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2. The Acting Commissioner inspected in all 216 persons of all castes and sexes at Dadalur, of whom 105 were in good, 91 in indifferent and 20 in bad condition. It is time to give this tract a test work. The Madigas of Regattapalle are in a poor plight, and some of the caste females and children were little better. There was one Madiga widow, Gungamma, who had a distinct "famine child" with her. The Commissioner ordered her to be granted a "grain dole," pending opening of work or kitchen in the vicinity. The Madigas' well in this village should be improved without delay. The orders of Government are requested on Board's Proceedings, dated 4th March 1897, No. 189.

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To the Collector of Anantapur.
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