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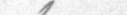
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Taluks and places visited—

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- (3) Gazuvaka, Vizagapatam taluk, for test work.
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General Remarks.—With the approach of the hot weather and the ending of much of the field work hitherto available, the pinch is plainly beginning to be felt by the people, but it will take a deal to bring them to work at famine rates. I am glad to say the water works will be in execution immediately, and Public Works Department ordinary work on a considerable scale has been started in Yellamanchili taluk. The test work at Dakmarri is filling and I think that at Gazuvaka will do so. According to my present diagnosis, I expect that works will need gradually to be opened to cover a circuit of country embracing Vizagapatam taluk, the edge of Srungavarapukota, the south of Bimlipatam taluk, and perhaps the edge of Vizianagram. At any rate these are the first places. If the Gazuvaka test succeeds I shall re-open Pendur, but with the present agency available, I cannot get much further than that. The Local Fund overseers are very broken reeds to lean on, and the presence either of the Engineer or the Supervisor is necessary at a work for some time at least. In fact at Dakmarri I have found that the presence of myself and the Divisional Officer was required to evolve order out of chaos. If works have to be extended it will be necessary to call in the Public Works Department and I think we should be ready for this step. The Local Fund agency is hardly up to the mark and at this time of year it should be busy with its own work. If test or relief works are required in Sarvasiddhi taluk, where they would be in the absence of plenty of ordinary work, the Public Works Department earthwork now started can conveniently be converted into such. I have at present no immediate apprehensions regarding the Senior Assistant Collector's division, the Chīpurupalle, Gajapatinagam, Viravilli, or Golgonda taluks and of most of Srungavarapukota and Palkonda.

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

Taluka.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.					
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1. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	1	Rs. 100	..	..	..	Rs. ..	1	Rs. 100
2. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting the — of the Vizagapatam district for the period ending 15th March 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 2nd April 1897, No. 267 :—

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STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—No rain, and no water for irrigation except from wells and a few small tanks in Golconda, which were supplied by the late rains. The difficulty about drinking water continues and is keenly felt in many places. What can be done is being done, but the only hope of real relief is in hot weather storms, which are anxiously looked for.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops.—Crops under wells are in fair condition. Chillies are good and fetch a good price. Sugarcane is still being harvested. I learn from the exporters that the jaggery is of the worst quality this season. Ragi under wells is being harvested with very moderate outturn. Gingelly, indigo and greengram are standing, and are for the most part poor, though revived by recent rains in parts. There are considerable stretches of country—the south of the Sarvasiddhi taluk is one—where there is hardly any of the hot weather well cultivation which has been so useful in other places, and these parts look most desolate.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder very dear. Pasture available in the inland taluks and Chipurupalle, but dreadfully scarce in Vizagapatam, Bimlipatam and parts of adjoining taluks. Cattle of the less cared for sorts are showing signs of emaciation, but all valuable cattle look well on the fodder available. Foot and mouth disease exists.

General remarks on above subjects.—As the hot weather comes on the condition of the country and of the cattle gets worse. The next three months must be bad ones unless there are heavy storms.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolahs per rupee, for the period ending 15th of March 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cumhu.		Remarks.
	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	
1. Párvatipuram	10-86	10-25	18-00	17-92	17-50	17-50	Sáláru is responsible for the fall in rice and ragi and this is no doubt due to the Jeypore trade. There is a slight fall in rice due to fluctuation in imports. Ragi is very near scarcity rate in Yellamanchili.
2. Sáláru	10-25	11-48	17-28	22-32	16-80	19-60	
3. Palkonda	9-60	9-60	16-16	17-17	20-79	19-80	
4. Gajapatinagram	9-84	9-84	17-76	17-76	17-28	17-28	
5. Chipurupalle	9-43	9-84	15-84	15-84	17-28	17-28	
6. Vizianagram	9-04	9-60	16-16	16-66	15-84	15-04	
7. Vizagapatam	9-26	9-26	16-66	16-16	14-96	13-95	
8. Chódavaramu	9-50	9-50	19-11	19-11	18-48	18-48	
9. Anakápalle	9-50	9-50	15-47	15-47	..	..	
10. Yellamanchili	9-50	9-50	14-56	14-56	14-08	15-84	
11. Narapatam	10-34	10-34	17-64	17-64	16-20	16-20	
Average	9-73	9-88	16-69	17-33	16-92	17-09	

Activity of trade.—Active in rice and apparently equal to demand in dry grains.

Imports.—By rail 18,081 maunds for the fortnight ending 13th March 1897.

By sea 2,068 maunds for the fortnight ending 13th March 1897.

By road from Jeypore 7,090 cart-loads for the fortnight ending 13th March 1897.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

(1) **On works.**—The condition of able-bodied coolies is good. That of the aged, weak, sickly and such as do but little work in good times, but are now driven to look for it is sometimes poor, and occasionally in individual cases bad.

(2) **In villages.**—I have inspected personally a large number of villages, especially the quarters of Malas and such. As a general rule they are quite in their normal condition but there are circles of villages where a falling off is visible among the less able-bodied, and isolated cases of evident want of food are discoverable. The weavers do not seem to be suffering. The Principal Assistant Collector has been inquiring into the case of those at Pendur and they decline famine pay.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera is not apparently increasing. There is no other epidemic sickness. There is no increase of mortality. The increase in the jail population (below) from 95 to 96 is due to the transfer of the Párvatipuram prisoners to Vizagapatam and the absence of the figures for the closed jail that from 96 to 97 is due to cessation of transfers to Rajahmundry owing to cholera there :—

	1894	1895	1896	1897
Jail population for the fortnight	34	35	56	69

Remarks.—When I wrote my last report I had just been inspecting villages in Anakápalle and had gathered a favourable impression. Proceeding further south through Sarvasiddhi taluk, I was less favourably impressed, but I did not see any distress which was not amenable to the opening of Raja Gajapati Rao's kitchens now being undertaken, and the provision of plenty of ordinary work. This, I think, is now being done by the Public Works Department, but the Divisional Officer has been requested to observe and inquire carefully whether this ordinary work is sufficient. I inspected about 400 ordinary coolies in Local Fund work at Gazuvaka, where a test is being opened now, about 400 at Tummikapalli, and about 800 at Vepagunta. They were mostly in good condition, the only signs of deterioration being among the aged or feeble.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Remarks.—A test work was opened at Dakmarri, Bimlipatam taluk, on the 9th March. No one came to it within the period under report, but I ordered it to be kept open and it is now filling up. I am on the spot getting it properly organised. Another test at Gazuvaka, Vizagapatam taluk, was opened yesterday. No coolies came to work, but only to discuss it. They are expected to-day.

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers received at kitchens and otherwise—*nil*.

Remarks.—I have asked for funds for kitchens at Vizianagram and Párvatipuram and perhaps Bimlipatam in addition to those which Raja Gajapati Rao is providing.

Private charity.—The Maharaja of Vizianagram and M.R.Ry. Perla Narayana Chetty are feeding paupers at Vizianagram. The Rani Ankitam Achayamma, the Rani of Wadhwan, and a few others do so at Vizagapatam. Kitchens are about to be opened under Government management on behalf of Raja Gajapati Rao at Vizagapatam, Anakápalle, Yellamanchili and Nakkapalli.

Remarks.—The beggars and paupers are much pinched and these kitchens are required.

INSPECTION OF THE COLLECTOR.

Taluks and places visited—

- (1) Anakápalle and other large villages, Anakápalle taluk.
 - (2) Yellamanchili taluk, the whole length down to Tuni.
 - (3) Gazuvaka, Vizagapatam taluk, for test work.
 - (4) Kottavalasa, Srungavarapukota taluk, and other villages, and Turumiki-palli quarry for possible test work.
 - (5) Pendur and Vepagunta quarries, Vizagapatam taluk, for possible test works.
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General Remarks.—With the approach of the hot weather and the ending of much of the field work hitherto available, the pinch is plainly beginning to be felt by the people, but it will take a deal to bring them to work at famine rates. I am glad to say the water works will be in execution immediately, and Public Works Department ordinary work on a considerable scale has been started in Yellamanchili taluk. The test work at Dakmarri is filling and I think that at Gazuvaka will do so. According to my present diagnosis, I expect that works will need gradually to be opened to cover a circuit of country embracing Vizagapatam taluk, the edge of Srungavarapukota, the south of Bimlipatam taluk, and perhaps the edge of Vizianagram. At any rate these are the first places. If the Gazuvaka test succeeds I shall re-open Pendur, but with the present agency available, I cannot get much further than that. The Local Fund overseers are very broken reeds to lean on, and the presence either of the Engineer or the Supervisor is necessary at a work for some time at least. In fact at Dakmarri I have found that the presence of myself and the Divisional Officer was required to evolve order out of chaos. If works have to be extended it will be necessary to call in the Public Works Department and I think we should be ready for this step. The Local Fund agency is hardly up to the mark and at this time of year it should be busy with its own work. If test or relief works are required in Sarvasiddhi taluk, where they would be in the absence of plenty of ordinary work, the Public Works Department earthwork now started can conveniently be converted into such. I have at present no immediate apprehensions regarding the Senior Assistant Collector's division, the Chipurupalle, Gajapatinagram, Viravilli, or Golgonda taluks and of most of Srungava-

Transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars

Taluka.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	100	..	..	..	..	1	100
2. Golconda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	7	1,000
4. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	600	1	200	3	400	4	600	1	200	3	400
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	600	1	200	11	1,500	4	600	1	200	11	1,500

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed grain.				Total.										
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.								
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.							
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
1. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1,030	..	..	..	..	15	1,030
2. Golconda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	918	..
3. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	525	5	525	208	18,136	5	525	5	525	218	18,136
4. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	525	5	525	223	19,166	6	525	6	525	1,141	19,166

Resolution—dated 2nd April 1897, No. 267.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. There was no rain in Vizagapatam in the fortnight under report, and want of drinking water was felt. Since this report was submitted, rain was registered as follows:—

	INS.		INS.
1. Párvatipuram ...	2-23	12. Waltair ...	1-20
2. Palkonda ...	0-65	13. Chódavaramu ...	1-47
3. Bobbili ...	0-48	14. Anákápallo ...	1-04
4. Sálúru ...	0-30	15. Balacheruvu ...	1-09
5. Gajapatinagram ...	1-46	16. Polavaram ...	0-36
6. Chipurupalle ...	1-95	17. Yellamanchili ...	1-75
7. Kuppili ...	2-88	18. Narasapaṭnam ...	1-90
8. Vizianagram ...	4-62		
9. Srungavarapukota ...	4-60	Total ...	32-92
10. Bimlipatam ...	2-03		
11. Kónáda ...	2-91	Average ...	1-83

This must have improved pasture and drinking-water supplies in parts.

Trade is active, though the imports by rail have fallen off considerably as compared with the previous fortnight. Prices are on the whole fairly steady, except for a smart fall at Sálúru. The area of crops harvested is small, and the outturn very moderate. The prospects of the small area yet unharvested are poor.

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ORDER—No. 283, Revenue, dated 1st May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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1. Waltair ...	1-20	12. Waltair ...	1-20
2. Chódavaramu ...	1-47	13. Chódavaramu ...	1-47
3. Anákápallo ...	1-04	14. Anákápallo ...	1-04
4. Balacheruvu ...	1-09	15. Balacheruvu ...	1-09
5. Polavaram ...	0-36	16. Polavaram ...	0-36
6. Yellamanchili ...	1-75	17. Yellamanchili ...	1-75
7. Narasapaṭnam ...	1-90	18. Narasapaṭnam ...	1-90
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