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Allagadda	8·58	8·58	14·19	14·19	12·33 (W and Y)	+ 11·64 (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	18·00	18·00	..	..	13·05	13·05	
Average ..	9·15	9·15	15·74	15·42	13·37 (W) 13·28 (Y)	13·07 (W) 13·19 (Y)	12·01	12·01	

Activity of trade.—Trade was still active and the markets were well supplied. The Head Assistant Collector reports that great difficulty is experienced in inducing Komatis to bring grain for sale on the relief works.

Condition of the People.

On works.—The condition of the relief-workers throughout the district was, on the whole, very fair. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer has been requested to inspect the several works near Owk and the work near Kodumur as soon as convenient, for the favourable opinion expressed by the respective medical subordinates as to the state of the women on the former, found by the Sanitary Commissioner to be anæmic, and of the coolies on the latter, considered by the Superintending Engineer to be weaker than anywhere else, requires corroboration by a medical officer of superior rank before it can be accepted. On most of the works I inspected, some attempt to classify the gangs as of good, fair, or low condition was being made. At the work in progress between Koilkuntla and the Gazulapalli railway station, I found the Public Works Department Sub-Divisional Officer to be taking a personal interest in the business. There was an ample supply of tools on most of the works, and blacksmiths and carpenters were being entertained to keep the tools and their handles, respectively, in good order.

In villages.—The condition of the people in the *north*, *central* and *eastern* sections was generally good. The Chenchus living above Atmakúru and Velgode were fed at the kitchens, the opening of which was referred to in my last narrative, and steps to open a third kitchen were being taken. I had directed the feeding of certain distressed Chenchus of the Cumbum taluk and was instituting inquiries regarding some others in the Markapur taluk; but I have first received a report from the Deputy Collector to the effect that Rev. Mr. Newcomb, of the American Baptist Mission, having received funds from America to be devoted specially to the relief of the Chenchus of the division, has undertaken to distribute amongst them such grain as they may require.

In the *Western* and *South Central* Sections no change for the worse in the condition of the people was reported and it may therefore, I think, be said to have been pretty fair. Gratuitous relief was distributed in a few villages situated on the line of country for which Circle Inspectors were sanctioned in B.P. No. 195 of 1897, while in Kurnool Town some 80 gosha women received grain doles. Enquiries were set on foot in accordance with the instructions issued in B.P. No. 306 of 1897, in view to the organization of village relief throughout the affected tracts. There was a large increase in both sections in the number of relief-workers, and a further increase may shortly be expected as cotton ginning, which has been giving employment to several persons, is nearly over. Two kitchens for Chenchus were opened at the foot of the Nallamalas, one at Gazulapalli and another further south at Mattamalla Cheruvu near Bachapulli. The former does not appear to be a success, but the latter is daily attracting 120 or 130 of these people; the District Forest-officer is about to give the able-bodied of the men some light work in the forest, and meanwhile it has been thought necessary to feed them, as well as the infirm males, the women, the children.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from starvation were reported. There was no particular form of disease prevalent. The mortality in villages is stated to still call for no special remarks.

Remarks.—During the fortnight relief-works were started at Belagal to the north of the Pattikonda taluk, at Penchikalapad in the Ramallakot taluk, and on the track leading south-west from Koilkuntla towards Muthigod in Banganapalle territory. The last of the three new works was started by the Assistant Engineer, Koilkuntla, without any orders from me, and I would have ordered it to be closed had I not, on arriving at Koilkuntla some ten days after its opening, found that a considerable portion of the earth-work had been already completed by labourers drafted from the work in progress on the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road. The total number of works open at the close of the fortnight was 31, and other three, viz., a road work at Marella near Pendekal railway station, and the repairs of certain tanks near Chinakambalur in the Sirvel taluk and near Pyápali, have still to be put in hand. The proportion of kitchen inmates to workers continues to be by no means satisfactory, and the attention of the Divisional and Taluk Officers is again being drawn to what is stated in paragraph 5 of B.P. No. 202 of 1897 on the subject of attendance at kitchens. I myself lose no opportunity of impressing on the coolies the necessity for keeping their wages for their own maintenance instead of sharing them with their dependants, but they seem for the present to be curiously apathetic in the matter.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	14,634	20,790
Ramallakot	2,171	5,993
Nandyal	2,972	5,176
Koilkuntla	10,250	15,614
Sirvel	5,132	8,019
Total ...	35,159	55,592

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise:—

Taluks.	Number relieved.							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Nandyal	262	307	..	29	..	..	..	67
Koilkuntla	575	842	..	136	..	..	..	..
Sirvel	355	503	..	33	..	..	..	..
Pattikonda	807	663	..	14	..	..	..	35
Ramallakot	11	235	..	..	..	..	..	111
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	170	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,010	2,550	..	382	..	..	..	213

Note.—Details of the figures for the last Saturday in the fortnight not being available in camp, the figures for the last day of the fortnight are given. In future the order contained in B.P. No. 262 of 1897 will be complied with.

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	13	16	1,346	2,156	2,475	4,854
Ramallakot	1	2	668	1,240	..	1,259
Total ..	14	18	2,014	3,396	2,475	6,113

Note.—The weavers in Kurnool town are now freely coming forward to accept relief. The first distribution of yarn to the weavers in his division was made by the Head Assistant Collector just after the close of the fortnight.

Private charity.—The support of the distressed Chenchus in the Cumbum division was undertaken by the American Baptist Missionary at Cumbum, as stated under "condition of people in villages".

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.										Repair and construction of wells.										Total.								Number of wells.	
	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.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7					8	9	10	11	12	13					14	15	16	17	18	19			20	21
		Rs		Rs.		Rs.						Rs.		Rs.		Rs.						Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
1. Pattikonda	55	11,770	55	7,835	179	51,900					166	16,420	166	16,420	688	92,150					221	28,190	221	23,755	867	1,44,050			55	
2. Ramallakot	9	2,050	9	2,050	51	15,250					2	300	2	300	60	7,860					11	2,350	11	2,350	111	28,110			9	
3. Nandikotkur	1	250	1	250	2	400					3	450	3	450	3	300					4	700	4	700	6	700			2	
4. Nandyal	4	950	4	460	32	9,725					15	1,545	15	1,545	6	825					19	2,495	19	1,995	38	10,550			4	
5. Koilkuntla	15	3,340	15	3,000	57	12,200					..	..	..	..	..	..					15	3,340	15	3,090	57	12,200			14	
6. Sirvel	53	9,450	42	7,950	33	10,870					6	1,050	6	1,050	12	1,320					59	10,500	48	9,000	45	12,090			42	
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	1	250					..	..	..	..	..	..					..	..	..	..	2	550			..	
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	2	550					..	..	..	..	..	..					..	..	..	..	..	..			..	
Total ..	137	27,810	126	21,125	357	1,01,145					192	19,765	192	19,765	769	1,02,355					329	47,575	318	40,890	1,126	2,08,500			126	

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.										Purchase of fodder.										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	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.				
1. Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	6	390					..	..	..	..	19	1,310					..	..	..	..	25	1,700				
2. Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	3	300					..	..	..	..	..	..					..	..	..	..	3	300				
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..					..	..	..	..	..	..					..	..	..	..	..	..				
4. Nandyal	..	..	4	370	6	830					..	..	..	..	..	..					4	370	..	..	6	830				
5. Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	110	10,265					5	550	..	..	83	5,519					8	756	..	..	110	10,265				
6. Sirvel	..	..	3	200	9	296					..	..	..	..	1	100					..	..	..	..	92	6,815				
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..					..	..	..	..	..	..					..	..	..	..	1	100				
8 Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..					..	..	..	..	..	..					..	..	..	..	..	..				
Total ..	7	570	7	570	134	12,081					5	550	6	590	103	6,929					12	1,120	13	1,160	287	19,010				

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited—Collector.—I was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following :—

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The Head Assistant Collector was on tour for eleven days out of the fortnight and visited the following :—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Itikala, Owk, Singanapalli, Akumalla and Koilkuntla. *Banganapalle State.*—Banganapalle. He was for five days supervising the relief works opened by the Revenue Department at Itikala and Kalavatala. The Public Works Department has not yet taken over charge of the former work, but I have told Mr. Ghose that he must not spend any more time over it, till he has made all the necessary arrangements for introducing the scheme for the relief of weavers and has visited the Betamcherla firka where gratuitous relief is being distributed.

The Deputy Collector of Pyápali division was in camp for thirteen days out of the fortnight and visited the following :—

Pattikonda taluk.—Gundala, Padilla, Gudipad, Mettapalli, Emgamarri, Mudumalagurti, Kodunur, Varukur work, Palukurti, Cheruvu, Belagal work, Alanala, Pedda Maranadi and Bailuppala. *Ramallakot taluk.*—Dhone, Kumool, Joharapuram work, Penchikalapad work, Laddagiri work and Gorantla.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour for eight days during the fortnight and visited the following places :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Gadidemadugu, Brahmanakotkur, Nandikotkur, Allur, Mallyala, Duddyala, Atmakur, Velgode, Paramanchala and Partur.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following places :—

Markapur taluk.—Dupad, Hassanapuram. *Cumbum taluk.* — Cumbampad, Cumbum, Nagalavaram, Mohideenpuram, Kandukur, Donakonda, Ardavid, Papinenipalli and Maddipenta.

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2. The rainfall during the fortnight was local, but was of use in improving the supply of water for drinking purposes, the want of which is felt in parts. Several wells in the vicinity of relief-works were cleared of silt by famine labour, but the Collector does not state what steps are being taken in other places to furnish a good supply. Agricultural operations are virtually at a standstill, but the ryots took advantage of the rain to plough their fields.

3. Pasture is practically non-existent, but the supply of fodder is said to have been sufficient in all but the western part of the district, where cattle were deteriorating.

4. Prices are, on the whole, fairly stationary, but the district averages are increased by sharp rises at Owk and Koilkuntla in the price of ragi and cholam, and at Kurnool and Allagadda in cholam. The position of prices is shown by the following table :—

	Number of measures per rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam.
	13·2	30·0
Normal rate	10·6	22·5
Warning rate	7·9	15·0
Scarcity „	9·1	13·1
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Trade is reported active. The markets were well supplied; but there was some difficulty in inducing merchants to open bazaars on works.

5. The condition of the people was, on the whole, fair, but there can be no doubt of the extension of distress, the numbers on relief having risen by 58 per cent. and standing at the end of the month at 55,592. Special measures have been taken for the relief of the Chenchus; these people are also being helped by the branch of the American Baptist Mission in Cumbum. As here, so at Dumagudiem in Bhadrachalam and in Cuddapah, the missionaries are enabled to do good work with special funds sent to them from England and America, distinct from the Mansion House fund. Gratuitous relief does not progress as fast as could be desired in spite of the Collector's zeal in the matter; this is partly due to the apathy of the workers, who have painful traditions of the mortality in camps in 1877–78, and to a considerable extent to the absence of suitable men to be appointed as Circle Inspectors. The latter difficulty may, it is hoped, be met by drafting men from other districts, as authorized in G.O., No. 316 of 1897. The intensity of the distress may be gauged by the fact that so many are willing to work for so low a wage, even when they have to share it with others.

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8. The touring of the District officers generally was satisfactory.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Pattikonda	13	16	1,346	2,156	2,475	4,854
Ramallakot	1	2	668	1,240	..	1,259
Total ..	14	18	2,014	3,396	2,475	6,113

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	Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	12	13	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	19	8	9	20	21
	688	Rs. 92,150	166	Rs. 16,420	221	Rs. 28,190	221	Rs. 23,755	867	Rs. 1,44,060	166	Rs. 16,420	..	55
1. Pattikonda	60	7,860	2	300	11	2,350	11	2,350	111	23,110	2	300	..	9
2. Ramallakot	3	300	3	450	4	700	4	700	5	700	3	450	..	2
3. Nandikotkur	6	825	15	1,545	19	2,495	19	1,995	38	10,550	15	1,545	..	4
4. Nandyal	12	1,220	6	1,050	15	3,340	15	3,090	57	12,200	6	1,050	..	14
5. Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	59	10,500	48	9,000	46	12,090	..	..	..	42
6. Sirvel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	550	..	..	..	..
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Markapur	769	1,02,355	192	19,765	329	47,575	318	40,890	1,126	2,03,500	192	19,765	..	126
Total ..														

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	32	33	30	31	34	35	36	37	38	39	28	29
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2. Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	300	..	..
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	..	..	..	..	4	370	4	370	6	830	..	..
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6. Sirvel	1	100	..	40	..	..	1	40	92	5,815	..	..
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8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	103	6,929	6	590	12	1,126	13	1,160	237	19,010	5	550

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.								Total.			
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
1. Pattikonda	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	6	Rs. 390	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..
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3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	7	570	7	570	134	12,081	5	550	5	550	..	..

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited—Collector.—I was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following :—

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The Head Assistant Collector was on tour for eleven days out of the fortnight and visited the following :—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Itikala, Owk, Singanapalli, Akumalla and Koilkuntla. *Banganapalle State.*—Banganapalle. He was for five days supervising the relief works opened by the Revenue Department at Itikala and Kalavatala. The Public Works Department has not yet taken over charge of the former work, but I have told Mr. Ghose that he must not spend any more time over it, till he has made all the necessary arrangements for introducing the scheme for the relief of weavers and has visited the Betamcherla firka where gratuitous relief is being distributed.

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The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following places :—

Markapur taluk.—Dupad, Hassanapuram. *Cumbum taluk.* — Cumbampad, Cumbum, Nagalavaram, Mohideenpuram, Kandukur, Donakonda, Ardavid, Papinenipalli and Maddipenta.

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4. Prices are, on the whole, fairly stationary, but the district averages are increased by sharp rises at Owk and Koilkuntla in the price of ragi and cholam, and at Kurnool and Allagadda in cholam. The position of prices is shown by the following table :—

	Number of measures per rupee.	
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Scarcity „	7·9	15·0
Current „	9·1	13·1
April 1892	8·9	14·9
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Trade is reported active. The markets were well supplied; but there was some difficulty in inducing merchants to open bazaars on works.

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Rainfall and water-supply—

						INCHES.
Rainfall in rain-registering stations	...	...	...	...	...	·29
Do. from 1st April 1897	..	...	...	...	...	·49
Average rainfall expected in the period	...	...	...	...	...	0·22
Do. do. up to the period from 1st April	...	...	0·41			

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Food-supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at the principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 30th of April 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
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	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	2	3	4	5	6	7			8	9	10	11	12	13			14	15	16	17	18	19			20	21								
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3. Nandikotkur	1	250	1	250	2	400			3	450	3	450	3	300			4	700	4	700	5	700			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	2
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8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..
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Taluks.	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.		
	22	23	24	25	26	27			28	29	30	31	32	33		
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	6	390			..	..	..	..	19	1,310		
2. Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	3	300			..	..	..	..	..	..		
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5. Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	110	10,265			..	..	..	..	83	5,519		
6. Sirvel	3	200	3	200	9	296			5	550	5	550	1	100		
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..		
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total ..	7	570	7	570	134	12,081			5	550	5	550	103	6,929		

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited—Collector.—I was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following :—

Pattikonda taluk.—Pyápali, Garladinne, Naruvalagundam works, Bhavikanama works. *Banganapalle State.*—Banganapalle. *Koilkuntla taluk.*—Owk works (1st and 2nd sections), Akumalla work, Koilkuntla, Muthigod work. *Nandyal taluk.*—Nandyal. *Ramallakot taluk.*—Dhone (my visit to this place was for the purpose of discussing famine matters with the Honourable Mr. Crole). *Sirvel taluk.*—Work on the road leading from Boilakuntla to the Gazulapalli railway station.

The Head Assistant Collector was on tour for eleven days out of the fortnight and visited the following :—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Itikala, Owk, Singanapalli, Akumalla and Koilkuntla. *Banganapalle State.*—Banganapalle. He was for five days supervising the relief works opened by the Revenue Department at Itikala and Kalavatala. The Public Works Department has not yet taken over charge of the former work, but I have told Mr. Ghose that he must not spend any more time over it, till he has made all the necessary arrangements for introducing the scheme for the relief of weavers and has visited the Betamcherla firka where gratuitous relief is being distributed.

The Deputy Collector of Pyápali division was in camp for thirteen days out of the fortnight and visited the following :—

Pattikonda taluk.—Gundala, Padilla, Gudipad, Mettapalli, Emgamarri, Mudumalagurti, Kodunur, Varukur work, Palukurti, Cheruvu, Belagal work, Alanala, Pedda Maranadi and Bailuppala. *Ramallakot taluk.*—Dhone, Kumool, Joharapuram work, Penchikalapad work, Laddagiri work and Gorantla.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour for eight days during the fortnight and visited the following places :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Gadidemadugu, Brahmanakotkur, Nandikotkur, Allur, Mallyala, Duddyala, Atmakur, Velgode, Paramanchala and Partur.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following places :—

Markapur taluk.—Dupad, Hassanapuram. *Cumbum taluk.* — Cumbampad, Cumbum, Nagalavaram, Mohideenpuram, Kandukur, Donakonda, Ardavid, Papinenipalli and Maddipenta.

Resolution—dated 18th May 1897, No. 380.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was local, but was of use in improving the supply of water for drinking purposes, the want of which is felt in parts. Several wells in the vicinity of relief-works were cleared of silt by famine labour, but the Collector does not state what steps are being taken in other places to furnish a good supply. Agricultural operations are virtually at a standstill, but the ryots took advantage of the rain to plough their fields.

3. Pasture is practically non-existent, but the supply of fodder is said to have been sufficient in all but the western part of the district, where cattle were deteriorating.

4. Prices are, on the whole, fairly stationary, but the district averages are increased by sharp rises at Owk and Koilkuntla in the price of ragi and cholam, and at Kurnool and Allagadda in cholam. The position of prices is shown by the following table :—

	Number of measures per rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam.
Normal rate	13·2	30·0
Warning rate	10·6	22·5
Scarcity „	7·9	15·0
Current „	9·1	13·1
April 1892	8·9	14·9
April 1877	7·4	8·3

Trade is reported active. The markets were well supplied; but there was some difficulty in inducing merchants to open bazaars on works.

5. The condition of the people was, on the whole, fair, but there can be no doubt of the extension of distress, the numbers on relief having risen by 58 per cent. and standing at the end of the month at 55,592. Special measures have been taken for the relief of the Chenchus; these people are also being helped by the branch of the American Baptist Mission in Cumbum. As here, so at Dumagudiem in Bhadrachalam and in Cuddapah, the missionaries are enabled to do good work with special funds sent to them from England and America, distinct from the Mansion House fund. Gratuitous relief does not progress as fast as could be desired in spite of the Collector's zeal in the matter; this is partly due to the apathy of the workers, who have painful traditions of the mortality in camps in 1877–78, and to a considerable extent to the absence of suitable men to be appointed as Circle Inspectors. The latter difficulty may, it is hoped, be met by drafting men from other districts, as authorized in G.O., No. 316 of 1897. The intensity of the distress may be gauged by the fact that so many are willing to work for so low a wage, even when they have to share it with others.

6. The Collector should explain the delay on the part of the Public Works Department to take over the work at Itikala. It is not right that the Divisional Officer should spend his time in supervision of works.

7. The progress in disposal of loans is not satisfactory. One thousand three hundred and sixty-three applications for Rs. 2,22,510 are still pending. Special attention should be paid to this subject. So far as the figures available show, the total disbursed in the weeks ending 1st and 8th May were only Rs. 4,560 and Rs. 500, respectively. There is a special establishment for loan work, consisting of one Tahsildar and four Revenue Inspectors, and much more progress should be exacted. It is most urgent that the ryots should get these advances quickly, above all, for the purpose of purchasing fodder.

8. The touring of the District officers generally was satisfactory.

(True Copy 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. 441, Revenue, dated 4th June 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government — of the Kurnool district for the period ending 30th April 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 18th May 1897, No. 380:—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Kurnool district during the period ending 30th April 1897:—

State of the Country.

Rainfall and water-supply—

		INCHES.
Rainfall in rain-registering stations	... ...	·29
Do. from 1st April 1897	... ...	·49
Average rainfall expected in the period	... ...	0·22
Do. do. up to the period from 1st April	... ...	0·41

Two inches and 25 cents of rain were registered at Pyápali on 22nd ultimo, and the fall is reported to have been general throughout the firka and to have extended eastwards up to Akumalla, to the south-east of Owk. At Owk itself the fall was insignificant being no more than 1 cent. Rain fell on two days during the fortnight in the neighbourhood of Nandikotkur, and the quantity measured was 83 cents. There were slight showers during the period in parts of the district. The supply of water for drinking purposes continued to be on the whole fairly sufficient except in parts of the western and south-central sections. There was great difficulty in obtaining good drinking water in the villages situated along the Rampur pass road from Pyápali to the Banganapalle frontier, until rain fell on the evening of 21st ultimo and improved matters somewhat. Several wells in the vicinity of relief works were cleared of silt by famine labour. The supply of water for irrigation was generally insufficient.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—The reaping of second-crop paddy still continued in a few villages. Ploughing was in progress wherever rain had fallen. Except a few isolated patches of wet and garden cultivation under wells, which are in good condition, there are no standing crops worth mentioning.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—The supply of fodder was sufficient in the north, central and eastern sections. In the other sections, though there is a good stock in the canal villages and in parts of the Pyápali firka, it is not freely offered for sale and fetches high prices.

Pasture was available in small quantities along the canal, but not elsewhere. The recent rain will, it is hoped, cause grass to sprout here and there.

The condition of cattle in the north, central and eastern sections was normal, but in the other sections many of the animals composing the village herd were starving, and the ploughing cattle, except those of the well-to-do ryots, were growing visibly weaker. Rinderpest continued to prevail in several villages.

Food-supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at the principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 30th of April 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Pattikonda ..	7·56	7·56	..	..	12·36 (W and Y)	12·36 (W and Y)	11·28	11·28	Prices were rising in cholam in Kurnool town and in Koilkuntla, Owk and Allagadda, and elsewhere stationary in all food-grains.
Pyápali	8·64	8·64	..	..	13·39 (W and Y)	13·39 (W and Y)	11·28	11·28	
Kurnool Town ..	8·58	8·58	15·48	15·48	13·70 (W and Y)	+ 13·35 (W and Y)	11·25	11·25	
Nandikotkur ..	9·29	9·29	..	..	13·70 (W and Y)	13·70 (W and Y)	..	..	
Atmakúru	10·01	10·01	..	..	14·38 (W and Y)	14·38 (W and Y)	..	..	
Nandyal	9·29	9·29	16·77	16·77	14·04 (W) 13·70 (Y)	14·04 (W) 13·70 (Y)	11·56	11·56	
Kalwa	9·29	9·29	..	..	13·70 (W) 13·01 (Y)	13·70 (W) 13·01 (Y)	..	..	
Koilkuntla ..	9·96	9·96	15·00	+13·50	12·60 (W and Y)	+ 12·24 (W and Y)	13·05	13·05	
Owk	9·96	9·96	15·75	+15·00	13·43 (W) 12·64 (Y)	+11·85 (W)	11·60	11·60	
Allagadda	8·58	8·58	14·19	14·19	12·33 (W and Y)	+ 11·64 (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	18·00	18·00	..	..	13·05	13·05	
Average ..	9·15	9·15	15·74	15·42	13·37 (W) 13·28 (Y)	13·07 (W) 13·19 (Y)	12·01	12·01	

Activity of trade.—Trade was still active and the markets were well supplied. The Head Assistant Collector reports that great difficulty is experienced in inducing Komatis to bring grain for sale on the relief works.

Condition of the People.

On works.—The condition of the relief-workers throughout the district was, on the whole, very fair. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer has been requested to inspect the several works near Owk and the work near Kodumur as soon as convenient, for the favourable opinion expressed by the respective medical subordinates as to the state of the women on the former, found by the Sanitary Commissioner to be anæmic, and of the coolies on the latter, considered by the Superintending Engineer to be weaker than anywhere else, requires corroboration by a medical officer of superior rank before it can be accepted. On most of the works I inspected, some attempt to classify the gangs as of good, fair, or low condition was being made. At the work in progress between Koilkuntla and the Gazulapalli railway station, I found the Public Works Department Sub-Divisional Officer to be taking a personal interest in the business. There was an ample supply of tools on most of the works, and blacksmiths and carpenters were being entertained to keep the tools and their handles, respectively, in good order.

In villages.—The condition of the people in the *north*, *central* and *eastern* sections was generally good. The Chenchus living above Atmakúru and Velgode were fed at the kitchens, the opening of which was referred to in my last narrative, and steps to open a third kitchen were being taken. I had directed the feeding of certain distressed Chenchus of the Cumbum taluk and was instituting inquiries regarding some others in the Markapur taluk; but I have first received a report from the Deputy Collector to the effect that Rev. Mr. Newcomb, of the American Baptist Mission, having received funds from America to be devoted specially to the relief of the Chenchus of the division, has undertaken to distribute amongst them such grain as they may require.

In the *Western* and *South Central* Sections no change for the worse in the condition of the people was reported and it may therefore, I think, be said to have been pretty fair. Gratuitous relief was distributed in a few villages situated on the line of country for which Circle Inspectors were sanctioned in B.P. No. 195 of 1897, while in Kurnool Town some 80 gosha women received grain doles. Enquiries were set on foot in accordance with the instructions issued in B.P. No. 306 of 1897, in view to the organization of village relief throughout the affected tracts. There was a large increase in both sections in the number of relief-workers, and a further increase may shortly be expected as cotton ginning, which has been giving employment to several persons, is nearly over. Two kitchens for Chenchus were opened at the foot of the Nallamalas, one at Gazulapalli and another further south at Mattamalla Cheruvu near Bachapulli. The former does not appear to be a success, but the latter is daily attracting 120 or 130 of these people; the District Forest-officer is about to give the able-bodied of the men some light work in the forest, and meanwhile it has been thought necessary to feed them, as well as the infirm males, the women, the children.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from starvation were reported. There was no particular form of disease prevalent. The mortality in villages is stated to still call for no special remarks.

Remarks.—During the fortnight relief-works were started at Belagal to the north of the Pattikonda taluk, at Penchikalapad in the Ramallakot taluk, and on the track leading south-west from Koilkuntla towards Muthigod in Banganapalle territory. The last of the three new works was started by the Assistant Engineer, Koilkuntla, without any orders from me, and I would have ordered it to be closed had I not, on arriving at Koilkuntla some ten days after its opening, found that a considerable portion of the earth-work had been already completed by labourers drafted from the work in progress on the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road. The total number of works open at the close of the fortnight was 31, and other three, viz., a road work at Marella near Pendekal railway station, and the repairs of certain tanks near Chinakambalur in the Sirvel taluk and near Pyápali, have still to be put in hand. The proportion of kitchen inmates to workers continues to be by no means satisfactory, and the attention of the Divisional and Taluk Officers is again being drawn to what is stated in paragraph 5 of B.P. No. 202 of 1897 on the subject of attendance at kitchens. I myself lose no opportunity of impressing on the coolies the necessity for keeping their wages for their own maintenance instead of sharing them with their dependants, but they seem for the present to be curiously apathetic in the matter.

Measures of relief.

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

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	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
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Koilkuntla	10,250	15,614
Sirvel	5,132	8,019
Total ...	35,159	55,592

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise:—

Taluks.	Number relieved.							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
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	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	20	21
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1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
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(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

ORDER—No. 441, Revenue, dated 4th June 1897.

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Ag. Secretary to Government.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government — of the Kurnool district for the period ending 30th April 1897.

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Rainfall and water-supply—

		INCHES.
Rainfall in rain-registering stations	... ...	·29
Do. from 1st April 1897	... ...	·49
Average rainfall expected in the period	... ...	0·22
Do. do. up to the period from 1st April	... ...	0·41

Two inches and 25 cents of rain were registered at Pyápali on 22nd ultimo, and the fall is reported to have been general throughout the firka and to have extended eastwards up to Akumalla, to the south-east of Owk. At Owk itself the fall was insignificant being no more than 1 cent. Rain fell on two days during the fortnight in the neighbourhood of Nandikotkur, and the quantity measured was 83 cents. There were slight showers during the period in parts of the district. The supply of water for drinking purposes continued to be on the whole fairly sufficient except in parts of the western and south-central sections. There was great difficulty in obtaining good drinking water in the villages situated along the Rampur pass road from Pyápali to the Banganapalle frontier, until rain fell on the evening of 21st ultimo and improved matters somewhat. Several wells in the vicinity of relief works were cleared of silt by famine labour. The supply of water for irrigation was generally insufficient.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—The reaping of second-crop paddy still continued in a few villages. Ploughing was in progress wherever rain had fallen. Except a few isolated patches of wet and garden cultivation under wells, which are in good condition, there are no standing crops worth mentioning.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—The supply of fodder was sufficient in the north, central and eastern sections. In the other sections, though there is a good stock in the canal villages and in parts of the Pyápali firka, it is not freely offered for sale and fetches high prices.

Pasture was available in small quantities along the canal, but not elsewhere. The recent rain will, it is hoped, cause grass to sprout here and there.

The condition of cattle in the north, central and eastern sections was normal, but in the other sections many of the animals composing the village herd were starving, and the ploughing cattle, except those of the well-to-do ryots, were growing visibly weaker. Rinderpest continued to prevail in several villages.

Food-supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at the principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 30th of April 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Pattikonda ..	7·56	7·56	..	..	12·36 (W and Y)	12·36 (W and Y)	11·28	11·28	Prices were rising in cholam in Kurnool town and in Koilkuntla, Owk and Allagadda, and elsewhere stationary in all food-grains.
Pyápali	8·64	8·64	..	..	13·39 (W and Y)	13·39 (W and Y)	11·28	11·28	
Kurnool Town ..	8·58	8·58	15·48	15·48	13·70 (W and Y)	+ 13·35 (W and Y)	11·25	11·25	
Nandikotkur ..	9·29	9·29	..	..	13·70 (W and Y)	13·70 (W and Y)	..	..	
Atmakúru	10·01	10·01	..	..	14·38 (W and Y)	14·38 (W and Y)	..	..	
Nandyal	9·29	9·29	16·77	16·77	14·04 (W) 13·70 (Y)	14·04 (W) 13·70 (Y)	11·56	11·56	
Kalwa	9·29	9·29	..	..	13·70 (W) 13·01 (Y)	13·70 (W) 13·01 (Y)	..	..	
Koilkuntla ..	9·96	9·96	15·00	+13·50	12·60 (W and Y)	+ 12·24 (W and Y)	13·05	13·05	
Owk	9·96	9·96	15·75	+15·00	13·43 (W) 12·64 (Y)	+11·85 (W)	11·60	11·60	
Allagadda	8·58	8·58	14·19	14·19	12·33 (W and Y)	+ 11·64 (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	18·00	18·00	..	..	13·05	13·05	
Average ..	9·15	9·15	15·74	15·42	13·37 (W) 13·28 (Y)	13·07 (W) 13·19 (Y)	12·01	12·01	

Activity of trade.—Trade was still active and the markets were well supplied. The Head Assistant Collector reports that great difficulty is experienced in inducing Komatis to bring grain for sale on the relief works.

Condition of the People.

On works.—The condition of the relief-workers throughout the district was, on the whole, very fair. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer has been requested to inspect the several works near Owk and the work near Kodumur as soon as convenient, for the favourable opinion expressed by the respective medical subordinates as to the state of the women on the former, found by the Sanitary Commissioner to be anæmic, and of the coolies on the latter, considered by the Superintending Engineer to be weaker than anywhere else, requires corroboration by a medical officer of superior rank before it can be accepted. On most of the works I inspected, some attempt to classify the gangs as of good, fair, or low condition was being made. At the work in progress between Koilkuntla and the Gazulapalli railway station, I found the Public Works Department Sub-Divisional Officer to be taking a personal interest in the business. There was an ample supply of tools on most of the works, and blacksmiths and carpenters were being entertained to keep the tools and their handles, respectively, in good order.

In villages.—The condition of the people in the *north*, *central* and *eastern* sections was generally good. The Chenchus living above Atmakúru and Velgode were fed at the kitchens, the opening of which was referred to in my last narrative, and steps to open a third kitchen were being taken. I had directed the feeding of certain distressed Chenchus of the Cumbum taluk and was instituting inquiries regarding some others in the Markapur taluk; but I have first received a report from the Deputy Collector to the effect that Rev. Mr. Newcomb, of the American Baptist Mission, having received funds from America to be devoted specially to the relief of the Chenchus of the division, has undertaken to distribute amongst them such grain as they may require.

In the *Western* and *South Central* Sections no change for the worse in the condition of the people was reported and it may therefore, I think, be said to have been pretty fair. Gratuitous relief was distributed in a few villages situated on the line of country for which Circle Inspectors were sanctioned in B.P. No. 195 of 1897, while in Kurnool Town some 80 gosha women received grain doles. Enquiries were set on foot in accordance with the instructions issued in B.P. No. 306 of 1897, in view to the organization of village relief throughout the affected tracts. There was a large increase in both sections in the number of relief-workers, and a further increase may shortly be expected as cotton ginning, which has been giving employment to several persons, is nearly over. Two kitchens for Chenchus were opened at the foot of the Nallamalas, one at Gazulapalli and another further south at Mattamalla Cheruvu near Bachapulli. The former does not appear to be a success, but the latter is daily attracting 120 or 130 of these people; the District Forest-officer is about to give the able-bodied of the men some light work in the forest, and meanwhile it has been thought necessary to feed them, as well as the infirm males, the women, the children.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from starvation were reported. There was no particular form of disease prevalent. The mortality in villages is stated to still call for no special remarks.

Remarks.—During the fortnight relief-works were started at Belagal to the north of the Pattikonda taluk, at Penchikalapad in the Ramallakot taluk, and on the track leading south-west from Koilkuntla towards Muthigod in Banganapalle territory. The last of the three new works was started by the Assistant Engineer, Koilkuntla, without any orders from me, and I would have ordered it to be closed had I not, on arriving at Koilkuntla some ten days after its opening, found that a considerable portion of the earth-work had been already completed by labourers drafted from the work in progress on the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road. The total number of works open at the close of the fortnight was 31, and other three, viz., a road work at Marella near Pendekal railway station, and the repairs of certain tanks near Chinakambalur in the Sirvel taluk and near Pyápali, have still to be put in hand. The proportion of kitchen inmates to workers continues to be by no means satisfactory, and the attention of the Divisional and Taluk Officers is again being drawn to what is stated in paragraph 5 of B.P. No. 202 of 1897 on the subject of attendance at kitchens. I myself lose no opportunity of impressing on the coolies the necessity for keeping their wages for their own maintenance instead of sharing them with their dependants, but they seem for the present to be curiously apathetic in the matter.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	14,634	20,790
Ramallakot	2,171	5,993
Nandyal	2,972	5,176
Koilkuntla	10,250	15,614
Sirvel	5,132	8,019
Total ...	35,159	55,592

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise:—

Taluks.	Number relieved.							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Nandyal	262	307	..	29	..	..	..	67
Koilkuntla	575	842	..	136	..	..	..	..
Sirvel	355	503	..	33	..	..	..	..
Pattikonda	807	663	..	14	..	..	..	35
Ramallakot	11	235	..	..	..	..	..	111
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	170	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,010	2,550	..	382	..	..	..	213

Note.—Details of the figures for the last Saturday in the fortnight not being available in camp, the figures for the last day of the fortnight are given. In future the order contained in B.P. No. 262 of 1897 will be complied with.

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	13	16	1,346	2,156	2,475	4,854
Ramallakot	1	2	668	1,240	..	1,259
Total ..	14	18	2,014	3,396	2,475	6,113

Note.—The weavers in Kurnool town are now freely coming forward to accept relief. The first distribution of yarn to the weavers in his division was made by the Head Assistant Collector just after the close of the fortnight.

Private charity.—The support of the distressed Chenchus in the Cumbum division was undertaken by the American Baptist Missionary at Cumbum, as stated under "condition of people in villages".

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.								Total.				Repair and construction of wells.								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.		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.		
1	2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Pattikonda ..	..	..	166	16,420	688	92,150	221	28,190	221	23,755	867	1,44,050	55	11,770	55	7,335	179	51,900	166	16,420	166	16,420	688	92,150	55	9
2. Ramallakot ..	..	..	2	300	60	7,860	11	2,350	11	2,350	111	28,110	9	2,050	9	2,050	51	15,250	2	300	2	300	60	7,860	9	2
3. Nandikotkur ..	..	..	3	450	3	300	4	700	4	700	5	700	1	250	1	250	2	400	3	450	3	450	3	300	2	4
4. Nandyal ..	..	..	15	1,545	6	825	19	2,495	19	1,995	38	10,550	4	950	4	450	2	400	15	1,545	15	1,545	6	825	14	14
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Total ..	..	..	192	19,765	769	1,02,365	329	47,575	318	40,890	1,126	2,03,500	137	27,810	126	21,125	357	1,01,145	192	19,765	192	19,765	769	1,02,365	126	126

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Total.				Purchase of fodder.								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.							
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April 1877	7·4	8·3

Trade is reported active. The markets were well supplied; but there was some difficulty in inducing merchants to open bazaars on works.

5. The condition of the people was, on the whole, fair, but there can be no doubt of the extension of distress, the numbers on relief having risen by 58 per cent. and standing at the end of the month at 55,592. Special measures have been taken for the relief of the Chenchus; these people are also being helped by the branch of the American Baptist Mission in Cumbum. As here, so at Dumagudiem in Bhadrachalam and in Cuddapah, the missionaries are enabled to do good work with special funds sent to them from England and America, distinct from the Mansion House fund. Gratuitous relief does not progress as fast as could be desired in spite of the Collector's zeal in the matter; this is partly due to the apathy of the workers, who have painful traditions of the mortality in camps in 1877–78, and to a considerable extent to the absence of suitable men to be appointed as Circle Inspectors. The latter difficulty may, it is hoped, be met by drafting men from other districts, as authorized in G.O., No. 316 of 1897. The intensity of the distress may be gauged by the fact that so many are willing to work for so low a wage, even when they have to share it with others.

6. The Collector should explain the delay on the part of the Public Works Department to take over the work at Itikala. It is not right that the Divisional Officer should spend his time in supervision of works.

7. The progress in disposal of loans is not satisfactory. One thousand three hundred and sixty-three applications for Rs. 2,22,510 are still pending. Special attention should be paid to this subject. So far as the figures available show, the total disbursed in the weeks ending 1st and 8th May were only Rs. 4,560 and Rs. 500, respectively. There is a special establishment for loan work, consisting of one Tahsildar and four Revenue Inspectors, and much more progress should be exacted. It is most urgent that the ryots should get these advances quickly, above all, for the purpose of purchasing fodder.

8. The touring of the District officers generally was satisfactory.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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Miscellaneous.	Recorded.

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