statement showing the number of prisoners in jails of the Ganjám district.

No.	Stations.	Number of admissions in the present fortnight.	Average of the numbers of the corresponding periods of the three previous years.	Remarks.
1	District Jail, Berhampur	33	2·62	Returns from Nos. 4, 11 and 15 not received. There does not, however, appear to be any material increase in grave crime.
2	Hill Jail, Russellkonda	2	4·	
3	Sub-Jail, Chatrapur	16	0 6	
4	Do. Purushottapur	..	..	
5	Do. Aska	9	45·0	
6	Do. Suradá	1	2·66	
7	Do. Ichchhápuram	16	12·0	
8	Do. Sómpéta	33	15·0	
9	Do. Tekkali	7	1·0	
10	Do. Parlákimedi	34	7·67	
11	Do. Narasannapéta	..	..	
12	Do. Chicacole	1	7·0	
13	Do. Balliguda	1	2·0	
14	Do. Udayagiri	9	7·0	
15	Do. Ramagiri	..	..	
16	.. ..	..	..	

319 emigrants including children under the Act; and
122 free emigrants including children to ports beyond the Presidency but within British India.
9 free emigrants to ports within the Presidency and
747 free emigrants including children to ports in British Burma.

1,197 have emigrated from the district. Large sums are being remitted from Burma by emigrants to their families remaining in the district.

Test works were attempted at Ulludhono in the Goomsur taluk, at Purushottapur in the Ichchhápuram taluk, and at Sabilia near Humma in the Ganjám taluk, but they proved a complete failure, the coolies not having accepted the famine wages. No kitchens have been opened during the fortnight under report, but they will be opened during the current fortnight. Gratuitous relief by grain doles has been stopped under telegraphic orders from Government. This was formerly given to helpless poor unable to work who will now be provided for at kitchens.

Measures of relief.—On works.

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Ganjám taluk	1,411	* 1,494	* These are working at the Kaliapalli quarry which was opened as a test work during the last fortnight. The figure is for Saturday the 27th ultimo.

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise.

Taluks.	Number relieved						Number of villages in which relief was given.		Number of relief workers—children, infirm dependants receiving money doles.	
	At kitchens.		In poor-houses.		In villages.					
	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.
Purushottapur	..	..	..	..	29	29	4	3	..	..
Ganjám	..	..	..	..	116	7	18	2	..	..
Suradá	..	..	..	..	41	12	12	3	..	..
Bodagodo	..	..	..	..	35	32	6	10	..	..
Berhampur	..	..	..	..	..	80	..	..	..	..
Sómpét	..	..	..	..	317	60	61	16	..	..
Peddakimedi	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..
Tekkali	..	..	..	..	279	260	..	..	..	..
Goomsur	..	..	..	..	18	..	8	..	..	..
Ichchhápuram	..	..	..	..	11	..	2	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	839	492	111	34	..	..

Private charity.—There is no organized private charity at work. But the Goomsur Deputy Collector reports that some gentlemen at Aska and Russellkonda are giving a single meal to 50 and 25 helpless poor, respectively.

Remarks.—No special application for funds has been made, pending orders on the revised famine forecast—*vide* this office R.C. No. 375-F., dated 26th February 1897. A statement of all expenditure up to end of February last will shortly be prepared and submitted to the Board for sanction.

I anticipate that the following sums will be required for the current official year :—

	Rs.
Gratuitous relief in villages	1,500
Do. in kitchens	2,000
Construction of kitchens	2,000
Establishment charges (these will mostly fall due in a fortnight) ...	500

No weavers have as yet accepted advances of thread at the rates offered to them.

Inspections.—The Deputy Collector, Goomsur, visited 18 villages, the Senior Assistant Collector 28 villages, and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 27 villages in their divisions. The Principal Assistant Collector is now in the hills for a short tour. He visited Tekkali, 7 villages in the Parlákimedi taluk enroute.

The Collector has visited the following villages during the fortnight :—

(1) Berhampur.
(2) Aska.
(3) Mondimorayi.
(4) Janamalli.
(5) Suradá.
(6) Russellkonda.
(7) Gangupure.
(8) Ingili.

General remarks.—The supply of pasturage and to some extent the supply of drinking-water has been improved owing to the recent rains.

Loan Transactions.—Statement showing the particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

Taluk.	Repair and construction of wells.								Other purposes.								Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Berhampur	..	..	..	..	2	300	2	300	..	..	..	..	382	35,570	382	35,570	..	..
Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	1,557	28	1,557	..	..
Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	2	300	2	300	..	..	..	..	410	37,127	410	37,127	..	..

Taluk.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total					
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1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Berhampur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	887	60,850	..	..	..	..	887	60,850
Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	590	..	..	..	..	11	590
Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	898	61,440	..	..	..	..	898	61,440

Read—also the following weekly season report from the Collector of Ganjam:—

Water-supply insufficient for irrigation and moderate for drinking purposes. Ploughing and sowing in progress in places. Ragi, green-gram, gingelly and castor in moderate condition. Pasture scarce in places; reviving in others by recent rains. Cattle generally good, but cattle diseases except in parts of Goomsúr and Suradá taluks. Public health generally good. Fever and small-pox prevalent in places. Cholera, deaths 57. Prospects unfavourable but markets are well supplied. No deaths from starvation, but people beginning to stint themselves. Two kitchens in Tekkali, one in Sómpéta and one in Ichchhápuram opened; number in kitchen, Chicacole Division 254, Berhampur Division 88; total, men 27, women 59, children 256. No dependants. Number under other gratuitous relief, Goomsúr Division 17, Berhampur Division 2; total, men 3, women 5, children 11. No dependants. Exports of food grains and pulses by sea 296 maunds; exports and imports of food-grains by rail 2,804 and 765 maunds respectively. One hundred and sixteen emigrants, including children, under the Act and 125 free emigrants including children to ports beyond Presidency, but within British India; 259 free emigrants including children to ports in British Burmah including during week ending 5th instant. Number on test-work at Kalepalle near Chatrapur on the 6th, men 369, women 930, children 38, total 1,337. No dependants. Average of rice and ragi, Chatrapur, 11·0 converted into ordinary work on piece-work system.

Resolution—dated 12th March 1897, No. 224.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Almost throughout the district there was a welcome fall of rain during the latter half of February. This has improved the water-supplies, started some pasture, and encouraged the ryots to begin ploughing for the next season. It has not, however, made any notable change in the general outlook, but has been followed by a slight fall in prices. The rainfall was best in the northern portion of the district.

3. The people are reported to be in good condition and to refuse employment under the conditions of the Famine Code. One test-work was opened during the period, but it has since been converted into an ordinary work on piece-work.

4. Gratuitous relief by grain doles was given to as many as 839 persons on the last day of the period, but these doles have been stopped under telegraphic orders from Government. The Board is not aware when this order was issued, but it issued orders to the same effect itself on the 26th ultimo. Since then the number on gratuitous relief has fallen to 361, of whom 342 were fed at kitchens and the remainder relieved by grain doles.

5. The Collector's estimates for relief charges have been submitted to Government for sanction.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Resolution—dated 12th March 1897, No. 224.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

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Rainfall and Water-supply—

District rainfall—	Actual rainfall. INCHES.	Expected rainfall. INCHES.
In the fortnight	1·47	·26
Up to the fortnight from April	34·06	44·20

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	INCHES.
Russellkonda	2·07
Aska	2·76
Suradá	3·40

There has been good rainfall during the fortnight. The rain has brought slight freshes into the rivers and it has led the ryot population to commence ploughing operations. The tanks are not, however, filled and water-supply for irrigation purposes is insufficient. Drinking water-supply is much improved. Rs. 2,400 have been spent by the taluk board on account of improvement of water-supply up to date.

Berhampur division—

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Berhampur	0·59
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Sompéta	2·30

In the fortnight a very welcome fall of rain has been recorded. There is, however, no water for irrigation except that found in temporary wells. Drinking-water supply is failing in places. Estimates for Rs. 5,779 for repairs to drinking-water tanks and wells are sanctioned and will be put in hand the next fortnight.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division—

	INCHES.
Purushottapur	1·0
Chatrapur	0·10
Rambha	4·45

The above rain supplied few tanks to a little extent. The ryots are very busy in ploughing up the fields. The recent rain has been good to ragi cultivation and to sugarcane nurseries. Water-supply for drinking purposes is getting scarce except in a few villages commanded by the Rushikulya canal. The Local Fund Engineer has got some pits excavated in the margins of roads in which water can be had for the present for the use of travellers, &c.

Chicacole division—

	INCHES.
Chicacole	·10
Narasannapéta	·93
Tekkali	1·02
Parlákimedi	0·46

There is very small supply for irrigation in the river-channels in Narasannapéta and Chicacole and the rain-fed tanks are nearly dry. A few wells have been dug in Parlákimedi for drinking water by the ryots themselves and there is no scarcity at present.

An amount of Rs. 230 was spent for the improvement of drinking-water supply in Tekkali taluk. On the river banks some ragi, green-gram and gingelly are being irrigated by baling Ragi is being grown under wells in Tekkali.

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Food supplies and state of the Markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets, in seers, of 80 tolahs per rupee, for the week ending 27th February 1897.

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Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division—

	INCHES.
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Chatrapur	0·10
Rambha	4·45

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Narasannapéta	·93
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General remarks on above subjects.—The rain has done much good to gram crop and ragi, especially in Goomsur. The prices have slightly fallen in places on account of rain and drinking-water supply improved. The recent rain has relieved anxiety for water in places for some time. The mango crop has almost entirely failed.

Food supplies and state of the Markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets, in seers, of 80 tolahs per rupee, for the week ending 27th February 1897.

	Rice.		Ragi.		
	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	Remarks.
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	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Number.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21									
Berhampur ..	..	..	..	..	2	300	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Rs. 35,570	382	..	..	..	..	Rs. 35,570	382	..	..	..	..
Chicacole ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,557	28	..	..	..	..	1,557	28	..	..	..	..
Goomsur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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	Mds.
Exports	4,263
Imports	4,685

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Remarks.—Statement showing the number of prisoners in jails of the Ganjám district.

No.	Stations.	Number of admissions in the present fortnight.	Average of the numbers of the corresponding periods of the three previous years.	Remarks.
1	District Jail, Berhampur	33	2·62	Returns from Nos. 4, 11 and 15 not received. There does not, however, appear to be any material increase in grave crime.
2	Hill Jail, Russellkonda	2	4·	
3	Sub-Jail, Chatrapur	16	0·6	
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13	Do. Balliguda	1	2·0	
14	Do. Udayagiri	9	7·0	
15	Do. Ramagiri	..	..	

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Measures of relief.—On works.

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Ganjám taluk	1,411	* 1,494	* These are working at the Kaliapalli quarry which was opened as a test work during the last fortnight. The figure is for Saturday the 27th ultimo.

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise.

Taluks.	Number relieved						Number of villages in which relief was given.		Number of relief workers—children, infirm dependants receiving money doles.	
	At kitchens.		In poor-houses.		In villages.					
	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.
Purushottapur	..	..	..	..	29	29	4	3	..	..
Ganjám	..	..	..	..	116	7	18	2	..	..
Suradá	..	..	..	..	41	12	12	3	..	..
Bodagodo	..	..	..	..	35	32	6	10	..	..
Berhampur	..	..	..	..	..	80	..	..	..	..
Sómpét	..	..	..	..	317	60	61	16	..	..
Peddakimedi	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..
Tekkali	..	..	..	..	279	260	..	..	..	..
Goomsur	..	..	..	..	18	..	8	..	..	..
Ichchhápuram	..	..	..	..	11	..	2	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	839	492	111	34	..	..

Private charity.—There is no organized private charity at work. But the Goomsur Deputy Collector reports that some gentlemen at Aska and Russellkonda are giving a single meal to 50 and 25 helpless poor, respectively.

Remarks.—No special application for funds has been made, pending orders on the revised famine forecast—*vide* this office R.C. No. 375-F., dated 26th February 1897. A statement of all expenditure up to end of February last will shortly be prepared and submitted to the Board for sanction.

I anticipate that the following sums will be required for the current official year :—

	Rs.
Gratuitous relief in villages	1,500
Do. in kitchens	2,000
Construction of kitchens	2,000
Establishment charges (these will mostly fall due in a fortnight) ...	500

No weavers have as yet accepted advances of thread at the rates offered to them.

Inspections.—The Deputy Collector, Goomsur, visited 18 villages, the Senior Assistant Collector 28 villages, and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 27 villages in their divisions. The Principal Assistant Collector is now in the hills for a short tour. He visited Tekkali, 7 villages in the Parlákimedi taluk enroute.

The Collector has visited the following villages during the fortnight :—

(1) Berhampur.
(2) Aska.
(3) Mondimorayi.
(4) Janamalli.
(5) Suradá.
(6) Russellkonda.
(7) Gangupure.
(8) Ingili.

General remarks.—The supply of pasturage and to some extent the supply of drinking-water has been improved owing to the recent rains.

Loan Transactions.—Statement showing the particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

Taluk.	Repair and construction of wells.								Purchase of fodder.								Cattle and seed-grain.								Other purposes.								Total.								Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			8	9	10	11	12	13			14	15	16	17	18	19			20	21														
Berhampur ..	..	..	..	..	2	300			..	..	..	..	382	35,870			..	..	..	..	384	35,870			..	..	..	..	887	60,850			..	..	..	..	898	61,440		
Chicacole ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	28	1,557			..	..	..	..	28	1,557			..	..	..	..	11	590			..	..	..	..	..	..		
Goomsur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total ..	..	..	..	..	2	300			..	..	..	..	410	37,127			..	..	..	..	412	37,427			..	..	..	..	898	61,440			..	..	..	..	..	..		

Read—also the following weekly season report from the Collector of Ganjam:—

Water-supply insufficient for irrigation and moderate for drinking purposes. Ploughing and sowing in progress in places. Ragi, green-gram, gingelly and castor in moderate condition. Pasture scarce in places; reviving in others by recent rains. Cattle generally good, but cattle diseases except in parts of Goomsúr and Suradá taluks. Public health generally good. Fever and small-pox prevalent in places. Cholera, deaths 57. Prospects unfavourable but markets are well supplied. No deaths from starvation, but people beginning to stint themselves. Two kitchens in Tekkali, one in Sómpéta and one in Ichchhápuram opened; number in kitchen, Chicacole Division 254, Berhampur Division 88; total, men 27, women 59, children 256. No dependants. Number under other gratuitous relief, Goomsúr Division 17, Berhampur Division 2; total, men 3, women 5, children 11. No dependants. Exports of food grains and pulses by sea 296 maunds; exports and imports of food-grains by rail 2,804 and 765 maunds respectively. One hundred and sixteen emigrants, including children, under the Act and 125 free emigrants including children to ports beyond Presidency, but within British India; 259 free emigrants including children to ports in British Burmah including during week ending 5th instant. Number on test-work at Kalepalle near Chatrapur on the 6th, men 369, women 930, children 38, total 1,337. No dependants. Average of rice and ragi, Chatrapur, 11·0 converted into ordinary work on piece-work system.

Resolution—dated 12th March 1897, No. 224.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Almost throughout the district there was a welcome fall of rain during the latter half of February. This has improved the water-supplies, started some pasture, and encouraged the ryots to begin ploughing for the next season. It has not, however, made any notable change in the general outlook, but has been followed by a slight fall in prices. The rainfall was best in the northern portion of the district.

3. The people are reported to be in good condition and to refuse employment under the conditions of the Famine Code. One test-work was opened during the period, but it has since been converted into an ordinary work on piece-work.

4. Gratuitous relief by grain doles was given to as many as 839 persons on the last day of the period, but these doles have been stopped under telegraphic orders from Government. The Board is not aware when this order was issued, but it issued orders to the same effect itself on the 26th ultimo. Since then the number on gratuitous relief has fallen to 361, of whom 342 were fed at kitchens and the remainder relieved by grain doles.

5. The Collector's estimates for relief charges have been submitted to Government for sanction.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Ganjám.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 202, Revenue, dated 25th March 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded with the remark that the telegraphic orders for stopping grain doles referred to by the Collector are apparently those issued by the Board as none such have been issued by Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
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" Local and Municipal Department.
" Financial Department.
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