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Fortnightly Narrative. Proceedings, Revenue Department, passing ~~xx~~ orders on Board's Proceedings submitting the —— of the Vizagapatam district for the period ending 31st March 1897, communicated to the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, with Remarks.

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SUBJECT.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Govt. ~~for~~ with remarks, fortnightly narrative of the Vizagapatam Dt. for the period ending 31st March '97 & drawing the attention of the P.W.D regarding the delay in the supply of tools.

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APRIL.

Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Vizagapatam district for the period ending 31st March 1897.

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In villages.—The condition of the population in villages is generally satisfactory even in the mala quarters. Signs of privation are, however, discernible among the beggars and such as live on charity at all times. A few bad cases have been relieved at kitchens.

Sickness and Mortality.—I do not give the jail population for the fortnight, as the Board has recently ordered that these figures will be obtained in future from the Inspector-General of Jails. There is an increase in the jail population of the district, but this is principally due to the stoppage of transfers to Rajahmundry owing to cholera. Cholera is prevalent in most parts of the district, but in none of the municipal towns. The death-rate is not above normal.

Remarks.—The season does not appear to be unhealthy, but an increase of mortality will, no doubt, occur with the rains.

Measures of Relief.

On works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers—

Taluks.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
1. Bimlipatam (Dakmarri)	...	2,258
2. Vizagapatam (Gazuvaka and Pendur)	...	1,145
Total ...	...	3,403

Remarks.—The Dakmarri work was opened on 9th March, but for five days no one accepted work. After that it filled rapidly and now 2,258 workers are on it. The Gazuvaka work was opened on 15th and the Pendur work on the 24th. There are now over 4,000 coolies on the three works, the numbers increasing daily. The works may be said to have been opened in good time, as the general condition of the workers shows no deterioration. I have already reported on the results of the tests at Dakmarri and Gazuvaka, and I will submit Mr. Heaney's report on Pendur as soon as received, together with my notes of inspection. The necessity for one or two more works in the Bimlipatam and edge of Vizianagram taluks is clearly indicated by the long distances from which coolies are coming to Dakmarri. Mr. Scott had arranged to open another work at Pusapatirega in the edge of Vizianagram and commanding the northern part of Bimlipatam taluks, and I deputed a Local Fund Overseer to work under his orders. He has however been unable to do this as tools are short. Tools indented for for the local fund department on 15th February last have not yet been supplied by the department of Public Works. A sufficient supply in addition has been urgently indented for for all Divisional officers, and I trust they will be supplied without delay. It is in this neighbourhood that works are shown to be most needed. It does not appear that the pinch is felt so much round the other two works as coolies do not come nearly so far at present. I spent two days of the fortnight at Dakmarri assisting Mr. Scott to get the work in order. I visited Gazuvaka on three occasions and spent the day before yesterday at Pendur. Dakmarri work has grown so much since I was there that I cannot say from personal knowledge how it is getting on, but Gazuvaka and Pendur under Mr. Arbuthnot, Local Fund Engineer, and Mr. Heaney, Assistant Collector, are well managed and efficient. Much difficulty is experienced for want of efficient establishment and I have already written urging that the works be put under the Public Works Department.

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved			
	At kitchens.			
	Dependants.		Others.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
1. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	53
2. Vizianagram	..	..	..	..
3. Bimlipatam	..	..	..	230
4. Vizagapatam	..	..	..	132
5. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	415
Raja Gajapati Rao's kitchens—				
1. Vizagapatam	..	..	..	..
2. Anakápalle	..	..	..	85
3. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	151
Total ..	..	..	..	236
Grand Total ..	..	..	..	651

N.B.—As the new forms have been received only on the 30th March 1897 there is no time to call for details required for columns 2 to 4.

Number of villages in which relief was given—*Nil.*

Weavers' relief—*Nil.*

Private charity.—The Maharaja's poorhouse at Vizianagram feeds a large number of beggars and paupers. M.R.Ry. Perla Narayana Chetti of Vizianagram is dispensing food and money doles. M.R.Ry. K. Venkannagaru, a rich merchant at Pondur, is giving food to 170 people. The Raja of Bobbili feeds beggars and paupers.

Raja Gajapati Row's kitchens are specified on the previous page, being managed by me in all respects like Government kitchens. Rani Ankitam Atchayyamma and the Rani of Wadhwan feed poor people in Vizagapatam.

General Remarks.

A good deal has been effected on the whole within the fortnight in the way of starting works and gratuitous relief. Kitchens will be opened in a few days by Government at Vizianagram, Kondakerla and on behalf of Raja Gajapati Row at Nakkapalle.

Extension of works in Bimlipatam and on the edge of Vizianagram taluks is much called for, but as stated above tools are wanted. When the Public Works Department take charge, if sufficient establishment is provided, several more works will be needed, and *the less time lost the better*. Mr. Elwin reports that the Public Works Department ordinary work under execution in Sarvasiddhi taluk provides for the central portion of the taluk, but he thinks work is required in the extreme east of the taluk near Kondakerla and extreme west between Nakkapalle and Tuni, the former first. I have allowed him to open a kitchen at Kondakerla and some Taluk Board work will be started there meanwhile. Mr. Lys, Senior Assistant Collector, thinks a test work may be required in his division by the middle of April, especially as the Raja of Bobbili expects to finish the ordinary works which he is executing by them, but this cannot be so urgent as in the Principal and Head Assistant Collectors' divisions.

The only place from which there has been a hint of distress among weavers is Pondur, in Chipurupalle taluk, but Mr. Scott has investigated their case and reports that they are not willing to work on relief terms. Their case is not urgent.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

Taluks.	Other purposes.						Repair and construction of wells.						Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						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.		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.	Amount.		
	1	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
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Palkonda ..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	2,865	37	2,865	177	15,701	37	2,865	177	15,701	..	..
Srungavarapukota	2	500	2	400	1	100	3	500	2	400	1	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sarvasiddhi ..	..	..	..	..	1	1,000	..	..	..	..	1	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1,030	..	..	15	1,030	..	..
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Total	2	500	2	400	9	2,100	3	500	2	400	9	2,100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	2,865	37	2,865	192	16,731	37	2,865	1,128	16,731	..	..

INSPECTIONS—TALUKS AND PLACES VISITED.

The Principal Assistant Collector has been engaged on the Dakmarri work and has visited also villages in Vizianagram and Gajapatinagram taluks and Pondur for investigation of weavers.

The Head Assistant Collector has been through Golgonda taluk into Sarvasiddhi and Anakápalle where he has started kitchens at Anakápalle, Yellamanchili and is starting one at Nakkapalle. He has inspected the coolies on Public Works Department work near Rayavaram and villages round Kondakerla where he is opening a kitchen and some Taluk Board work.

The Senior Assistant Collector has been through a large part of Bobbili taluk, and parts of Párvatípuram and Sálúru.

The Huzur Deputy Collector has been engaged with works and kitchens at Pondur and Gazuvaka, and has visited neighbouring villages.

Mr. Heaney, the Assistant Collector, is organising the work at Pondur, and I shall send him to assist Mr. Scott as soon as tools are available.

I have visited and inspected the three test relief works and the appended kitchens, and have been doing jamabandi in Golgonda taluk, where I have been looking for distress, but am glad to say I do not consider relief called for. I am proceeding to Yellamanchili to inspect kitchens newly started and investigate the need for works.

RESOLUTION—dated 9th April 1897, No. 298.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. As noted in the last review, there was a considerable fall of rain all over the district in the fortnight now under report. This fall has removed all trouble about drinking water, except in the southern coast taluks, and, except in parts of these same taluks, has provided the normal hot-weather pasturage for cattle. Valuable cattle are reported to be in good condition, they having been carefully looked after at the expense of the inferior kind, which show signs of suffering.

3. The area of crops harvested is small, and the outturn indifferent. There are now practically no crops left standing. The rains have encouraged the ryots to plough their fields, and prepare them for sowing which will take place later on. These operations have benefited the cooly class but little, as ryots mostly do their own ploughing.

4. The average of prices is nearly steady, though there has been a re-action at Salúrú in the price of ragi against the general fall in prices noted at that station in the narrative of the preceding fortnight. Trade is reported to be active, but the figures given convey but little meaning, as the unit is not stated.

5. The condition of relief-workers is reported to be generally good, but a few bad cases have been noticed especially at Dakmarri. The steady flow to the test-works shows that the lower classes have come to the end of their resources. The Board notes that the Collector considers that works should be opened in other centres at once, and has issued orders for opening them, but that it had been impossible (up to the time of writing the report) to carry out the orders, as the Public Works Department had been unable to comply with the indent for tools furnished six weeks before. Government will be requested to draw the attention of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, to the matter and also pass early orders on B.P., dated 29th March 1897, No. 2352, asking that all works in the district may be transferred to the superintendence of the Public Works Department.

The condition of the population in villages is satisfactory, except in the case of habitual beggars.

The Collector considers that the case of the weavers does not call for early attention, as they are not willing to work on relief terms. It is not reported what terms were offered. The Collector's attention will be drawn to paragraph 7 of G.O., No. 216 of 1897, and he will be requested to report more fully on the matter.

6. The numbers on gratuitous relief are considerable, and the Board notices with pleasure the liberal spirit in which the individuals named by Mr. Horne have come forward to relieve the poorer classes.

7. The statement of loans operations is again incomplete, columns 16 and 39 being left blank, while it is not clear how the figure 936 in column 38 against Golgonda is arrived at. The Collector will be requested to see that this statement is correctly prepared in future. There appear to be many applications pending disposal in Pálkonda and Golgonda taluks, especially in the latter; these should be disposed of as soon as possible. The extra establishment applied for, for Golgonda, has been sanctioned.

8. The fortnightly narrative bears the impression of having been written by the Collector himself instead of being a mere office compilation, which is satisfactory, as it is certain that the Collector's own impressions have been given.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Copy to the Collectors of other affected districts.
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Exd. Md. Pahilvan.

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Order thereon, Press No. 290 dated 3rd May 1897.

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2. The attention of the P.W.D. will be drawn to the remarks in para. 5 of the Board's Proceedings regarding delay in the supply of tools and a special report will be called for in that Dept. as to why the tools were not ready though long warning had been given. Section 42 of the Code should be borne in mind. The proposal to place all relief works in charge of I.E. P.W.D. has already been sanctioned in G.O. ~~d~~ No. 244 dated 9-4-97.

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G. Walker.
Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue, Rev. Sett.

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1	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Palkonda ..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
Srungavarapukota	3	500	2	400	1	100	3	500	2	400	..	..
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Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Total.				Number of wells.	
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		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
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Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sarvasiddhi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Golgonda ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Palkonda ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sarvasiddhi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Golgonda ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.				Number of wells.	
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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Palkonda ..	37	2,865	37	2,865	177	16,701	37	2,865	37	2,865	177	15,701
Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sarvasiddhi ..	..	..	..	..	15	1,030	..	..	..	..	15	1,030
Golgonda ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	936	..
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INSPECTIONS—TALUKS AND PLACES VISITED.

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I have visited and inspected the three test relief works and the appended kitchens, and have been doing jamabandi in Golgonda taluk, where I have been looking for distress, but am glad to say I do not consider relief called for. I am proceeding to Yellamanchili to inspect kitchens newly started and investigate the need for works.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

2. As noted in the last review, there was a considerable fall of rain all over the district in the fortnight now under report. This fall has removed all trouble about drinking water, except in the southern coast taluks, and, except in parts of these same taluks, has provided the normal hot-weather pasturage for cattle. Valuable cattle are reported to be in good condition, they having been carefully looked after at the expense of the inferior kind, which show signs of suffering.

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The condition of the population in villages is satisfactory, except in the case of habitual beggars.

The Collector considers that the case of the weavers does not call for early attention, as they are not willing to work on relief terms. It is not reported what terms were offered. The Collector's attention will be drawn to paragraph 7 of G.O., No. 216 of 1897, and he will be requested to report more fully on the matter.

6. The numbers on gratuitous relief are considerable, and the Board notices with pleasure the liberal spirit in which the individuals named by Mr. Horne have come forward to relieve the poorer classes.

7. The statement of loans operations is again incomplete, columns 16 and 39 being left blank, while it is not clear how the figure 936 in column 38 against Golgonda is arrived at. The Collector will be requested to see that this statement is correctly prepared in future. There appear to be many applications pending disposal in Pálkonda and Golgonda taluks, especially in the latter; these should be disposed of as soon as possible. The extra establishment applied for, for Golgonda, has been sanctioned.

8. The fortnightly narrative bears the impression of having been written by the Collector himself instead of being a mere office compilation, which is satisfactory, as it is certain that the Collector's own impressions have been given.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	1·92	0·15
Up to the fortnight	36·90	53·28

There were very heavy thunderstorms all over the district at the beginning and middle of last week. In the Senior Assistant's division the fall averaged about an inch, in the Head Assistant's 1½ inches, 2 to 4 inches in Srungavarapukota, and about an inch in Vizagapatam, 4 inches at Vizianagram and about 2 inches in the rest of the Principal Assistant Collector's division except Palkonda, where, however, the southern part of the taluk received 2 or 3 inches, but has no registering station. All trouble about drinking water is removed except in a very few places. It is serious now only in Vizagapatam, Sarvasiddhi, Anakápalle and parts of Bimlipatam taluks. Many tanks received a supply sufficient to provide water for cattle for several weeks. There were slight freshes in some of the rivers which did much good to the drinking supply of Sarvasiddhi taluk, always a thirsty tract in the hot weather.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Ploughing is general on the dry lands, but no crops will be sown now. It is too late for the "Paira" dry crops, and too early for the "Punasa" gingelly, ragi and other dry crops. Ryots, whom I have questioned, say they would sow with a similar fall in another month or so. "Paira" ragi is mostly harvested now. There is little standing except chillies and other garden crops. Sugarcane is mostly harvested, outturn indifferent, only patches kept for seed are still standing. Almost the only agricultural operation is ploughing and preparation of fields. The ryots are much pleased with the rain and think there will be good hot-weather showers, though why they should think so I do not know.

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General Remarks on the previous subjects.—Prospects, agriculturally, have been improved by the rain, but the prospects of the very poor and of the labouring classes will hardly be affected till rain falls at such season as will enable agriculture to be generally undertaken.

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Food supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st March 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
1. Párvatípuram	10·25	10·25	17·92	18·00	17·50	17·50	Prices of rice very steady. The rise in ragi is due to a large rise at Sálúru, which, however, is the cheapest station in the district. Cumbu is comparatively unimportant.
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7. Vizagapatam	9·26	9·26	16·16	16·66	13·95	13·86	
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10. Yellamanchili ..	9·50	9·50	14·56	14·56	15·84	..	
11. Narasapatnam ..	10·34	10·34	17·64	16·80	16·20	17·01	
Average ..	9·88	9·83	17·33	17·06	17·09	17·21	

Activity of trade.—

	Exports.	Imports.
By sea, for the period ending 27th March 1897		1,598
By rail, do. 27th „ „	179	13,584
By road from Jeypore, for the period ending 27th March 1897. ...		4,044

The Jeypore trade is slackening a little, as was to be expected. It was naturally greatest just after harvest. But imports by rail are amply sufficient, and stocks are in no danger of depletion. Trade on the whole active, but principally in rice and paddy.

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Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	..	..
Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	500	2	400	1	100	3	500	2	400	1	100	..	..
Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,000	..	..	..	..	1	1,000	..	..
Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	750	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	500	2	400	9	2,100	3	500	2	1,150	9	2,100	..	..

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	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.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
								Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	2,865	37	2,865	177	15,701	37	2,865	37	2,865	177	15,701
Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1,030	..	..	..	..	15	1,030
Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	936	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	2,865	37	2,865	192	16,731	37	2,865	37	2,865	1,128	16,731

INSPECTIONS—TALUKS AND PLACES VISITED.

The Principal Assistant Collector has been engaged on the Dakmarri work and has visited also villages in Vizianagram and Gajapatinagram taluks and Pondur for investigation of weavers.

The Head Assistant Collector has been through Golgonda taluk into Sarvasiddhi and Anakápalle where he has started kitchens at Anakápalle, Yellamanchili and is starting one at Nakkapalle. He has inspected the coolies on Public Works Department work near Rayavaram and villages round Kondakerla where he is opening a kitchen and some Taluk Board work.

The Senior Assistant Collector has been through a large part of Bobbili taluk, and parts of Párvatípuram and Sálúru.

The Huzur Deputy Collector has been engaged with works and kitchens at Pondur and Gazuvaka, and has visited neighbouring villages.

Mr. Heuney, the Assistant Collector, is organising the work at Pondur, and I shall send him to assist Mr. Scott as soon as tools are available.

I have visited and inspected the three test relief works and the appended kitchens, and have been doing jamabandi in Golgonda taluk, where I have been looking for distress, but am glad to say I do not consider relief called for. I am proceeding to Yellamanchili to inspect kitchens newly started and investigate the need for works.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

2. As noted in the last review, there was a considerable fall of rain all over the district in the fortnight now under report. This fall has removed all trouble about drinking water, except in the southern coast taluks, and, except in parts of these same taluks, has provided the normal hot-weather pasturage for cattle. Valuable cattle are reported to be in good condition, they having been carefully looked after at the expense of the inferior kind, which show signs of suffering.

3. The area of crops harvested is small, and the outturn indifferent. There are now practically no crops left standing. The rains have encouraged the ryots to plough their fields, and prepare them for sowing which will take place later on. These operations have benefited the cooly class but little, as ryots mostly do their own ploughing.

4. The average of prices is nearly steady, though there has been a re-action at Salúrú in the price of ragi against the general fall in prices noted at that station in the narrative of the preceding fortnight. Trade is reported to be active, but the figures given convey but little meaning, as the unit is not stated.

5. The condition of relief-workers is reported to be generally good, but a few bad cases have been noticed especially at Dakmarri. The steady flow to the test-works shows that the lower classes have come to the end of their resources. The Board notes that the Collector considers that works should be opened in other centres at once, and has issued orders for opening them, but that it had been impossible (up to the time of writing the report) to carry out the orders, as the Public Works Department had been unable to comply with the indent for tools furnished six weeks before. Government will be requested to draw the attention of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, to the matter and also pass early orders on B.P., dated 29th March 1897, No. 2352, asking that all works in the district may be transferred to the superintendence of the Public Works Department.

The condition of the population in villages is satisfactory, except in the case of habitual beggars.

The Collector considers that the case of the weavers does not call for early attention, as they are not willing to work on relief terms. It is not reported what terms were offered. The Collector's attention will be drawn to paragraph 7 of G.O., No. 216 of 1897, and he will be requested to report more fully on the matter.

6. The numbers on gratuitous relief are considerable, and the Board notices with pleasure the liberal spirit in which the individuals named by Mr. Horne have come forward to relieve the poorer classes.

7. The statement of loans operations is again incomplete, columns 16 and 39 being left blank, while it is not clear how the figure 936 in column 38 against Golgonda is arrived at. The Collector will be requested to see that this statement is correctly prepared in future. There appear to be many applications pending disposal in Pálkonda and Golgonda taluks, especially in the latter; these should be disposed of as soon as possible. The extra establishment applied for, for Golgonda, has been sanctioned.

8. The fortnightly narrative bears the impression of having been written by the Collector himself instead of being a mere office compilation, which is satisfactory, as it is certain that the Collector's own impressions have been given.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

(True Copy).

(Signed) P. GOVINDA MENON,
Second Assistant.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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