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Dharmavaram ..	8·64	8·10	14·55	12·36	13·39	11·33	14·42	..	
Penukonda	8·64	8·64	16·49	14·55	12·36	11·33	..	..	
Hindupur	9·72	8·64	18·43	16·49	12·87	11·33	..	..	
Madakasíra	10·80	9·72	19·40	16·49	..	..	..	..	
Average ..	9·15	8·48	16·02	13·61	12·32	10·77	13·38	11·11	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is very active in Hindupur and active in Madakasíra—ragi and cholam have been exported from the former and ragi from the latter. It is also said to be active in Dharmavaram taluk. The export of food-grains from Hindupur to the Bombay Presidency is very considerable. Cholam is imported into Tadpatri from Nellore (Venkatagiri) and rice from Guntúr, Coimbatore and Salem.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Good generally. The Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty, reports that he found boys and girls on the Putlur work suffering from conjunctivitis to a large extent on account of the high winds. The attention of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer has been drawn to this matter.

In villages.—Good generally.

Sickness and Mortality.—In Penukonda taluk, fever and small-pox are prevalent, while in Dharmavaram and Madakasíra, only small-pox is prevalent. There were eighteen attacks and one death in the latter taluk. A few cases of diarrhœa have occurred at cusba Tadpatri.

No deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—The large exports of grain from the local markets will, it is feared, bring on an undesirable diminution in the supply of village food stocks. The ryots, in consequence, are holding fast to their little stores, especially in the two southern taluks. The prices have risen considerably all over the district, and it is possible that the demand for seed grain and the distribution of money for the purpose has also contributed to the rapid rise.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Tadpatri	19,315	22,112
Gooty	17,493	18,348
Anantapur	8,135	7,809
Dharmavaram	8,068	9,177
Kalyandrug	600	791
Penukonda	1,833	1,559
Hindupur	457	491
Total ...	55,901	60,287

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	936	1,314	256	269	..	..	2,428	2,397
Gooty	676	615	161	43	..	..	1,360	1,329
Anantapur	316	423	53	157	..	..	1,618	1,498
Dharmavaram	644	742	100	95	..	..	2,447	2,504
Kalyandrug	141	30	41	46	..	..	..	..
Penukonda	22	173	44	43	..	..	..	..
Hindupur	27	26	5	4	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,762	3,323	660	657	..	..	7,853	7,728

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 given.	..	1,228	1,712	2,308	8,156
Gooty						
Anantapur	104	107	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	94	99	..	..	..	..

General Remarks.—During the fortnight four new works were opened in Gooty—Malutla, Shaiksanipally, Abbedoddie and Guntakal (section B). The total attendance shows an increase of 4,386 workers during the current fortnight, and numbered 60,287 last Saturday. This is in spite of the closing of Karadikonda work in Gooty, about which I have submitted a special report. I have also under contemplation the closure of some more works in this taluk which have failed to attract a fair number of men and have called for proposals from the Divisional officers for concentration of labour, in accordance with the recent Government Order. I shall take up tank works wherever possible, closing the road works now in progress, as the money now spent on the latter is nearly all thrown away. The Dewaketepalli work in Hindúpur has been completed and the Head Assistant Collector promises to report shortly on the necessity for opening new works in the affected portion of this taluk. The Elakkuntla tank repair in Dharmavaram taluk is also very nearly done and the necessity for more works in this and the Tadpatri taluk is beyond question. If the process of concentration in Gooty and Anantapur results in a surplus of overseers, I shall have additional works opened in these taluks by employing them.

Jamabandi has not yet been begun and more Circle Inspectors are wanted to relieve the Revenue Inspectors. I have already wired to the Board for additional hands.

Complaints of delays in payments still continue. Enquiry shows that it is attributable to various causes, such as delay in the delivery of extract nominal rolls by overseers, incorrect preparation of rolls, delay in making payments by Paymasters, want of funds with Paymasters and Tahsildars, &c. I have directed the Paymasters to report all cases of delay on the part of the overseers direct to the Executive Engineer, Famine Sub-division. I have given also Assistant Paymasters for large works and hope that delays by Paymasters will, in future, be of less frequent occurrence. I am also addressing the Executive Engineer, Bellary, to arrange for a more prompt recoupment of the Tahsildars' imprests. I have directed the Divisional officers and Tahsildars to muster gangs when inspecting works to check the attendance. This seems very necessary to prevent manipulation of names by head coolies as has been noticed in one or two instances in the Gooty division.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Purchase of fodder.								Cattle and seed-grains.								Other purposes.								Total.								Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	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.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			
Tadpatri	29	5,630	25	3,430	51	14,515	31	3,180																																
Gooty	56	9,140	51	7,430	159	40,635	610	75,805																																
Anantapur	342	32,597	335	30,257	213	26,875	9	1,205																																
Kalyandrug	181	25,655	166	14,642	49	9,770	22	2,705																																
Dharmavaram	208	24,610	199	18,867	25	4,875	6	780																																
Penukonda	87	11,680	64	6,600	10	1,930	5	390																																
Hindupur	209	35,840	180	26,817	73	17,090	3	1,150																																
Madakasira	70	12,770	46	8,185	84	16,060	..	..																																
Total ..	1,182	1,57,722	1,066	1,16,228	664	1,31,640	686	85,165																																
Tadpatri									203	9,609	183	9,199	380	26,774	203	9,609	183	9,199	380	26,774	10	900	..	..	..	..	203	9,609	183	9,199	380	26,774	203	9,609	183	9,199	380	26,674	20	51
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Anantapur									..	..	..	..	99	3,890	..	..	..	..	99	3,890	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99	3,890	..	..	..	..	99	3,890	4	203
Kalyandrug									..	..	..	..	47	4,020	..	..	..	..	47	4,020	15	1,035	2,894	2,894	37	2,661	..	..	..	..	47	4,020	..	..	..	..	47	4,020	17	161
Dharmavaram									53	2,894	53	2,894	37	2,661	53	2,894	53	2,894	37	2,661	54	2,661	2,894	2,894	37	2,661	53	2,894	53	2,894	37	2,661	53	2,894	53	2,894	37	2,661	6	189
Penukonda									10	620	10	620	13	1,080	10	620	10	620	13	1,080	13	1,080	620	620	13	1,080	10	620	10	620	13	1,080	10	620	10	620	13	1,080	17	69
Hindupur									11	750	11	750	31	2,300	11	750	11	750	31	2,300	12	850	750	750	31	2,300	11	750	11	750	31	2,300	11	750	11	750	31	2,300	6	180
Madakasira									10	1,875	10	1,875	87	7,319	10	1,875	10	1,875	87	7,319	22	2,405	1,875	1,875	87	7,319	10	1,875	10	1,875	87	7,319	10	1,875	10	1,875	87	7,319	1	42
Total ..									895	50,103	895	50,103	2,435	1,89,634	895	50,103	895	50,103	2,435	1,89,634	932	51,943	51,943	51,943	2,435	1,89,634	895	50,103	895	50,103	2,435	1,89,634	895	50,103	895	50,103	2,435	1,89,634	915	
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Penukonda									..	..	..	..	13	1,080																										
Hindupur									..	..	..	..	12	2,300																										
Madakasira									40	1,364	..	..	22	7,319																										
Total ..	831	44,874	811	44,464	2,282	1,75,708	101	7,069	84	5,639	153	13,931	932	51,943	895	50,103	2,435	1,89,634																						

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and Places visited—

Head Assistant Collector.	Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty.	Famine Deputy Collector, Anantapur.	Collector.
Dharmavaram taluk.	*Gooty taluk.*	*Anantapur taluk.*	
Nagasamudram.	Gooty.	Somandoddi.	Guntakal.
Dharmavaram.	Timmancherla.	Pamaraiji.	Anantapur
Mamillapalli.	Guntakal.	Vadiempeta.	Kanduaur
Kanaganpalli.	Konakondla.	Kotheir.	
Elakuntla.	Goolapalliem.	Garladinna.	
Tagarkunta.	Wagrakarur.	Mortad.	
Pathapaliem.		Kammur.	
Bhadrapuram.	*Tadpatri taluk.*	Aravakur.	
Nasanakota.		Kuderu.	
Perur.	Tadpatri.	Talapur.	
Dubbarapalli.	Sajjaladivnna.	Bhrahmanayeleru.	
Muthavakunta.	Hussainpuram.	Bommaparti.	
Basampalli.	Virapuram.	Gondireddipalli.	
Kanumukkala.	Kottalpalli.	Marur.	
Penukonda.	Rayavenctampalli.	Hampapuram.	
Gooty taluk.	Kondapuram.	Kandakur.	
	Arakatavemala.	Anantapur.	
Guntakal.	Surepalli.		
	Kaduvakal.		
	Cherlapulli.		
	Maddipalli.		
	Kummanamala.		
	Chalavemala.		

Resolution—dated 31st July 1897, No. 541.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was extremely deficient, an average of two inches being expected, while only two showers of 0·83 and 0·13 were received at Hindúpur and Kalyandrug. The rest of the district had received no fall for a month, but since the date of the report good falls have been reported as follows:—

	INCHES.
Gooty	2·15
Yadiki	1·72
Tadpatri	0·77
Anantapur	2·58
Madakasíra	1·65

These will be of the greatest benefit to the areas over which they fell, but they appear to have been local, and the greater part of the district is still parched and dry. In the latter areas agricultural operations are at a standstill, and there can be but little hope of any of the unprotected standing crops being saved. The rain in the two northern taluks was insufficient for the cultivation of the black-cotton soils. Pasture may be locally revived by the recent rains, but is generally scarce. The Collector will be informed that the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee is unable to increase the number of fodder depôts; the quantity of fodder they can supply is limited, and it is with difficulty that the requirements of the existing depôts can be met. The Famine Commissioner agrees with the Collector that the present establishment in charge of depôts is unnecessarily expensive; instructions on this point have been issued separately.

3. Prices continued to rise during the fortnight, the result, apparently, of external influences to a great extent, considerable quantities of grain having been exported to the Bombay Presidency. The price of cholam at Sholapur and Dhulia, respectively, was 7·4 and 6·8 measures for a rupee, against an average of 10·9 in Anantapur. At such a price grain from Tadpatri could be laid down at Sholapur at

9·4 measures a rupee and at Dhulia at 8·3 measures a rupee. The temptation to export must be great. Cholam rose by 17½ per cent. and ragi by 18 per cent. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.
Normal	13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning	10·6	24·0	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	16·0	15 0
Current	8·5	13·6	10·9
July 1892	10·6	20·2	18·5
,, 1877	5·8	6·3	6·2

4. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works increased by about 8 per cent., while there was a slight increase in the numbers on gratuitous relief. Orders have been passed on the Karadikonda affair in B.P., dated 27th July 1897, Mis. No. 5854. Three additional Circle Inspectors have been sent to the district; if he requires more the Collector should apply by letter. It is trusted that the Collector will be able to make satisfactory arrangements to prevent further delays in the payment of coolies. Instructions as to the mustering of gangs have been issued in B.P., dated 22nd July 1897, No. 523.

5. The following figures show the progress made in the disbursement of loans:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
June 19th	2,07,194
,, 26th	2,24,264
July 3rd	2,34,396
,, 10th	2,44,387
,, 17th	2,56,899

The pace is not fast enough for the work that has to be done. With a Special Deputy Collector for loans work the issue should be much faster.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of Anantapur.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Chairman, Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee.

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		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Tadpatri ..	29	5,630	25	3,430	51	14,515			31	3,180	26	2,405	127	12,080			60	8,810	51	5,835	178	26,545	4	20
Gooty ..	66	9,140	61	7,480	159	40,636			610	76,805	606	75,113	447	1,00,665			666	84,946	657	82,643	606	1,41,200	..	51
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Hindupur ..	209	35,840	180	26,817	73	17,090			..	1,150	..	1,075	1	500			212	36,990	183	27,892	74	17,590	6	180
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Total ..	1,182	1,57,722	1,066	1,16,228	664	1,31,640			686	85,165	675	82,763	623	1,23,625			1,868	2,42,887	1,741	1,98,991	1,287	2,55,265	42	915

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Gooty ..	628	35,265	628	35,265	1,731	1,41,690	..	..	..	..	..	..	628	35,265	628	35,265	1,731	1,41,690	
Anantapur ..	..	..	..	..	99	3,890	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99	3,890	
Kalyandrug ..	..	..	..	..	32	2,986	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	4,020	
Dharmavaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1,035	54	2,894	53	2,894	37	2,661	
Penukonda ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	2,661	13	820	10	620	13	1,080	
Hindupur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1,080	12	850	11	750	31	2,300	
Madakasira ..	..	..	..	..	40	1,364	..	..	..	..	31	2,300	22	2,405	10	1,375	87	7,319	
Total ..	831	44,874	811	44,464	2,282	1,75,708	..	..	84	5,639	158	13,931	932	51,943	895	50,103	2,435	1,89,634	

Inspections of the District Officers.

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Nagasamudram.	Gooty.	Somandoddi.	Guntakal.
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Kanaganpalli.	Konakondla.	Kotheir.	
Elakuntla.	Goolapalliem.	Garladinna.	
Tagarkunta.	Wagrakarur.	Mortad.	
Pathapaliem.		Kammur.	
Bhadrapuram.	*Tadpatri taluk.*	Aravakur.	
Nasanakota.		Kuderu.	
Perur.	Tadpatri.	Talapur.	
Dubbarapalli.	Sajjaladivnna.	Bhrahmanayeleru.	
Muthavakunta.	Hussainpuram.	Bommaparti.	
Basampalli.	Virapuram.	Gondireddipalli.	
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Penukonda.	Rayavenctampalli.	Hampapuram.	
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	INCHES.
Gooty	2·15
Yadiki	1·72
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These will be of the greatest benefit to the areas over which they fell, but they appear to have been local, and the greater part of the district is still parched and dry. In the latter areas agricultural operations are at a standstill, and there can be but little hope of any of the unprotected standing crops being saved. The rain in the two northern taluks was insufficient for the cultivation of the black-cotton soils. Pasture may be locally revived by the recent rains, but is generally scarce. The Collector will be informed that the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee is unable to increase the number of fodder depôts; the quantity of fodder they can supply is limited, and it is with difficulty that the requirements of the existing depôts can be met. The Famine Commissioner agrees with the Collector that the present establishment in charge of depôts is unnecessarily expensive; instructions on this point have been issued separately.

3. Prices continued to rise during the fortnight, the result, apparently, of external influences to a great extent, considerable quantities of grain having been exported to the Bombay Presidency. The price of cholam at Sholapur and Dhulia, respectively, was 7·4 and 6·8 measures for a rupee, against an average of 10·9 in Anantapur. At such a price grain from Tadpatri could be laid down at Sholapur at

9·4 measures a rupee and at Dhulia at 8·3 measures a rupee. The temptation to export must be great. Cholam rose by 17½ per cent. and ragi by 18 per cent. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

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Normal	13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning	10·6	24·0	22·5
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Current	8·5	13·6	10·9
July 1892	10·6	20·2	18·5
,, 1877	5·8	6·3	6·2

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5. The following figures show the progress made in the disbursement of loans:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
June 19th	2,07,194
,, 26th	2,24,264
July 3rd	2,34,396
,, 10th	2,44,387
,, 17th	2,56,899

The pace is not fast enough for the work that has to be done. With a Special Deputy Collector for loans work the issue should be much faster.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

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

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Anantapur ..	342	32,597	335	30,257	213	26,875			9	1,205	9	980	17	5,025			351	33,802	344	31,237	230	31,900	4	203
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Kalyandrug ..	..	..	..	..	32	2,995			..	..	..	..	15	1,035			..	..	..	..	47	4,020
Dharmavaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			54	2,994	53	2,894	37	2,661			54	2,994	53	2,894	37	2,661
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Hindupur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			12	850	11	750	31	2,300			12	850	11	750	31	2,300
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Total ..	831	44,874	811	44,464	2,282	1,75,703			101	7,069	84	5,639	153	13,931			932	51,943	895	50,103	2,435	1,89,634

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These will be of the greatest benefit to the areas over which they fell, but they appear to have been local, and the greater part of the district is still parched and dry. In the latter areas agricultural operations are at a standstill, and there can be but little hope of any of the unprotected standing crops being saved. The rain in the two northern taluks was insufficient for the cultivation of the black-cotton soils. Pasture may be locally revived by the recent rains, but is generally scarce. The Collector will be informed that the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee is unable to increase the number of fodder depôts; the quantity of fodder they can supply is limited, and it is with difficulty that the requirements of the existing depôts can be met. The Famine Commissioner agrees with the Collector that the present establishment in charge of depôts is unnecessarily expensive; instructions on this point have been issued separately.

3. Prices continued to rise during the fortnight, the result, apparently, of external influences to a great extent, considerable quantities of grain having been exported to the Bombay Presidency. The price of cholam at Sholapur and Dhulia, respectively, was 7·4 and 6·8 measures for a rupee, against an average of 10·9 in Anantapur. At such a price grain from Tadpatri could be laid down at Sholapur at

9·4 measures a rupee and at Dhulia at 8·3 measures a rupee. The temptation to export must be great. Cholam rose by 17½ per cent. and ragi by 18 per cent. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.
Normal	13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning	10·6	24·0	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	16·0	15 0
Current	8·5	13·6	10·9
July 1892	10·6	20·2	18·5
,, 1877	5·8	6·3	6·2

4. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works increased by about 8 per cent., while there was a slight increase in the numbers on gratuitous relief. Orders have been passed on the Karadikonda affair in B.P., dated 27th July 1897, Mis. No. 5854. Three additional Circle Inspectors have been sent to the district; if he requires more the Collector should apply by letter. It is trusted that the Collector will be able to make satisfactory arrangements to prevent further delays in the payment of coolies. Instructions as to the mustering of gangs have been issued in B.P., dated 22nd July 1897, No. 523.

5. The following figures show the progress made in the disbursement of loans:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
June 19th	2,07,194
,, 26th	2,24,264
July 3rd	2,34,396
,, 10th	2,44,387
,, 17th	2,56,899

The pace is not fast enough for the work that has to be done. With a Special Deputy Collector for loans work the issue should be much faster.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of Anantapur.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Chairman, Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee.

Order—No. 700, Revenue, dated 18th August 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Local and Municipal Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

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AUGUST.

Fortnightly Narrative.

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

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 31st July 1897, No. 541.

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Anantapur district during the period ending 15th of July 1897 :—

State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—No rain fell during the fortnight except at Hindúpur and Kalyandrug. The quantities registered at these stations were only 0·83 and 0·13, respectively. The average rainfall for the period under report is 0·10, against an expected quantity of 1·99. The aggregate fall up to the fortnight is 5·04 against 6·75.

Water-supply is generally sufficient for drinking purposes except in parts of Anantapur, Dharmavaram, Penukonda and Madaksíra, where the difficulty is mostly felt by the Panchamas. Wells are being deepened for them at Provincial cost. A few tanks in Gooty and Dharmavaram taluks have sufficient water for sowings. The irrigation tanks elsewhere are mostly dry. The small supplies received in the Anantapur taluk are being fast dried up by the strong western gales. Not a drop of rain has fallen over most part of the district since about the 17th of June. Even the supply in nalas and springs is gradually diminishing.

Agricultural Operations and Condition of the Standing Crops.—Agricultural operations on dry lands are practically at a standstill in the northern and the central divisions. In the southern taluks and in parts of Anantapur, the lands are being ploughed in expectation of further rainfall. Ragi is being transplanted, and paddy is sown under wells and nalas and under tanks aided by wells. In the Gooty division, cholam, oil-seeds, sajja (cumbu), &c., sown for the early rains, have already begun to fade. Everywhere, the tender crops stand in urgent need of rain. Early ragi is diseased in various parts of the Anantapur taluk. The crops under nalas and wells, viz., cholam, ragi, bariga, areca, &c., are generally fair.

Supply of Fodder and Pasture and Condition of Cattle.—Pasture is scarce. It had hardly sprouted before it began to fade. It is being scraped up and used for cattle. Fodder is insufficient and procurable with the greatest difficulty. The fodder depôts at Tadpatri, Guntakal, Anantapur and Dharmavaram have given considerable relief to cattle. The non-working animals are doomed unless more rain falls soon. Deaths have occurred from starvation, and a frightful mortality is certain if the rain holds off. More depôts, especially in Gooty and Chakarlapalli (Penukonda taluk), are wanted, and I would earnestly recommend them for the Board's approval. It seems to me that the present staff of a fodder superintendent on Rs. 100 and a clerk on Rs. 15 is an unnecessarily expensive one. I think that a clerk on Rs. 50 could do the work as efficiently, especially where the fodder is received in pressed bales, and I would advocate the opening of more depôts with this reduction in the pay of the superintendent's. I am addressing the Board separately on this subject.

General Remarks on the Previous Subjects.—The break in the monsoon has frustrated many hopes. Agricultural operations have suffered and the ryots are beginning to doubt whether the seed they have bought and sown will not be totally lost.

Food Supplies and the State of the Markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th of July 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.	
Tadpatri	8·64	7·83	15·52	12·12	12·36	10·81	13·39	10·55	*Rice.*—There is rise in all stations except Gooty and Penukonda, where the price is stationary. *Ragi.*—There is rise in all stations. *Cholam, white.*—There is rise in all stations except Gooty. Under yellow cholam, there is also rise in all stations.
Yadiki	8·10	7·02	14·55	11·64	..	..	11·07	9·70	
Gooty	8·64	8·64	15·52	12·12	10·30	10·30	11·54	10·30	
Uravakonda ..	8·92	8·40	15·75	14·17	11·55	9·45	..	..	
Anantapur	8·64	8·10	14·55	12·61	12·36	10·30	..	..	
Kalyandrug ..	10·80	9·72	15·52	13·58	13·39	11·33	16·48	13·90	
Dharmavaram ..	8·64	8·10	14·55	12·36	13·39	11·33	14·42	..	
Penukonda	8·64	8·64	16·49	14·55	12·36	11·33	..	..	
Hindupur	9·72	8·64	18·43	16·49	12·87	11·33	..	..	
Madakasíra	10·80	9·72	19·40	16·49	..	..	..	..	
Average ..	9·15	8·48	16·02	13·61	12·32	10·77	13·38	11·11	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is very active in Hindupur and active in Madakasíra—ragi and cholam have been exported from the former and ragi from the latter. It is also said to be active in Dharmavaram taluk. The export of food-grains from Hindupur to the Bombay Presidency is very considerable. Cholam is imported into Tadpatri from Nellore (Venkatagiri) and rice from Guntúr, Coimbatore and Salem.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Good generally. The Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty, reports that he found boys and girls on the Putlur work suffering from conjunctivitis to a large extent on account of the high winds. The attention of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer has been drawn to this matter.

In villages.—Good generally.

Sickness and Mortality.—In Penukonda taluk, fever and small-pox are prevalent, while in Dharmavaram and Madakasíra, only small-pox is prevalent. There were eighteen attacks and one death in the latter taluk. A few cases of diarrhœa have occurred at cusba Tadpatri.

No deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—The large exports of grain from the local markets will, it is feared, bring on an undesirable diminution in the supply of village food stocks. The ryots, in consequence, are holding fast to their little stores, especially in the two southern taluks. The prices have risen considerably all over the district, and it is possible that the demand for seed grain and the distribution of money for the purpose has also contributed to the rapid rise.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed. Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Tadpatri	19,315	22,112
Gooty	17,493	18,348
Anantapur	8,135	7,809
Dharmavaram	8,068	9,177
Kalyandrug	600	791
Penukonda	1,833	1,559
Hindupur	457	491
Total ...	55,901	60,287

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	936	1,314	256	269	..	..	2,428	2,397
Gooty	676	615	161	43	..	..	1,360	1,329
Anantapur	316	423	53	157	..	..	1,618	1,498
Dharmavaram	644	742	100	95	..	..	2,447	2,504
Kalyandrug	141	30	41	46	..	..	..	..
Penukonda	22	178	44	43	..	..	..	..
Hindupur	27	26	5	4	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,762	3,323	660	657	..	..	7,853	7,728

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 given.	..	1,228	1,712	2,308	8,156
Gooty						
Anantapur	104	107	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	94	99	..	..	..	..

General Remarks.—During the fortnight four new works were opened in Gooty—Malutla, Shaiksanipally, Abbedoddie and Guntakal (section B). The total attendance shows an increase of 4,386 workers during the current fortnight, and numbered 60,287 last Saturday. This is in spite of the closing of Karadikonda work in Gooty, about which I have submitted a special report. I have also under contemplation the closure of some more works in this taluk which have failed to attract a fair number of men and have called for proposals from the Divisional officers for concentration of labour, in accordance with the recent Government Order. I shall take up tank works wherever possible, closing the road works now in progress, as the money now spent on the latter is nearly all thrown away. The Dewaketepalli work in Hindúpur has been completed and the Head Assistant Collector promises to report shortly on the necessity for opening new works in the affected portion of this taluk. The Elakkuntla tank repair in Dharmavaram taluk is also very nearly done and the necessity for more works in this and the Tadpatri taluk is beyond question. If the process of concentration in Gooty and Anantapur results in a surplus of overseers, I shall have additional works opened in these taluks by employing them.

Jamabandi has not yet been begun and more Circle Inspectors are wanted to relieve the Revenue Inspectors. I have already wired to the Board for additional hands.

Complaints of delays in payments still continue. Enquiry shows that it is attributable to various causes, such as delay in the delivery of extract nominal rolls by overseers, incorrect preparation of rolls, delay in making payments by Paymasters, want of funds with Paymasters and Tahsildars, &c. I have directed the Paymasters to report all cases of delay on the part of the overseers direct to the Executive Engineer, Famine Sub-division. I have given also Assistant Paymasters for large works and hope that delays by Paymasters will, in future, be of less frequent occurrence. I am also addressing the Executive Engineer, Bellary, to arrange for a more prompt recoupment of the Tahsildars' imprests. I have directed the Divisional officers and Tahsildars to muster gangs when inspecting works to check the attendance. This seems very necessary to prevent manipulation of names by head coolies as has been noticed in one or two instances in the Gooty division.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Purchase of fodder.				Other purposes.				Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		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.		
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These will be of the greatest benefit to the areas over which they fell, but they appear to have been local, and the greater part of the district is still parched and dry. In the latter areas agricultural operations are at a standstill, and there can be but little hope of any of the unprotected standing crops being saved. The rain in the two northern taluks was insufficient for the cultivation of the black-cotton soils. Pasture may be locally revived by the recent rains, but is generally scarce. The Collector will be informed that the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee is unable to increase the number of fodder depôts; the quantity of fodder they can supply is limited, and it is with difficulty that the requirements of the existing depôts can be met. The Famine Commissioner agrees with the Collector that the present establishment in charge of depôts is unnecessarily expensive; instructions on this point have been issued separately.

3. Prices continued to rise during the fortnight, the result, apparently, of external influences to a great extent, considerable quantities of grain having been exported to the Bombay Presidency. The price of cholam at Sholapur and Dhulia, respectively, was 7·4 and 6·8 measures for a rupee, against an average of 10·9 in Anantapur. At such a price grain from Tadpatri could be laid down at Sholapur at

9·4 measures a rupee and at Dhulia at 8·3 measures a rupee. The temptation to export must be great. Cholam rose by 17½ per cent. and ragi by 18 per cent. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

	Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
		Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.
Normal		13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning		10·6	24·0	22·5
Scarcity		7·9	16·0	15 0
Current		8·5	13·6	10·9
July 1892		10·6	20·2	18·5
,, 1877		5·8	6·3	6·2

4. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works increased by about 8 per cent., while there was a slight increase in the numbers on gratuitous relief. Orders have been passed on the Karadikonda affair in B.P., dated 27th July 1897, Mis. No. 5854. Three additional Circle Inspectors have been sent to the district; if he requires more the Collector should apply by letter. It is trusted that the Collector will be able to make satisfactory arrangements to prevent further delays in the payment of coolies. Instructions as to the mustering of gangs have been issued in B.P., dated 22nd July 1897, No. 523.

5. The following figures show the progress made in the disbursement of loans:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
June 19th	2,07,194
,, 26th	2,24,264
July 3rd	2,34,396
,, 10th	2,44,387
,, 17th	2,56,899

The pace is not fast enough for the work that has to be done. With a Special Deputy Collector for loans work the issue should be much faster.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of Anantapur.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Chairman, Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee.

Order—No. 700, Revenue, dated 18th August 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Local and Municipal Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

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