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Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—The supply of fodder continued to be sufficient in the Eastern section. In the North Central section the ryots were ceasing to give fodder to the ordinary cattle and were hoarding their stocks for the use of the tilling cattle. In the other sections it was only to be purchased at very high prices, though there is no doubt that the well-to-do ryots, especially in the canal villages, have a fair stock in reserve for their own animals. Except near streams, in the region of the hills, and in lowlying ground where owing to the recent rains water had stood for a few days, the supply of pasture was practically *nil*. In the Eastern section the condition of the cattle continued to be normal, but in the North Central section where up till the end of last month the cattle were in fair condition they were noticed to be slightly deteriorating. In the South Central and Western sections the weakness of the cattle was increasing and their poor condition was causing them to fall easy victims to the prevalent disease of rinderpest. The Board has recently stated its inability to send me a stock inspector to adopt measures for coping with the disease, but I would suggest that a small stock of medicine might be supplied to the stock inspectors who are working as circle inspectors for use in their respective circles.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—It is hoped that during the current fortnight cattle owners will take due advantage of the opening of the forest reserves to free grazing, though those I have spoken to on the subject appear to doubt the advisability of sending their cattle long distances till rain falls continously for a few days. During the fortnight arrangements were made to import pressed straw from Guntúr in view to offering it for sale at cost price at certain fixed centres, and the reports of the officers—the Assistant Collector and Special Deputy Collector respectively—deputed to attend to the business of selling it at Dhone and Nandyal are awaited.

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 May 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Pattikonda	7·56	7·56	..	16·48	12·36 (W and Y)	12·85 (W and Y)	11·28	16·48	Prices are rising in Markapur in all grains, while in Nandyal, Pyápali and Kalwa they are rising in cholam, stationery elsewhere.
Pyápali	8·64	8·56	..	15·53	13·39 (W and Y)	12·85 (W and Y)	11·28	13·39	
Kurnool	8·58	8·58	15·48	12·00	13·35 (W and Y)	13·35 (Y) 12·67 (W)	11·25	11·25	
Nandikótkur ..	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	9·28	16·77	16·77	14·04 (W) 13·70 (Y)	13·01 (W and Y)	11·56	..	
Kalwa	9·29	9·28	..	..	13·70 (W) 13·01 (Y)	13·01 (W and Y)	..	..	
Koilkuntla	9·96	9·96	13·50	13·50	12·24 (W and Y)	12·50 (W and Y)	13·05	..	
Owk	9·96	9·96	15·00	15·75	11·85 (W)	11·85 (W and Y)	11·60	..	
Allagadda	8·58	8·58	14·19	14·19	11·64 (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	8·30	18·00	16·50	..	..	13·05	12·32	
Average ..	9·15	9·00	15·42	15·08	13·07 (W) 13·19 (Y)	12·97 (W) 13·03 (Y)	12·01	13·29	

Activity of trade.—Food-grains are being freely sold everywhere. It is found very difficult to induce Komaties to open bazaars on the relief works, as the workers are, as a rule, indebted to the Komaties of their own villages and dare not offend them by procuring their necessaries from others.

Condition of the People.

On works.—The relief-workers throughout the district continue, with but few exceptions, to enjoy good health. I inspected four works in the Sirvel taluk and five works in the Koilkuntla taluk during the fortnight and found the people cheerful and contented for the most part. Several of the gangs engaged in embanking the canal near Mellavemula on the borders of the Cuddapah district, though appearing on the rolls as B class labourers, were turning out work but little short of the A class task, and I arranged to have their classification raised. At the work in progress near Itikala, I found the hammers supplied for metal breaking far too heavy for the women and have asked the Executive Engineer to supply some lighter ones: the new hammers now being issued appear to be excellent in every respect but their weight which is certainly suited only to able-bodied men.

North Central and Eastern sections.—The condition of the people continued to be generally good. In the former section the repairs of several tanks were being carried out as ordinary works to afford labour for the poorer classes till the setting in of the rains, and three kitchens for distressed Chenchus were working. In the latter section those Chenchus who required relief were receiving grain-doles from the American Baptist Mission. *South Central and Western sections.*—The condition of the people still continued to be fair on the whole. There has not been such progress as I could wish in the distribution of grain-doles, but good results may, I think, be expected during the fortnight. The Head Assistant Collector, with whom I was in camp for a few days, was sparing no pains to instruct his subordinates in the way that they should set to work. The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, has not yet been relieved of his ordinary duties, but promises, as soon as he is relieved, to give his most serious attention to the organization of village relief throughout his charge. A fair start has been made in the Pattikonda taluk, where the Tahsildar was relieved of his routine work by the Special Deputy Tahsildar towards the close of the fortnight. In addition to the two stock inspectors who have been working as circle inspectors for nearly two months, I have recently obtained the services of three Sub-Inspectors of the Salt and Abkári department: five men are daily expected to arrive from Kistna district, and on the Collectors of other three districts I indented for some fifteen men in all about the beginning of the month. There was once more a large increase in both sections in the number of relief-workers, necessitating the appointment of additional paymasters for several of the works.

Banganapalli State.—The Nawab reports that he is employing 163 poor persons on road works and distributing money-doles to 65 others. It is understood that he is also advancing money free of interest to a few of the weavers in his State in order to enable them to tide over the present bad season. The fact of the matter is that his resources are quite inadequate for the relief of distress on a suitable scale and the only course seems to be to freely admit to our work such of his subjects as apply for admission; the total number of them relieved in this way cannot be less than 1,500.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from starvation were reported. The health of the district may, under the existing circumstances, be said to be exceptionally good.

Remarks.—During the fortnight relief works were started near Pendekal railway station at Gudipad, in the Pyápali range, and at China Kambalur, in the Sirvel taluk. It is probable that we shall shortly have to open a relief work at Rangapuram, to which place the Head Assistant Collector is proceeding to institute enquiries as to the condition of the people, but there are no more in contemplation at present.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Pattikonda	20,790	27,394	* The difference between this figure and the figure reported in the season telegram for the week ending 15th May 1897 is due to the figures relating to one of the sections of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road having been omitted in the weekly season report by the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla.
Ramallakot	5,993	7,551	
Nandyal	5,176	6,632	
Koilkuntla	15,614	21,177	
Sirvel	8,019	10,854	
Total ..	55,592	*73,608	

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.
Pattikonda	663	1,104	14	56	..	..	35	111
Ramallakot	235	270	..	6	..	..	111	112
Nandikotkur	..	..	170	320	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	307	398	29	34	..	..	67	137
Koilkuntla	842	1,029	136	211	..	..	..	..
Sirvel	503	535	33	170	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,550	3,336	382	797	..	..	213	360

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given		Weaver's relief.			
			Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured	
	* Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Pattikonda	4	7	2,156	2,478	Reliable information not received.	
Ramallakot	2	2	1,240	† 1,074		
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	..	8	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	‡ 101	9	9
Sirvel	..	..	..	67	17	17

* The number was wrongly given in the last fortnightly narrative owing to a misapprehension.

† This figure, which appears in the season telegram to the Board, is doubtless incorrect, that furnished by the Head-quarter Deputy Collector, viz., 2,868, seems rather high. I have not yet received any explanation of the discrepancy.

‡ This figure was omitted by the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla in his weekly season report.

Private charity.—Nil.

Loans.—The Special Tahsildar appointed for loans work joined his duties a few days back and rapid progress in the disposal of applications may now be looked for in the Pattikonda taluk where the pendency is excessive.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		(Constructed or re-paired.	Under construction or repair.
	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	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Pattikonda	198	19,195	198	19,195	770	1,03,243	259	32,175	259	27,270	966	159,293	..	61
Ramallakot	3	440	3	440	78	9,750	17	3,320	14	2,790	131	25,420	..	11
Nandikotkur	3	450	3	450	3	320	4	700	4	700	4	620	..	2
Nandyal	15	1,645	15	1,645	6	825	20	2,695	20	2,195	38	10,550	..	5
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	5,590	24	4,540	60	12,340	..	24
Sirvel	6	1,050	6	1,050	12	1,220	69	10,500	48	9,000	45	12,090	..	42
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	250	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	400	..	..
Total ..	225	22,780	225	22,780	869	1,15,358	387	54,980	369	46,495	1,246	220,863	..	145

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.
1	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	19	1,310	..	..	..	..	43	4,280
Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	4	220	..	..	..	..	49	3,570
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	370	4	370	6	830
Koilkuntla	6	550	6	550	83	5,519	44	2,225	6	400	172	16,144
Sirvel	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	760	8	750	92	5,815
Cumbum	..	40	1	40	..	..	1	40	..	40	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	590	590	6	590	106	7,049	57	3,395	18	1,560	362	30,639

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						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.
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29				
	Rs.						Rs.					
Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	24	2,970	..	..				
Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	45	3,350	..	..				
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Nandyal	4	370	4	370	6	830	..	..				
Koilkuntla	44	2,225	5	400	172	16,144	6	560				
Sirvel	3	200	3	200	9	290	..	40				
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	40				
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Total ..	61	2,795	12	970	256	23,590	6	590				

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

Collector.—I was on tour throughout the fortnight.

Sirvel taluk.—Sirvel, Rudravaram, Alamur, Obalampalli, Padakandla, Allagadda, Chintagunta, Krishnapuram, Muthyalpad, Matamallachoduvur, Chenchu kitchen, Settivid, Chagalmaddi and Mallavemula. *Koilkuntla taluk.*—Nossam, Mayalur, Tummaladinne, Lingamdinne, Perusamala, Kotapad, Nandipad, Kalavatala work, Itikala work, Kesivanipalli, Alavakonda, Mukkumalla, Koilkuntla, Bhimunipad. *Nandyal taluk.*—Alamur work.

Head Assistant Collector.—He was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited—*Sirvel taluk.*—Allagadda. *Koilkuntla taluk.*—Koilkuntla. *Nandyal taluk.*—Alamur. Mr. Ghose was fully occupied during the greater part of the period in starting the weavers' relief scheme sanctioned for the Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks, and as he found it necessary to personally instruct the Tahsildars and appraisers in its working found it impossible to do much beyond moving backwards and forwards between the head-quarters of the two taluks. He has since started out on what will, he hopes, be a long tour of inspection.

Head-quarter Deputy Collector.—He was in camp for ten days during the fortnight and visited the following places:—Nandikotkur, Gadidemadugu, Brahmanakotkur, Bollavaram, Rudravaram, Pamulapad, Kambalapalli, Yerragudur, Karivena, Atmakúru, Kistapuram and Pumapuram.

Deputy Collector, Pyápali.—He was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following places:—*Pattikonda taluk.*—Bailuppula Agraharam, Mulagundam, Ternikal, Palakurti, Karivemula, Gudimavalla, Marella, Mettupalli, Garladinne, Malkapuram, Jaladurgam and Gudipad. *Ramallakot taluk.*—Dhone, Ulindakonda and Kurnool.

Deputy Collector, Cumbum.—He did not make any inspection as he was engaged in jamabandi work.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the fortnight the rainfall was above the average, especially in the eastern portion of the district and in Pyápalli. The supplies of drinking water have, in consequence, been improved in those parts, but difficulty still exists in obtaining water in the other parts of the district. The necessary steps are being taken towards improving the supply in villages where the want of water is most felt.

3. There were a few standing crops in the district, all under wells. They were in good condition. There is but little work in the fields, but the recent rains have encouraged the ryots to plough and manure their holdings.

4. The supply of pasture was practically *nil*. Fodder was sufficient in the eastern taluks; but was scarce in other parts and only to be purchased at very high prices. Tilling-cattle were as a rule in good condition, but in the western parts of the district they are being kept in good condition at the expense of the inferior kinds, which are deteriorating. Rinderpest prevails in the south, central and western sections and many cattle are dying from it. All the Stock Inspectors have already been deputed for famine duty. But arrangements are being made with the Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, for the despatch of medicines to the district. At the time of writing, cattle-owners had not availed themselves to any great extent of the concession of grazing their animals free in the forest reserves. This is not surprising, as the cattle cannot make long marches to the reserves, in their present weak condition, through a country bare of grazing and of water. To be of any use the concession should have been given when the cattle could have picked up a living on the way. During the fortnight arrangements were being made to import pressed straw from Guntur for sale at reduced rates for fodder; but no consignments were received.

5. The average of prices in the district rose slightly during the fortnight. The most noticeable rises were at Markapur in the case of rice, ragi and cumbu, and in ragi at Kurnool. The position of prices is shown in the accompanying statement:—

Rates.	Seers of 80 tolas per rupee. Rice.	Cholam.
Standard ...	13·2	30·0
Warning ...	10·6	22·5
Scarcity ...	7·9	15·0
Current ...	9·0	13·0
May 1892 ...	9·1	14·9
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Up to the end of the week ending:—

	Rs.
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May 1st ...	34,900
„ 8th ...	35,400
„ 15th ...	55,582

Satisfactory progress was shown during the last fortnight and it is hoped that, now a special tahsildar has joined in Pattikonda taluk, the numerous applications pending there may be rapidly cleared off.

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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

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

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	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
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Owk	9·96	9·96	15·00	15·75	11·85 (W)	11·85 (W and Y)	11·60	..	
Allagadda	8·58	8·58	14·19	14·19	11·64 (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	8·30	18·00	16·50	..	..	13·05	12·32	
Average ..	9·15	9·00	15·42	15·08	13·07 (W) 13·19 (Y)	12·97 (W) 13·03 (Y)	12·01	13·29	

Activity of trade.—Food-grains are being freely sold everywhere. It is found very difficult to induce Komaties to open bazaars on the relief works, as the workers are, as a rule, indebted to the Komaties of their own villages and dare not offend them by procuring their necessaries from others.

Condition of the People.

On works.—The relief-workers throughout the district continue, with but few exceptions, to enjoy good health. I inspected four works in the Sirvel taluk and five works in the Koilkuntla taluk during the fortnight and found the people cheerful and contented for the most part. Several of the gangs engaged in embanking the canal near Mellavemula on the borders of the Cuddapah district, though appearing on the rolls as B class labourers, were turning out work but little short of the A class task, and I arranged to have their classification raised. At the work in progress near Itikala, I found the hammers supplied for metal breaking far too heavy for the women and have asked the Executive Engineer to supply some lighter ones: the new hammers now being issued appear to be excellent in every respect but their weight which is certainly suited only to able-bodied men.

North Central and Eastern sections.—The condition of the people continued to be generally good. In the former section the repairs of several tanks were being carried out as ordinary works to afford labour for the poorer classes till the setting in of the rains, and three kitchens for distressed Chenchus were working. In the latter section those Chenchus who required relief were receiving grain-doles from the American Baptist Mission. *South Central and Western sections.*—The condition of the people still continued to be fair on the whole. There has not been such progress as I could wish in the distribution of grain-doles, but good results may, I think, be expected during the fortnight. The Head Assistant Collector, with whom I was in camp for a few days, was sparing no pains to instruct his subordinates in the way that they should set to work. The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, has not yet been relieved of his ordinary duties, but promises, as soon as he is relieved, to give his most serious attention to the organization of village relief throughout his charge. A fair start has been made in the Pattikonda taluk, where the Tahsildar was relieved of his routine work by the Special Deputy Tahsildar towards the close of the fortnight. In addition to the two stock inspectors who have been working as circle inspectors for nearly two months, I have recently obtained the services of three Sub-Inspectors of the Salt and Abkári department: five men are daily expected to arrive from Kistna district, and on the Collectors of other three districts I indented for some fifteen men in all about the beginning of the month. There was once more a large increase in both sections in the number of relief-workers, necessitating the appointment of additional paymasters for several of the works.

Banganapalli State.—The Nawab reports that he is employing 163 poor persons on road works and distributing money-doles to 65 others. It is understood that he is also advancing money free of interest to a few of the weavers in his State in order to enable them to tide over the present bad season. The fact of the matter is that his resources are quite inadequate for the relief of distress on a suitable scale and the only course seems to be to freely admit to our work such of his subjects as apply for admission; the total number of them relieved in this way cannot be less than 1,500.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from starvation were reported. The health of the district may under the existing circumstances, be said to be exceptionally good.

Remarks.—During the fortnight relief works were started near Pendekal railway station, Gudipad, in the Pyápali range, and at China Kambalur, in the Sirvel taluk. It is probable that we shall shortly have to open a relief work at Rangapuram, to which place the Head Assistant Collector is proceeding to institute enquiries as to the condition of the people, but there are no more in contemplation at present.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Pattikonda	20,790	27,394	* The difference between this figure and the figure reported in the season telegram for the week ending 15th May 1897 is due to the figures relating to one of the sections of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road having been omitted in the weekly season report by the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla.
Ramallakot	5,993	7,551	
Nandyal	5,176	6,632	
Koilkuntla	15,614	21,177	
Sirvel	8,019	10,854	
Total ..	55,592	*73,608	

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.
Pattikonda	663	1,104	14	56	..	..	35	111
Ramallakot	235	270	..	6	..	..	111	112
Nandikotkur	..	..	170	320	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	307	398	29	34	..	..	67	137
Koilkuntla	842	1,029	136	211	..	..	..	..
Sirvel	503	535	33	170	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,550	3,336	382	797	..	..	213	360

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given		Weaver's relief.			
			Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured	
	* Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Pattikonda	4	7	2,156	2,478	Reliable information not received.	
Ramallakot	2	2	1,240	† 1,074		
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	..	8	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	‡ 101	9	9
Sirvel	..	..	..	67	17	17

* The number was wrongly given in the last fortnightly narrative owing to a misapprehension.

† This figure, which appears in the season telegram to the Board, is doubtless incorrect, that furnished by the Head-quarter Deputy Collector, viz., 2,868, seems rather high. I have not yet received any explanation of the discrepancy.

‡ This figure was omitted by the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla in his weekly season report.

Private charity.—Nil.

Loans.—The Special Tahsildar appointed for loans work joined his duties a few days back and rapid progress in the disposal of applications may now be looked for in the Pattikonda taluk where the pendency is excessive.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.				Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			
Pattikonda	198	19,195	198	19,195	770	1,03,243	259	32,175	259	27,270	966	159,293	.. 61
Ramallakot	3	540	3	440	78	9,750	17	3,320	14	2,790	131	25,420	.. 11
Nandikotkur	3	450	3	460	3	320	4	700	4	700	4	520	.. 2
Nandyal	15	1,545	15	1,545	6	825	20	2,695	20	2,195	38	10,550	.. 5
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	5,590	24	4,540	60	12,340	.. 24
Sirvel	6	1,050	6	1,050	12	1,220	69	10,500	48	9,000	46	12,090	.. 42
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	250	.. ..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	400	.. ..
Total ..	225	22,780	225	22,780	869	1,15,358	387	54,980	369	46,495	1,246	220,863	.. 145

Cattle and seed-grain.

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	4	370	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	370	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	44	2,225	4	370	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	2,225	4	370	..	..
Sirvel	3	200	5	400	83	5,519	8	750	8	750	..	..	11	950	9	1,150	83	5,519
Cumbum	..	..	3	200	..	..	1	40	1	40	..	..	1	40	1	40	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	51	2,795	12	970	256	23,590	57	3,385	18	1,560	362	30,639	690	6	590	106	7,049	33

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

Collector.—I was on tour throughout the fortnight.

Sirvel taluk.—Sirvel, Rudravaram, Alamur, Obalampalli, Padakandla, Allagadda, Chintagunta, Krishnapuram, Muthyalpad, Matamallachoduvur, Chenchu kitchen, Settivid, Chagalmaddi and Mallavemula. *Koilkuntla taluk.*—Nossam, Mayalur, Tummaladinne, Lingamdinne, Perusamala, Kotapad, Nandipad, Kalavatala work, Itikala work, Kesivanipalli, Alavakonda, Mukkumalla, Koilkuntla, Bhimunipad. *Nandyal taluk.*—Alamur work.

Head Assistant Collector.—He was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited—*Sirvel taluk.*—Allagadda. *Koilkuntla taluk.*—Koilkuntla. *Nandyal taluk.*—Alamur. Mr. Ghose was fully occupied during the greater part of the period in starting the weavers' relief scheme sanctioned for the Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks, and as he found it necessary to personally instruct the Tahsildars and appraisers in its working found it impossible to do much beyond moving backwards and forwards between the head-quarters of the two taluks. He has since started out on what will, he hopes, be a long tour of inspection.

Head-quarter Deputy Collector.—He was in camp for ten days during the fortnight and visited the following places:—Nandikotkur, Gadidemadugu, Brahmanakotkur, Bollavaram, Rudravaram, Pamulapad, Kambalapalli, Yerragudur, Karivena, Atmakúru, Kistapuram and Pumapuram.

Deputy Collector, Pyápali.—He was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following places:—*Pattikonda taluk.*—Bailuppula Agraharam, Mulagundam, Ternikal, Palakurti, Karivemula, Gudimavalla, Marella, Mettupalli, Garladinne, Malkapuram, Jaladurgam and Gudipad. *Ramallakot taluk.*—Dhone, Ulindakonda and Kurnool.

Deputy Collector, Cumbum.—He did not make any inspection as he was engaged in jamabandi work.

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2. During the fortnight the rainfall was above the average, especially in the eastern portion of the district and in Pyápalli. The supplies of drinking water have, in consequence, been improved in those parts, but difficulty still exists in obtaining water in the other parts of the district. The necessary steps are being taken towards improving the supply in villages where the want of water is most felt.

3. There were a few standing crops in the district, all under wells. They were in good condition. There is but little work in the fields, but the recent rains have encouraged the ryots to plough and manure their holdings.

4. The supply of pasture was practically *nil*. Fodder was sufficient in the eastern taluks; but was scarce in other parts and only to be purchased at very high prices. Tilling-cattle were as a rule in good condition, but in the western parts of the district they are being kept in good condition at the expense of the inferior kinds, which are deteriorating. Rinderpest prevails in the south, central and western sections and many cattle are dying from it. All the Stock Inspectors have already been deputed for famine duty. But arrangements are being made with the Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, for the despatch of medicines to the district. At the time of writing, cattle-owners had not availed themselves to any great extent of the concession of grazing their animals free in the forest reserves. This is not surprising, as the cattle cannot make long marches to the reserves, in their present weak condition, through a country bare of grazing and of water. To be of any use the concession should have been given when the cattle could have picked up a living on the way. During the fortnight arrangements were being made to import pressed straw from Guntur for sale at reduced rates for fodder; but no consignments were received.

5. The average of prices in the district rose slightly during the fortnight. The most noticeable rises were at Markapur in the case of rice, ragi and cumbu, and in ragi at Kurnool. The position of prices is shown in the accompanying statement:—

Rates.	Seers of 80 tolas per rupee. Rice.	Cholam.
Standard	13·2	30·0
Warning	10·6	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	15·0
Current	9·0	13·0
May 1892	9·1	14·9
May 1877	6·6	7·3

The Collector's average is misleading as regards cumbu, in which there is an apparent fall due solely to the omission to report prices from stations where the price is high.

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7. Particulars of loan transactions are as follows, for the past four weeks:—

Up to the end of the week ending:—

	RS.
April 24th	30,345
May 1st	34,900
„ 8th	35,400
„ 15th	55,582

Satisfactory progress was shown during the last fortnight and it is hoped that, now a special tahsildar has joined in Pattikonda taluk, the numerous applications pending there may be rapidly cleared off.

8. Mr. Elwin has his heart in his work. The inspection of other officers was, under circumstances explained, generally satisfactory. The Famine Commissioner notes with pleasure the interest shown by the Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Ghose, in the administration of relief.

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State of the Country.

	INCHES.
Rainfall in rain-registering stations	·74
Rainfall from 1st April 1897	1·23
Average rainfall expected in the period	*
Average rainfall expected up to the period from 1st April	1·1

* Figures not available in camp.

Between 1 A.M. and 8 A.M. on 1st instant there was an excellent fall of rain along the foot of the Nallamalais between Gazulapalli and Mutyalpad. I happened to be marching that morning from Boilkuntla to Alamur and, instead of reaching my camp at the latter place at 9 o'clock, as I had hoped to do, I was, owing to the flooded state of the country, delayed till past noon. The rain did not extend to Allagadda, the registering station of the Sirvel taluk, but I estimated the fall in the villages I passed through at not less than 2 inches. On the same day there were good falls at Markapur (2·10 inches), Cumbum (1·62 inches), Pyápali (1·25 inches) and Nandikótkur (1·14 inches). There was slight rain all over the rest of the district.

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Koilkuntla	9·96	9·96	13·50	13·50	12·24 (W and Y)	12·50 (W and Y)	13·05	..	
Owk	9·96	9·96	15·00	15·75	11·85 (W)	11·85 (W and Y)	11·60	..	
Allagadda	8·58	8·58	14·19	14·19	11·64 (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	8·30	18·00	16·50	..	..	13·05	12·32	
Average ..	9·15	9·00	15·42	15·08	13·07 (W) 13·19 (Y)	12·97 (W) 13·03 (Y)	12·01	13·29	

Activity of trade.—Food-grains are being freely sold everywhere. It is found very difficult to induce Komaties to open bazaars on the relief works, as the workers are, as a rule, indebted to the Komaties of their own villages and dare not offend them by procuring their necessaries from others.

Condition of the People.

On works.—The relief-workers throughout the district continue, with but few exceptions, to enjoy good health. I inspected four works in the Sirvel taluk and five works in the Koilkuntla taluk during the fortnight and found the people cheerful and contented for the most part. Several of the gangs engaged in embanking the canal near Mellavemula on the borders of the Cuddapah district, though appearing on the rolls as B class labourers, were turning out work but little short of the A class task, and I arranged to have their classification raised. At the work in progress near Itikala, I found the hammers supplied for metal breaking far too heavy for the women and have asked the Executive Engineer to supply some lighter ones: the new hammers now being issued appear to be excellent in every respect but their weight which is certainly suited only to able-bodied men.

North Central and Eastern sections.—The condition of the people continued to be generally good. In the former section the repairs of several tanks were being carried out as ordinary works to afford labour for the poorer classes till the setting in of the rains, and three kitchens for distressed Chenchus were working. In the latter section those Chenchus who required relief were receiving grain-doles from the American Baptist Mission. *South Central and Western sections.*—The condition of the people still continued to be fair on the whole. There has not been such progress as I could wish in the distribution of grain-doles, but good results may, I think, be expected during the fortnight. The Head Assistant Collector, with whom I was in camp for a few days, was sparing no pains to instruct his subordinates in the way that they should set to work. The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, has not yet been relieved of his ordinary duties, but promises, as soon as he is relieved, to give his most serious attention to the organization of village relief throughout his charge. A fair start has been made in the Pattikonda taluk, where the Tahsildar was relieved of his routine work by the Special Deputy Tahsildar towards the close of the fortnight. In addition to the two stock inspectors who have been working as circle inspectors for nearly two months, I have recently obtained the services of three Sub-Inspectors of the Salt and Abkári department: five men are daily expected to arrive from Kistna district, and on the Collectors of other three districts I indented for some fifteen men in all about the beginning of the month. There was once more a large increase in both sections in the number of relief-workers, necessitating the appointment of additional paymasters for several of the works.

Banganapalli State.—The Nawab reports that he is employing 163 poor persons on road works and distributing money-doles to 65 others. It is understood that he is also advancing money free of interest to a few of the weavers in his State in order to enable them to tide over the present bad season. The fact of the matter is that his resources are quite inadequate for the relief of distress on a suitable scale and the only course seems to be to freely admit to our work such of his subjects as apply for admission; the total number of them relieved in this way cannot be less than 1,500.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from starvation were reported. The health of the district may, under the existing circumstances, be said to be exceptionally good.

Remarks.—During the fortnight relief works were started near Pendekal railway station at Gudipad, in the Pyápali range, and at China Kambalur, in the Sirvel taluk. It is probable that we shall shortly have to open a relief work at Rangapuram, to which place the Head Assistant Collector is proceeding to institute enquiries as to the condition of the people, but there are no more in contemplation at present.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Pattikonda	20,790	27,394	* The difference between this figure and the figure reported in the season telegram for the week ending 15th May 1897 is due to the figures relating to one of the sections of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road having been omitted in the weekly season report by the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla.
Ramallakot	5,993	7,551	
Nandyal	5,176	6,632	
Koilkuntla	15,614	21,177	
Sirvel	8,019	10,854	
Total ..	55,592	*73,608	

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.
Pattikonda	663	1,104	14	56	..	..	35	111
Ramallakot	235	270	..	6	..	..	111	112
Nandikotkur	..	..	170	320	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	307	398	29	34	..	..	67	137
Koilkuntla	842	1,029	136	211	..	..	..	..
Sirvel	503	535	33	170	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,550	3,336	382	797	..	..	213	360

Taluks.	Weaver's relief.				
	Number of villages in which relief was given		Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured	
	* Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Pattikonda	4	7	2,156	2,478	Reliable information not received.	
Ramallakot	2	2	1,240	† 1,074		
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	..	8	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	‡ 101	9	9
Sirvel	..	..	..	67	17	17

* The number was wrongly given in the last fortnightly narrative owing to a misapprehension.

† This figure, which appears in the season telegram to the Board, is doubtless incorrect, that furnished by the Head-quarter Deputy Collector, viz., 2,868, seems rather high. I have not yet received any explanation of the discrepancy.

‡ This figure was omitted by the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla in his weekly season report.

Private charity.—Nil.

Loans.—The Special Tahsildar appointed for loans work joined his duties a few days back and rapid progress in the disposal of applications may now be looked for in the Pattikonda taluk where the pendency is excessive.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.								Total.						Number of wells.	
	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.		
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Pattikonda	198	19,195	198	19,195	770	1,03,243	259	32,175	259	27,270	966	159,293	..	61
Ramallakot	4	540	3	440	78	9,750	17	3,320	14	2,750	131	25,420	..	11
Nandikotkur	3	450	3	450	3	320	4	700	4	700	4	620	..	2
Nandyal	15	1,545	15	1,545	6	825	20	2,695	20	2,195	38	10,550	..	5
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	5,590	24	4,640	60	12,340	..	24
Sirvel	6	1,050	6	1,050	12	1,220	59	10,500	48	9,000	45	12,090	..	42
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	250	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	400	..	..
Total	226	22,780	225	22,780	869	1,15,358	387	54,980	369	46,495	1,246	220,863	..	145

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.
	28	Rs.	30	Rs.	32	Rs.	33	Rs.	36	Rs.	38	Rs.
Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	19	1,310	..	..	..	..	43	4,280
Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	4	220	..	..	..	..	49	3,570
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	370	4	370	..	..
Nandyal	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	2,225	5	400	6	830
Koilkuntla	5	550	5	550	83	5,519	8	750	8	750	172	16,144
Sirvel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92	5,815
Cumbum	1	40	1	40	..	..	1	40	1	40	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	6	590	6	590	106	7,049	57	3,385	18	1,560	362	30,639

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								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.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Pattikonda	61	12,980	61	8,075	196	66,050	198	19,195	198	19,195	770	1,03,243
Ramallakot	13	2,780	11	2,350	53	15,670	4	540	3	440	78	9,750
Nandikotkur	1	250	1	250	1	200	3	450	3	450	3	320
Nandyal	5	1,150	5	650	32	9,725	15	1,545	15	1,545	6	825
Koilkuntla	28	6,590	24	4,540	60	12,340	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sirvel	53	9,450	42	7,950	33	10,870	6	1,050	6	1,050	12	1,220
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	1	250	..	..	..	..	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	1	400	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	161	32,200	144	23,815	377	1,05,505	226	22,780	225	22,780	869	1,15,358

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.								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.
Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	24	2,970	..	..	..	..	19	1,310
Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	46	3,350	..	..	..	..	4	220
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	4	370	4	370	6	830	4	370	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	44	2,225	5	400	172	16,144	44	2,225	5	400	83	5,519
Sirvel	3	200	3	200	9	296	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	51	2,795	12	970	256	23,590	6	590	6	590	106	7,049

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

Collector.—I was on tour throughout the fortnight.

Sirvel taluk.—Sirvel, Rudravaram, Alamur, Obalampalli, Padakandla, Allagadda, Chintagunta, Krishnapuram, Muthyalpad, Matamallachoduvur, Chenchu kitchen, Settivid, Chagalmaddi and Mallavemula. *Koilkuntla taluk.*—Nossam, Mayalur, Tummaladinne, Lingamdinne, Perusamala, Kotapad, Nandipad, Kalavatala work, Itikala work, Kesivanipalli, Alavakonda, Mukkumalla, Koilkuntla, Bhimunipad. *Nandyal taluk.*—Alamur work.

Head Assistant Collector.—He was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited—

Sirvel taluk.—Allagadda. *Koilkuntla taluk.*—Koilkuntla. *Nandyal taluk.*—Alamur. Mr. Ghose was fully occupied during the greater part of the period in starting the weavers' relief scheme sanctioned for the Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks, and as he found it necessary to personally instruct the Tahsildars and appraisers in its working found it impossible to do much beyond moving backwards and forwards between the head-quarters of the two taluks. He has since started out on what will, he hopes, be a long tour of inspection.

Head-quarter Deputy Collector.—He was in camp for ten days during the fortnight and visited the following places:—Nandikotkur, Gadidemadugu, Brahmanakotkur, Bollavaram, Rudravaram, Pamulapad, Kambalapalli, Yerragudur, Karivena, Atmakúru, Kistapuram and Pumapuram.

Deputy Collector, Pyápali.—He was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following places:—*Pattikonda taluk.*—Bailuppula Agraharam, Mulagundam, Ternikal, Palakurti, Karivemula, Gudimavalla, Marella, Mettupalli, Garladinne, Malkapuram, Jaladurgam and Gudipad. *Ramallakot taluk.*—Dhone, Ulindakonda and Kurnool.

Deputy Collector, Cumbum.—He did not make any inspection as he was engaged in jamabandi work.

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2. During the fortnight the rainfall was above the average, especially in the eastern portion of the district and in Pyápalli. The supplies of drinking water have, in consequence, been improved in those parts, but difficulty still exists in obtaining water in the other parts of the district. The necessary steps are being taken towards improving the supply in villages where the want of water is most felt.

3. There were a few standing crops in the district, all under wells. They were in good condition. There is but little work in the fields, but the recent rains have encouraged the ryots to plough and manure their holdings.

4. The supply of pasture was practically *nil*. Fodder was sufficient in the eastern taluks; but was scarce in other parts and only to be purchased at very high prices. Tilling-cattle were as a rule in good condition, but in the western parts of the district they are being kept in good condition at the expense of the inferior kinds, which are deteriorating. Rinderpest prevails in the south, central and western sections and many cattle are dying from it. All the Stock Inspectors have already been deputed for famine duty. But arrangements are being made with the Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, for the despatch of medicines to the district. At the time of writing, cattle-owners had not availed themselves to any great extent of the concession of grazing their animals free in the forest reserves. This is not surprising, as the cattle cannot make long marches to the reserves, in their present weak condition, through a country bare of grazing and of water. To be of any use the concession should have been given when the cattle could have picked up a living on the way. During the fortnight arrangements were being made to import pressed straw from Guntur for sale at reduced rates for fodder; but no consignments were received.

5. The average of prices in the district rose slightly during the fortnight. The most noticeable rises were at Markapur in the case of rice, ragi and cumbu, and in ragi at Kurnool. The position of prices is shown in the accompanying statement:—

Rates.	Seers of 80 tolas per rupee. Rice.	Cholam.
Standard	13·2	30·0
Warning	10·6	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	15·0
Current	9·0	13·0
May 1892	9·1	14·9
May 1877	6·6	7·3

The Collector's average is misleading as regards cumbu, in which there is an apparent fall due solely to the omission to report prices from stations where the price is high.

6. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on relief works increased during the period under report by 32 per cent. The administration of village relief is progressing, though slowly. The Collector is hampered by want of Circle Inspectors, but it is satisfactory to note that a fair start has been made in the Pattikonda taluk where relief is most urgently required. The Collector should admit to relief works all applicants for employment from the Banganapalli state.

7. Particulars of loan transactions are as follows, for the past four weeks:—

Up to the end of the week ending:—

	Rs.
April 24th	30,345
May 1st	34,900
,, 8th	35,400
,, 15th	55,582

Satisfactory progress was shown during the last fortnight and it is hoped that, now a special tahsildar has joined in Pattikonda taluk, the numerous applications pending there may be rapidly cleared off.

8. Mr. Elwin has his heart in his work. The inspection of other officers was, under circumstances explained, generally satisfactory. The Famine Commissioner notes with pleasure the interest shown by the Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Ghose, in the administration of relief.

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

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