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Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolahs per rupee, for the period ending 15th of June 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.	
Tadpatri	8·64	8·64	14·55	14·55	11·33	12·36	11·33	11·84	The prices are mostly stationary, but the price of cholam is rising in Gooty and Hindupur and falling in Tadpatri, Yadiki and Uravakonda.
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Gooty	8·64	8·64	15·52	15·52	11·33	10·30	12·36	11·33	
Uravakonda	9·45	8·96	16·80	16·80	10·50	11·55	..	..	
Anantapur	8·64	8·64	15·52	15·52	13·39	13·39	..	..	
Kalyandrug	10·80	10·80	15·52	15·52	13·39	13·39	16·48	16·48	
Dharmavaram ..	8·64	8·64	14·55	15·52	14·42	13·39	15·45	14·42	
Penukonda	8·64	8·64	17·46	17·46	14·42	13·39	..	..	
Hindúpur	9·67	9·67	21·50	21·50	13·97	13·65	..	..	
Madakasira	10·80	10·80	19·40	19·40	..	..	..	..	
Average ..	9·14	9·15	16·53	16·63	12·84	12·64	13·28	13·08	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is brisk in Tadpatri and Hindúpur and fairly brisk in Penukonda and Dharmavaram. Cholam is being exported from the two latter taluks to Bellary and other places. Ragi is being imported into Dharmavaram from the Mysore province and rice into Tadpatri from Guntúr, Salem, Coimbatore, &c., and cholam from Nellore and Venkatagiri.

Condition of the People.

(1) *On works.*—Generally fair in the Gooty division and good in other places. There are still many cases of guineaworm on the Gudur work (Tadpatri) There are weakly workers still on every work in this taluk, especially among the children. This is due probably to the trying heat of May, but the change in the weather will probably bring on improvement.

(2) *In villages.*—Generally good. About 6,200 men are employed on loan works in the district. The Deputy Collector, Gooty, mentions in his report that some needy weavers of Uravakonda have come on the relief works, and I am making further inquiries as to why the weavers here have chosen this less congenial field for their livelihood. My visit to Damaketepalli work showed me that there were none on the work who could support themselves otherwise. Many of them had husbands who were doing odd jobs, but did not earn enough to keep their wives and children as well as themselves. Further a field in Budali firka, good rains have fallen and the people can get work for the present at least.

Sickness and mortality.—Fever and small-pox in Penukonda and Hindúpur. About 83 attacks and 5 deaths in the latter taluk. A case of suspected cholera was reported by the overseer of Pennér relief work in Tadpatri which on investigation proved to be a severe attack of indigestion consequent upon an unexplained and unnecessary meal of raw ragi. Necessary arrangements for keeping the water-supply free from pollution have also been effected. The District Surgeon has informed me that he has received notice of the posting of one or two medical subordinates to this district some ten days or more ago. They have not yet arrived. I would submit that it might be suggested to the Surgeon-General that it does not seem sufficient to post men to this district; it is also necessary to send them. It was because of these repeated delays that I addressed Government above his head in the

matter of the Plague Hospital Assistants. One thing appears certain, which is, that the rate of pay offered is not high enough. The services of medical officers with 3 or 4 works under them would be cheap at Rs. 100.

Remarks.—Nil.

Measures of Relief.

Works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers :—

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Tadpatri	14,912	15,450	
Gooty	12,288	14,186	
Anantapur	6,443	6,162	
Dharmavaram	7,193	4,647	
Kalyandrug	639	233	Test work.
Penukonda	765	964	Do.
Hindúpur	177	81	Do.
Total ..	42,417	41,752	(Last week 49,399.) It is difficult to say whether the fall in numbers is nearly wholly due to the moharam or partially to the rains. I am making enquiries.

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.
Tadpatri	762	721	284	260	..	..	3,556	3,164
Gooty	369	555	90	101	..	..	1,124	1,698
Anantapur	164	195	83	32	..	..	1,216	1,174
Dharmavaram	510	497	122	116	..	..	..	2,603
Kalyandrug	18	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Penukonda	..	116	133	38	..	..	..	..
Hindúpur	..	20	52	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,823	2,107	765	547	..	..	5,896	8,639

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.
Tadpatri	Not reported.		916	1,012	1,916	4,189
Gooty						
Anantapur	69	130	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	..	90	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—The local Committees of the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund are distributing money and grain doles as usual. I have received notice of the allotment of half lakh for seed-grain. It will all be distributed in a week or ten days as I have made special arrangements *ad hoc*.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Other purposes.								Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		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.		
	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.		
Tadpatri	26	4,780	23	2,655	76	22,065			30	2,785	25	2,305	125	25,615			56	7,565	48	4,960	201	47,680	2	21
Gooty	38	8,290	29	4,140	170	41,815			555	68,835	513	63,623	676	134,155			573	77,125	542	67,763	846	175,950	..	38
Anantapur	305	28,777	303	27,637	304	35,335			8	955	8	855	18	5,100			313	29,732	311	28,492	322	40,435	4	202
Kalyandrug	173	24,275	161	14,092	62	12,170			20	2,720	18	1,820	36	6,075			193	26,995	179	15,912	98	18,245	4	168
Dharmavaram	188	21,150	188	15,778	45	6,405			3	500	3	500	7	900			191	21,650	179	16,278	62	7,305	12	185
Penukonda	71	10,090	45	4,830	10	1,975			3	310	2	250	3	130			74	10,400	47	5,080	13	2,105	6	52
Hindúpur	196	33,350	170	24,307	94	23,010			..	1,150	3	1,075	..	500			199	34,500	173	25,382	95	23,510	6	174
Madakasira	66	11,920	34	6,560	31	6,950			..	..	..	..	..	..			66	11,920	34	6,560	31	6,950	1	34
Total ..	1,063	1,42,632	953	99,999	792	1,49,725			602	77,255	572	70,428	866	1,72,455			1,665	2,19,887	1,525	1,70,427	1,658	3,22,180	35	864

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
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Tadpatri	161	7,414	143	7,064	435	31,032	..	..	..	..	..	..	151	7,414	143	7,064	449	32,049
Gooty	211	11,090	211	11,090	849	50,260	..	..	..	..	..	..	211	11,090	211	11,090	849	50,260
Anantapur	..	..	..	..	1	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	150
Kalyandrug	..	..	..	..	19	1,475	44	2,780	43	2,780	4	570	..	..	..	..	34	2,330
Dharmavaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	570	7	570	1	750	44	2,780	43	2,680	68	3,881
Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	750	11	750	7	1,475	11	750	11	750	7	640
Hindúpur	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	1,475	7	1,475	..	..	14	1,475	7	1,075	3	2,590
Madakasira	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	375
Total ..	372	18,504	354	18,154	1,304	82,817	78	5,575	65	4,755	142	9,448	440	24,079	419	22,909	1,446	92,265

Taluks and places visited.

Head Assistant Collector.

Dharmavaram taluk—

Perur.	Ellakuntla.
Kothapalli.	Mamillapalli.
Dubbarupalli.	Dharmavaram.
Konitinayanipalyam.	Nagasamudram.
Vepakunta.	Potlamarri.
Maddala cheruvu.	Ravalcheruvu.
Bhanukota.	Demajipalli.
Togarkunta.	Chennekottapalli.
Kanaganapalli.	Pyoyadindi.
Regatipalli.	

Penukonda taluk—

Guttur.	Chendragiri.
Penukonda.	Kurubuvandilapalli.
Duddebandu.	

Gooty Famine Divisional officer.

Tadpatri taluk—

Tadpatri.
Nandalapad.
Sajjaladinna.
Medithurti.
Nithor.
Peddumallaipalli.
Senagalgudur.
Ellanur.
Pathapalli.
Gandlapad.
Kondumurthi.
Chilamakur.
Rayavenkatampalli.

Gooty taluk—

Konakondla.
Vajrakarur.
Uravakonda.
Boodagavi.
Undubandu.
Palthur.
Karakamukkalu.
Vidapeenakal.
Velpumadugu.
Mulupuram.
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Kandukur.
Akutotapalli.
Gangulakunta.
Kurrugunta.
Pampanur.
Atmakur.
Hammapuram.
Cholasamudram.
Kuderu.
Aravakur.
Kammur.
Patticheruvu.
Gotukur.
Rachanapalli.
Anantapur.

Kalyandrug taluk—

Kalvapalli.
Seebhavi.
Golla.
Bavarampalli.
Devadula betta.
Kalyandrug.
Gubanapalli.
Mallikharjunapalli.
Pulikallu.
Narasapuram.
Yetakul.
Avalenna.
Yerragudi.
Beluguppa.
Tuggupasti.
Budigumma.

Collector.

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Srikantapuram.

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Samireddipalli.
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General remarks.—Prospects are more hopeful. There are indications of a favourable turn in the weather which is just now monsoonish. But unless a good deal more rain falls soon, what has already fallen will not do much good. There is a decrease of 7,647 coolies on the works as compared with the attendance during the previous week and 665 as compared with the previous fortnight. This is attributable partly to the rains and partly to the "Mohurrum" which is a feast with the Hindus as well as the Muhammadans. Two additional works were started during the fortnight—one in Dharmavaram and the other in Anantapur. This makes a total of 37 works in progress. Arrangements have been made to open more works in Gooty, Tadpatri, Dharmavaram and Penukonda taluks, but I am waiting to see the result of the monsoon. In *re* the condition of the Budili firka of the Hindupúr taluk there has been good rain in those parts, and my enquiries show that no works need be opened as yet.

The Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras is apparently somewhat wroth at what he calls "direct intercommunication" with the executive officers of the department. I am quite in accord with him as to the unusual course I took in addressing Government direct for the transfer of the Plague hospital assistants, but the delay in the arrival of men posted to this district by the Surgeon-General left me no option in the matter. Of the two hospital assistants ordered to this district on 27th April 1897—one joined on 22nd May 1897 and was then taken away and posted to Bellary. The other has not joined at all. A third posted on the 3rd May, joined on the 28th idem. A fourth deputed on 18th May has not yet turned up. Under these circumstances I think, perhaps, even the Surgeon-General would admit that I have some excuse for my action. The Honourable Mr. James has come and gone. I am very doubtful whether his visit will do us much good. It seems he has only 16 lakhs to divide between Madras and Bombay—a sum which would only just suffice for the Deccan districts of this Presidency. I gave him all the information in my power, but if he has not the funds, he cannot give them.

Resolution—dated 23rd June 1897, No. 461.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was good. The supplies of drinking-water were much improved, but difficulties are still felt in parts. Tanks received small supplies, but they are insufficient to encourage wet cultivation to any considerable extent. Preparations were being made on dry lands for the next crop, but sowings will not be extensive unless further rain falls shortly.

3. Pasture was *nil*, though there are hopes of some in the near future. Fodder was dear and scarce. The price of imported fodder was increased owing to the brisk demand, and it appears from the daily reports that ryots willingly pay the enhanced price.

4. Prices were slightly easier, except in the case of cholam. Their comparative position is shown by the following figures :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam (mixed).
Normal	13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning	10·6	24·0	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	16·0	15·0
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Trade was fairly brisk.

5. The condition of the people was generally good, except in the Gooty division where it was fair. The numbers on relief works, which at the middle of the fortnight showed a considerable increase, fell off by the end of the period under report by 665 or by about 1½ per cent. The Collector is uncertain whether this was due to the rain or to the Mohurrum. The only noticeable decrease was in Dharmavaram —35 per cent.; and as it was in this area that the rainfall was best, the more probable cause seems to be the improvement of the season. The numbers on gratuitous relief in villages increased by about 2,700; but this was the result of the extension of the administration of gratuitous relief in villages to the Dharmavaram taluk.

6. The progress in the disposal of applications for loans is shown by the following figures :—

Week ending—	Rs.
May 29th	1,75,133
June 5th	1,81,573
Do. 12th	1,94,351
Do. 19th	2,07,194

Applications for 4 lakhs still remains to be disposed of. The arrears will not be overtaken unless the price is increased. Much remains to be done in Gooty.

(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.

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CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

(1) *On works.*—Generally fair in the Gooty division and good in other places. There are still many cases of guineaworm on the Gudur work (Tadpatri) There are weakly workers still on every work in this taluk, especially among the children. This is due probably to the trying heat of May, but the change in the weather will probably bring on improvement.

(2) *In villages.*—Generally good. About 6,200 men are employed on loan works in the district. The Deputy Collector, Gooty, mentions in his report that some needy weavers of Uravakonda have come on the relief works, and I am making further inquiries as to why the weavers here have chosen this less congenial field for their livelihood. My visit to Damaketepalli work showed me that there were none on the work who could support themselves otherwise. Many of them had husbands who were doing odd jobs, but did not earn enough to keep their wives and children as well as themselves. Further a field in Budali firka, good rains have fallen and the people can get work for the present at least.

Sickness and mortality.—Fever and small-pox in Penukonda and Hindúpur. About 83 attacks and 5 deaths in the latter taluk. A case of suspected cholera was reported by the overseer of Pennér relief work in Tadpatri which on investigation proved to be a severe attack of indigestion consequent upon an unexplained and unnecessary meal of raw ragi. Necessary arrangements for keeping the water-supply free from pollution have also been effected. The District Surgeon has informed me that he has received notice of the posting of one or two medical subordinates to this district some ten days or more ago. They have not yet arrived. I would submit that it might be suggested to the Surgeon-General that it does not seem sufficient to post men to this district; it is also necessary to send them. It was because of these repeated delays that I addressed Government above his head in the

matter of the Plague Hospital Assistants. One thing appears certain, which is, that the rate of pay offered is not high enough. The services of medical officers with 3 or 4 works under them would be cheap at Rs. 100.

Remarks.—Nil.

Measures of Relief.

Works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers:—

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Tadpatri	14,912	15,450	
Gooty	12,288	14,186	
Anantapur	6,443	6,162	
Dharmavaram	7,193	4,647	
Kalyandrug	639	233	Test work.
Penukonda	765	964	Do.
Hindúpur	177	81	Do.
Total ..	42,417	41,752	(Last week 49,399.) It is difficult to say whether the fall in numbers is nearly wholly due to the moharam or partially due to the rains. I am making enquiries.

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.
Tadpatri	762	721	284	260	..	..	3,556	3,164
Gooty	369	555	90	101	..	..	1,124	1,698
Anantapur	164	195	83	32	..	..	1,216	1,174
Dharmavaram	510	497	122	116	..	..	..	2,603
Kalyandrug	18	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Penukonda	..	116	133	38	..	..	..	..
Hindúpur	..	20	52	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,823	2,107	765	547	..	..	5,896	8,639

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.
Tadpatri	Not reported.		916	1,012	1,916	4,189
Gooty						
Anantapur	69	130	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	..	90	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—The local Committees of the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund are distributing money and grain doles as usual. I have received notice of the allotment of half lakh for seed-grain. It will all be distributed in a week or ten days as I have made special arrangements *ad hoc*.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		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.		
Tadpatri	26	4,780	23	2,655	76	22,065	30	2,785	25	2,308	125	25,615	56	7,565	201	47,680	2		21	
Gooty	38	8,290	29	4,140	170	41,815	535	68,835	513	63,623	676	1,34,135	573	77,125	846	1,75,960	..		38	
Anantapur	305	28,777	303	27,637	304	35,335	8	955	8	855	18	5,100	313	29,732	322	40,435	4		209	
Kalyandrug	173	24,275	161	14,092	62	12,170	20	2,720	18	1,820	36	6,075	193	26,995	179	15,912	4		158	
Dharmavaram	188	21,150	188	15,778	45	6,405	3	500	3	500	7	900	191	21,650	98	18,245	12		185	
Penukonda	71	10,090	45	4,830	10	1,975	3	310	2	250	3	130	74	10,400	52	7,305	6		62	
Hindúpur	196	33,350	170	24,307	94	23,010	3	1,150	3	1,075	1	500	199	34,500	173	25,382	6		174	
Madakasira	66	11,920	34	6,560	31	6,950	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	11,920	34	6,560	1		34	
Total ..	1,063	1,42,632	953	99,999	792	1,49,725	602	77,255	572	70,428	866	1,72,455	1,665	2,19,387	1,525	1,70,427	1,658	3,22,180	35	864

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
	Rs.			Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.	Rs.			Rs.		Rs.
Tadpatri	151	7,414	143	7,064	435	31,032	..	..	..	..	14	1,017	151	7,414	143	7,064	449	32,049
Gooty	211	11,090	211	11,090	849	50,260	..	..	..	..	..	..	211	11,090	211	11,090	849	50,260
Anantapur	..	..	..	..	1	50	..	..	..	..	2	100	..	..	..	..	3	150
Kalyandrug	..	..	..	..	19	1,475	..	..	..	..	15	845	..	..	..	..	34	2,320
Dharmavaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	2,780	43	2,680	68	3,851	44	2,780	43	2,680	68	3,881
Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	570	4	250	7	640	9	570	4	250	7	640
Hindúpur	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	750	11	750	33	2,590	11	750	11	750	33	2,590
Madakasira	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	1,475	7	1,075	3	375	14	1,475	7	1,075	3	375
Total ..	362	18,504	354	18,154	1,304	82,817	78	5,575	65	4,755	142	9,448	440	24,079	419	22,909	1,446	92,265

Taluks and places visited.

Head Assistant Collector.

Dharmavaram taluk—

Perur.
Kothapalli.
Dubbarupalli.
Konitinayanipalyam.
Vepakunta.
Maddala cheruvu.
Bhanukota.
Togarkunta.
Kanaganapalli.
Regatipalli.
Ellakuntla.
Mamillapalli.
Dharmavaram.
Nagasamudram.
Potlamarri.
Ravalcheruvu.
Demajipalli.
Chennekottapalli.
Pyoyadindi.

Penukonda taluk—

Guttur.
Penukonda.
Duddebandu.
Chendragiri.
Kurubuvandilapalli.

Gooty Famine Divisional officer.

Tadpatri taluk—

Tadpatri.
Nandalapad.
Sajjaladinna.
Medithurti.
Nithor.
Peddumallaipalli.
Senagalgudur.
Ellanur.
Pathapalli.
Gandlapad.
Kondumurthi.
Chilamakur.
Rayavenkatampalli.

Gooty taluk—

Konakondla.
Vajrakarur.
Uravakonda.
Boodagavi.
Undubandu.
Palthur.
Karakamukkalu.
Vidapeenakal.
Velpumadugu.
Mulupuram.
Godekal.
Hanchinahual.
Guntakal.
Goolapaliam.

Anantapur Famine Divisional officer.

Anantapur taluk—

Kandukur.
Akutotapalli.
Gangulakunta.
Kurrugunta.
Pampanur.
Atmakur.
Hammapuram.
Cholasamudram.
Kuderu.
Aravakur.
Kammur.
Patticheruvu.
Gotukur.
Rachanapalli.
Anantapur.

Kalyandrug taluk—

Kalvapalli.
Seebhavi.
Golla.
Bavarampalli.
Devadula betta.
Kalyandrug.
Gubanapalli.
Mallikharjunapalli.
Pulikallu.
Narasapuram.
Yetakul.
Avalenna.
Yerragudi.
Beluguppa.
Tuggupasti.
Budigumma.

Collector.

Hindupur.
Leputchi.
Anantapur.
Tadpatri.
Gooty.
Guntakal.
Srikantapuram.
Cholasamudram.
Birsalavallapalli.
Samireddipalli.
Dameketapalli.
Bongalapalli.
Gongidipalli.

General remarks.—Prospects are more hopeful. There are indications of a favourable turn in the weather which is just now monsoonish. But unless a good deal more rain falls soon, what has already fallen will not do much good. There is a decrease of 7,647 coolies on the works as compared with the attendance during the previous week and 665 as compared with the previous fortnight. This is attributable partly to the rains and partly to the "Mohurrum" which is a feast with the Hindus as well as the Muhammadans. Two additional works were started during the fortnight—one in Dharmavaram and the other in Anantapur. This makes a total of 37 works in progress. Arrangements have been made to open more works in Gooty, Tadpatri, Dharmavaram and Penukonda taluks, but I am waiting to see the result of the monsoon. In *re* the condition of the Budili firka of the Hindupúr taluk there has been good rain in those parts, and my enquiries show that no works need be opened as yet.

The Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras is apparently somewhat wroth at what he calls "direct intercommunication" with the executive officers of the department. I am quite in accord with him as to the unusual course I took in addressing Government direct for the transfer of the Plague hospital assistants, but the delay in the arrival of men posted to this district by the Surgeon-General left me no option in the matter. Of the two hospital assistants ordered to this district on 27th April 1897—one joined on 22nd May 1897 and was then taken away and posted to Bellary. The other has not joined at all. A third posted on the 3rd May, joined on the 28th idem. A fourth deputed on 18th May has not yet turned up. Under these circumstances I think, perhaps, even the Surgeon-General would admit that I have some excuse for my action. The Honourable Mr. James has come and gone. I am very doubtful whether his visit will do us much good. It seems he has only 16 lakhs to divide between Madras and Bombay—a sum which would only just suffice for the Deccan districts of this Presidency. I gave him all the information in my power, but if he has not the funds, he cannot give them.

Resolution—dated 23rd June 1897, No. 461.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was good. The supplies of drinking-water were much improved, but difficulties are still felt in parts. Tanks received small supplies, but they are insufficient to encourage wet cultivation to any considerable extent. Preparations were being made on dry lands for the next crop, but sowings will not be extensive unless further rain falls shortly.

3. Pasture was *nil*, though there are hopes of some in the near future. Fodder was dear and scarce. The price of imported fodder was increased owing to the brisk demand, and it appears from the daily reports that ryots willingly pay the enhanced price.

4. Prices were slightly easier, except in the case of cholam. Their comparative position is shown by the following figures :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam (mixed).
Normal	13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning	10·6	24·0	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	16·0	15·0
Current	9·1	16·6	12·9
June 1892	9·1	16·0	15·7
June 1877	6·7	7·3	7·2

Trade was fairly brisk.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Anantapur.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

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STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There has been rain in all stations of the district during the fortnight, the lowest fall 0·56 having been registered in Yadiki and the largest in Uravakonda (2·87).

						INCHES.
Average district rainfall during the fortnight						1·76
Do.	up to the fortnight	...	...	...	...	3·43
Average expected in the period						1·34
Do.	up to the period	...	...	...	...	4·11

The rainfall was general throughout and was moderately heavy in the Kanaganupalli firka of Dharmavaram taluk and Uravakonda division of the Gooty taluk. In the former a few tanks have received full and several others partial supplies ranging from one to two months. In the remaining taluks also, kuntas and tanks are reported to have received from ten days to one month-and-a-half supplies. Several of the large tanks in the district have received a fair supply also, notably Anantapur (kasba) and Pattakottucheruvu. In Dharmavaram taluk one tank breached and another is in a dangerous condition. The drinking water trouble is not at an end. The rains have improved the available supplies, but the difficulty is still considerable in parts which further showers alone can remedy. Water is still to be found at a very low depth in wells and springs, and steps are being taken in parts of Gooty, Tadpatri, Anantapur, Dharmavaram and Madakasíra, where want is felt, to deepen the existing wells at Provincial cost for the benefit of the Panchamas and other lower orders.

There is some water in tanks and kuntas in several parts of the district available for irrigation but the supplies are too short to induce wet cultivation to any appreciable extent. In Dharmavaram, the full supply to some of the tanks will give a start to the mungari wet cultivation. The Hagari and the Penner brought down slight freshes which have augmented the supply in the river-fed nalas.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Ploughing has been general in the district and sowing has begun in many tracts, mostly of gingelly and castor, and occasionally cholam and sajja (cumbu) in Gooty and Kalyandrug. Ragi and korra are also being sown and transplanted under wells and nalas. Agricultural operations are not yet brisk however, more rain and more money are urgently needed ere they will be in full swing.

Standing crops, ragi, cholam, korra and sugarcane under wells and springs, though not extensive, are in a thriving condition.

All harvest operations are over except in an occasional tank-bed, but the outturn of late cholam in these is reported to be bad.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture *nil*. It is just beginning to sprout. Its growth will be hastened by the rain of last night and the drizzle and shower that have fallen this morning as I am writing this narrative. Fodder is, as usual, dear and scarce. The import of fodder into Tadpatri has saved many valuable cattle. The local demand for fodder is daily increasing. I have bought a second weighing machine to enable the sales to proceed more rapidly. The price of fodder has been raised to Rs. 17-8-0, and this unexpected rise has proved too much for the means of some intending purchasers who went home again with empty carts. Similar depôts have been opened in Guntakal and Dharmavaram. I have extended the period during which free grazing in the reserves is permitted to the

1st August 1897. There need be no anxiety about cattle thereafter if the rains continue. The condition of cattle is still critical. They are still deteriorating in many places, especially in the black cotton-soil tracts. Prospects, however, are not so gloomy. If the showers continue—and there is every indication of the coming monsoon—the hills will ere long be clothed with verdure, and grass and pasture in the plains will soon spring up.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

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

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Kalyandrug	173	24,275	161	14,092	62	12,170	20	2,720	18	1,820	36	6,075	193	26,995	179	15,919	98	18,245	4	153						
Dharmavaram	188	21,150	188	15,778	45	6,405	3	300	3	500	7	900	191	21,650	191	16,278	52	7,305	12	185						
Penukonda	71	10,090	45	4,830	10	1,975	3	310	2	250	3	300	74	10,400	47	5,080	13	2,105	6	62						
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	22	23	24	25	26	27	29	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39					
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Tadpatri	151	7,414	143	7,064	435	31,032				Es.														
Gooty	211	11,090	211	11,090	849	50,260				..	..	..	14	1,017		151	143	7,414	435	31,032	449	32,049		
Anantapur	..	..	..	..	50					..	..	..	..	..		211	211	11,090	849	50,260	849	50,260		
Kalyandrug	..	..	..	..	1	1,475				..	..	..	..	100		..	..	..	50		3	150		
Dharmavaram	..	..	..	..	19	..				..	..	..	2	845		..	..	..	1	1,475	34	2,320		
Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..				..	..	..	15	3,851		..	..	..	..	..	34	3,851		
Hindúpur	..	..	..	..	..	..				..	..	..	68	640		43	43	2,780	68	2,680	68	3,881		
Madakasira	..	..	..	..	..	..				..	..	..	7	2,590		9	4	250	7	750	7	640		
Total ..	362	18,504	354	18,154	1,304	82,817		78	5,575	5,575	65	4,755	142	9,448	440	24,079	419	22,909	1,446	92,265				

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Regatipalli.
Ellakuntla.
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Ravalcheruvu.
Demajipalli.
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Penukonda.
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Sajjaladinna.
Medithurti.
Nithor.
Peddumallaipalli.
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Ellanur.
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Kondumurthi.
Chilamakur.
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Hammapuram.
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Kuderu.
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General remarks.—Prospects are more hopeful. There are indications of a favourable turn in the weather which is just now monsoonish. But unless a good deal more rain falls soon, what has already fallen will not do much good. There is a decrease of 7,647 coolies on the works as compared with the attendance during the previous week and 665 as compared with the previous fortnight. This is attributable partly to the rains and partly to the "Mohurrum" which is a feast with the Hindus as well as the Muhammadans. Two additional works were started during the fortnight—one in Dharmavaram and the other in Anantapur. This makes a total of 37 works in progress. Arrangements have been made to open more works in Gooty, Tadpatri, Dharmavaram and Penukonda taluks, but I am waiting to see the result of the monsoon. In *re* the condition of the Budili firka of the Hindupúr taluk there has been good rain in those parts, and my enquiries show that no works need be opened as yet.

The Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras is apparently somewhat wroth at what he calls "direct intercommunication" with the executive officers of the department. I am quite in accord with him as to the unusual course I took in addressing Government direct for the transfer of the Plague hospital assistants, but the delay in the arrival of men posted to this district by the Surgeon-General left me no option in the matter. Of the two hospital assistants ordered to this district on 27th April 1897—one joined on 22nd May 1897 and was then taken away and posted to Bellary. The other has not joined at all. A third posted on the 3rd May, joined on the 28th idem. A fourth deputed on 18th May has not yet turned up. Under these circumstances I think, perhaps, even the Surgeon-General would admit that I have some excuse for my action. The Honourable Mr. James has come and gone. I am very doubtful whether his visit will do us much good. It seems he has only 16 lakhs to divide between Madras and Bombay—a sum which would only just suffice for the Deccan districts of this Presidency. I gave him all the information in my power, but if he has not the funds, he cannot give them.

Resolution—dated 23rd June 1897, No. 461.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was good. The supplies of drinking-water were much improved, but difficulties are still felt in parts. Tanks received small supplies, but they are insufficient to encourage wet cultivation to any considerable extent. Preparations were being made on dry lands for the next crop, but sowings will not be extensive unless further rain falls shortly.

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Current	9·1	16·6	12·9
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June 1877	6·7	7·3	7·2

Trade was fairly brisk.

5. The condition of the people was generally good, except in the Gooty division where it was fair. The numbers on relief works, which at the middle of the fortnight showed a considerable increase, fell off by the end of the period under report by 665 or by about 1½ per cent. The Collector is uncertain whether this was due to the rain or to the Mohurrum. The only noticeable decrease was in Dharmavaram —35 per cent.; and as it was in this area that the rainfall was best, the more probable cause seems to be the improvement of the season. The numbers on gratuitous relief in villages increased by about 2,700; but this was the result of the extension of the administration of gratuitous relief in villages to the Dharmavaram taluk.

6. The progress in the disposal of applications for loans is shown by the following figures :—

Week ending—	Rs.
May 29th	1,75,133
June 5th	1,81,573
Do. 12th	1,94,331
Do. 19th	2,07,194

Applications for 4 lakhs still remains to be disposed of. The arrears will not be overtaken unless the price is increased. Much remains to be done in Gooty.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Anantapur.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 572, Revenue, dated 13th July 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Anantapur district for the period ending 15th June 1897.

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State of the Country.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There has been rain in all stations of the district during the fortnight, the lowest fall 0·56 having been registered in Yadiki and the largest in Uravakonda (2·87).

						Inches.
Average district rainfall during the fortnight			...	...	...	1·76
Do.	up to the fortnight		...	...	...	3·43
Average expected in the period	...	...	...	...	...	1·34
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The rainfall was general throughout and was moderately heavy in the Kanaganupalli firka of Dharmavaram taluk and Uravakonda division of the Gooty taluk. In the former a few tanks have received full and several others partial supplies ranging from one to two months. In the remaining taluks also, kuntas and tanks are reported to have received from ten days to one month-and-a-half supplies. Several of the large tanks in the district have received a fair supply also, notably Anantapur (kasba) and Pattakottucheruvu. In Dharmavaram taluk one tank breached and another is in a dangerous condition. The drinking water trouble is not at an end. The rains have improved the available supplies, but the difficulty is still considerable in parts which further showers alone can remedy. Water is still to be found at a very low depth in wells and springs, and steps are being taken in parts of Gooty, Tadpatri, Anantapur, Dharmavaram and Madakasira, where want is felt, to deepen the existing wells at Provincial cost for the benefit of the Panchamas and other lower orders.

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Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Ploughing has been general in the district and sowing has begun in many tracts, mostly of gingelly and castor, and occasionally cholam and sajja (cumbu) in Gooty and Kalyandrug. Ragi and korra are also being sown and transplanted under wells and nalas. Agricultural operations are not yet brisk however, more rain and more money are urgently needed ere they will be in full swing.

Standing crops, ragi, cholam, korra and sugarcane under wells and springs, though not extensive, are in a thriving condition.

All harvest operations are over except in an occasional tank-bed, but the outturn of late cholam in these is reported to be bad.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture *nil*. It is just beginning to sprout. Its growth will be hastened by the rain of last night and the drizzle and shower that have fallen this morning as I am writing this narrative. Fodder is, as usual, dear and scarce. The import of fodder into Tadpatri has saved many valuable cattle. The local demand for fodder is daily increasing I have bought a second weighing machine to enable the sales to proceed more rapidly. The price of fodder has been raised to Rs. 17–8–0, and this unexpected rise has proved too much for the means of some intending purchasers who went home again with empty carts. Similar depôts have been opened in Guntakal and Dharmavaram. I have extended the period during which free grazing in the reserves is permitted to the

1st August 1897. There need be no anxiety about cattle thereafter if the rains continue. The condition of cattle is still critical. They are still deteriorating in many places, especially in the black cotton-soil tracts. Prospects, however, are not so gloomy. If the showers continue—and there is every indication of the coming monsoon—the hills will ere long be clothed with verdure, and grass and pasture in the plains will soon spring up.

Food supplies and the state of the markets.

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

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		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.	
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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.		
Tadpatri	26	4,780	23	2,655	76	22,065	30	2,785	25	2,805	125	25,615	56	7,565	48	4,960	201	47,680	2	21
Gooty	38	8,290	29	4,140	170	41,815	536	68,835	513	63,623	676	1,34,135	573	77,125	642	67,763	846	1,76,950	..	38
Anantapur	305	28,777	303	27,637	304	35,335	8	955	8	855	18	5,100	313	29,732	311	28,492	322	40,435	4	202
Kalyandrug	173	24,275	161	14,092	62	12,170	20	2,720	18	1,820	36	6,075	193	26,995	179	15,912	98	18,246	4	158
Dharmavaram	188	21,160	188	15,778	45	6,405	3	500	3	500	7	900	191	21,650	191	16,278	62	7,305	12	185
Penukonda	71	10,090	45	4,830	10	1,975	3	310	2	250	3	130	74	10,400	47	5,680	13	2,105	6	52
Hindúpur	196	33,350	170	24,307	94	23,010	3	1,150	3	1,075	1	500	199	34,500	173	25,382	95	23,510	6	174
Madakasira	66	11,920	34	6,560	31	6,960	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	11,920	34	6,560	31	6,950	1	34
Total ..	1,063	1,42,632	953	99,999	792	1,49,725	602	77,255	572	70,428	866	1,72,455	1,665	2,19,887	1,525	1,70,427	1,658	3,22,180	35	864

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.				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	30	31	32	33	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Tadpatri	151	7,414	143	7,064	435	31,032	..	..	..	..	14	1,017	449	32,049
Gooty	211	11,090	211	11,090	849	60,260	..	..	..	..	..	..	849	50,260
Anantapur	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	3	150
Kalyandrug	..	..	..	..	1	1,475	..	..	..	..	2	845	34	2,320
Dharmavaram	..	..	..	..	19	..	44	2,780	43	2,680	15	3,851	68	3,881
Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	570	4	250	7	640	7	640
Hindúpur	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	750	11	750	33	2,590	33	2,590
Madakasira	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	1,475	7	1,075	3	375	3	375
Total ..	362	18,504	354	18,154	1,304	82,817	78	5,575	65	4,755	142	9,448	1,446	92,265

Taluks and places visited.

Head Assistant Collector.

Dharmavaram taluk—

Perur.
Kothapalli.
Dubbarupalli.
Konitinayanipalyam.
Vepakunta.
Maddala cheruvu.
Bhanukota.
Togarkunta.
Kanaganapalli.
Regatipalli.

Ellakuntla.
Mamillapalli.
Dharmavaram.
Nagasamudram.
Potlamarri.
Ravalcheruvu.
Demajipalli.
Chennekottapalli.
Pyoyadindi.

Penukonda taluk—

Guttur.
Penukonda.
Duddebandu.

Chendragiri.
Kurubuvandilapalli.

Gooty Famine Divisional officer.

Tadpatri taluk—

Tadpatri.
Nandalapad.
Sajjaladinna.
Medithurti.
Nithor.
Peddumallaipalli.
Senagalgudur.
Ellanur.
Pathapalli.
Gandlapad.
Kondumurthi.
Chilamakur.
Rayavenkatampalli.

Gooty taluk—

Konakondla.
Vajrakarur.
Uravakonda.
Boodagavi.
Undubandu.
Palthur.
Karakamukkalu.
Vidapeenakal.
Velpumadugu.
Mulupuram.
Godekal.
Hanchinahual.
Guntakal.
Goolapaliam.

Anantapur Famine Divisional officer.

Anantapur taluk—

Kandukur.
Akutotapalli.
Gangulakunta.
Kurrugunta.
Pampanur.
Atmakur.
Hammapuram.
Cholasamudram.
Kuderu.
Aravakur.
Kammur.
Patticheruvu.
Gotukur.
Rachanapalli.
Anantapur.

Kalyandrug taluk—

Kalvapalli.
Seebhavi.
Golla.
Bavarampalli.
Devadula betta.
Kalyandrug.
Gubanapalli.
Mallikharjunapalli.
Pulikallu.
Narasapuram.
Yetakul.
Avalenna.
Yerragudi.
Beluguppa.
Tuggupasti.
Budigumma.

Collector.

Hindupur.
Leputchi.
Anantapur.
Tadpatri.
Gooty.
Guntakal.
Srikantapuram.

Cholasamudram.
Birsalavallapalli.
Samireddipalli.
Dameketapalli.
Bongalapalli.
Gongidipalli.

General remarks.—Prospects are more hopeful. There are indications of a favourable turn in the weather which is just now monsoonish. But unless a good deal more rain falls soon, what has already fallen will not do much good. There is a decrease of 7,647 coolies on the works as compared with the attendance during the previous week and 665 as compared with the previous fortnight. This is attributable partly to the rains and partly to the "Mohurrum" which is a feast with the Hindus as well as the Muhammadans. Two additional works were started during the fortnight—one in Dharmavaram and the other in Anantapur. This makes a total of 37 works in progress. Arrangements have been made to open more works in Gooty, Tadpatri, Dharmavaram and Penukonda taluks, but I am waiting to see the result of the monsoon. In *re* the condition of the Budili firka of the Hindupúr taluk there has been good rain in those parts, and my enquiries show that no works need be opened as yet.

The Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras is apparently somewhat wroth at what he calls "direct intercommunication" with the executive officers of the department. I am quite in accord with him as to the unusual course I took in addressing Government direct for the transfer of the Plague hospital assistants, but the delay in the arrival of men posted to this district by the Surgeon-General left me no option in the matter. Of the two hospital assistants ordered to this district on 27th April 1897—one joined on 22nd May 1897 and was then taken away and posted to Bellary. The other has not joined at all. A third posted on the 3rd May, joined on the 28th idem. A fourth deputed on 18th May has not yet turned up. Under these circumstances I think, perhaps, even the Surgeon-General would admit that I have some excuse for my action. The Honourable Mr. James has come and gone. I am very doubtful whether his visit will do us much good. It seems he has only 16 lakhs to divide between Madras and Bombay—a sum which would only just suffice for the Deccan districts of this Presidency. I gave him all the information in my power, but if he has not the funds, he cannot give them.

Resolution—dated 23rd June 1897, No. 461.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was good. The supplies of drinking-water were much improved, but difficulties are still felt in parts. Tanks received small supplies, but they are insufficient to encourage wet cultivation to any considerable extent. Preparations were being made on dry lands for the next crop, but sowings will not be extensive unless further rain falls shortly.

3. Pasture was *nil*, though there are hopes of some in the near future. Fodder was dear and scarce. The price of imported fodder was increased owing to the brisk demand, and it appears from the daily reports that ryots willingly pay the enhanced price.

4. Prices were slightly easier, except in the case of cholam. Their comparative position is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam (mixed).
Normal	13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning	10·6	24·0	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	16·0	15·0
Current	9·1	16·6	12·9
June 1892	9·1	16·0	15·7
June 1877	6·7	7·3	7·2

Trade was fairly brisk.

5. The condition of the people was generally good, except in the Gooty division where it was fair. The numbers on relief works, which at the middle of the fortnight showed a considerable increase, fell off by the end of the period under report by 665 or by about $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The Collector is uncertain whether this was due to the rain or to the Mohurrum. The only noticeable decrease was in Dharmavaram —35 per cent.; and as it was in this area that the rainfall was best, the more probable cause seems to be the improvement of the season. The numbers on gratuitous relief in villages increased by about 2,700; but this was the result of the extension of the administration of gratuitous relief in villages to the Dharmavaram taluk.

6. The progress in the disposal of applications for loans is shown by the following figures :—

Week ending—	Rs.
May 29th	1,75,133
June 5th	1,81,573
Do. 12th	1,94,351
Do. 19th	2,07,194

Applications for 4 lakhs still remains to be disposed of. The arrears will not be overtaken unless the price is increased. Much remains to be done in Gooty.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Anantapur.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 572, Revenue, dated 13th July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Department.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.
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