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Read—the following letter from the Collector of Ganjám, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 9th May 1897, R.C. No. 643-F. :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 266, Press, dated 2nd April 1897, I have the honour to state that the marginally-noted feeder roads are desirable and that with the exception of No. 1, they can be undertaken as relief works.

1. Chicacole-Dusi station.
2. Kota Bommali-Bommali station.
3. Govindapur-Pundi station.
4. Brahmanatarla-Anantagiri feeding Pundi and Palasa stations.
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6. Golanthra-Golanthra station.

2. Estimates are ready for the first and third roads; and those for the other roads are under preparation.

Resolution—dated 18th May 1897, Mis. No. 3487.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., No. 210, Revenue, dated 26th March 1897.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—No. 394, Revenue, dated 26th May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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Atmakúru	10·01	10·01	..	..	16·44 (W) 15·75 (Y)	14 38 (W and Y)	..	..	
Nandyal	9·29	9·29	16·77	16·77	15·07 (W) 14·72 (Y)	14·04 (W) 13·70 (Y)	10·00	11·56	
Kalwa	9·29	9·29	15·48	..	13·70 (W) 15·07 (Y)	13·70 (W) 13·01 (Y)	..	..	
Koilkuntla ..	9·96	9·96	15·00	15·00	13·43 (W and Y)	12·64 (W and Y)	13·05	13·05	
Owk	9·96	9·96	15·00	15·75	13·43 (W) 12·64 (Y)	13·43 (W) 12·64 (Y)	11·60	11·60	
Allagadda	8·58	8·58	14·19	14·19	12·33 (W and Y)	12·33 (W and Y)	..	..	
Giddalore	8·71	8 71	15·00	15·00	14·22 (Y)	14·22 (Y)	13·05	13·05	
Markapur	9·96	9·96	16·50	18·00	..	..	13·05	13·05	
Average ..	9·23	9·15	15·43	15 74	13·99 (W) 14·02 (Y)	13·37 (W) 13·28 (Y)	11·82	12·01	

Activity of trade.—Trade was still moderately active and the markets were generally well supplied. There was some export of cholam from the Kurnool town to the Bombay Presidency.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On Works.—A report received from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer of his inspection of the relief work at Boyalkuntla showed that the gangs were on the whole fairly healthy. The Superintending Engineer informs me that, when he inspected the work at Varakur (Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemiganúru road) on the 12th instant, he found the coolies weaker than anywhere else, and I have accordingly ordered them to be classed as being in *low* condition and allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. in the ordinary tasks till such time as they are mustered and pronounced upon by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer who has been addressed on the subject. I inspected the works at Maddikira, Pattikonda and Katarkonda during the fortnight and considered the health of the labourers to be fairly good. The news from the other works in the district is for the most part satisfactory.

In Villages.—The condition of the people in the plain tracts of the north-central and eastern sections continued to be generally good. The Head-quarters Deputy Collector having reported that the Chenchus living near Atmakúru and Velgode in the former section appeared to be in want, I ordered the opening of kitchens for the females who, I am informed, are not in the habit of doing any labour, the children, and the infirm males, and request the Board to approve my action. The District Forest-officer was called upon to offer the able-bodied males light work. No report was received from the Cumbum Deputy Collector as to the condition of the Chenchus of the Cumbum taluk and an urgent reminder was sent to him a few days ago.

Western Section.—New works were opened at Joharapuram (just outside Kurnool), Laddagiri and Bhavikanama in the Ramallakot taluk and at Narravulagundam in the Pattikonda taluk. As the latter two places are not marked in the map, I may mention

that they are situated in the hilly country to the south of Malakapuram. The general condition of the people of this section would still seem to be fair. There was a sharp rise during the fortnight in the numbers of coolies attending the relief works opened towards the end of last month at Mulagundam and Ternikal. Several persons were employed in the Pattikonda taluk in the construction and repair of wells and the removal of nuth grass which were being carried out by means of State loans.

South Central Section.—New works were opened at Akumalla, Itikala, Nossam and Mayalur in the Koilkuntla taluk, those at Akumalla and Itikala under the personal supervision of the Head Assistant Collector. Mr. Ghose is very doubtful whether central kitchens would, if established, prove a success, as the people seem to be disinclined at present to leave their villages for the sake of cooked food. This, however, they will probably be glad to do before long, and meanwhile steps are being taken for the distribution of grain doles to the respectable destitute poor, and others entitled to this form of relief. The condition of the people throughout the section is on the whole tolerably good, except in the case of the weavers who are reported to stand in immediate need of help in parts—the Board's Proceedings sanctioning, subject to certain modifications, the Head Assistant Collector's scheme for their relief was received just after the close of the fortnight, and action has been ordered to be taken thereon at once.

Banganapalli State.—The Nawab intimates that his subjects are not freely coming forward to work for famine wages. I am just proceeding to Banganapalli and shall enquire into this.

Sickness and Mortality.—No death from starvation was reported. There was no particular form of sickness prevalent, though there were a few isolated cases of small-pox here and there. The mortality in villages does not call for any special remarks.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	7,443	14,634
Ramallakot	...	2,171
Nandyal	2,791	2,972
Koilkuntla	7,246	10,250
Sirvel	3,571	5,132
Total ...	21,051	35,159

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise.

	Number relieved at kitchens, dependents * and others.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	530	807
Ramallakot	...	11 †
Nandyal	241	262
Koilkuntla	359	575
Sirvel	193	365
Total ...	1,323	2,010

* Details under these sub-heads cannot be given separately owing to the late receipt of the new forms by the Divisional Officers.

† In the Bhavikanama kitchen Rest not reported.

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers relief.			
			Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Pattikonda	9	13	1,084	1,346	2,062	2,475
Ramallakot	..	1	..	160	..	..
Kurnool	..	..	..	508	..	..

The number of weavers relieved at Kurnool has not been reported by the Head-quarters Deputy Collector so that the above figures are not quite accurate. A few applications for relief from the Maddikera weavers, who had hitherto declined our terms, were received during the fortnight. The weavers of Pattikonda village have begun to send their children to the kitchen specially established for their benefit, and there were nearly thirty inmates at the time of my recent visit; it is hoped that those living at other centres will shortly follow this example.

Private charity.—Some 300 or 400 Chenchus were fed for ten days by a retired Deputy Tahsildar, M.R.Ry. R. Lakshminarsu Pantulu, on the occasion of the car festival at Atmakúru.

General Remarks.

I venture once more to urge that the Pyápalli Deputy Collector and the Pattikonda Tahsildar should be relieved of their ordinary duties, especially as this is the time of jamabandi. In the Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks, of which the Deputy Collector is in charge, there are eleven relief works in progress and four more to be opened shortly, and the total number of persons already in receipt of relief of *all* kinds is about 18,000 of which some 16,000, belong to the former taluk. The condition of the division is in my opinion no less serious than that of the Head Assistant Collector, who was set free to attend to famine business several months ago by the appointment of a Special Deputy Collector.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

I was at Kurnool for five days, and in camp for the remainder of the fortnight. I inspected Veldurti, Dhone, Maddikera, Putsakayalamada, Pattikonda, Katarkonda, Vobalapuram, Yenigamarri and Pyápalli.

The Head Assistant Collector, though in camp throughout the fortnight, was compelled to spend most of his time in supervising the three relief-works to the south of Owk that have been opened directly by the Revenue Department. He visited Kalavatala, Akumalla, Alavakonda, Mukumalla, Chanugundla, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Itikala, Chintalayalapalli, Abdullapuram, Korumanipalli, Madurantapalli, Raghavarajulapalli and Kanakadripalli.

The Deputy Collector of Pyápalli was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following villages:—

Lanjapolur, Dupad, Ulendakonda, Nayakal, Konganapad, Veldurti, Ramallakot, Pullagummi, Kalugotla, Kottala, Kristnagiri, Potugal, Katarkonda, Vepadinne, Dhone, Pattikonda, Yenigamarri, Devarabandu, Gundala, Tadur and Eddupenta.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following villages:—

Gadidemadugu, Bollavaram, Nandikotkur, Velpanur, Velgode, Paramas and Mokula, Chenchugumdems, Atmakúru, Sripathiraopet, Indireswaram, Ramapuram, Kurukunda, Guvvalukunta, Kottapalli, Sivapuram and Nantikunta.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum inspected the following villages:—

Bhupatipalli, Kondipalli, Devarajugattu, Gobbur, Tokapalli, Gurujepalli, Boyalapalli, Yerragondapalem and Daddavada.

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.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.	
	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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Pattikonda	152	14,805	152	14,805	562	75,465	196	23,735	44	8,930	44	5,482	188	55,590	152	14,805	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ramallakot	1	250	1	250	48	5,940	9	2,150	8	1,900	7	1,650	44	12,850	1	250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandikotkur	3	450	3	450	3	300	4	700	1	250	1	250	2	400	3	450	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	15	1,545	15	1,545	6	825	19	2,495	4	950	4	450	32	9,725	15	1,545	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	700	1	250	1	250	2	400	3	450	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sirvel ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	2,495	14	2,840	14	2,840	31	7,700	15	1,545	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cumbum	5	1,000	5	1,000	27	3,070	14	2,840	27	5,250	27	4,900	65	16,395	5	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	6,250	2	550	..	..	..	..	1	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
					Nil.		3	950	100	20,670	97	15,572	362	1,02,660	177	18,450								
Total ..	177	18,450	176	18,050	647	85,750	277	39,120									7	570	7	570	86	7,906	6	590

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Purchase of fodder.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	21	20	18	19
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.					
Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	9	695
Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	100
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Nandyal	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	370	..	..	4	370	4	..	6	830
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	69	6,281
Sirvel ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	150
Cumbum	5	650	5	650	Nil.		5	650	..	..	8	750	4	..	..	..
Markapur	1	40	1	40	..	..	1	40	..	..	1	40	13	..	..	..
													25	..	..	..
Total ..	6	590	6	590	1	150	13	1,160	..	..	18	1,160	95	..	87	8,056

Read—also the following letter from E. A. ELWIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp, Garladinne, 20th April 1897, T. Dis. No. 551 :—

In continuation of my note in the statement relating to the weavers' relief at page 9 of my last fortnightly narrative, I have the honour to state that the Headquarter Deputy Collector has since reported that 97 males, 179 females and 232 children were relieved during the fortnight in question.

Resolution—dated 7th May 1897, No. 345.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was inconsiderable, except in the hill villages between Owk and Pyápali, where kuntas and small tanks are said to have received a small supply. The supply of water for drinking was diminishing in parts of the western and south-central sections, but was fairly sufficient elsewhere. It does not appear from the narrative that any steps were taken to improve the supply. The Collector must see that ponds and wells are repaired where necessary, and if local funds are insufficient to meet the strain, he should apply for an allotment from Provincial funds. Agricultural operations were nearly at a standstill, though the recent rainfall is said to have encouraged ryots to plough their fields in parts.

3. Pasture was non-existent, except in a few canal villages, while fodder was very scarce in the south-west part of the district. Cattle, except the superior kinds, are gradually deteriorating in condition.

4. Rice was somewhat dearer, and ragi and cumbu somewhat cheaper than in the preceding fortnight, but the price of cholam, the staple grain of the district, has distinctly risen. The position of present prices is shown in the accompanying statement :—

	Measurers per rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (average of white and yellow).
Standard rate	13·2	30·0
Warning „	10·6	22·5
Scarcity „	7·9	15·0
Current „	9·1	13·3
April 1892	8·9	14·9

Tradeis reported to have been moderately active, and markets were generally well-supplied.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Kurnool.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.
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Banganapalli State.—The Nawab intimates that his subjects are not freely coming forward to work for famine wages. I am just proceeding to Banganapalli and shall enquire into this.

Sickness and Mortality.—No death from starvation was reported. There was no particular form of sickness prevalent, though there were a few isolated cases of small-pox here and there. The mortality in villages does not call for any special remarks.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	7,443	14,634
Ramallakot	...	2,171
Nandyal	2,791	2,972
Koilkuntla	7,246	10,250
Sirvel	3,571	5,132
Total ...	21,051	35,159

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise.

	Number relieved at kitchens, dependents * and others.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	530	807
Ramallakot	...	11 †
Nandyal	241	262
Koilkuntla	359	575
Sirvel	193	355
Total ...	1,323	2,010

* Details under these sub-heads cannot be given separately owing to the late receipt of the new forms by the Divisional Officers.

† In the Bhavikanama kitchen Rest not reported.

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers relief.			
			Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Pattikonda	9	13	1,084	1,346	2,062	2,475
Ramallakot	..	1	..	160	..	..
Kurnool	..	..	..	508	..	..

The number of weavers relieved at Kurnool has not been reported by the Head-quarters Deputy Collector so that the above figures are not quite accurate. A few applications for relief from the Maddikera weavers, who had hitherto declined our terms, were received during the fortnight. The weavers of Pattikonda village have begun to send their children to the kitchen specially established for their benefit, and there were nearly thirty inmates at the time of my recent visit; it is hoped that those living at other centres will shortly follow this example.

Private charity.—Some 300 or 400 Chenchus were fed for ten days by a retired Deputy Tahsildar, M.R.Ry. R. Lakshminarsu Pantulu, on the occasion of the car festival at Atmakúru.

General Remarks.

I venture once more to urge that the Pyápalli Deputy Collector and the Pattikonda Tahsildar should be relieved of their ordinary duties, especially as this is the time of jamabandi. In the Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks, of which the Deputy Collector is in charge, there are eleven relief works in progress and four more to be opened shortly, and the total number of persons already in receipt of relief of *all* kinds is about 18,000 of which some 16,000, belong to the former taluk. The condition of the division is in my opinion no less serious than that of the Head Assistant Collector, who was set free to attend to famine business several months ago by the appointment of a Special Deputy Collector.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

I was at Kurnool for five days, and in camp for the remainder of the fortnight. I inspected Veldurti, Dhone, Maddikera, Putsakayalamada, Pattikonda, Katarkonda, Vobalapuram, Yenigamarri and Pyápalli.

The Head Assistant Collector, though in camp throughout the fortnight, was compelled to spend most of his time in supervising the three relief-works to the south of Owk that have been opened directly by the Revenue Department. He visited Kalavatala, Akumalla, Alavakonda, Mukumalla, Chanugundla, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Itikala, Chintalayalapalli, Abdullapuram, Korumanipalli, Madurantapalli, Raghavarajulapalli and Kanakadripalli.

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The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following villages:—

Gadidemadugu, Bollavaram, Nandikotkur, Velpanur, Velgode, Paramas and Mokula, Chenchugumdems, Atmakúru, Sripathiraopet, Indireswaram, Ramapuram, Kurukunda, Guvvalukunta, Kottapalli, Sivapuram and Nantikunta.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum inspected the following villages:—

Bhupatipalli, Kondipalli, Devarajugattu, Gobbur, Tokapalli, Gurujepalli, Boyalapalli, Yerragondapalem and Daddavada.

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

Talaks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Other purposes.								Total.								Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.						Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Under construction or repair.	Constructed or repaired.
	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			21	20
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.						Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
Pattikonda	44	8,930	44	5,482	188	55,590			152	14,805	152	14,805			562	75,465	196	23,735	196	20,287	750	1,31,055			44	..
Ramallakot	8	1,900	7	1,650	44	12,850			1	250	1	250			48	5,940	9	2,150	8	1,900	92	18,790			7	..
Nandikotkur	1	250	1	250	2	400			3	450	3	450			3	300	4	700	4	700	5	700			2	..
Nandyal	4	950	4	450	32	9,725			15	1,545	15	1,545			6	825	19	2,495	19	1,995	38	10,550			4	..
Koilkuntla	14	2,840	14	2,840	31	7,700			..	..	..	..			..	..	14	2,840	14	2,840	31	7,700			18	..
Sirvel ..	27	5,250	27	4,900	65	16,395			5	1,000	5	1,000			27	3,070	32	6,250	32	6,900	92	19,465			25	..
Cumbum ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	1	150			..	..
Markapur ..	2	550	..	..	..	..			1	400	..	..			1	150	3	950	..	..	1,009	1,88,410			95	..
Total ..	100	20,670	97	15,572	362	1,02,660			177	18,450	176	18,045			647	85,750	277	39,120	273	33,622	1,009	1,88,410			196	..

Cattle and seed-grain.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7			8	9	10	11			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			21	20
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.						Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	9	695			..	..
Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	2	100			..	..
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..
Nandyal	4	370	4	370	..	..			..	..	..	..			..	..	4	370	4	370	6	830			..	..
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	69	6,281			..	..
Sirvel ..	3	200	3	200	..	..			..	..	..	..			5	550	..	..	..	..	1	150			..	..
Cumbum ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..
Markapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..			1	40	1	40	1	40	..	..			..	..
Total ..	7	570	7	570	..	..			..	..	..	..			6	590	13	1,160	13	1,160	87	8,056			..	..

Purchase of fodder.

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		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.						Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
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In continuation of my note in the statement relating to the weavers' relief at page 9 of my last fortnightly narrative, I have the honour to state that the Headquarter Deputy Collector has since reported that 97 males, 179 females and 232 children were relieved during the fortnight in question.

Resolution—dated 7th May 1897, No. 345.

Submitted for the information of Government.

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	Measurers per rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (average of white and yellow).
Standard rate	13·2	30·0
Warning „	10·6	22·5
Scarcity „	7·9	15·0
Current „	9·1	13·3
April 1892	8·9	14·9

Tradeis reported to have been moderately active, and markets were generally well-supplied.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Kurnool.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.
" Collectors of other affected districts.

Order—No. 400, Revenue, dated 28th May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting the — of the Kurnool district for the period ending 15th April 1897, and awaiting a fuller report respecting the condition of the coolies at Varkur, as well as the result of the further enquiries in regard to Chenchu women.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply—

	INCHES.
Rainfall in rain-registering stations	
Do. up to the period from 1st April 1896	·20
Average rainfall expected in the period	16·25
Do. do. up to the period from 1st April 1896 ...	27·35

There was a general fall of rain throughout the district, though in a measurable quantity only in five of the registering stations. The fall was moderately heavy in the Owk firka of the Koilkuntla taluk and in the hill villages lying to the east of Pyápali, where the kuntas and small tanks received a month's supply.

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Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—All harvest operations had come to a close, except the reaping of second-crop paddy under the canal and of bengal-gram and sundry other crops raised on tank-bed lands. The fields were being ploughed here and there in consequence of the recent rain.

The standing crops under the canal in the north-central section and under certain wells in the south-central section are in good condition. There are none other worth mentioning.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture was available in small quantities in the canal villages, but not elsewhere.

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The weakness of the cattle in the western and south-central sections was gradually increasing. Non-ploughing cattle were generally not taken care of properly and were consequently deteriorating day by day. Rinderpest continued to prevail in several villages and a good many cattle succumbed to the disease.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain that fell during the fortnight was of not much benefit, except that it slightly increased the drinking-water supply and had the effect of cooling the atmosphere for several days. The Panchamas are the chief sufferers from want of water for domestic use, and orders have been issued in many villages for the supply to them of water from caste wells in the manner indicated in my last narrative.

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 15th of April 1897.

Stations.	Rice. End of last period.	Rice. End of current period.	Ragi. End of last period.	Ragi. End of current period.	Cholam. End of last period.	Cholam. End of current period.	Cumbu. End of last period.	Cumbu. End of current period.	Remarks.
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Western Section.—New works were opened at Joharapuram (just outside Kurnool), Laddagiri and Bhavikanama in the Ramallakot taluk and at Narravulagundam in the Pattikonda taluk. As the latter two places are not marked in the map, I may mention

that they are situated in the hilly country to the south of Malakapuram. The general condition of the people of this section would still seem to be fair. There was a sharp rise during the fortnight in the numbers of coolies attending the relief works opened towards the end of last month at Mulagundam and Ternikal. Several persons were employed in the Pattikonda taluk in the construction and repair of wells and the removal of nuth grass which were being carried out by means of State loans.

South Central Section.—New works were opened at Akumalla, Itikala, Nossam and Mayalur in the Koilkuntla taluk, those at Akumalla and Itikala under the personal supervision of the Head Assistant Collector. Mr. Ghose is very doubtful whether central kitchens would, if established, prove a success, as the people seem to be disinclined at present to leave their villages for the sake of cooked food. This, however, they will probably be glad to do before long, and meanwhile steps are being taken for the distribution of grain doles to the respectable destitute poor, and others entitled to this form of relief. The condition of the people throughout the section is on the whole tolerably good, except in the case of the weavers who are reported to stand in immediate need of help in parts—the Board's Proceedings sanctioning, subject to certain modifications, the Head Assistant Collector's scheme for their relief was received just after the close of the fortnight, and action has been ordered to be taken thereon at once.

Banganapalli State.—The Nawab intimates that his subjects are not freely coming forward to work for famine wages. I am just proceeding to Banganapalli and shall enquire into this.

Sickness and Mortality.—No death from starvation was reported. There was no particular form of sickness prevalent, though there were a few isolated cases of small-pox here and there. The mortality in villages does not call for any special remarks.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	7,443	14,634
Ramallakot	...	2,171
Nandyal	2,791	2,972
Koilkuntla	7,246	10,250
Sirvel	3,571	5,132
Total ...	21,051	35,159

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise.

	Number relieved at kitchens, dependents * and others.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda		
Ramallakot	530	807
Nandyal	...	11 †
Koilkuntla	241	262
Sirvel	359	575
	193	355
Total ...	1,323	2,010

* Details under these sub-heads cannot be given separately owing to the late receipt of the new forms by the Divisional Officers.

† In the Bhavikanama kitchen Rest not reported.

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers relief.			
			Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Pattikonda	9	13	1,084	1,346	2,062	2,475
Ramallakot	..	1	..	160	..	..
Kurnool	..	..	..	508	..	..

The number of weavers relieved at Kurnool has not been reported by the Head-quarters Deputy Collector so that the above figures are not quite accurate. A few applications for relief from the Maddikera weavers, who had hitherto declined our terms, were received during the fortnight. The weavers of Pattikonda village have begun to send their children to the kitchen specially established for their benefit, and there were nearly thirty inmates at the time of my recent visit; it is hoped that those living at other centres will shortly follow this example.

Private charity.—Some 300 or 400 Chenchus were fed for ten days by a retired Deputy Tahsildar, M.R.Ry. R. Lakshminarsu Pantulu, on the occasion of the car festival at Atmakúru.

General Remarks.

I venture once more to urge that the Pyápalli Deputy Collector and the Pattikonda Tahsildar should be relieved of their ordinary duties, especially as this is the time of jamabandi. In the Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks, of which the Deputy Collector is in charge, there are eleven relief works in progress and four more to be opened shortly, and the total number of persons already in receipt of relief of *all* kinds is about 18,000 of which some 16,000, belong to the former taluk. The condition of the division is in my opinion no less serious than that of the Head Assistant Collector, who was set free to attend to famine business several months ago by the appointment of a Special Deputy Collector.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

I was at Kurnool for five days, and in camp for the remainder of the fortnight. I inspected Veldurti, Dhone, Maddikera, Putsakayalamada, Pattikonda, Katarkonda, Vobalapuram, Yenigamarri and Pyápalli.

The Head Assistant Collector, though in camp throughout the fortnight, was compelled to spend most of his time in supervising the three relief-works to the south of Owk that have been opened directly by the Revenue Department. He visited Kalavatala, Akumalla, Alavakonda, Mukumalla, Chanugundla, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Itikala, Chintalayalapalli, Abdullapuram, Korumanipalli, Madurantapalli, Raghavarajulapalli and Kanakadripalli.

The Deputy Collector of Pyápalli was on tour throughout the fortnight and nspected the following villages:—

Lanjapolur, Dupad, Ulendakonda, Nayakal, Konganapad, Veldurti, Ramallakot, Pullagummi, Kalugotla, Kottala, Kristnagiri, Potugal, Katarkonda, Vepadinne, Dhone, Pattikonda, Yenigamarri, Devarabandu, Gundala, Tadur and Eddupenta.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following villages:—

Gadidemadugu, Bollavaram, Nandikotkur, Velpanur, Velgode, Paramas and Mokula, Chenchugumdems, Atmakúru, Sripathiraopet, Indireswaram, Ramapuram, Kurukunda, Guvvalukunta, Kottapalli, Sivapuram and Nantikunta.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum inspected the following villages:—

Bhupatipalli, Kondipalli, Devarajugattu, Gobbur, Tokapalli, Gurujepalli, Boyalapalli, Yerragondapalem and Daddavada.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Other purposes.								Total.								Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Under construction or repair.	Constructed or repaired.
	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			21	20
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
Pattikonda	44	8,930	44	5,482	188	55,590			152	14,805	152	14,805	750	1,31,055			196	23,735	196	20,287	750	1,31,055			..	44
Ramallakot	8	1,900	7	1,650	44	12,850			1	250	1	250	92	18,790			9	2,150	8	1,900	92	18,790			..	7
Nandikotkur	1	250	1	250	2	400			3	450	3	450	5	700			4	700	4	700	5	700			..	2
Nandyal	4	950	4	450	32	9,725			15	1,545	15	1,545	38	10,550			19	2,495	19	1,995	38	10,550			..	4
Koilkuntla	14	2,840	14	2,840	31	7,700			..	..	..	..	31	7,700			14	2,840	14	2,840	31	7,700			..	13
Sirvel	27	5,250	27	4,900	65	16,395			5	1,000	5	1,000	92	19,465			32	6,250	32	5,900	92	19,465			..	25
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..			1	400	..	..	1	150			1	950	..	..	1	150			..	..
Markapur	2	550	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			3	950	..	..	1	150			..	..
Total ..	100	20,670	97	15,572	362	1,02,660			177	18,450	176	18,050	1,009	1,88,410			277	39,120	273	33,622	1,009	1,88,410			..	95

Purchase of fodder.

Taluks.	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.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			
Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	9	695			..	..	..	..	9	695			..	..	..	..	9	695		
Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	2	100			..	..	..	..	2	100			..	..	..	..	2	100		
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..		
Nandyal	4	370	4	370	6	830			..	..	..	..	..	..			4	370	4	370	6	830		
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	69	6,281			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	69	6,281		
Sirvel ..	3	200	3	200	..	..			5	550	..	..	..	..			8	750	8	750	1	150		
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..			1	40	..	..	..	..			1	40	1	40	..	..		
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total ..	7	570	7	570	86	7,906			6	590	6	590	1	150			13	1,160	13	1,160	87	8,056		

Read—also the following letter from E. A. ELWIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp, Garladinne, 20th April 1897, T. Dis. No. 551 :—

In continuation of my note in the statement relating to the weavers' relief at page 9 of my last fortnightly narrative, I have the honour to state that the Head-quarter Deputy Collector has since reported that 97 males, 179 females and 232 children were relieved during the fortnight in question.

Resolution—dated 7th May 1897, No. 345.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was inconsiderable, except in the hill villages between Owk and Pyápali, where kuntas and small tanks are said to have received a small supply. The supply of water for drinking was diminishing in parts of the western and south-central sections, but was fairly sufficient elsewhere. It does not appear from the narrative that any steps were taken to improve the supply. The Collector must see that ponds and wells are repaired where necessary, and if local funds are insufficient to meet the strain, he should apply for an allotment from Provincial funds. Agricultural operations were nearly at a standstill, though the recent rainfall is said to have encouraged ryots to plough their fields in parts.

3. Pasture was non-existent, except in a few canal villages, while fodder was very scarce in the south-west part of the district. Cattle, except the superior kinds, are gradually deteriorating in condition.

4. Rice was somewhat dearer, and ragi and cumbu somewhat cheaper than in the preceding fortnight, but the price of cholam, the staple grain of the district, has distinctly risen. The position of present prices is shown in the accompanying statement:—

	Measurers per rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (average of white and yellow).
Standard rate	13·2	30·0
Warning „	10·6	22·5
Scarcity „	7·9	15·0
Current „	9·1	13·3
April 1892	8·9	14·9

Tradeis reported to have been moderately active, and markets were generally well-supplied.

5. The condition of the people was, on the whole, good, but the coolies at Varkur were found to be weakly. The Collector should state if there was any fining on this work and how the coolies were classified. The action of the Collector in opening kitchens for the Chenchus is approved, but he should make further enquiries, and satisfy himself that the women really do no work in ordinary times. A fuller report upon the condition of these people, the measures adopted for their relief, and the results should be submitted. The numbers on relief-works increased during the fortnight from 21,051 to 35,159 or by 67 per cent., which shows that distress is rapidly intensifying.

6. Government has been already requested in B.P., dated 22nd April 1897, No. 2890, to relieve the Pyápali Deputy Collecter and the Pattikonda Tahsildar of their ordinary duties. The relief of the latter officer will help to clear off the numerous applications for loans pending in the taluk.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Kurnool.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.
" Collectors of other affected districts.

Order—No. 400, Revenue, dated 28th May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The Government awaits the fuller report ordered in paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings, as well as the result of the further enquiries in regard to Chenchu women.

(True Extract.)

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