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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting, for the information of Government, — of the Vizagapatam district for the period ending 30th April 1897.

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(1) Gazuvaka	1,180	2,087	
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(1) Kondakarla	1,444	1,359 †	† Decrease at Kondakarla due to opening of ordinary work in the vicinity.
Total ..	2,624	3,863	The general increase is due to opening of new works and also to increase of numbers on old ones caused by the drawing on of the idlest season of the year.
Grand Total ..	7,189	10,330	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise.

Taluks.	Number relieved			
	At Kitchens.			
	Dependants.		Others.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Government.				
I. Párvatípuram taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Párvatipuram ..	..	..	69	99
II. Chipurupalle taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Ranastalam	..	..	..	193
III. Vizianagram taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Pusapatirega ..	..	143	..	96
(2) Do. at Vizianagaram ..	..	..	124	151
IV. Bimlipatam—				
(1) Kitchen at Dakmarri	255	52	14	12
(2) Do. at Bhogapuram ..	..	91	..	4
(3) Do. at Padmanabham ..	..	5	..	..
V. Vizagapatam taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Pendur	108	143	22	44
(2) Do. at Gazuvaka	105	155	4	6
VI. Sarvasiddhi taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Kondakarla	20	46	54	116
Total ..	488	635	287	721
Raja Gajapati Rao's Kitchens.				
1. Vizagapatam	..	..	67	140
2. Anakápalle	..	..	53	97
3. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	255	500
Total ..	..	..	375	737
Grand Total ..	488	635	662	1,458

Private Charity.—The Maharaja of Vizianagram, the Raja of Bobbili, Raja Gajapati Rao, the Ranis of Wadhwan and Ankitam Achayyamma, M.R.Ry. Perla Narayana Chetti and K. Venkanna Garu are dispensing charity on a large scale.

Raja Gajapati Rao's kitchens continue under my management.

General Remarks.

Some progress has been made during the fortnight. Three new works with kitchens attached have been opened, and one new kitchen for gratuitous relief apart from any work. Still more ordinary work has been put in hand by the Public Works Department, thus obviating the necessity for test works where we must otherwise have had them. I investigated the question of continuing the Kondarkarla work, and though I do not think it was strictly necessary to start it, still having been started, I cannot, I think, close it until the season improves. Besides, although the people on that work are in remarkably good condition, ragi is dearer in that neighbourhood than in any other part of the district. The Public Works Department has now taken over charge of all works except Kondakarla and Bhogapuram. The latter is a small one with only some 500 coolies, and I can manage it without the Public Works Department so long as it is required.

The Commissioner is now in the district seeing things for himself, so I need not say much about how things are going on. Within the last two days, since the close of the fortnight, there have been some further small showers of rain which encourage hope of better things.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and Places visited—Principal Assistant Collector.—Mr. Scott was occupied on the Dakmarri work, and in opening fresh works at Bhogapuram, Pusapatirega and Padmanabham and also visited other places in the Bimlipatam and Vizianagaram taluks and Ranastalam on the edge of Chipurupalle taluk where I have opened a kitchen for the beggars and such like. Mr. Elwin relieved him a week ago and has since visited all the above works.

Head Assistant Collector.—Mr. Elwin opened a new work at Kondakarla and also inspected the kitchens at Anakápalle and Yellamanchili, he was relieved by Mr. Wood on the 22nd. Mr. Wood has since been engaged at Kondakarla where he took charge.

Senior Assistant Collector.—Mr. Lys inspected a large number of villages in Bobbili and Párvatípuram taluks.

The Huzur Deputy Collector visited a good many villages in Srungavarapukota taluk and Vizagapatam taluk and attended to the test works at Gazuvaka and Pendurti and kitchen at Vizagapatam.

The Collector inspected—

Dakmarri relief work (four days).	Pendarti test work.
Rega test work (two days).	Gazuvaka test work.
Bhogapuram test work.	Vizagapatam kitchen.
Kondakarla test work (three days).	Vizianagaram kitchen.

also Vemulavalasa and other villages in Bimlipatam taluk and Padmanabham, where a site for a new work was selected.

Read—also letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 5th May 1897, Per. No. 24.

Abstract.—Forwarding statement of loans.

Enclosure.

Loan Transactions.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act for the fortnight ending 30th April 1897.

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.		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
Transactions from 1st November 1896 up to the end of the fortnight.																				
						Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	..	..	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	3	600	..	..	..	..	10	3,900	..	..	..	..	13	4,500	..	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	375	2	375	8	2,220	2	375	2	375	8	2,220	..	..
4. Srungávarapukóta	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	..	..	2	400	2	400	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	3	600	11	1,775	11	1,775	18	6,120	11	1,775	11	1,775	21	6,720	..	..
Transactions relating to the fortnight ending 30th April 1897.																				
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	3	600	..	..	..	..	9	3,400	..	..	..	..	12	4,000	..	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Srungavarapukóta	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	3	600	..	..	..	..	9	3,400	..	..	..	..	12	4,000	..	..

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Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
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		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Palkonda	15	* 540	15	540	15	300	113	4,460	113	4,460	110	3,050	128	5,000	128	5,000	125	3,350
2. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	640	7	370	130	21,660	13	640	7	370	130	24,660
3. Golgonda	† 66	1,297	† 66	1,297	† 932	15,550	† 66	1,548	66	1,548	† 932	53,311	66	2,845	66	2,845	932	68,861
4. Srungavarapukóta	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	81	1,837	81	1,837	947	15,850	192	6,648	186	6,378	1,172	81,021	207	8,485	201	8,215	1,187	96,871
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Total ..	81	1,547	81	1,547	947	15,850	144	3,438	138	3,168	1,172	81,021	159	4,985	153	4,715	1,187	96,871

* This amount includes Rs. 290 on account of applications shown in column 28.

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Resolution—dated 18th May 1897, No. 378.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was below the average; there was none in the affected areas. The Collector reports that want of drinking-water is seriously felt on the coast; he should report what steps are being taken to improve the sources of supply. There are but few agricultural operations in progress; ryots are waiting for the next shower to sow their early dry crops.

3. The pasture brought up by the recent rains is failing again, and want of it is especially felt in Vizagapatam taluk and on the coast to the south. Fodder is scarce and dear, and, as the Collector says, there can be no improvement in the available supply before August. Superior cattle are in fair condition, and the Collector does not anticipate any severe loss, even among inferior kinds. The position improved after his report was written.

4. Prices are, on the whole, steady, though the district averages rise or fall with the quotations at Sálúru, which is said to be a very fluctuating market. Their position is shown by the accompanying table:—

—	Measures per rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal rate	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning ,, ...	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity ,, ...	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current ,, ...	9·8	15·7	16·9
April 1892	10·3	16·7	17·5
,, 1878	8·1	12·9	13·4

Trade is brisk, and markets are well supplied.

5. The condition of the people is said to be generally good, though cases of deterioration are to be found, due probably to causes unconnected with distress. People now resort freely to the works, the numbers having increased by 43 per cent. during the fortnight. The large falling off in the numbers of dependants fed at the Dakmarri kitchen should have been explained; the opening of the kitchen at Pusapati Rega does not fully account for the decrease.

6. The tract affected in Vizagapatam is small, consisting of parts of Bimlipatam, Vizianagram and Vizagapatam divisions. The Collector is an officer of energy and experience, having been employed on relief in the famine of 1889 in Ganjám. The district is perfectly safe in his hands. His efforts are well seconded by Messrs. Elwin, Wood, Heany and Braidwood. In a position of delicate responsibility Mr. Heany is showing an activity and resourcefulness which deserves special notice in so very young an officer.

7. The Collector has mistaken what the Commissioner said regarding the condition of girls between childhood and puberty. There are a few poor cases in Vizagapatam, but they are the exceptions. The interesting fact there is that the girls of this class are generally in very good condition. Even little tots of six or seven have finer arms, extensors and biceps, than are generally to be found in girls of twelve to fourteen in Ganjám or the Deccan. This shows that it is not true that girls of that age are naturally ill-nourished in appearance. There were two bad cases of advanced famine, instanced by two girls—sisters—who turned up for relief at one of the kitchens. These girls had been stinting for a long time, and without food altogether for three days. They were fair specimens of what was common in the early months of 1877. There were also some cases of emaciation in the kitchens, but these were few. They were disposed of under sections 123 and 125 of the Famine Code, and, under the special diet therein allowed, will soon recover their strength. The position generally improved after the

Collector's report was written. More rain fell. Ploughing operations commenced, and pasture must by this time be springing up in Vizagapatam—the division where it was most scarce.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 440, Revenue, dated 4th June 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	375	2	375	8	2,220	2	375	2	375	8	2,220	..	..
4. Srungávarapukóta	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	..	..	2	400	2	400	..	..	..	..
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	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
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2. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	640	7	370	130	21,660	13	640	7	370	130	24,660
3. Golgonda	† 66	1,297	† 66	1,297	† 932	15,550	† 66	1,548	66	1,548	† 932	53,311	66	2,845	66	2,845	932	68,861
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Resolution—dated 18th May 1897, No. 378.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was below the average; there was none in the affected areas. The Collector reports that want of drinking-water is seriously felt on the coast; he should report what steps are being taken to improve the sources of supply. There are but few agricultural operations in progress; ryots are waiting for the next shower to sow their early dry crops.

3. The pasture brought up by the recent rains is failing again, and want of it is especially felt in Vizagapatam taluk and on the coast to the south. Fodder is scarce and dear, and, as the Collector says, there can be no improvement in the available supply before August. Superior cattle are in fair condition, and the Collector does not anticipate any severe loss, even among inferior kinds. The position improved after his report was written.

4. Prices are, on the whole, steady, though the district averages rise or fall with the quotations at Sálúru, which is said to be a very fluctuating market. Their position is shown by the accompanying table:—

—	Measures per rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal rate	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning ,, ...	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity ,, ...	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current ,, ...	9·8	13·7	16·9
April 1892	10·3	16·7	17·5
,, 1878	8·1	12·9	13·4

Trade is brisk, and markets are well supplied.

5. The condition of the people is said to be generally good, though cases of deterioration are to be found, due probably to causes unconnected with distress. People now resort freely to the works, the numbers having increased by 43 per cent. during the fortnight. The large falling off in the numbers of dependants fed at the Dakmarri kitchen should have been explained; the opening of the kitchen at Pusapati Rega does not fully account for the decrease.

6. The tract affected in Vizagapatam is small, consisting of parts of Bimlipatam, Vizianagram and Vizagapatam divisions. The Collector is an officer of energy and experience, having been employed on relief in the famine of 1889 in Ganjám. The district is perfectly safe in his hands. His efforts are well seconded by Messrs. Elwin, Wood, Heany and Braidwood. In a position of delicate responsibility Mr. Heany is showing an activity and resourcefulness which deserves special notice in so very young an officer.

7. The Collector has mistaken what the Commissioner said regarding the condition of girls between childhood and puberty. There are a few poor cases in Vizagapatam, but they are the exceptions. The interesting fact there is that the girls of this class are generally in very good condition. Even little tots of six or seven have finer arms, extensors and biceps, than are generally to be found in girls of twelve to fourteen in Ganjám or the Deccan. This shows that it is not true that girls of that age are naturally ill-nourished in appearance. There were two bad cases of advanced famine, instanced by two girls—sisters—who turned up for relief at one of the kitchens. These girls had been stinting for a long time, and without food altogether for three days. They were fair specimens of what was common in the early months of 1877. There were also some cases of emaciation in the kitchens, but these were few. They were disposed of under sections 123 and 125 of the Famine Code, and, under the special diet therein allowed, will soon recover their strength. The position generally improved after the

Collector's report was written. More rain fell. Ploughing operations commenced, and pasture must by this time be springing up in Vizagapatam—the division where it was most scarce.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
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Order—No. 440, Revenue, dated 4th June 1897.

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JUNE.

Fortnightly Narrative.

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State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.

District rainfall.	Actual rainfall (inches).	Expected rainfall (inches).
In the fortnight	0·37	1·06
Up to the fortnight	0·88	1·53

There has been no more rain in the plains during this fortnight. Drinking water is still a serious trouble on the coast, though sufficient or plentiful in the inland and northern taluks. Rain is expected as it banks up every afternoon. It will be strange if there are not showers during May sufficient to keep the drinking supply from failing. The time is approaching when heavy thunderstorms may occur at any time.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—A little ploughing is going on. Sugar-cane is being planted where well water is available and in the Párvatípuram division, where water is generally sufficient in suitable places. Such few dry and garden crops as are standing are doing fairly. Gingelly wants another shower of rain.

There will be sowing of early dry crops with the next considerable shower and for this the ryots are waiting. Already, where they have a well to depend on, I see they are starting their seed beds.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder remains scarce and dear, and there can be no improvement in the available supply before August.

Pasture is again failing for want of further showers and is very scarce in Vizagapatam taluk and on the coast to the south.

Superior cattle are in fair condition, but I do not think there is much chance of any of them dying of starvation. The grass which grew under the last rain has now got parched up, but one more good plump could enable it to last till the monsoon.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—Prospects are at present indefinite. Early showers will improve them, the want of these will tighten the pressure on the ryot and his cattle. The immediate outlook is not cheerful, but relief may not be very far off.

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 30th April 1897.

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1. Párvatípuram ..	9·84	9·84	17·28	17·28	17·50	17·50	Prices, except at that very fluctuating market, Sálúru, are very steady. The rise in ragi for the district is due to a rise at Sálúru caused no doubt by a larger demand than the imports could meet.
2. Sálúru	11·48	11·07	21·24	18·72	17·50	16·45	
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9. Anákapalle	9·00	9·00	16·38	16·38	..	..	
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11. Narasapatnam ..	10·34	9·40	16·80	16·80	16·20	16·20	
Average ..	9·73	9·79	17·04	16·66	16·86	16·85	

Activity of trade.

	Exports. MDS.	Imports. MDS.
By sea, for the period ending 24th April 1897	568	1,000
By rail, do. do.	1,622	19,510
By road from Jeypore, for the period ending 24th April 1897		5,650 (carts).

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Sickness and Mortality.

Nothing remarkable except cholera, which has nowhere taken much hold. The health of people on works has been very good in spite of their insanitary habits which it is not easy to combat. A hot sun and a high wind would appear to be excellent disinfectants.

Measure of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Relief works.			
I. Vizianagram—			
(1) Pusapati Rega	..	1,994	
II. Bimlipatam—			
(1) Dakmarri	3,078	2,371 *	* Decrease at Dakmarri due to opening of work at Rega.
(2) Padmanabham	..	40	
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(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 440, Revenue, dated 4th June 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

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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, for the information of Government, — of the Vizagapatam district for the period ending 30th April 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.

District rainfall.	Actual rainfall (inches).	Expected rainfall (inches).
In the fortnight	0·37	1·06
Up to the fortnight	0·88	1·53

There has been no more rain in the plains during this fortnight. Drinking water is still a serious trouble on the coast, though sufficient or plentiful in the inland and northern taluks. Rain is expected as it banks up every afternoon. It will be strange if there are not showers during May sufficient to keep the drinking supply from failing. The time is approaching when heavy thunderstorms may occur at any time.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—A little ploughing is going on. Sugar-cane is being planted where well water is available and in the Pár-vatípuram division, where water is generally sufficient in suitable places. Such few dry and garden crops as are standing are doing fairly. Gingelly wants another shower of rain.

There will be sowing of early dry crops with the next considerable shower and for this the ryots are waiting. Already, where they have a well to depend on, I see they are starting their seed beds.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder remains scarce and dear, and there can be no improvement in the available supply before August.

Pasture is again failing for want of further showers and is very scarce in Vizagapatam taluk and on the coast to the south.

Superior cattle are in fair condition, but I do not think there is much chance of any of them dying of starvation. The grass which grew under the last rain has now got parched up, but one more good plump could enable it to last till the monsoon.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—Prospects are at present indefinite. Early showers will improve them, the want of these will tighten the pressure on the ryot and his cattle. The immediate outlook is not cheerful, but relief may not be very far off.

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 30th April 1897.

Stations.	Rice. End of last period.	Rice. End of current period.	Ragi. End of last period.	Ragi. End of current period.	Cumbu. End of last period.	Cumbu. End of current period.	Remarks.
1. Párvatípuram ..	9·84	9·84	17·28	17·28	17·50	17·50	Prices, except at that very fluctuating market, Sálúru, are very steady. The rise in ragi for the district is due to a rise at Sálúru caused no doubt by a larger demand than the imports could meet.
2. Sálúru	11·48	11·07	21·24	18·72	17·50	16·45	
3. Palkonda	9·60	9·60	16·16	16·16	19·80	19·80	
4. Gajapatinagaram ..	9·84	9·84	17·76	17·76	17·28	17·28	
5. Chipurupalle	9·84	9·84	15·84	15·12	17·28	17·28	
6. Vizianagram	9·60	9·60	16·16	16·16	14·85	14·85	
7. Vizagapatam	9·04	9·04	16·16	15·25	12·87	13·86	
8. Chódavaramu ..	9·50	9·50	19·11	19·11	18·48	18 48	
9. Anákapalle	9·00	9·00	16·38	16·38	..	..	
10. Yellamanchilli ..	9·00	11·00	14·56	14·56	..	..	
11. Narasapatnam ..	10·34	9·40	16·80	16·80	16·20	16·20	
Average ..	9·73	9·79	17·04	16·66	16·86	16·85	

Activity of trade.

	Exports. MDS.	Imports. MDS.
By sea, for the period ending 24th April 1897	568	1,000
By rail, do. do.	1,622	19,510
By road from Jeypore, for the period ending 24th April 1897		5,650 (carts).

Trade, active.—Markets very well supplied. No difficulty in purchasing staple grains anywhere even in small villages.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good. There are of course cases of poor and bad condition, but the general level is good. The Commissioner, who is now in this district, has noticed that the young girls between childhood and womanhood are more generally ill-nourished than any other age or sex. This is perhaps due to causes unconnected with the distress.

In villages.—There is no general deterioration noticeable in the condition of people in the villages, even in the most affected parts of the district, though here also of course exceptions are to be found. Beggars, cripples, destitute aged persons and children with sickly parents are the people who are occasionally found working poor in condition. People come so freely to the works that there is little to be seen in the villages over and above what is under ones eyes on the works.

SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

Nothing remarkable except cholera, which has nowhere taken much hold. The health of people on works has been very good in spite of their insanitary habits which it is not easy to combat. A hot sun and a high wind would appear to be excellent disinfectants.

Measure of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Relief works.			
I. Vizianagram—			
(1) Pusapati Rega	..	1,994	
II. Bimlipatam—			
(1) Dakmarri	3,078	2,371 *	* Decrease at Dakmarri due to opening of work at Rega.
(2) Padmanabham	..	40	
III. Vizagapatam—			
(1) Pendur	1,487	2,062	
Total ..	4,565	6,467	
Test relief works.			
I. Bimlipatam—			
(1) Bhogapuram	..	417	
II. Vizagapatam—			
(1) Gazuvaka	1,180	2,087	
III. Sarvasiddhi—			
(1) Kondakarla	1,444	1,359 †	† Decrease at Kondakarla due to opening of ordinary work in the vicinity.
Total ..	2,624	3,863	The general increase is due to opening of new works and also to increase of numbers on old ones caused by the drawing on of the idlest season of the year.
Grand Total ..	7,189	10,330	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise.

Taluks.	Number relieved			
	At Kitchens.			
	Dependants.		Others.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Government.				
I. Párvatípuram taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Párvatipuram ..	..	..	69	99
II. Chipurupalle taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Ranastalam	..	..	..	193
III. Vizianagram taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Pusapatirega ..	..	143	..	96
(2) Do. at Vizianagaram ..	..	..	124	151
IV. Bimlipatam—				
(1) Kitchen at Dakmarri ..	255	52	14	12
(2) Do. at Bhogapuram ..	..	91	..	4
(3) Do. at Padmanabham ..	..	5	..	..
V. Vizagapatam taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Pendur ..	108	143	22	44
(2) Do. at Gazuvaka	105	155	4	6
VI. Sarvasiddhi taluk—				
(1) Kitchen at Kondakarla	20	46	54	116
Total ..	488	635	287	721
Raja Gajapati Rao's Kitchens.				
1. Vizagapatam	..	..	67	140
2. Anakápalle	..	..	53	97
3. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	255	500
Total ..	..	..	375	737
Grand Total ..	488	635	662	1,458

Private Charity.—The Maharaja of Vizianagram, the Raja of Bobbili, Raja Gajapati Rao, the Ranis of Wadhwan and Ankitam Achayyamma, M.R.Ry. Perla Narayana Chetti and K. Venkanna Garu are dispensing charity on a large scale.

Raja Gajapati Rao's kitchens continue under my management.

General Remarks.

Some progress has been made during the fortnight. Three new works with kitchens attached have been opened, and one new kitchen for gratuitous relief apart from any work. Still more ordinary work has been put in hand by the Public Works Department, thus obviating the necessity for test works where we must otherwise have had them. I investigated the question of continuing the Kondarkarla work, and though I do not think it was strictly necessary to start it, still having been started, I cannot, I think, close it until the season improves. Besides, although the people on that work are in remarkably good condition, ragi is dearer in that neighbourhood than in any other part of the district. The Public Works Department has now taken over charge of all works except Kondakarla and Bhogapuram. The latter is a small one with only some 500 coolies, and I can manage it without the Public Works Department so long as it is required.

The Commissioner is now in the district seeing things for himself, so I need not say much about how things are going on. Within the last two days, since the close of the fortnight, there have been some further small showers of rain which encourage hope of better things.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and Places visited—Principal Assistant Collector.—Mr. Scott was occupied on the Dakmarri work, and in opening fresh works at Bhogapuram, Pusapatirega and Padmanabham and also visited other places in the Bimlipatam and Vizianagaram taluks and Ranastalam on the edge of Chipurupalle taluk where I have opened a kitchen for the beggars and such like. Mr. Elwin relieved him a week ago and has since visited all the above works.

Head Assistant Collector.—Mr. Elwin opened a new work at Kondakarla and also inspected the kitchens at Anakápalle and Yellamanchili, he was relieved by Mr. Wood on the 22nd. Mr. Wood has since been engaged at Kondakarla where he took charge.

Senior Assistant Collector.—Mr. Lys inspected a large number of villages in Bobbili and Párvatípuram taluks.

The Huzur Deputy Collector visited a good many villages in Srungavarapukota taluk and Vizagapatam taluk and attended to the test works at Gazuvaka and Pendurti and kitchen at Vizagapatam.

The Collector inspected—

Dakmarri relief work (four days).	Pendarti test work.
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also Vemulavalasa and other villages in Bimlipatam taluk and Padmanabham, where a site for a new work was selected.

Read—also letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 5th May 1897, Per. No. 24.

Abstract.—Forwarding statement of loans.

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Collector's report was written. More rain fell. Ploughing operations commenced, and pasture must by this time be springing up in Vizagapatam—the division where it was mo[illegible] scarce.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Miscellaneous. Recorded.

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