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AUGUST.

Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Anantapur district for the period ending 31st July 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Anantapur district during the period ending 31st July 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—Rain was registered during the fortnight at all stations of the district (except Dharmavaram) as noted below:—

	INCHES.						
Tadpatri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.19
Yadiki ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.07
Gooty ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.89
Uravakonda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.20
Anantapur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.58
Kalyandrug ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.38
Penukonda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.37
Hindupur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.86
Madakasira ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.90
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.44
Average for the fortnight ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.60
Average for the fortnight expected ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.74

The aggregate fall up to the period is 6.55 against an expected average of 8.35 inches. The showers in Gooty, Anantapur and Yadiki were moderately heavy, but by no means general. They were confined to limited areas around the cusbas, and fell after a protracted drought lasting for over a month. Hence the tanks have received no appreciable supply. A few in Gooty and Anantapur have had a week's addition and that is all.

Drinking-water supply is generally sufficient, except in parts of Anantapur, Dharmavaram, Kalyandrug and Hindupur. Grants from Provincial revenues have been given wherever necessary, and about 56 wells are being deepened in various parts of the district where scarcity is felt. As for irrigation, with the exception of a few in Gooty, the tanks have generally no sufficient water to start wet cultivation. Ragi is being mostly sown and transplanted with the available supplies. River channels and springs have a fair supply in most parts. The supply in wells is improving in Gooty and Anantapur, where there has been rainfall.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—In Gooty, ploughing and sowing operations are going on briskly under river nalas and springs. Paddy cultivation is progressing fairly under tanks in this taluk and in dry lands cholam, cumbu and other mixed crops are being sown. In Tadpatri, some cultivation is going on under nalas, but none under tanks (which, however, are but few in this taluk) as the supply received in them is nil. In the Anantapur division, and in parts of the Head Assistant Collector's division, ragi is being transplanted. Cholam raised under wells and channels in the southern taluks is doing fairly. Standing crops, such as paddy, ragi, cholam, korra and oil-seeds, &c., are thriving by the recent rains except in parts of Kalyandrug and Anantapur taluks, where they are said to be fading. In Hindupur dry crops are said to be in urgent need of rain.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture is just sprouting again in Gooty, Anantapur and Madakasira and is still practically nil in several parts of the district. Hill grass is also springing up in places and is procurable with

difficulty. Fodder continues to be extremely dear and ragi stocks are now nearly exhausted. Several kinds of leaves such as narapa, junni, ravi, &c., and grass roots and prickly-pear are being used as fodder. There is an increasing demand for these especially in the villages adjoining the Muchukota reserve in the Tadpatri taluk. In Anantapur about 15½ tons of straw received from Guntur was all sold off in a day, which shows the intensity of the demand for fodder in this locality. The need for a depôt at Chakralapalli (Penukonda taluk) is daily becoming more pressing and, in anticipation of sanction, I have issued orders to open it. This will help the cattle of both Penukonda and Hindupur taluks, being midway between the two. Cattle deaths are being reported from several parts of the district.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—If the first week of the period under report brought some rainfall and brightened agricultural prospects, the next week has already begun to tell a different tale. Except in parts of the Gooty division, there has been no rainfall worth mentioning. In Dharmavaram, the rains have held off during the whole of July and this has increased anxiety in respect to that taluk. The whole of Kalyandrug and the eastern half of Hindupur will certainly be absorbed into the affected tract unless rain falls there within ten days.

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.

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 ..	7.83	8.37	12.12	13.58	10.81	11.06	10.55	10.55	Rice is falling in Tadpatri and rising in Gooty, Uravakonda, Kalyandrug, Penukonda. Ragi is mostly falling. White cholam is falling in Tadpatri and Uravakonda and rising in Gooty and Kalyandrug. Yellow cholam is rising in three stations and stationary elsewhere.
Yadiki ..	7.02	7.02	11.64	12.61	..	..	9.70	9.07	
Gooty ..	8.64	7.56	12.12	13.36	10.30	8.24	10.30	9.78	
Uravakonda ..	8.40	7.87	14.17	15.75	9.45	10.50	..	..	
Anantapur ..	8.10	8.10	12.61	13.82	10.30	10.30	..	11.33	
Kalyandrug ..	9.72	9.18	13.58	13.58	11.33	10.81	13.90	12.87	
Penukonda ..	8.64	8.10	14.55	15.52	11.33	11.33	..	..	
Dharmavaram ..	8.10	7.56	12.36	12.61	11.33	10.81	..	..	
Hindupur ..	8.64	8.64	16.49	17.46	11.33	11.33	..	..	
Madakasira ..	9.72	9.72	16.49	17.46	..	..	..	..	
Average ..	8.48	8.21	13.61	14.57	10.77	10.54	11.11	10.72	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is active in ragi and cholam, and dull in rice. Cholam is imported into Tadpatri from Nellore and Venkatagiri, and rice from Guntur, Coimbatore and Salem. Great quantity of ragi was imported into Dharmavaram from Mysore. Special trains are running daily conveying large quantities of cholam from Hindupur to Bellary and parts of the Bombay Presidency.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally fair. In Angasamudram in Gooty taluk, some cases of diarrhoea have occurred and are attributed to consumption of bad ragi sold in the bazaar. The attention of the Famine Deputy Collector has been drawn to this. "Sore eyes" is another complaint on some other works in Gooty and Dharmavaram.

In villages.—Good. Partial stinting is reported from Kalyandrug and Budili firkas and steps will have to be taken shortly to open works in these localities.

SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

Small-pox and slight fever in parts of the Head Assistant Collector's division. No deaths from starvation.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluku.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Tadpatri ...	22,112	21,926
Gooty ...	18,348	17,730
Anantapur ...	7,809	8,788
Dharmavaram ...	9,177	12,477
Kalyandrug ...	791	535
Penukonda ...	1,559	1,919
Hindupur ...	491	closed.
Total ...	60,287	63,375

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluku.	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 ..	1,314	1,416	269	265	..	..	2,397	2,496
Gooty ..	615	800	143	229	..	..	1,329	1,452
Anantapur ..	423	466	57	46	..	..	1,498	1,607
Kalyandrug ..	30	44	46	52	..	..	2,504	2,006
Dharmavaram ..	742	762	95	78	..	..	..	..
Penukonda ..	173	215	43	49	..	..	..	..
Hindupur ..	26	Closed.	4	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	3,323	3,708	657	719	..	..	7,728	7,561

Taluku.	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.
Tadpatri ..	Not given.		1,712	2,542	5,055	13,211
Gooty ..			..	..	..	..
Anantapur ..			..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram ..			..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Excepting the distribution of the charitable fund money under object IV, there is nothing worth recording under this head. A further allotment of Rs. 1,25,000 has been promised to this district, but the remittance has not yet come, though I wired for it ten days ago to the Madras Committee.

General remarks.

There has been no perceptible improvement by the rains except in the main division of the Gooty taluk. In the Uravakonda division of this taluk, as also in the other affected area of the district, prospects are still gloomy. The Budili firka of the Hindupur taluk has since been absorbed into the affected part, and the Head Assistant Collector, who has just returned from a tour through this firka, reports that relief measures are urgently called for. I am addressing the Executive Engineer about starting a test work in this firka and have selected the Sanaganapalli tank, the estimate for which provides for an earth-work of Rs. 715. I have also ordered the closing of

the road works at Brahmanapalli and Anantapur in the Anantapur taluk and the opening of the tank works at Singampalli and Almur in their stead. The Amidala kunta and Marutla works in Gooty will also be closed shortly. The tank works in Elakkuntla (Dharmavaram taluk) and Demakethepalli (Hindupur taluk) have been completed.

I have issued necessary revised instructions with reference to the recent orders of Government, but the effect of it remains to be seen. I do not anticipate much change yet. The number of coolies shows a decrease (3,376) as compared with the last week, but a net increase as compared with the attendance during the previous fortnight. About 400 labourers have deserted the Guntakal work and have gone off to the Chippagiri works in the Alur taluk of the Bellary district as they get higher wages there, the basis being cholam.

I may mention that the Karidikonda workers came on to the Razapuram and the Gooty-Anantapur tank works and left them again after giving a lot of trouble. They are a set of what I believe schoolboys call Scrimshankers.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluku and places visited.

Collector.		Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty—cont.	
Gooty taluk	... { Gooty. Rajapuram. Gooty Anantapuram. Korrapaud. Anantapur. Almur (twice).	Tadpatri taluk	... { Tadpatri. Jambalapaud. Veerapuram.
Anantapur taluk	...	Famine Deputy Collector, Anantapur Division.	
Head Assistant Collector.		Anantapur taluk	... { Papampetta. Kurugunta. Vadopalli. Rachanapalli. Pampanur. Atmakuru. Kudair. Anantapur. Kalnapalli. Hammireddipalli. Seebhani. Golla. Kodihalli. Venkatampalli. Pallar. Gollapalli. Handchalli. Kambadur. Thimmapuram. Enumuldoddi. Rudrumpalli. Kottur. Moraipalli. Garudapuram. Kalyandrug. Doddaghatta. Chapari. Seerpi. Kuttala. Yerragudi. Taggupati. Boodigumma. Kudair. Rachanapalli.
Dharmavaram taluk.	{ Basanepalle. Kanumukkala. Lingareddipalli. Buchayyagaripalli. Bukkapatnam. Javakampalli. Putaparthi. Penukonda. Pedapalli. Ganganipalli. Vanavala. Kondapuram. Goruntla. Puleru. Budali. Yerrapalli. Narasampalli. Settipalli. Kudur. Chilamattur. Luleepalli. Demakethipalli. Lepatchi. Hindupur.	Kalyandrug taluk	...
Penukonda taluk	...	Famine Deputy Collector, Gooty.	
Hindupur taluk	...	Gooty taluk	... { Uravakonda. Vajrakarur. Kamalapaud. Gulipaliem. Konakondla. Guntakal. Pathacothacheru. Yerradimarajacheru. Rajapuram.

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

Taluka.	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.			
	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		
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Tadpatri ..	29	Rs. 5,630	26	Rs. 4,580	3	Rs. 1,050	27	Rs. 2,590	27	Rs. 7,753	215	Rs. 48,505	56	Rs. 8,920	53	Rs. 7,170	3	Rs. 1,050	7	19		
Gooty ..	59	9,340	56	8,480	151	37,515	625	78,045	621	77,753	10	1,030	684	87,585	677	86,233	366	86,020	..	56		
Anantapur ..	376	35,372	368	32,067	153	20,945	10	1,305	10	1,030	13	4,650	386	36,677	373	33,007	166	25,695	4	203		
Kalyandurg ..	186	28,215	171	15,757	31	6,270	22	2,705	22	2,150	23	4,175	208	30,920	193	17,907	54	9,445	4	167		
Dharmavaram ..	211	24,755	205	19,502	21	3,760	6	730	6	730	8	1,300	217	25,485	211	20,232	29	5,060	17	196		
Penukonda ..	90	12,017	73	6,985	19	3,240	5	390	4	340	3	140	95	12,437	76	7,325	22	3,380	6	77		
Hindupur ..	209	35,800	183	27,837	75	17,340	3	1,150	3	1,075	1	500	212	37,010	186	28,912	76	17,840	6	183		
Madakasira ..	70	12,770	59	8,572	92	17,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	12,770	50	8,572	92	17,000	1	46		
Total ..	1,230	1,63,989	1,131	1,23,780	545	1,06,120	698	86,915	693	85,668	263	59,270	1,938	2,50,904	1,824	2,09,448	808	1,65,390	45	947		
	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.									
Taluka.	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.	Number.	Amount.		
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39				
Tadpatri ..	212	Rs. 9,849	204	Rs. 9,689	8	Rs. 1,160	..	..	..	..	..	..	212	9,849	204	9,689	8	Rs. 1,160	..	..		
Gooty ..	964	52,804	964	52,804	2,164	1,44,780	..	..	..	..	..	..	964	52,804	964	52,804	2,164	1,44,780	..	..		
Anantapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Kalyandurg ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Dharmavaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Penukonda ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Hindupur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Madakasira ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total ..	1,178	62,733	1,168	62,493	2,267	1,52,694	120	7,991	96	6,349	405	26,086	1,298	70,794	1,264	68,642	2,672	1,78,780	..	..		

RESOLUTION—No. 569, dated 14th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall at the commencement of the period under report was good in parts of the district, but poor elsewhere, and the latter half of the fortnight was dry. The only portion of the district that really improved in condition was the main division of the Gooty taluk. Other parts of the district were becoming absorbed into the area of distress. The cultivation of dry crops was proceeding, but, without further rain, there were fears of a considerable proportion being lost. Instead of improving, the situation is becoming steadily worse. Wet cultivation under wells is a trifle, and under tanks mostly *nil*. The dry cultivation outside the tract named in Gooty is very bad. Red soils stretch from Guntakal the whole way up to Hindupur. At the same period last year, crops were standing on all the cultivable patta lands in this tract in the last week of July. In the present year the dry crops from Guntakal towards Anantapur are poor and sparse. In Anantapur they are few and far between and in very bad condition. In Dharmavaram, Penukonda and Hindupur, none whatever were to be seen. Hindupur itself was, last year, a garden under well cultivation. This year half the tract referred to is bare and on the other half the crops are poor or dying. The tank is empty and the wells are either dry or nearly so. The Tahsildar of Hindupur asserts that his tanks have never surplused for four years, and that Mysore works have cut off the supply. The Collector should enquire into this, and, if true, report the action of the Mysore authorities. Invidious comparisons are being drawn by the ryots as to British and Native rule, the improved conditions in Mysore being attributed to the care bestowed by that Government on its temples. Whatever the cause, it is a fact that the limitation between British and Mysore territories is, as it were, drawn by a knife. On the British side all is bare. Immediately over the frontier, from Goribidnur to Bangalore, all is smiling. Quantities of well-grown sugarcane are to be seen, and the dry lands cropped, and promising richly, the cultivation, too, being of that careful and perfect kind which is peculiar to the Mysore plateau. Madakasira seems to be still out of danger, but there is no doubt that Hindupur is affected and relief of some kind is necessary there. Prices have risen considerably at Hindupur since the date of the Collector's report. Pasture was improving in parts, but fodder continued scarce. The depôt at Chakralapalle has been sanctioned. Cattle are reported to be dying from privation.

3. Prices continued to rise, except in the case of ragi; trade appears to have been active. The comparative positions of prices are 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	8.2	14.5	10.6
July 1892	10.6	20.2	18.5
„ 1877	5.8	6.3	6.2

4. The condition of the people was generally fair. The numbers on works and gratuitous relief increased by 5 and 2 per cent., respectively.

5. The orders of Government contained in G.O., No. 679, dated 7th August 1897, have been communicated to the Collector. The sanction of Government for the works opened by the Collector is solicited.

8 BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), No. 569, 14TH AUG. 1897.

6. The following figures show the progress made in disbursing loans:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed. RS.
July 3rd	2,34,396
" 10th	2,44,389
" 17th	2,56,899
" 24th	2,74,953

Much yet remains to be done, especially 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.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Order, No. 738 dated 31st August 1897.

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2. The Govt. sanctions the opening of the new works referred to in the Collector's narrative.

(True Extract.)

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Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To the Famine Commissioner.

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