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Rainfall during the fortnight has been very local. Water-supply is reported to be sufficient for the present for drinking purposes, but more rain is wanted in parts of Goomsur, Berhampur and Pedda Kimedi taluks where seed-beds are withering at places. There were slight freshes in the Langulia and Rushikulya rivers.

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Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder is available but dear. Pasture is abundant. Condition of cattle is generally good, but cattle diseases exist in some villages of Pedda Kimedi Estate.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—Agricultural operations are not being briskly carried on as was expected for want of rain. More rain is urgently wanted for transplantation of paddy throughout the district and the result of its absence for a few days may be very serious as crops are already withering in some places.

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 24th of July 1897.

Stations.	Rice. End of last period. Raw.	Rice. End of last period. Boiled.	Rice. End of current period. Raw.	Rice. End of current period. Boiled.	Ragi. End of last period.	Ragi. End of current period.	Corresponding prices of 1889. Rice.	Corresponding prices of 1889. Ragi.	Remarks.
Russellkonda	9·50	11·00	8·00	8·50	11·72	9·37	10·00	17·00	The rise in the price of raw rice and ragi is due to want of supply. The fall in the price of ragi at Chicacole is attributed to the large supply received into the local market.
Surada	9·25	9·62	9·25	9·62	10·50	10·56	10·00	14·00	
Aska	9·78	10·88	8·92	10·05	9·97	9·26	9·40	14·83	
Purushottapur	10·50	12·50	8·50	9·00	11·50	11·00	10·50	17·00	
Chatrapur	8·50	10·50	7·50	8·00	10·00	9·50	10·00	18·00	
Berhampur	8·50	10·00	8·00	9·00	11·05	10·20	10·50	20·50	
Ichchhápuram	8·50	9·00	7·25	8·00	9·90	9·90	9·00	18·50	
Sompet	8·25	..	7·83	..	9·45	9·45	10·00	15·00	
Parlákimedi	7·50	8·25	7·12	7·50	10·40	10·40	10·50	19·50	
Tekkali	7·55	..	7·25	..	11·00	11·20	9·50	17·00	
Narasannapéta	9·00	..	8·25	..	10·40	11·05	12·00	21·00	
Chicacole	7·68	..	7·17	..	10·65	12·86	10·00	18·50	
Total ..	104·51	81·75	95·04	69·67	126·54	124·75	121·40	210·83	
Average ..	8·71	10·22	7·92	8·71	10·55	10·39	10·12	17·57	

Activity of trade.—Trade within the district is reported to be slack. Imports from Nayaghur still continue but to a small extent. One hundred and fifteen cart-loads of paddy are reported to have been imported from that place during the fortnight. Seventy-five bales of rice have been exported to Vizianagram from Narasannapéta.

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

	Exports. MDS.	Imports. MDS.
By rail	3,965	8,626
By sea		2,717

Condition of the People.

On Works.—The condition of the people on works is generally good.

In Villages.—The condition of people in villages is generally fair except in the case of the very poorest classes. The Savaras in Parlákimedi and in parts of Berhampur division are very badly off and many of them are in emaciated condition. The District Medical Officer has particularly noticed this amongst Savara prisoners lately brought into jail. Relief is being given to them in all deserving cases. In Goomsur cooly classes are reported to be in need of employment here and there for want of sufficient rain to begin transplantation of paddy which would have given them employment.

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

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) Kassibugga	2,552	8	0
(2) Naupada	1,621	14	0
(3) Tekkali	565	0	0
(4) Kotabommali	729	0	0
(5) Jalumur	138	0	0
Total ...	5,606	6	0

Sickness and mortality.—Fever, small-pox and cholera are generally prevalent :—

	Cholera deaths.
Goomsur division	131
Head-quarter Deputy Collector's division	234
Berhampur division	380
Chicacole division	853
Total ...	1,598

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

Kitchens.	Works.
Chicacole taluk, Srikurmam.	Sompet taluk, Palavalasa quarry.
	Ganjám taluk, Chatrapur hill quarry.
	Berhampur taluk, Golantra feeder road.

The works at Nungur, Krishnasagaram, Makarampuram tank and Jampana tank will be closed from 1st instant and the workers transferred to other works.

With the exception of ragi which has slightly fallen in the sub-division the increase in prices has been general and especially marked in Russellkonda, Purushottapur and Chatrapur. The fall in the price of ragi in the sub-division is due to a good supply and probably to the harvesting of early ragi in certain portions of the division.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Number employed in the week ending 31st July 1897.	Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.		
1. Rushikulya surplus channel *(Chanmakhandi) Berhampur taluk.	1,536	2,543	2,620	
2. Rudda hill quarry, Ichchhápuram taluk ..	1,818	..	..	
3. East Coast Railway quarry do. ..	2,921	754	1,041	
4. Purushottapur hill quarry do. ..	1,174	2,540	3,475	
5. Rajapur hill quarry do. ..	..	549	1,227	
6. Krishnasagaram tank do. ..	..	..	..	
7. Gravel quarry at Kojiria do. ..	268	181	102	
8. Samba tank, Sompet taluk	434	1,474	769	
9. Markapur do. †	309	..	..	
10. Kandikóta or Haripur, Sompet taluk ..	1,128	315	50	
11. Jankibhadra do. ..	1,135	1,188	624	
12. Jampanna tank do. † ..	1,502	1,230	1,354	
13. Jillunda do. ..	382	1,585	1,755	Will be closed from 1st August and workers transferred to Jankibhadra.
14. Kanchili quarry do. ..	1,245	571	1,238	
15. Mavidapilly quarry do. ..	1,203	837	1,089	
16. Chodialangi do. ..	1,902	1,230	668	
17. Mahendram path do. ..	234	1,040	1,165	
18. Johomi, Ganjám taluk	684	234	..	
19. Pilli tank do. ‡	308	927	844	
20. Lakshmipati tank, Ganjám taluk ‡ ..	1,540	129	..	
21. Nungur do. ‡	704	142	..	A few persons are employed here to complete the sectioning.
22. Santhosapur do.	1,156	704	358	
23. Kanchana do.	888	469	3,305	
24. Sabulia do.	904	863	624	
25. Pothara do.	1,124	871	551	
26. Haradamuli do.	412	1,191	5,988	
27. Bandivanlu tank do.	1,831	341	487	
28. Hill quarry do.	..	1,313	1,891	
29. Deigani, Purushottapur taluk	501	1,737	1,784	
30. Atgada do.	803	783	759	
31. Sorasingi do.	858	755	736	
32. Mukundapur do.	1,311	747	878	
33. Boirani do.	1,165	1,303	1,211	
34. Bhatkumarada do.	342	1,199	1,359	
35. Hinjili do.	1,363	555	654	
36. Kaviti, Tekkali taluk §	725	1,324	1,736	
37. Patta Mahadevi tank, Tekkali taluk ..	..	568	277	
38. Kurmanadhapatruni, Mahadevi tank, Tekkali taluk. ‖	..	801	625	
39. Ura tank, Tekkali taluk	..	..	..	
40. Kota Bommali do.	..	265	347	
41. Bendi do.	330	595	419	
42. Tekkali-Anantagiri road, Tekkali taluk ..	211	630	288	
43. Construction of a feeder road from Kotabommali Railway Station to Trunk road.	..	359	..	
44. Pedda Kimedi, Berhampur taluk	..	517	1,226	
45. Guntubandu, Berhampur taluk (B. branch).	..	..	..	
46. Ankoli, Berhampur taluk	1,548	501	765	
47. Palavalasa, Sompet taluk	1,199	1,435	1,593	
	..	663	1,262	
Total ..	..	..	657	
	37,398	37,958	47,801	

* Will be shortly completed. No other work available in its place.
† Ordered to be closed from 1st August.
‡ Will be closed from 1st August and workers transferred to Subulia.
§ Kaviti and Bendi will be combined on 1st instant.
‖ Closed on 17th July 1897.

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.	
				24th.	31st.				24th.	31st.
Russellkonda	..	..	228	216	306	..	..	2,141	3,986	5,783
Suradá	..	..	143	149	183	..	..	979	1,342	1,647
Aska	..	..	18	204	242	..	..	437	2,278	3,082
Bodagada	..	..	104	103	100	..	..	262	779	1,024
Pedda Kimedi	..	..	263	267	267	..	..	3,734	4,704	4,675
Berhampur	..	..	475	482	424	..	..	24,309	23,933	24,139
Sómpet	241	203	775	786	783	..	..	13,694	10,015	7,494
Ichchhápuram	6	6	117	152	151	..	..	6,584	6,969	7,072
Ganjám	..	..	44	52	48	..	..	1,791	3,701	3,701
Purushottapur	..	..	269	271	242	..	..	4,753	6,242	6,051
Tekkali	..	..	1,162	1,085	1,095	..	..	2,171	3,217	3,898
Narasannapéta	..	..	1,108	1,115	1,228	..	..	390	827	1,089
Parlákimedi	..	..	2,412	3,034	3,321	..	..	7,542	7,498	8,932
Chicacole	..	..	483	521	556	..	..	65	65	65
Total ..	247	209	7,601	8,507	8,946	..	..	68,847	75,556	78,652

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.				
			Number of persons relieved			Number of cloths manufactured.	
				This fortnight.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	24th.	31st.	In the period.	Up to date.
Russellkonda	171	273	606	600	752	192	437
Suradá	..	46	..	..	..	..	..
Aska	..	204	102	1,227	1,945	..	4,345
Bodagada	51	74	..	..	..	..	..
Pedda Kimedi	200	216	..	3	150	..	..
Berhampur	143	207	244	168	269	2,456	4,238
Sómpet	..	373	2,084	2,439	2,463	3,253	17,980
Ichchhápuram	207	210	..	..	23	..	..
Ganjám	182	178	191	195	198	1,243	3,404
Purushottapur	185	212	1,042	1,192	1,224	Not reported.	
Tekkali	148	204	1,447	1,542	600		
Narasannapéta	52	66	639	1,456	..	..	..
Parlákimedi	..	..	23	104	39	..	..
Chicacole	9	9	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,348	2,272	6,378	8,926	7,663	7,144	30,404

Private charity.—There is no organised private charity at work. The zamindar of Kallikot and Atagada feeds 115 persons in his kitchen at Haradamuli but it is very badly managed and a hotbed of disease. Some gentlemen at Aska are feeding some 30 to 40 persons a day. The Chinnakimedi zamindar continues to feed at temples and mutts 112 persons a day on the average. The number on estate relief works in Parlákimedi is 4,990. The proprietrix of Urlam feeds about 203 persons in her choultry at Devadi. The Deputy Tahsildar, Udayagiri, has opened a kitchen in Udayagiri of Hill Tracts, from his own funds. About 40 children and a few men and women are being fed therein. The sum of Rs. 21,000 has been disbursed up to date on account of seed-grain advances under head IV from the funds of the Charitable Committee.

General Remarks.—The number on relief continued to increase up to the close of the fortnight but it is now to be hoped that the turning point has been reached. Owing to want of sufficient rain for transplantation, demand for agricultural labour in the fields is not yet general.

It cannot be expected that the recent orders of Government enforcing the adoption of stricter measures on relief works, which were only received by me in camp on 20th, when off the telegraph line, can be generally put in force before the current week in places which I have not personally been able to visit. In fact I was fortunately enabled by a rapid march to personally inform both the Executive Engineer and his Assistant, Mr. Lacey, of the orders before my telegraphic instructions sent off through the office three days previously had reached them. I fear that the change may be productive of much confusion, as the Overseers employed on famine duty are, as a body, not very intelligent, and it will be difficult to get them to change those ideas which have been instilled into them for the last three months.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1. Berhampur	..	..	..	..	2	Rs. 300	133	Rs. 13,260	123	Rs. 12,800	1,040	Rs. 1,14,358	133	Rs. 13,260	123	Rs. 12,800	1,042	Rs. 1,14,658	..	..
2. Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	600	3	600	3	445	3	600	3	600	3	445	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	2	300	136	13,860	126	13,400	1,043	1,14,803	136	13,860	126	13,400	1,045	1,15,103	..	..

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
1. Berhampur	..	..	..	..	..	..	598	Rs. 27,908	504	Rs. 26,599	1,447	Rs. 1,01,899	598	Rs. 27,908	504	Rs. 26,599	1,447	Rs. 1,01,899
2. Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	239	9,736	111	4,559	372	22,394	239	9,736	111	4,559	372	22,394
3. Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	1,240	28	1,240	41	1,731	28	1,240	28	1,240	41	1,731
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	865	38,884	643	32,398	1,860	1,26,024	865	38,884	643	32,398	1,860	1,26,024

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.—The General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, visited 51 villages during the fortnight, the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 22 villages, in their divisions. The Principal Assistant Collector could not travel during the fortnight owing to fever.

Mr. Willimot, Senior Assistant Collector, visited Ankoli and Gopalpore where he was attacked with acute dysentery, which has, I much regret to say, proved fatal this morning. Mr. Ashe, who was placed in charge on Mr. Willimot's illness, has visited 14 villages. I have been on tour in the Ganjám and Purushottapur taluks and have visited the following places :—

Purushottapur. *	Atagada.
Pothara. †	Boirani. *†
Humma.	Aska.
Rambha. *	Kondravuli.
Kallikot.	Hinjili.
Konchana.	Kukudakhandi.
Daigam.	Berhampur.

* Kitchen.

† Relief work.

The following works were also visited from my camp on *enroute*: Sorasinghi, Mukundapur, Santoshapur, Nungur, Sabulia and Johomi.

I was glad to note that distress has made no progress in Kallikot and the Pulsara, Pandupada muttas of Atagada since my last visit to these parts in which small-pox, though still existing, has greatly subsided.

There has been ample rainfall in Atagada and the ryots are actually running the water off their fields.

In other parts, however, I have been much impressed with the local nature of the rainfall during the current monsoon. In a single march I have come across four alternate patches of mud and dust. In some parts water is in excess and in other parts seed-beds are withering. The Mohiri, Pubha, Khandam firkas of Berhampur and the Ballupada mutta of Goomsur and Pedda Kimedi Estate are worse off in this respect. The Russellkonda reservoir has only risen by 1 foot 8 inches. In other parts, however, transplantation is going on, and the complaint is that labour is not available for field work. I have myself noticed the paucity of women labourers in the fields and noticed men and boys performing what is practically a woman's work. I had in consequence already written a letter requesting permission to class all able-bodied workers as A, irrespective of their ordinary avocations, and to fine them in proportion to the outturn. Before despatch, however, the recent orders of Government were received. It is to be hoped that labour for field work will now be available, or the remedy for the present famine will be worse than the disease and famine relief will beget a further famine. Still with the rapid increase in the price of grain I doubt whether women will leave the works even under the present more stringent condition, and it will then be necessary either to refuse admission to the works to those who are in health and in perfect condition, or to close the work entirely. The adoption of the latter course will work hardly on the weaker relief workers.

The point to be chiefly noted in regard to relief workers is the large influx of fishermen to the No. 16 channel between Chatrapur and Berhampur. This work is now nearly completed, and I have absolutely no work on the programme to replace it. More useless metal will have to be accumulated to meet the needs of this class which cannot work in the fields and is, during the monsoon, unable to follow its ordinary avocations. There has been good rain again for the last two days, and if only it has reached those tracts that have hitherto been left out, the condition of the district may be put down as hopeful.

Resolution—No. 572, dated 14th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall of the fortnight was but moderate, being only two-thirds of the amount expected. Wet cultivation was accordingly postponed, and standing crops showed signs of drooping in parts. More rain was urgently wanted at the close of the period under report. Fodder was dear, but pasture abundant.

3. The price of rice rose smartly, while that of ragi, though rising on the average, fell in the southern portion of the district.

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	8·3	10·4
July, 1889	10·3	16·3
„ 1878	8·2	11·0

Trade was generally slack.

4. The condition of the people was generally fair to good, except in the case of the poorest classes. The numbers on works remained practically stationary, while those on gratuitous relief increased by 14 per cent. The Collector expresses the hope that the turning point has been reached, but adds that the demand for agricultural labour is not yet general.

5. The following figures show the progress made in the disposal of loan applications :—

Up to end of week ending.	Amount disbursed. Rs.
July 3rd	30,209
„ 10th	34,994
„ 17th	41,189
„ 24th	45,198
„ 31st	54,612

6. The Famine Commissioner regrets to have to report the death of the Acting Senior Assistant Collector, Mr. Willimott, who succumbed to an attack of acute dysentery following malarial fever. Like all the superior officers of the district, he did not spare himself, and his death is due partly to exposure and overwork.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

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Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 24th of July 1897.

Stations.	Rice. End of last period. Raw.	Rice. End of last period. Boiled.	Rice. End of current period. Raw.	Rice. End of current period. Boiled.	Ragi. End of last period.	Ragi. End of current period.	Corresponding prices of 1889. Rice.	Corresponding prices of 1889. Ragi.	Remarks.
Russellkonda	9·50	11·00	8·00	8·50	11·72	9·37	10·00	17·00	The rise in the price of raw rice and ragi is due to want of supply. The fall in the price of ragi at Chicacole is attributed to the large supply received into the local market.
Surada	9·25	9·62	9·25	9·62	10·50	10·56	10·00	14·00	
Aska	9·78	10·88	8·92	10·05	9·97	9·26	9·40	14·83	
Purushottapur	10·50	12·50	8·50	9·00	11·50	11·00	10·50	17·00	
Chatrapur	8·50	10·50	7·50	8·00	10·00	9·50	10·00	18·00	
Berhampur	8·50	10·00	8·00	9·00	11·05	10·20	10·50	20·50	
Ichchhápuram	8·50	9·00	7·25	8·00	9·90	9·90	9·00	18·50	
Sompet	8·25	..	7·83	..	9·45	9·45	10·00	15·00	
Parlákimedi	7·50	8·25	7·12	7·50	10·40	10·40	10·50	19·50	
Tekkali	7·55	..	7·25	..	11·00	11·20	9·50	17·00	
Narasannapéta	9·00	..	8·25	..	10·40	11·05	12·00	21·00	
Chicacole	7·68	..	7·17	..	10·65	12·86	10·00	18·50	
Total ..	104·51	81·75	95·04	69·67	126·54	124·75	121·40	210·83	
Average ..	8·71	10·22	7·92	8·71	10·55	10·39	10·12	17·57	

Activity of trade.—Trade within the district is reported to be slack. Imports from Nayaghur still continue but to a small extent. One hundred and fifteen cart-loads of paddy are reported to have been imported from that place during the fortnight. Seventy-five bales of rice have been exported to Vizianagram from Narasannapéta.

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

	Exports. MDS.	Imports. MDS.
By rail	3,965	8,626
By sea		2,717

Condition of the People.

On Works.—The condition of the people on works is generally good.

In Villages.—The condition of people in villages is generally fair except in the case of the very poorest classes. The Savaras in Parlákimedi and in parts of Berhampur division are very badly off and many of them are in emaciated condition. The District Medical Officer has particularly noticed this amongst Savara prisoners lately brought into jail. Relief is being given to them in all deserving cases. In Goomsur cooly classes are reported to be in need of employment here and there for want of sufficient rain to begin transplantation of paddy which would have given them employment.

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

	Rs.	A.	P.
(1) Kassibugga	2,552	8	0
(2) Naupada	1,621	14	0
(3) Tekkali	565	0	0
(4) Kotabommali	729	0	0
(5) Jalumur	138	0	0
Total ...	5,606	6	0

Sickness and mortality.—Fever, small-pox and cholera are generally prevalent :—

	Cholera deaths.
Goomsur division	131
Head-quarter Deputy Collector's division	234
Berhampur division	380
Chicacole division	853
Total ...	1,598

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

Kitchens.	Works.
Chicacole taluk, Srikurmam.	Sompet taluk, Palavalasa quarry.
	Ganjám taluk, Chatrapur hill quarry.
	Berhampur taluk, Golantra feeder road.

The works at Nungur, Krishnasagaram, Makarampuram tank and Jampana tank will be closed from 1st instant and the workers transferred to other works.

With the exception of ragi which has slightly fallen in the sub-division the increase in prices has been general and especially marked in Russellkonda, Purushottapur and Chatrapur. The fall in the price of ragi in the sub-division is due to a good supply and probably to the harvesting of early ragi in certain portions of the division.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Number employed in the week ending 31st July 1897.	Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.		
1. Rushikulya surplus channel *(Chanmakhandi) Berhampur taluk.	1,536	2,543	2,620	
2. Rudda hill quarry, Ichchhápuram taluk ..	1,818	754	1,041	
3. East Coast Railway quarry do. ..	2,921	2,540	3,475	
4. Purushottapur hill quarry do. ..	1,174	549	1,227	
5. Rajapur hill quarry do. ..	..	..	..	
6. Krishnasagaram tank do. ..	..	181	102	
7. Gravel quarry at Kojiria do. ..	268	1,474	769	
8. Samba tank, Sompet taluk	434	..	..	
9. Markapur do. †	609	315	50	
10. Kandikóta or Haripur, Sompet taluk ..	1,128	1,188	624	
11. Jankibhadra do. ..	1,135	1,230	1,354	
12. Jampanna tank do. † ..	1,502	1,585	1,755	Will be closed from 1st August and workers transferred to Jankibhadra.
13. Jillunda do. ..	382	571	1,238	
14. Kanchili quarry do. ..	1,245	837	1,089	
15. Mavidapilly quarry do. ..	1,203	1,230	668	
16. Chodialangi do. ..	1,902	1,040	1,165	
17. Mahendram path do. ..	234	234	..	
18. Johomi, Ganjám taluk	684	927	844	
19. Pilli tank do. ‡	308	129	..	A few persons are employed here to complete the sectioning.
20. Lakshmipati tank, Ganjám taluk ‡ ..	1,540	142	..	
21. Nungur do. ‡	704	704	358	
22. Santhosapur do.	1,156	469	3,305	
23. Kanchana do.	888	863	624	
24. Sabulia do.	904	871	551	
25. Pothara do.	1,124	1,191	5,988	
26. Haradamuli do.	412	341	487	
27. Bandivanlu tank do.	1,831	1,313	1,891	
28. Hill quarry do.	..	1,737	1,784	
29. Deigani, Purushottapur taluk	501	783	759	
30. Atgada do.	803	755	736	
31. Sorasingi do.	858	747	878	
32. Mukundapur do.	1,311	1,303	1,211	
33. Boirani do.	1,165	1,199	1,359	
34. Bhatkumarada do.	342	555	654	
35. Hinjili do.	1,363	1,324	1,736	
36. Kaviti, Tekkali taluk §	725	568	277	
37. Patta Mahadevi tank, Tekkali taluk ..	..	801	625	
38. Kurmanadhapatrani, Mahadevi tank, Tekkali taluk. ‖	..	..	..	
39. Ura tank, Tekkali taluk	..	265	347	
40. Kota Bommali do.	330	595	419	
41. Bendi do.	211	630	288	
42. Tekkali-Anantagiri road, Tekkali taluk ..	..	359	..	
43. Construction of a feeder road from Kotabommali Railway Station to Trunk road.	..	517	1,226	
44. Pedda Kimedi, Berhampur taluk	..	501	765	
45. Guntubandu, Berhampur taluk (B. branch).	1,548	1,435	1,593	
46. Ankoli, Berhampur taluk	1,199	663	1,262	
47. Palavalasa, Sompet taluk	..	..	657	
Total ..	37,398	37,958	47,801	

* Will be shortly completed. No other work available in its place.

† Ordered to be closed from 1st August.

‡ Will be closed from 1st August and workers transferred to Subulia.

§ Kaviti and Bendi will be combined on 1st instant.

‖ Closed on 17th July 1897.

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.		
				24th.	31st.				24th.	31st.	
Russellkonda	..	..	228	216	306	..	..	2,141	3,986	5,783	
Suradá	..	..	143	149	183	..	..	979	1,342	1,647	
Aska	..	..	18	204	242	..	..	437	2,278	3,082	
Bodagada	..	..	104	103	100	..	..	262	779	1,024	
Pedda Kimedi	..	..	263	267	267	..	..	3,734	4,704	4,675	
Berhampur	..	..	475	482	424	..	..	24,309	23,933	24,139	
Sómpet	241	203	775	786	783	..	..	13,694	10,015	7,494	
Ichchhápuram	6	6	117	152	151	..	..	6,584	6,969	7,072	
Ganjám	..	..	44	52	48	..	..	1,791	3,701	3,701	
Purushottapur	..	..	269	271	242	..	..	4,753	6,242	6,051	
Tekkali	..	..	1,162	1,085	1,095	..	..	2,171	3,217	3,898	
Narasannapéta	..	..	1,108	1,115	1,228	..	..	390	827	1,089	
Parlákimedi	..	..	2,412	3,034	3,321	..	..	7,542	7,498	8,932	
Chicacole	..	..	483	591	556	..	..	65	65	65	
Total ..	247	209	7,601	8,107	8,946	..	..	68,847	75,556	78,652	

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.
				24th.	31st.		
Russellkonda	171	273	606	600	752	192	437
Suradá	..	46	..	..	..	..	..
Aska	..	204	102	1,227	1,945	..	4,345
Bodagada	51	74	..	..	..	..	..
Pedda Kimedi	200	216	..	3	150	..	..
Berhampur	143	207	244	168	269	2,456	4,238
Sómpet	..	373	2,084	2,439	2,463	3,253	17,980
Ichchhápuram	207	210	..	..	23	..	..
Ganjám	182	178	191	195	198	1,243	3,404
Purushottapur	185	212	1,042	1,192	1,224	Not reported.	
Tekkali	148	204	1,447	1,542	609		
Narasannapéta	52	66	639	1,456	..	..	..
Parlákimedi	..	..	23	104	39	..	..
Chicacole	9	9	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,348	2,272	6,378	8,926	7,663	7,144	30,404

Private charity.—There is no organised private charity at work. The zamindar of Kallikot and Atagada feeds 115 persons in his kitchen at Haradamuli but it is very badly managed and a hotbed of disease. Some gentlemen at Aska are feeding some 30 to 40 persons a day. The Chinnakimedi zamindar continues to feed at temples and mutts 112 persons a day on the average. The number on estate relief works in Parlákimedi is 4,990. The proprietrix of Urlam feeds about 203 persons in her choultry at Devadi. The Deputy Tahsildar, Udayagiri, has opened a kitchen in Udayagiri of Hill Tracts, from his own funds. About 40 children and a few men and women are being fed therein. The sum of Rs. 21,000 has been disbursed up to date on account of seed-grain advances under head IV from the funds of the Charitable Committee.

General Remarks.—The number on relief continued to increase up to the close of the fortnight but it is now to be hoped that the turning point has been reached. Owing to want of sufficient rain for transplantation, demand for agricultural labour in the fields is not yet general.

It cannot be expected that the recent orders of Government enforcing the adoption of stricter measures on relief works, which were only received by me in camp on 20th, when off the telegraph line, can be generally put in force before the current week in places which I have not personally been able to visit. In fact I was fortunately enabled by a rapid march to personally inform both the Executive Engineer and his Assistant, Mr. Lacey, of the orders before my telegraphic instructions sent off through the office three days previously had reached them. I fear that the change may be productive of much confusion, as the Overseers employed on famine duty are, as a body, not very intelligent, and it will be difficult to get them to change those ideas which have been instilled into them for the last three months.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
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.		
1. Berhampur	..	..	..	..	2	300	133	13,260	123	12,800	1,040	1,14,358	133	13,260	123	12,800	1,042	1,14,658	..	..
2. Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	600	3	600	3	445	3	600	3	600	3	445	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	2	300	136	13,860	126	13,400	1,043	1,14,803	136	13,860	126	13,400	1,045	1,15,103	..	..

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
								Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Berhampur	..	..	..	..	..	..	598	27,908	504	26,599	1,447	1,01,899	598	27,908	504	26,599	1,447	1,01,899
2. Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	239	9,736	111	4,559	372	22,394	239	9,736	111	4,559	372	22,394
3. Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	1,240	28	1,240	41	1,731	28	1,240	28	1,240	41	1,731
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	865	38,884	643	32,398	1,860	1,26,024	865	38,884	643	32,398	1,860	1,26,024

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.—The General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, visited 51 villages during the fortnight, the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 22 villages, in their divisions. The Principal Assistant Collector could not travel during the fortnight owing to fever.

Mr. Willimot, Senior Assistant Collector, visited Ankoli and Gopalpore where he was attacked with acute dysentery, which has, I much regret to say, proved fatal this morning. Mr. Ashe, who was placed in charge on Mr. Willimot's illness, has visited 14 villages. I have been on tour in the Ganjám and Purushottapur taluks and have visited the following places :—

Purushottapur. *	Atagada.
Pothara. †	Boirani. *†
Humma.	Aska.
Rambha. *	Kondravuli.
Kallikot.	Hinjili.
Konchana.	Kukudakhandi.
Daigam.	Berhampur.

* Kitchen. † Relief work.

The following works were also visited from my camp on *enroute*: Sorasinghi, Mukundapur, Santoshapur, Nungur, Sabulia and Johomi.

I was glad to note that distress has made no progress in Kallikot and the Pulsara, Pandupada muttas of Atagada since my last visit to these parts in which small-pox, though still existing, has greatly subsided.

There has been ample rainfall in Atagada and the ryots are actually running the water off their fields.

In other parts, however, I have been much impressed with the local nature of the rainfall during the current monsoon. In a single march I have come across four alternate patches of mud and dust. In some parts water is in excess and in other parts seed-beds are withering. The Mohiri, Pubha, Khandam firkas of Berhampur and the Ballupada mutta of Goomsur and Pedda Kimedi Estate are worse off in this respect. The Russellkonda reservoir has only risen by 1 foot 8 inches. In other parts, however, transplantation is going on, and the complaint is that labour is not available for field work. I have myself noticed the paucity of women labourers in the fields and noticed men and boys performing what is practically a woman's work. I had in consequence already written a letter requesting permission to class all able-bodied workers as A, irrespective of their ordinary avocations, and to fine them in proportion to the outturn. Before despatch, however, the recent orders of Government were received. It is to be hoped that labour for field work will now be available, or the remedy for the present famine will be worse than the disease and famine relief will beget a further famine. Still with the rapid increase in the price of grain I doubt whether women will leave the works even under the present more stringent condition, and it will then be necessary either to refuse admission to the works to those who are in health and in perfect condition, or to close the work entirely. The adoption of the latter course will work hardly on the weaker relief workers.

The point to be chiefly noted in regard to relief workers is the large influx of fishermen to the No. 16 channel between Chatrapur and Berhampur. This work is now nearly completed, and I have absolutely no work on the programme to replace it. More useless metal will have to be accumulated to meet the needs of this class which cannot work in the fields and is, during the monsoon, unable to follow its ordinary avocations. There has been good rain again for the last two days, and if only it has reached those tracts that have hitherto been left out, the condition of the district may be put down as hopeful.

Resolution—No. 572, dated 14th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall of the fortnight was but moderate, being only two-thirds of the amount expected. Wet cultivation was accordingly postponed, and standing crops showed signs of drooping in parts. More rain was urgently wanted at the close of the period under report. Fodder was dear, but pasture abundant.

3. The price of rice rose smartly, while that of ragi, though rising on the average, fell in the southern portion of the district.

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	8·3	10·4
July, 1889	10·3	16·3
„ 1878	8·2	11·0

Trade was generally slack.

4. The condition of the people was generally fair to good, except in the case of the poorest classes. The numbers on works remained practically stationary, while those on gratuitous relief increased by 14 per cent. The Collector expresses the hope that the turning point has been reached, but adds that the demand for agricultural labour is not yet general.

5. The following figures show the progress made in the disposal of loan applications :—

Up to end of week ending.	Amount disbursed. Rs.
July 3rd	30,209
„ 10th	34,994
„ 17th	41,189
„ 24th	45,198
„ 31st	54,612

6. The Famine Commissioner regrets to have to report the death of the Acting Senior Assistant Collector, Mr. Willimott, who succumbed to an attack of acute dysentery following malarial fever. Like all the superior officers of the district, he did not spare himself, and his death is due partly to exposure and overwork.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 731, Revenue, dated 30th August 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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