Taluks.	Weavers' 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.
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	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		or Constructed 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.		
Berhampur	..	..	..	..	2	300	132	13,210	121	12,700	1,108	1,21,283	132	13,210	121	12,700	1,110	1,21,583	..	..
Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	600	4	460	..	..	3	600	4	460	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	2	300	132	13,210	124	13,300	1,112	1,21,743	132	13,210	124	13,300	1,114	1,22,043	..	..

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed grain.						Total.					
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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
Berhampur	..	..	..	..	..	..	408	21,829	322	18,225	3,164	2,59,623	408	21,829	322	18,225	3,164	2,59,623
Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	206	8,151	91	3,859	446	26,016	206	8,151	91	3,859	446	26,016
Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	285	56	2,703	..	..	11	285	56	2,703
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	614	29,980	424	22,369	3,666	2,88,342	614	29,980	421	22,369	3,666	2,88,342

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.—The General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, has visited 56 villages and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 38 villages in their divisions. The Principal Assistant Collector could not travel during the fortnight owing to a severe attack of fever. Mr. Willimott has now recovered and will tour during the next fortnight. Mr. Ashe, Assistant Collector, has been on tour in the Berhampur taluk. My own touring, owing to indisposition has been somewhat limited. The following places were visited by me:—

Naupada.
Sómpéta—Kitchen weavers' depôts work.
Ichchhápuram—Kitchen weavers' depôts work.
Berhampur—Ankoli quarry.
Hinjili—Kitchen and work.
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Boirani—Kitchen and works.

Resolution—No. 550, dated 4th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Rain, which held off at the commencement of the fortnight, began to fall towards its close, the fall, though below the average, being good and useful.

Since the report was written, further rain has fallen as noted below:—

Station.	Up to 26th. INCHES.	Station.	Up to 26th. INCHES.
Balliguda	3·40	Gopalpur	2·06
Russellkondá	1·50	Berhampur	5·27
Surada	3·06	Iskapur	1·60
Aska	5·57	Sómpéta	2·14
Udayagiri	1·80	Pundi	0·30
Ramagiri	8·38	Tekkali	1·60
Parlákimedi	4·70	Narasannapéta	0·10
Rambha	1·40	Calingapatam	0·10
Purushottapur	4·30	Chicacole	0·20
Chatrapur	2·36	District Average ...	2·62

The position, which had commenced to be improved as soon as the rain fell, has now changed very much for the better; the standing crops, which would have withered away without rain, have revived; wells have received supplies, and pasture will soon be renewed.

3. Prices, however, still continued to rise, due partly to the demand created by the extension of gratuitous relief, and partly to the falling off in import due to the rain and the prevalence of cholera.

The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee. Rice.	Ragi.
Normal	17·0	30·0
Warning	13·6	22·5
Scarcity	10·2	15·0
Current	9·5	10·5
July 1889	10·3	16·3
July 1878	8·2	11·0

4. The condition of the people is reported to have been generally good; but signs of distress were visible at some of the works in the north, and among the ryots of Tekkali and Parlákimedi. However, Mr. Taylor, the Agent of the Parlákimedi zemindar, reports that a very fair ragi crop has been harvested in the estate and that the conditions are very favourable for a good harvest for the crops now on the ground.

The numbers on work increased by nearly 4 per cent., while those on gratuitous relief nearly doubled. Explanation for the sudden increase in those relieved in villages in Berhampur taluk should be submitted. Orders on the subject of relief have been communicated to the Collector by Government in its telegrams of 23rd and 24th July. The Collector will do his best to contract the number of works as far as possible; they will have to remain open for a considerable time longer owing to the reduced demand for agricultural labour that is likely to be experienced this year; the more stringent condition of relief now adopted will, however, reduce any attractions that relief works may have had in the past.

5. Cholera has been severe in the district for some time past and shows but little sign of abating. The following figures give the number of deaths reported since January, 1st 1897:—

Period.	Number of deaths.
January	351
February	302
March	254
April	381
May	1,236
June	4,116
July (up to 15th)	2,506

If the outbreak persists, the Collector should telegraph to the Sanitary Commissioner for some of the newly-trained Sanitary Inspectors, and, with reference to G.O., No. 540, dated 7th July 1897, should ask the Famine Commissioner for sanction for such staff as he may require to combat the disease *on works*. The Famine Commissioner has recently had the advantage of seeing these Sanitary Inspectors at work in Kurnool, and was agreeably surprised at the excellent organization introduced. It is plain that these measures are no more sanitary fad, but honest practical measures, intelligently carried out. The Famine Commissioner only hopes that the Inspectors whom he saw at Kurnool are fair samples of the whole forty recently turned out.

6. The progress made in the disbursement of loans is shown by the following figures:—

Up to end of week ending.	Loans disbursed. Rs.
June 19th	21,974
June 26th	25,439
July 3rd	30,209
July 10th	34,994
July 17th	41,189

The work turned out under this head is quite insufficient to keep pace with requirements.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 710, Revenue, dated 20th August 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Ganjám 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), No. 550, dated 4th August 1897 :—

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

State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	2·48	3·63
Up to the fortnight from April	9·05	11·40

During the latter half of the fortnight, there was rain more or less throughout the District. Tanks and wells received a moderate supply of water. There were also slight river freshes. There is no anxiety for water for drinking purposes at present. Pits are being dug in tank and river-beds for water where necessary. The amount spent for the improvement of drinking water-supply during the fortnight was Rs. 1,425. More rain was wanted for agricultural operations at the close of the fortnight, but has subsequently fallen.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Ploughing and sowing generally, and transplantation of ragi in parts are still in progress throughout the District. Paddy, ragi, gingelly, sugarcane are thriving at present, except in Aska, where the first three crops are reported to have been affected by insects. The Head-quarters Deputy Collector reports that a peculiar kind of caterpillar caused considerable damage to the ragi plants in his Division, but after the rains the pest has disappeared. The Senior Assistant Collector also reports that gingelly in some parts of the Pedda Kimedi estate was attacked by insects. In Tekkali summer ragi under wells and tanks has been reaped with a fair outturn. Rain-fed paddy in Berhampur, Aska and Purushottapur is thriving, having revived under the influence of the recent rains.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder is available, but dear. Pasture is generally available. Condition of cattle is generally good, but cattle diseases exist in some villages of Goomsur and Chicacole taluks.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain during the fortnight has proved very beneficial for the standing crops and seed-beds of paddy and ragi, which would have withered away had the rain held off a few days longer. The state of the season seems encouraging at present.

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 10th of July 1897.

Stations.	Rice.				Ragi.		Corresponding prices of 1889.	
	End of last period.		End of current period.		End of last period.	End of current period.	Rice.	Ragi.
	Raw.	Boiled.	Raw.	Boiled.				
Russellkondá	10·50	11·50	9·50	11·00	12·19	11·72	10·00	15·50
Surada	9·71	10·06	9·25	9·62	11·37	10·50	10·00	13·25
Aska	10·20	10·88	9·78	10·88	10·32	9·97	9·40	14·83
Purushottapur	10·50	12·50	10·50	12·50	11·50	11·50	10·00	16·00
Chatrapur	8·50	10·00	8·50	10·50	10·50	10·00	10·50	17·00
Berhampur	9·00	10·50	8·50	10·00	10·20	11·05	10·00	17·50
Ichchhápuram	9·00	9·00	8·50	9·00	9·90	9·90	9·00	16·00
Sómpéta	9·07	..	8·25	..	10·46	9·45	10·80	17·60
Parlákimedi	7·50	8·62	7·50	8·25	10·69	10·40	10·50	19·50
Tekkali	8·50	..	7·55	..	10·70	11·00	9·50	17·00
Narasannapéta	9·37	..	9·00	..	12·35	10·40	11·50	21·00
Chicacole	7·68	..	7·68	..	11·08	10·65	10·50	20·00
Total ..	109·53	83·06	104·51	81·75	131·26	126·54	121·70	205·18
Average ..	9·13	10·38	8·71	10·22	10·94	10·55	10·14	17·10

Remarks.—The rise in the price of raw rice at Russellkonda, Suradá, Aska, Berhampur, Ichchhápuram, Sámpéta, Tekkali, and Narasannapéta and of ragi at Russellkonda, Suradá. Aska, Chatrapur, Parlákimedi, Narasannapéta, and Chicacole is probably due to want of supply in the local markets. The considerable demand for ragi in connection with relief operations partly accounts for the rise in the price of that article.

Activity of Trade.—Trade within the District is reported to be slack. The Goomsur Deputy Collector reports that about 132 cart-loads of paddy have been imported from Nyaghur, but these imports are now stopped by the rains. The head-quarters Deputy Collector reports that imports from Orissa still continue, but to a limited extent owing to the prevalence of cholera at Rambha.

Exports and imports of food-grains by rail and by sea are as follows :—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By rail	4,731	7,070
By sea	2,858	3,406

The exports consist of rice and imports of ragi.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Condition of people on works is generally good except on a few works. The worst at Jchomi and Batkumaradu.

In villages.—The condition of the cultivating and upper classes is generally good except in Tekkali, where ryots are greatly reduced, and Parlákimedi, where the Savarahs are emaciated and distress extending to other classes. The test and relief works already opened have afforded ample employment to labourers in their vicinity, but, for want of overseers, it has not been possible to open many desirable works. Grain-doles are being distributed on a large scale to the helpless poor, but greater supervision is required over the circle inspectors. Three taluk relief officers have now been sanctioned ; a fourth is required.

The following remittances are reported from emigrants to Burma, through the Post-offices noted below :—

	Rs.
1. Kasibugga	4,424
2. Kotabommali	834
3. Tekkali	1,050
4 Jalumur	113
5. Naupada	2,781
Total ...	9,202

Sickness and Mortality.—One death from starvation in Tekkali taluk was reported to me in the early part of the fortnight. I fear that a considerable number of deaths, if not directly, are indirectly due to want of food. Enquiries are being made. Fever, small-pox and cholera are generally prevalent. Cholera is still severe :—

	Cholera deaths.
Goomsur Division	94
Head-quarters Deputy Collector's Division	374
Berhampur Division	382
Chicacole Division	801
Total ...	1,651

Remarks.—The following kitchens and works have been opened during the fortnight :—

Kitchens.		Works.
Tekkali taluk.	Nandigáma.	1. Special repairs to Tekkali and Anantagiri road.
	Naupada.	2. Construction of a feeder road to Kosabommali station.
Parlákimedi taluk.	Kaviti.	3. Bandivant tank.
	Karasavada.	4. Gravel quarry at Khojiria.
	Uppalada.	5. Kanchili quarry.
	Garabanda.	6. Mavidipally quarry.
		7. Chodialanji.
		8. Ankoli.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Number employed in the week ending 17th July 1897.	Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.		
1. Rushikulya surplus channel, Berhampur taluk ..	1,445	* 1,536	1,977	
2. Rudda Hill quarry, Ichchhápuram taluk	1,137	* 1,813	1,543	
3. East Coast Railway quarry, Ichchhápuram taluk..	2,936	2,921	2,728	
4. Krishnasagaram tank do. do ..	550	..	..	
5. Purushottapur Hill quarry do. do. ..	1,180	* 1,174	830	
6. Rajapur Hill quarry do. do. ..	950	..	..	
7. Ampuram, Sómpéta taluk	..	Closed.	..	
8. Makarapur do.	..	609	412	
9. Haripur do.	..	1,128	1,054	
10. Jinkibhadra do.	..	1,135	1,106	
11. Mogilikottur do.	8,905	Closed.	..	Kancholi quarry opened in place of Nos. 7 and 11 —*vide* No. 43.
12. Tumba tank do.	..	434	452	Agency.
13. Holidiya tank do.	..	..	..	
14. Jillunda do.	..	382	595	
15. Grama tank do.	..	..	..	
16. Ambugam do.	..	..	..	
17. Pedda Kimedi, Berhampur taluk	..	331	..	
18. Johomi, Ganjám taluk	428	* 684	899	
19. Pilli tank do.	1,532	* 308	125	
20. Lakshmipati tank, Ganjám taluk	1,441	* 1,540	1,540	
21. Nungur do.	750	704	731	
22. Santoshapur do.	1,119	1,156	451	
23. Kanchana do.	530	* 888	888	
24. Subulia do.	475	* 904	904	
25. Pothara do.	..	1,124	1,009	

* Includes dependants of relief workers.

Taluks.	Number employed		Number employed in the week ending 17th July 1897.	Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.		
26. Haradamuli, Ganjám taluk	539	* 412	307	
27. Daigam, Purushottapur taluk	776	501	758	
28. Atagada do.	699	803	788	
29. Sorasingi do.	690	858	797	
30. Mukundapur do.	1,612	1,311	1,479	
31. Boirani do.	699	1,165	1,118	
32. Bhatkunarada do.	595	342	668	
33. Henjili do.	1,548	1,363	1,490	
34. Kaviti, Tekkali taluk	5,160	725	759	
35. Pattamahadevi tank, Tekkali taluk		..	307	
36. Kurmanadhaparuni tank do.		..	410	
37. Ura tank do.		..	263	
38. Kota Bommali do.		330	505	
39. Bendi, Tekkali taluk		211	428	
40. Bandivant tank, Ganjám taluk	..	* 1,831	1,436	
41. Gravel quarry at Khojiria, Ichchhápuram taluk ..	..	268	1,165	
42. Jampana tank, Sómpéta taluk	..	1,502	1,375	
43. Kanchili quarry do.	..	1,245	383	
44. Mavidepally quarry do.	..	1,203	1,019	
45. Chodiyalanji do.	..	1,902	1,285	
46. Mahendrampath do.	..	234	234	
47. Guntubanda do.	..	* 1,548	1,533	B. Branch.
48. Ankoli do.	..	1,199	1,539	Test work converted into relief work.
49. Construction of a feeder road from Kotubommali railway station to trunk road	..	..	396	
Total ..	36,027	37,398	37,686	

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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.
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Ganjám	..	..	39	44	..	..	1,183	1,791
Purushottapur	..	..	149	269	..	..	3,397	4,753
Tekkali	..	..	768	1,162	..	..	996	2,171
Narasannapéta	..	..	474	1,108	..	..	307	390
Parlákimedi	..	..	1,131	2,412	..	..	5,072	7,542
Chicacole	..	..	320	483	..	..	66	65
Total ..	143	247	4,924	7,601	..	..	36,252	68,847

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Parlákimedi	4·70	Narasannapéta	0·10
Rambha	1·40	Calingapatam	0·10
Purushottapur	4·30	Chicacole	0·20
Chatrapur	2·36	District Average ...	2·62

The position, which had commenced to be improved as soon as the rain fell, has now changed very much for the better; the standing crops, which would have withered away without rain, have revived; wells have received supplies, and pasture will soon be renewed.

3. Prices, however, still continued to rise, due partly to the demand created by the extension of gratuitous relief, and partly to the falling off in import due to the rain and the prevalence of cholera.

The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee. Rice.	Ragi.
Normal	17·0	30·0
Warning	13·6	22·5
Scarcity	10·2	15·0
Current	9·5	10·5
July 1889	10·3	16·3
July 1878	8·2	11·0

4. The condition of the people is reported to have been generally good; but signs of distress were visible at some of the works in the north, and among the ryots of Tekkali and Parlákimedi. However, Mr. Taylor, the Agent of the Parlákimedi

zemindar, reports that a very fair ragi crop has been harvested in the estate and that the conditions are very favourable for a good harvest for the crops now on the ground.

The numbers on work increased by nearly 4 per cent., while those on gratuitous relief nearly doubled. Explanation for the sudden increase in those relieved in villages in Berhampur taluk should be submitted. Orders on the subject of relief have been communicated to the Collector by Government in its telegrams of 23rd and 24th July. The Collector will do his best to contract the number of works as far as possible; they will have to remain open for a considerable time longer owing to the reduced demand for agricultural labour that is likely to be experienced this year; the more stringent condition of relief now adopted will, however, reduce any attractions that relief works may have had in the past.

5. Cholera has been severe in the district for some time past and shows but little sign of abating. The following figures give the number of deaths reported since January, 1st 1897:—

Period.	Number of deaths.
January	351
February	302
March	254
April	381
May	1,236
June	4,116
July (up to 15th)	2,506

If the outbreak persists, the Collector should telegraph to the Sanitary Commissioner for some of the newly-trained Sanitary Inspectors, and, with reference to G.O., No. 540, dated 7th July 1897, should ask the Famine Commissioner for sanction for such staff as he may require to combat the disease *on works*. The Famine Commissioner has recently had the advantage of seeing these Sanitary Inspectors at work in Kurnool, and was agreeably surprised at the excellent organization introduced. It is plain that these measures are no more sanitary fad, but honest practical measures, intelligently carried out. The Famine Commissioner only hopes that the Inspectors whom he saw at Kurnool are fair samples of the whole forty recently turned out.

6. The progress made in the disbursement of loans is shown by the following figures:—

Up to end of week ending.	Loans disbursed. Rs.
June 19th	21,974
June 26th	25,439
July 3rd	30,209
July 10th	34,994
July 17th	41,189

The work turned out under this head is quite insufficient to keep pace with requirements.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 710, Revenue, dated 20th August 1897.

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AUGUST.

Fortnightly Narrative.

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

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.

	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	2·48	3·63
Up to the fortnight from April	9·05	11·40

During the latter half of the fortnight, there was rain more or less throughout the District. Tanks and wells received a moderate supply of water. There were also slight river freshes. There is no anxiety for water for drinking purposes at present. Pits are being dug in tank and river-beds for water where necessary. The amount spent for the improvement of drinking water-supply during the fortnight was Rs. 1,425. More rain was wanted for agricultural operations at the close of the fortnight, but has subsequently fallen.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Ploughing and sowing generally, and transplantation of ragi in parts are still in progress throughout the District. Paddy, ragi, gingelly, sugarcane are thriving at present, except in Aska, where the first three crops are reported to have been affected by insects. The Head-quarters Deputy Collector reports that a peculiar kind of caterpillar caused considerable damage to the ragi plants in his Division, but after the rains the pest has disappeared. The Senior Assistant Collector also reports that gingelly in some parts of the Pedda Kimedi estate was attacked by insects. In Tekkali summer ragi under wells and tanks has been reaped with a fair outturn. Rain-fed paddy in Berhampur, Aska and Purushottapur is thriving, having revived under the influence of the recent rains.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder is available, but dear. Pasture is generally available. Condition of cattle is generally good, but cattle diseases exist in some villages of Goomsur and Chicacole taluks.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain during the fortnight has proved very beneficial for the standing crops and seed-beds of paddy and ragi, which would have withered away had the rain held off a few days longer. The state of the season seems encouraging at present.

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 10th of July 1897.

Stations.	Rice.				Ragi.		Corresponding prices of 1889.	
	End of last period.		End of current period.		End of last period.	End of current period.	Rice.	Ragi.
	Raw.	Boiled.	Raw.	Boiled.				
Russellkondá	10·50	11·50	9·50	11·00	12·19	11·72	10·00	15·50
Surada	9·71	10·06	9·25	9·62	11·37	10·50	10·00	13·25
Aska	10·20	10·88	9·78	10·88	10·32	9·97	9·40	14·83
Purushottapur	10·50	12·50	10·50	12·50	11·50	11·50	10·00	16·00
Chatrapur	8·50	10·00	8·50	10·50	10·50	10·00	10·50	17·00
Berhampur	9·00	10·50	8·50	10·00	10·20	11·05	10·00	17·50
Ichchhápuram	9·00	9·00	8·50	9·00	9·90	9·90	9·00	16·00
Sómpéta	9·07	..	8·25	..	10·46	9·45	10·80	17·60
Parlákimedi	7·50	8·62	7·50	8·25	10·69	10·40	10·50	19·50
Tekkali	8·50	..	7·55	..	10·70	11·00	9·50	17·00
Narasannapéta	9·37	..	9·00	..	12·35	10·40	11·50	21·00
Chicacole	7·68	..	7·68	..	11·08	10·65	10·50	20·00
Total ..	109·53	83·06	104·51	81·75	131·26	126·54	121·70	205·18
Average ..	9·13	10·38	8·71	10·22	10·94	10·55	10·14	17·10

Remarks.—The rise in the price of raw rice at Russellkonda, Suradá, Aska, Berhampur, Ichchhápuram, Sámpéta, Tekkali, and Narasannapéta and of ragi at Russellkonda, Suradá. Aska, Chatrapur, Parlákimedi, Narasannapéta, and Chicacole is probably due to want of supply in the local markets. The considerable demand for ragi in connection with relief operations partly accounts for the rise in the price of that article.

Activity of Trade.—Trade within the District is reported to be slack. The Goomsur Deputy Collector reports that about 132 cart-loads of paddy have been imported from Nyaghur, but these imports are now stopped by the rains. The head-quarters Deputy Collector reports that imports from Orissa still continue, but to a limited extent owing to the prevalence of cholera at Rambha.

Exports and imports of food-grains by rail and by sea are as follows :—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By rail	4,731	7,070
By sea	2,858	3,406

The exports consist of rice and imports of ragi.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Condition of people on works is generally good except on a few works. The worst at Jchomi and Batkumaradu.

In villages.—The condition of the cultivating and upper classes is generally good except in Tekkali, where ryots are greatly reduced, and Parlákimedi, where the Savarahs are emaciated and distress extending to other classes. The test and relief works already opened have afforded ample employment to labourers in their vicinity, but, for want of overseers, it has not been possible to open many desirable works. Grain-doles are being distributed on a large scale to the helpless poor, but greater supervision is required over the circle inspectors. Three taluk relief officers have now been sanctioned ; a fourth is required.

The following remittances are reported from emigrants to Burma, through the Post-offices noted below :—

	Rs.
1. Kasibugga	4,424
2. Kotabommali	834
3. Tekkali	1,050
4. Jalumur	113
5. Naupada	2,781
Total ...	9,202

Sickness and Mortality.—One death from starvation in Tekkali taluk was reported to me in the early part of the fortnight. I fear that a considerable number of deaths, if not directly, are indirectly due to want of food. Enquiries are being made. Fever, small-pox and cholera are generally prevalent. Cholera is still severe :—

	Cholera deaths.
Goomsur Division	94
Head-quarters Deputy Collector's Division	374
Berhampur Division	382
Chicacole Division	801
Total ...	1,651

Remarks.—The following kitchens and works have been opened during the fortnight :—

	Kitchens.	Works.
Tekkali taluk.	Nandigáma.	1. Special repairs to Tekkali and Anantagiri road.
	Naupada.	2. Construction of a feeder road to Kosabommali station.
Parlákimedi taluk.	Kaviti.	3. Bandivant tank.
	Karasavada.	4. Gravel quarry at Khojiria.
	Uppalada.	5. Kanchili quarry.
	Garabanda.	6. Mavidipally quarry.
		7. Chodialanji.
		8. Ankoli.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Number employed in the week ending 17th July 1897.	Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.		
1. Rushikulya surplus channel, Berhampur taluk ..	1,445	* 1,536	1,977	
2. Rudda Hill quarry, Ichchhápuram taluk	1,137	* 1,813	1,543	
3. East Coast Railway quarry, Ichchhápuram taluk..	2,936	2,921	2,728	
4. Krishnasagaram tank do. do ..	550	..	..	
5. Purushottapur Hill quarry do. do. ..	1,180	* 1,174	830	
6. Rajapur Hill quarry do. do. ..	950	..	..	
7. Ampuram, Sómpéta taluk	..	Closed.	..	
8. Makarapur do.	..	609	412	
9. Haripur do.	..	1,128	1,054	
10. Jinkibhadra do.	..	1,135	1,106	
11. Mogilikottur do.	8,905	Closed.	..	Kancholi quarry opened in place of Nos. 7 and 11 —*vide* No. 43.
12. Tumba tank do.	..	434	452	Agency.
13. Holidiya tank do.	..	..	..	
14. Jillunda do.	..	382	595	
15. Grama tank do.	..	..	..	
16. Ambugam do.	..	..	..	
17. Pedda Kimedi, Berhampur taluk	331	..	..	
18. Johomi, Ganjám taluk	428	* 684	899	
19. Pilli tank do.	1,532	* 308	125	
20. Lakshmipati tank, Ganjám taluk	1,441	* 1,540	1,540	
21. Nungur do.	750	704	731	
22. Santoshapur do.	1,119	1,156	451	
23. Kanchana do.	530	* 888	888	
24. Subulia do.	475	* 904	904	
25. Pothara do.	..	1,124	1,009	

* Includes dependants of relief workers.

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	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.		
26. Haradamuli, Ganjám taluk	539	* 412	307	
27. Daigam, Purushottapur taluk	776	501	758	
28. Atagada do.	699	803	788	
29. Sorasingi do.	690	858	797	
30. Mukundapur do.	1,612	1,311	1,479	
31. Boirani do.	699	1,165	1,118	
32. Bhatkunarada do.	595	342	668	
33. Henjili do.	1,548	1,363	1,490	
34. Kaviti, Tekkali taluk	5,160	725	759	
35. Pattamahadevi tank, Tekkali taluk		..	307	
36. Kurmanadhaparuni tank do.		..	410	
37. Ura tank do.		..	263	
38. Kota Bommali do.		330	505	
39. Bendi, Tekkali taluk		211	428	
40. Bandivant tank, Ganjám taluk	..	* 1,831	1,436	
41. Gravel quarry at Khojiria, Ichchhápuram taluk ..	..	268	1,165	
42. Jampana tank, Sómpéta taluk	..	1,502	1,375	
43. Kanchili quarry do.	..	1,245	383	
44. Mavidepally quarry do.	..	1,203	1,019	
45. Chodiyalanji do.	..	1,902	1,285	
46. Mahendrampath do.	..	234	234	
47. Guntubanda do.	..	* 1,548	1,533	B. Branch.
48. Ankoli do.	..	1,199	1,539	Test work converted into relief work.
49. Construction of a feeder road from Kotabommali railway station to trunk road	..	..	396	
Total ..	36,027	37,398	37,686	

* Includes dependants of relief workers.

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.
Russelkonda	..	..	183	228	..	..	1,342	2,141
Suradá	..	..	102	143	..	..	208	979
Aska	..	..	36	18	..	..	128	437
Bodagada	..	..	77	104	..	..	158	262
Pedda Kimedi	..	..	133	263	..	..	3,190	3,734
Berhampur	..	..	387	475	..	..	..	† 24,304
Sómpéta	137	241	1,026	775	..	..	14,211	13,694
Ichchhápuram	6	6	99	117	..	..	5,994	6,584
Ganjám	..	..	39	44	..	..	1,183	1,791
Purushottapur	..	..	149	269	..	..	3,397	4,753
Tekkali	..	..	768	1,162	..	..	996	2,171
Narasannapéta	..	..	474	1,108	..	..	307	390
Parlákimedi	..	..	1,131	2,412	..	..	5,072	7,542
Chicacole	..	..	320	483	..	..	66	65
Total ..	143	247	4,924	7,601	..	..	36,252	68,847

† The Tahsildar of Berhampur has been called upon to explain the enormous increase in the number under this head of relief.

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.
Russellkonda	171	171	399	606	147	245
Suradá	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aska	..	..	202	102	1,176	4,345
Bodagada	46	51	..	..	..	..
Pedda Kimedi	182	200	..	..	..	..
Berhampur	143	143	595	244	789	1,782
Sómpéta	..	..	1,789	2,084	4,524	14,727
Ichchhápuram	207	207	..	..	..	..
Ganjám	211	182	174	191	1,058	2,161
Purushottapur	185	185	994	1,042	..	..
Tekkali	171	148	1,400	1,447	..	..
Narasannapéta	41	52	..	639	..	..
Parlákimedi	..	..	..	23	..	..
Chicacole	9	9	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,366	1,348	5,555	* 6,378	7,694	23,260

* This includes 247 dependants of weavers.

Private charity.—There is no organized private charity at work. The zemindar of Kallikóta and Atagada continues to keep his kitchen at Haradamuli, but many undeserving persons are fed there, and he has also opened some irrigation works in Atagada to afford relief to the poor. The Famine Charitable Relief Committee is giving money-doles and also making advances for seed-grain. The General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, reports that some gentlemen at Aska are feeding some forty to fifty persons a day. The zemindar of Chinnakimedi continues to feed at his temples and mutts 112 persons daily. The Raja of Parlákimedi has been assisting the poor by opening works in his estate. Total number of persons on his works was 8,634.

General Remarks.

It has been found necessary, in consequence of drought between 21st June and 7th July and the continued rise in prices, to increase the number of circle inspectors, especially in Parlákimedi. Hence the increase in the number in receipt of gratuitous relief. These numbers will probably continue to increase for another fortnight until transplantation is general, when the turning point may be looked for. More works would have been opened and the numbers on gratuitous relief thereby reduced, had the subordinate staff sufficed. Now that good rain has fallen generally, I am doubtful about the utility of opening further works, especially as the difficulty in regard to paymasters becomes intensified from day to day.

The demand for agricultural labour is likely to be considerably restricted this year, as the ryots and their families will themselves do as much work as possible without employing hired labour. Agricultural labourers are generally paid in grain, but this will not be possible this year, and in consequence they will not leave relief works as rapidly as if grain wages were paid. Notwithstanding the favourable prospects, especially in the north of the District, prices continue to rise.

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Aska	5·57	Sómpéta	2·11
Udayagiri	1·80	Pundi	0·30
Ramagiri	8·38	Tekkali	1·60
Parlákimedi	4·70	Narasannapéta	0·10
Rambha	1·40	Calingapatam	0·10
Purushottapur	4·30	Chicacole	0·20
Chatrapur	2·36		
		District Average	2·62

The position, which had commenced to be improved as soon as the rain fell, has now changed very much for the better; the standing crops, which would have withered away without rain, have revived; wells have received supplies, and pasture will soon be renewed.

3. Prices, however, still continued to rise, due partly to the demand created by the extension of gratuitous relief, and partly to the falling off in import due to the rain and the prevalence of cholera.

The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.	
	Rice.	Ragi.
Normal	17·0	30·0
Warning	13·6	22·5
Scarcity	10·2	15·0
Current	9·5	10·5
July 1889	10·3	16·3
July 1878	8·2	11·0

4. The condition of the people is reported to have been generally good; but signs of distress were visible at some of the works in the north, and among the ryots of Tekkali and Parlákimedi. However, Mr. Taylor, the Agent of the Parlákimedi zemindar, reports that a very fair ragi crop has been harvested in the estate and that the conditions are very favourable for a good harvest for the crops now on the ground.

The numbers on work increased by nearly 4 per cent., while those on gratuitous relief nearly doubled. Explanation for the sudden increase in those relieved in villages in Berhampur taluk should be submitted. Orders on the subject of relief have been communicated to the Collector by Government in its telegrams of 23rd and 24th July. The Collector will do his best to contract the number of works as far as possible; they will have to remain open for a considerable time longer owing to the reduced demand for agricultural labour that is likely to be experienced this year; the more stringent condition of relief now adopted will, however, reduce any attractions that relief works may have had in the past.

5. Cholera has been severe in the district for some time past and shows but little sign of abating. The following figures give the number of deaths reported since January, 1st 1897:—

Period.	Number of deaths.
January	351
February	302
March	254
April	381
May	1,236
June	4,116
July (up to 15th)	2,506

If the outbreak persists, the Collector should telegraph to the Sanitary Commissioner for some of the newly-trained Sanitary Inspectors, and, with reference to G.O., No. 540, dated 7th July 1897, should ask the Famine Commissioner for sanction for such staff as he may require to combat the disease *on works*. The Famine Commissioner has recently had the advantage of seeing these Sanitary Inspectors at work in Kurnool, and was agreeably surprised at the excellent organization introduced. It is plain that these measures are no more sanitary fad, but honest practical measures, intelligently carried out. The Famine Commissioner only hopes that the Inspectors whom he saw at Kurnool are fair samples of the whole forty recently turned out.

6. The progress made in the disbursement of loans is shown by the following figures:—

Up to end of week ending.		Loans disbursed.
		Rs.
June	19th	21,974
	26th	25,439
July	3rd	30,209
	10th	34,994
	17th	41,189

The work turned out under this head is quite insufficient to keep pace with requirements.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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Famine Secretary.

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

Order—No. 710, Revenue, dated 20th August 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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(Signed) G. STOKES,
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