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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 573, dated 14th August 1897 :—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Vizagapatam District during the period ending 31st of July 1897 :—

State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

	District rainfall.	
	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	5·26	4·13
Up to the fortnight	13·07	20·55

The rainfall in the fortnight has been good in almost the whole of the plain tracts, but only poor in Vizianagram, Bimlipatam and parts of Chípurupalle, while Vizagapatam taluk is almost without rain over the greater part of its extent.

Drinking water ample except in Vizagapatam town and taluk, where wells are drying up.

Water for irrigation sufficient in the northern and southern taluks, deficient in the central coast portion, most of the tanks in which hold little or no supply.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Standing dry crops fair to good except in Vizagapatam taluk where they are bad or withered. Early ragi, vudalu, korra and samalu are being harvested. Outturn of the last three good and of the early ragi fair. Later ragi promises well, so does cumbu in most places. Gingelly is poor, and has been eaten by caterpillars where it was good.

Paddy is being sown and transplantation has begun in the Senior Assistant's division, where there is mostly plenty of water in the tanks, and in the Sarvasiddhi and parts of Anakápalle taluks, where the rivers and channels have been in fresh. Elsewhere transplantation is going on to a small extent under tanks in which, however, there is a very small supply, and for which heavy rain is urgently wanted. Palkonda taluk is doing well under river channels.

Prospects of dry crops are from 8 to 10 annas.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture ample except in Vizagapatam, where it is scarce.

Fodder very scarce.

Cattle good, except in Vizagapatam and parts of Anakápalle taluks, where they are poor.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There has been a great improvement in the agricultural outlook in the fortnight. A large portion of the dry crops is now assured, and wet cultivation has got a start. The latter, however, is backward and, I think, less extensive than usual, while its prospects, except in Palkonda and the Senior Assistant's division, are quite doubtful. Heavy falls of rain are wanted in Vizianagram, Bimlipatam, Chípurupalle and Vizagapatam to put some water in the tanks. Vizagapatam taluk, or at least that portion of it which lies within a radius of 8 miles of the town, is a desert. The ill-distributed and local character of much of the rainfall, its total absence in some places, and the queer character of the monsoon generally do not inspire confidence.

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 31st of July 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cumbu.		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.	
1. Párvatípuram	8·20	7·79	11·16	10·08	..	..	There is little change in prices. The new crop of ragi, so far as the ryots do not keep it for themselves, mostly goes into the Komatis' godowns and does not help in lowering prices.
2. Sálúru	8·20	7·79	10·98	9·72	10·50	10·50	
3. Palkonda	6·78	7·34	8·68	10·10	..	..	
4. Gajapatinagram	7·38	7·38	11·10	10·36	10·80	10·80	
5. Chípurupalle	7·38	6·56	10·80	10·08	11·52	10·08	
6. Vizianagram	7·91	7·34	10·10	10·60	10·39	10·39	
7. Vizagapatam	7·34	6·32	11·11	11·31	..	9·90	
8. Chódavaramu	10·00	10·00	11·83	11·83	..	..	
9. Anakápalle	9·00	8·50	12·28	11·83	..	..	
10. Yellamanchili	8·00	8·00	10·92	10·92	..	..	
11. Narsapatnam	8·00	8·00	10·92	10·92	12·32	12·32	
Average ..	8·01	7·73	10·89	10·70	11·01	10·66	

Activity of trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By sea for the period ending 24th July 1897	...	5,242
By rail do. do.	431	51,429
		CARTS.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 25th July 1897 ...		3,151

Trade fairly active. Jeypore trade declining owing to exhaustion of stocks and engagement of men and cattle in agriculture.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Good.

In villages.—Generally fair or good. The aged and children of destitute classes are often in bad condition. Village relief is being reduced to a minimum in accordance with the orders of Government, and I am closing some of the circles. This is also necessary, because without a taluk relief officer for each taluk the Circle Inspectors cannot be controlled, and village relief becomes either wasteful and extravagant, or ineffectual.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera very prevalent and spread throughout the district. There is also a good deal of sickness due to chills, fevers, &c., of which no doubt prolonged privation is the ultimate cause.

The death rate is high.

Remarks.—Until there is a fall in prices, distress will and must continue to be acute among the poorest. At the beginning of the month, wandering was becoming rather common, but measures of relief have entirely put a stop to this.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Relief Works.			
I. Bobbili taluk—			
1. Bobbili-Akulakattu road work.	3,271	1,868	Fall due to rain.
II. Chipurupalle taluk—			
1. Laveru road	45	1,492	Increase due to return of coolies after suppression of cholera.
III. Vizianagram taluk—			
1. Pusapatirega	5,885	4,868	Decrease due to cholera.
IV. Bimlipatam taluk—			
1. Dakmarri	2,212	1,938	
2. Padmanabham	4,129	4,284	
V. Vizagapatam taluk—			
1. Gazuvaka	2,446	1,817	Decrease due to enforcement of tasks.
2. Pendur	4,442	2,349	
VI. Sarvasiddhi taluk—			
1. Rayavaram road	..	800	The orders of Government as to enforcement of tasks have hardly been brought into effect on some of the works before the close of the fortnight, though they were issued by me the same day as received.
Total ..	22,430	19,416	

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.
I. Bobbili taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	706	1,587
1. Bobbili kitchen	350	125	304	242	..	..	..	..
2. Sitanagaram kitchen ..	..	..	272	83	..	..	..	..
3. Chintada do.	..	..	249	175	..	..	..	..
4. Amiti do.	..	..	332	124	..	..	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,665	2,171
1. Párvatípuram kitchen ..	..	..	330	302	..	..	..	..
2. Duggi kitchen	..	..	180	43	..	..	..	..
3. Garugubilli kitchen ..	..	..	224	31	..	..	..	..
4. Bandaluppi do. ..	..	..	500	254	..	..	..	..
5. Komarada do. ..	..	..	205	179	..	..	..	..
III. Sálúru taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	722	516
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen ..	..	..	431	245	..	..	..	..
2. Mamidipalli kitchen ..	..	..	359	266	..	..	..	..
3. Makkuva do. ..	..	..	155	140	..	..	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	382	1,196
1. Sitampeta kitchen ..	..	..	107	64	..	..	..	..
2. Rajam do.	..	..	412	223	..	..	..	..
3. Palkonda do.	..	..	187	150	..	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam do.	..	..	335	96	..	..	..	..
V. Chípurupalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	298	1,030
1. Laveru kitchen	189	111	37	57	..	..	..	..
2. Ranastalam kitchen ..	..	..	183	193	..	..	..	..
3. Pondur do.	..	..	..	129	..	..	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagaram taluk ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	326
1. Gajapatinagaram kitchen ..	..	..	347	278	..	..	..	..
2. Meraka Mudidam do. ..	..	..	357	217	..	..	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	384	1,784
1. Pusapatirega kitchen ..	174	110	126	76	..	..	..	..
2. Vizianagram do.	..	..	356	303	..	..	..	..
3. Kotagandredu do.	..	..	293	311	..	..	..	..
4. Gantyada do.	..	..	255	230	..	..	..	..
5. Sativada do.	..	..	152	174	..	..	..	..

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.
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,361	2,764
1. Dakmarri kitchen	324	322	65	50	..	..	..	..
2. Padmanabham do.	186	169	227	217	..	..	..	..
3. Bhogapuram do.	..	..	171	311	..	..	..	..
4. Tallavalasa do.	..	..	401	382	..	..	..	..
5. Sontyam do.	..	..	447	315	..	..	..	..
IX. Srúngavarapukóta taluk ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,360	2,134
1. Tummakapalli kitchen ..	..	..	264	103	..	..	..	..
2. Srungavarapukota do. ..	..	..	158	124	..	..	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,400	1,406
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	384	90	29	..	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur do.	446	220	8	7	..	..	..	..
3. Dondaparti do.	..	..	561	179	..	..	..	..
XI. Anakápalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	117	1,671
1. Anakápalle kitchen ..	..	..	116	121	..	..	..	..
2. Paravada do.	..	..	136	81	..	..	..	..
3. Subbavaram do.	..	..	111	95	..	..	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,911
1. Chódavaram kitchen	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..
2. Madugula do.	..	..	..	65	..	..	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,153	1,415
1. Yellamanchili kitchen ..	..	64	454	230	..	..	..	..
2. Nakkapalli do.	..	..	357	225	..	..	..	..
3. Kondakerla do.	..	..	253	38	..	..	..	..
4. Uddandapuram do.	..	..	229	160	..	..	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	306
1. Narsapatnam kitchen ..	..	..	274	142	..	..	..	..
2. Gidituru do.	..	..	121	120	..	..	..	..
3. Golgonda do.	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..
4. Natavaram do.	..	..	..	49	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,053	1,211	11,070	7,703	..	..	11,588	20,217

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.
I. Chípurupalle	..	1	..	513	242	242
II. Palkonda	..	1	1,006	1,299	2,413	3,424
III. Vizianagram	..	1	..	1,035	81	81

Private charity.—Much contracted.

General remarks.—The season has improved, as stated, and there is no doubt less distress, because less apprehension of it, than there was a month ago. But prices are desperately high and distress must continue till they fall. This, however, in the case at least of dry grains, is expected shortly. The necessity for relief works is much less than it was, but in spite of increased tasks and some fining, the wage is so high, on account of high price of staple grain, that I do not think the workers will easily leave them. In my opinion they may all safely be closed by the end of this month, and some of them sooner. Kitchens and circles, I intend gradually to diminish, till I make an end of them, at the end of the month. These measures, of course, presume that the monsoon does not again play us false. Unless it now ceases almost altogether, I think matters have sufficiently improved to enable us to do without relief measures, at least from September to November, by which time the prospects for the rest of the year will be defined one way or the other. I have stopped the opening of three further relief works which were intended.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.								Repair and construction of wells.								Total.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Number of wells.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.	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. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	900	4	450	..	..	..	..	4	900	4	450	..	..	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3,070	..	..	7	3,070	..	..	7	3,070	..	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	900	4	450	7	3,070	..	..	11	3,970	4	450	7	3,070	..	..
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	..	..	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1,900	8	1,450	7	1,900	..	..	15	3,800	15	2,900	7	1,900	..	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,450	8	1,500	..	..	24	3,000	24	2,900	8	1,500	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,800	..	..	4	1,800	..	..	8	3,600	..	..	4	1,800	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	2	400	..	..	4	800	2	400	2	400	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	6,600	32	4,300	33	9,180	..	4	70	14,465	48	10,100	33	9,180	..	4

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Purchase of fodder.								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. Palkonda	(a) 15	510	(a) 15	510	..	..	..	..	879	18,649	379	18,649	192	14,465	..	..	379	18,649	379	18,649	192	14,465	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	3	212	3	212	1	10	..	..	299	24,778	299	24,788	471	70,335	..	..	302	25,000	302	25,000	472	70,345	..	..
3. Golgonda	(b) 1,147	22,382	1,138	22,714	..	..	..	..	(b) 1,147	27,118	1,138	26,949	..	..	..	..	1,147	50,000	1,138	49,663	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,165	23,634	1,156	23,466	1	10	..	..	1,825	70,545	1,816	70,386	663	84,800	..	..	1,828	93,649	1,819	93,312	664	84,810	..	..

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.

(b) In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.

Inspections—Taluks and places visited.

Principal Assistant Collector.

Chípurupalle taluk ... ... (Pondur weavers' depôt and kitchen) and three other villages.
Palkonda taluk ... ... Rajam, Palkonda, Sitampeta, Viraghattam and fifteen other villages.
Gajapatinagaram taluk ... ... Gajapatinagaram, Meraka—Mudidam and three other villages.
Vizianagram taluk ... ... Vizianagram (weavers' depôt and kitchen) and Gotlam.

Senior Assistant Collector.

Bobbili taluk ... ... Bobbili and four other villages.
Sálúru taluk ... ... Ramabhadrapuram.
Párvatípuram taluk ... ... Sixty-four villages.

Head Assistant Collector.

Golgonda taluk ... ... Gidituru, Yellavaram, Natavaram, Narsapatnam, Golgonda, Krishnadevipeta and other villages.
Sarvasiddhi taluk ... ... Yellamanchili, Rayavaram, road relief work, Kondakerla and other villages.
Anakápalle taluk ... ... Anakápalle, Lemarti, Agnampudí, Subbavaram and other villages.
Viravilli taluk ... ... Chódavaramu, Vaddadi and Madgole.

Huzúr Deputy Collector.

Vizagapatam taluk ... ... Nearly the whole.
Srungavarapukota taluk ... ... About three-fourths of the taluk.

Collector.

Vizianagram taluk ... ... Pusapatirega and Vizianagram.
Chípurupalle taluk ... ... Ranastalam, Laveru.
Srungavarapukota taluk ... ... Bhimasingi, Jani, Srungavarapukota, Lakavarapukota, Kottavalasa and Tummakapalli.

Anakápalle taluk ... ... Subbavaram, Anakápalle.
Sarvasiddhi taluk ... ... Yellamanchili.
Viravilli taluk ... ... Chódavaramu, Waddadi.
Vizagapatam taluk ... ... Pendurti, Gazuvaka.

Resolution—No. 573, dated 14th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The district average rainfall during the fortnight was above the normal, but the fall was poor in the worst affected parts in the neighbourhood of Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam. The general outlook, however, has distinctly improved, though more rain is wanted, especially in the tract mentioned above.

3. Prices continued to rise, though large imports were made, and ragi was harvested. The latter, however, as explained by the Collector, is mostly kept for home consumption, and what is over goes into the Komatis' godowns, and not into the open market. Imports from Jeypore slackened.

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

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current	7·7	10·7	10·7
July 1892	9·9	16·1	16·3
July 1878	6·9	11·6	11·3

4. The condition of the people is reported generally fair or good, though cholera is prevalent, and there is a good deal of sickness due to chills, fevers, &c. The numbers on works decreased by about 13 per cent., due partly to rain, partly to cholera, and partly to the new orders for enforcement of tasks. The numbers on gratuitous relief rose by 18 per cent.; as the Collector explains, it is difficult to keep a tight hand on this form of relief without taluk relief officers for each taluk. Unless the monsoon again fails, the Collector hopes to close works by the end of the month; but unless the season is good, he apprehends relief may be necessary later on. With prices as dear, or dearer than in 1877, it is not clear how this can be done in the central portion of the district, where the rainfall has been distinctly inadequate. However, Mr. Horne seems to be prepared to take the responsibility. How the young and old, whom he finds often in bad condition, are to live when relief is closed, is a problem for which he suggests no solution. The Famine Commissioner considers that the Collector is taking a very serious risk in proposing to close gratuitous relief while such prices prevail.

5. The progress in the disbursement of loans is shown below :—

Up to the end of week ending—	Amount disbursed. Rs.
July 3rd	74,237
„ 10th	82,817
„ 17th	88,816
„ 24th	77,312
„ 31st	1,01,372

6. The touring of all officers was good.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

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Paddy is being sown and transplantation has begun in the Senior Assistant's division, where there is mostly plenty of water in the tanks, and in the Sarvasiddhi and parts of Anakápalle taluks, where the rivers and channels have been in fresh. Elsewhere transplantation is going on to a small extent under tanks in which, however, there is a very small supply, and for which heavy rain is urgently wanted. Palkonda taluk is doing well under river channels.

Prospects of dry crops are from 8 to 10 annas.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture ample except in Vizagapatam, where it is scarce.

Fodder very scarce.

Cattle good, except in Vizagapatam and parts of Anakápalle taluks, where they are poor.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There has been a great improvement in the agricultural outlook in the fortnight. A large portion of the dry crops is now assured, and wet cultivation has got a start. The latter, however, is backward and, I think, less extensive than usual, while its prospects, except in Palkonda and the Senior Assistant's division, are quite doubtful. Heavy falls of rain are wanted in Vizianagram, Bimlipatam, Chípurupalle and Vizagapatam to put some water in the tanks. Vizagapatam taluk, or at least that portion of it which lies within a radius of 8 miles of the town, is a desert. The ill-distributed and local character of much of the rainfall, its total absence in some places, and the queer character of the monsoon generally do not inspire confidence.

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 31st of July 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cumbu.		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.	
1. Párvatípuram	8·20	7·79	11·16	10·08	..	..	There is little change in prices. The new crop of ragi, so far as the ryots do not keep it for themselves, mostly goes into the Komatis' godowns and does not help in lowering prices.
2. Sálúru	8·20	7·79	10·98	9·72	10·50	10·50	
3. Palkonda	6·78	7·34	8·68	10·10	..	..	
4. Gajapatinagram	7·38	7·38	11·10	10·36	10·80	10·80	
5. Chípurupalle	7·38	6·56	10·80	10·08	11·52	10·08	
6. Vizianagram	7·91	7·34	10·10	10·60	10·39	10·39	
7. Vizagapatam	7·34	6·32	11·11	11·31	..	9·90	
8. Chódavaramu	10·00	10·00	11·83	11·83	..	..	
9. Anakápalle	9·00	8·50	12·28	11·83	..	..	
10. Yellamanchili	8·00	8·00	10·92	10·92	..	..	
11. Narsapatnam	8·00	8·00	10·92	10·92	12·32	12·32	
Average ..	8·01	7·73	10·89	10·70	11·01	10·66	

Activity of trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By sea for the period ending 24th July 1897		5,242
By rail do. do.	431	51,429
	CARTS.	
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 25th July 1897 ...		3,151

Trade fairly active. Jeypore trade declining owing to exhaustion of stocks and engagement of men and cattle in agriculture.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Good.

In villages.—Generally fair or good. The aged and children of destitute classes are often in bad condition. Village relief is being reduced to a minimum in accordance with the orders of Government, and I am closing some of the circles. This is also necessary, because without a taluk relief officer for each taluk the Circle Inspectors cannot be controlled, and village relief becomes either wasteful and extravagant, or ineffectual.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera very prevalent and spread throughout the district. There is also a good deal of sickness due to chills, fevers, &c., of which no doubt prolonged privation is the ultimate cause.

The death rate is high.

Remarks.—Until there is a fall in prices, distress will and must continue to be acute among the poorest. At the beginning of the month, wandering was becoming rather common, but measures of relief have entirely put a stop to this.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Relief Works.			
I. Bobbili taluk—			
1. Bobbili-Akulakattu road work.	3,271	1,868	Fall due to rain.
II. Chípurupalle taluk—			
1. Laveru road	45	1,492	Increase due to return of coolies after suppression of cholera.
III. Vizianagram taluk—			
1. Pusapatirega	5,885	4,868	Decrease due to cholera.
IV. Bimlipatam taluk—			
1. Dakmarri	2,212	1,938	
2. Padmanabham	4,129	4,284	
V. Vizagapatam taluk—			
1. Gazuvaka	2,446	1,817	Decrease due to enforcement of tasks.
2. Pendur	4,442	2,349	
VI. Sarvasiddhi taluk—			
1. Rayavaram road	..	800	The orders of Government as to enforcement of tasks have hardly been brought into effect on some of the works before the close of the fortnight, though they were issued by me the same day as received.
Total ..	22,430	19,416	

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.
I. Bobbili taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	706	1,587
1. Bobbili kitchen	350	125	304	242	..	..	..	..
2. Sitanagaram kitchen	..	..	272	83	..	..	..	..
3. Chintada do.	..	..	249	175	..	..	..	..
4. Amiti do.	..	..	332	124	..	..	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,665	2,171
1. Párvatípuram kitchen	..	..	330	302	..	..	..	..
2. Duggi kitchen	..	..	180	43	..	..	..	..
3. Garugubilli kitchen	..	..	224	31	..	..	..	..
4. Bandaluppi do.	..	..	500	254	..	..	..	..
5. Komarada do.	..	..	205	179	..	..	..	..
III. Sálúru taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	722	516
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen	..	..	431	245	..	..	..	..
2. Mamidipalli kitchen	..	..	359	266	..	..	..	..
3. Makkuva do.	..	..	155	140	..	..	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	382	1,196
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	107	64	..	..	..	..
2. Bajam do.	..	..	412	223	..	..	..	..
3. Palkonda do.	..	..	187	150	..	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam do.	..	..	335	96	..	..	..	..
V. Chípurupalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	298	1,030
1. Laveru kitchen	189	111	37	57	..	..	..	..
2. Ranastalam kitchen	..	..	183	193	..	..	..	..
3. Pondur do.	..	..	..	129	..	..	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagaram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	326
1. Gajapatinagaram kitchen	..	..	347	278	..	..	..	..
2. Meraka Mudidam do.	..	..	357	217	..	..	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	384	1,784
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	174	110	126	76	..	..	..	..
2. Vizianagram do.	..	..	356	303	..	..	..	..
3. Kotagandredu do.	..	..	293	311	..	..	..	..
4. Gantyada do.	..	..	255	230	..	..	..	..
5. Sativada do.	..	..	152	174	..	..	..	..

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.
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,361	2,764
1. Dakmarri kitchen	324	322	65	50	..	..	..	..
2. Padmanabham do.	186	169	227	217	..	..	..	..
3. Bhogapuram do.	..	..	171	311	..	..	..	..
4. Tallavalasa do.	..	..	401	382	..	..	..	..
5. Sontyam do.	..	..	447	315	..	..	..	..
IX. Srungavarapukóta taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,360	2,134
1. Tammakapalli kitchen ..	..	..	264	103	..	..	..	..
2. Srungavarapukota do. ..	..	..	158	124	..	..	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,400	1,406
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	384	90	29	..	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur do.	446	220	8	7	..	..	..	..
3. Dondaparti do.	..	..	561	179	..	..	..	..
XI. Anakápalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	117	1,671
1. Anakápalle kitchen	..	..	116	121	..	..	..	..
2. Paravada do.	..	..	136	81	..	..	..	..
3. Subbavaram do.	..	..	111	95	..	..	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,911
1. Chódavaram kitchen	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..
2. Madugula do.	..	..	..	65	..	..	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,153	1,415
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	..	64	454	230	..	..	..	..
2. Nakkapalli do.	..	..	357	225	..	..	..	..
3. Kondakerla do.	..	..	253	38	..	..	..	..
4. Uddandapuram do.	..	..	229	160	..	..	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	306
1. Narsapatnam kitchen	..	..	274	142	..	..	..	..
2. Gidituru do.	..	..	121	120	..	..	..	..
3. Golgonda do.	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..
4. Natavaram do.	..	..	..	49	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,053	1,211	11,070	7,703	..	..	11,588	20,217

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.
I. Chípurupalle	..	1	..	513	242	242
II. Palkonda	..	1	1,006	1,299	2,413	3,424
III. Vizianagram	..	1	..	1,035	81	81

Private charity.—Much contracted.

General remarks.—The season has improved, as stated, and there is no doubt less distress, because less apprehension of it, than there was a month ago. But prices are desperately high and distress must continue till they fall. This, however, in the case at least of dry grains, is expected shortly. The necessity for relief works is much less than it was, but in spite of increased tasks and some fining, the wage is so high, on account of high price of staple grain, that I do not think the workers will easily leave them. In my opinion they may all safely be closed by the end of this month, and some of them sooner. Kitchens and circles, I intend gradually to diminish, till I make an end of them, at the end of the month. These measures, of course, presume that the monsoon does not again play us false. Unless it now ceases almost altogether, I think matters have sufficiently improved to enable us to do without relief measures, at least from September to November, by which time the prospects for the rest of the year will be defined one way or the other. I have stopped the opening of three further relief works which were intended.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.								Repair and construction of wells.								Purchase of fodder.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Palkonda	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	540	..	..	..	..	15	540
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	1,000	4	1,000	13	3,940	8	1,900	4	900	4	450	7	3,070	10	4,420	3	212	..	..	..	..	3	212
3. Golgonda	16	1,500	15	1,450	..	..	16	1,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(b)1,147	22,582	1,138	22,714	..	..	1,147	22,714
4. Párvatípuram	4	1,800	..	..	..	..	4	1,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	2	400	..	..	2	100	2	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	33	5,700	28	3,850	26	6,110	37	6,600	4	900	4	450	7	3,070	10	4,420	1,165	23,634	1,156	23,466	1	10	1,166	23,476

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Total.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39			
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			
1. Palkonda	379	18,649	379	18,649	192	14,465	10	1,000	379	18,649	379	18,649	192	14,465	202	15,465
2. Sarvasiddhi	299	24,778	299	24,788	471	70,335	..	..	302	25,000	302	25,000	472	70,345	472	70,345
3. Golgonda	(b)1,147	27,118	1,138	26,949	..	..	..	..	1,147	50,000	1,138	49,663	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .	1,825	70,545	1,816	70,386	663	84,800	10	1,000	1,828	93,649	1,819	93,312	664	84,810	674	85,810

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	Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Total.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Total.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	6	7	4	5	6	7	26	27	24	25	26	27		
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	202	15,465
2. Sarvasiddhi	7	3,070	4	450	7	3,070	1	10	..	..	1	10	473	70,355
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,147	50,000
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .	7	3,070	4	450	7	3,070	1	10	..	..	1	10	1,822	135,820

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.

(b) In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.

INSPECTIONS—TALUKS AND PLACES VISITED.

Principal Assistant Collector.

Chípurupalle taluk ... ... (Pondur weavers' depôt and kitchen) and three other villages.
Palkonda taluk ... ... Rajam, Palkonda, Sitampeta, Viraghattam and fifteen other villages.
Gajapatinagaram taluk ... ... Gajapatinagaram, Meraka—Mudidam and three other villages.
Vizianagram taluk ... ... Vizianagram (weavers' depôt and kitchen) and Gotlam.

Senior Assistant Collector.

Bobbili taluk ... ... Bobbili and four other villages.
Sálúru taluk ... ... Ramabhadrapuram.
Párvatípuram taluk ... ... Sixty-four villages.

Head Assistant Collector.

Golgonda taluk ... ... Gidituru, Yellavaram, Natavaram, Narsapatnam, Golgonda, Krishnadevipeta and other villages.
Sarvasiddhi taluk ... ... Yellamanchili, Rayavaram, road relief work, Kondakerla and other villages.
Anakápalle taluk ... ... Anakápalle, Lemarti, Agnampudí, Subbavaram and other villages.
Viravilli taluk ... ... Chódavaramu, Vaddadi and Madgole.

Huzúr Deputy Collector.

Vizagapatam taluk ... ... Nearly the whole.
Srungavarapukota taluk ... ... About three-fourths of the taluk.

Collector.

Vizianagram taluk ... ... Pusapatirega and Vizianagram.
Chípurupalle taluk ... ... Ranastalam, Laveru.
Srungavarapukota taluk ... ... Bhimasingi, Jani, Srungavarapukota, Lakavarapukota, Kottavalasa and Tummakapalli.
Anakápalle taluk ... ... Subbavaram, Anakápalle.
Sarvasiddhi taluk ... ... Yellamanchili.
Viravilli taluk ... ... Chódavaramu, Waddadi.
Vizagapatam taluk ... ... Pendurti, Gazuvaka.

Resolution—No. 573, dated 14th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The district average rainfall during the fortnight was above the normal, but the fall was poor in the worst affected parts in the neighbourhood of Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam. The general outlook, however, has distinctly improved, though more rain is wanted, especially in the tract mentioned above.

3. Prices continued to rise, though large imports were made, and ragi was harvested. The latter, however, as explained by the Collector, is mostly kept for home consumption, and what is over goes into the Komatis' godowns, and not into the open market. Imports from Jeypore slackened.

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

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current	7·7	10·7	10·7
July 1892	9·9	16·1	16·3
July 1878	6·9	11·6	11·3

4. The condition of the people is reported generally fair or good, though cholera is prevalent, and there is a good deal of sickness due to chills, fevers, &c. The numbers on works decreased by about 13 per cent., due partly to rain, partly to cholera, and partly to the new orders for enforcement of tasks. The numbers on gratuitous relief rose by 18 per cent.; as the Collector explains, it is difficult to keep a tight hand on this form of relief without taluk relief officers for each taluk. Unless the monsoon again fails, the Collector hopes to close works by the end of the month; but unless the season is good, he apprehends relief may be necessary later on. With prices as dear, or dearer than in 1877, it is not clear how this can be done in the central portion of the district, where the rainfall has been distinctly inadequate. However, Mr. Horne seems to be prepared to take the responsibility. How the young and old, whom he finds often in bad condition, are to live when relief is closed, is a problem for which he suggests no solution. The Famine Commissioner considers that the Collector is taking a very serious risk in proposing to close gratuitous relief while such prices prevail.

5. The progress in the disbursement of loans is shown below :—

Up to the end of week ending—	Amount disbursed. Rs.
July 3rd	74,237
„ 10th	82,817
„ 17th	88,816
„ 24th	77,312
„ 31st	1,01,372

6. The touring of all officers was good.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 750, Revenue, dated 3rd September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Vizagapatam district for the period ending 31st July 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 573, dated 14th August 1897 :—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Vizagapatam District during the period ending 31st of July 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

	District rainfall.	
	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	5·26	4·13
Up to the fortnight	13·07	20·55

The rainfall in the fortnight has been good in almost the whole of the plain tracts, but only poor in Vizianagram, Bimlipatam and parts of Chípurupalle, while Vizagapatam taluk is almost without rain over the greater part of its extent.

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2. Sálúru	8·20	7·79	10·98	9·72	10·50	10·50	
3. Palkonda	6·78	7·34	8·68	10·10	..	..	
4. Gajapatinagram	7·38	7·38	11·10	10·36	10·80	10·80	
5. Chípurupalle	7·38	6·56	10·80	10·08	11·52	10·08	
6. Vizianagram	7·91	7·34	10·10	10·60	10·39	10·39	
7. Vizagapatam	7·34	6·32	11·11	11·31	..	9·90	
8. Chódavaramu	10·00	10·00	11·83	11·83	..	..	
9. Anakápalle	9·00	8·50	12·28	11·83	..	..	
10. Yellamanchili	8·00	8·00	10·92	10·92	..	..	
11. Narsapatnam	8·00	8·00	10·92	10·92	12·32	12·32	
Average ..	8·01	7·73	10·89	10·70	11·01	10·66	

Activity of trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By sea for the period ending 24th July 1897	...	5,242
By rail do. do.	431	51,429
		CARTS.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 25th July 1897 ...		3,151

Trade fairly active. Jeypore trade declining owing to exhaustion of stocks and engagement of men and cattle in agriculture.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Good.

In villages.—Generally fair or good. The aged and children of destitute classes are often in bad condition. Village relief is being reduced to a minimum in accordance with the orders of Government, and I am closing some of the circles. This is also necessary, because without a taluk relief officer for each taluk the Circle Inspectors cannot be controlled, and village relief becomes either wasteful and extravagant, or ineffectual.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera very prevalent and spread throughout the district. There is also a good deal of sickness due to chills, fevers, &c., of which no doubt prolonged privation is the ultimate cause.

The death rate is high.

Remarks.—Until there is a fall in prices, distress will and must continue to be acute among the poorest. At the beginning of the month, wandering was becoming rather common, but measures of relief have entirely put a stop to this.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Relief Works.			
I. Bobbili taluk—			
1. Bobbili-Akulakattu road work.	3,271	1,868	Fall due to rain.
II. Chipurupalle taluk—			
1. Laveru road	45	1,492	Increase due to return of coolies after suppression of cholera.
III. Vizianagram taluk—			
1. Pusapatirega	5,885	4,868	Decrease due to cholera.
IV. Bimlipatam taluk—			
1. Dakmarri	2,212	1,938	
2. Padmanabham	4,129	4,284	
V. Vizagapatam taluk—			
1. Gazuvaka	2,446	1,817	Decrease due to enforcement of tasks.
2. Pendur	4,442	2,349	
VI. Sarvasiddhi taluk—			
1. Rayavaram road	..	800	The orders of Government as to enforcement of tasks have hardly been brought into effect on some of the works before the close of the fortnight, though they were issued by me the same day as received.
Total ..	22,430	19,416	

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.
I. Bobbili taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	706	1,587
1. Bobbili kitchen	350	125	304	242	..	..	..	..
2. Sitanagaram kitchen	..	..	272	83	..	..	..	..
3. Chintada do.	..	..	249	175	..	..	..	..
4. Amiti do.	..	..	332	124	..	..	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,665	2,171
1. Párvatípuram kitchen	..	..	330	302	..	..	..	..
2. Duggi kitchen	..	..	180	43	..	..	..	..
3. Garugubilli kitchen	..	..	224	31	..	..	..	..
4. Bandaluppi do.	..	..	500	254	..	..	..	..
5. Komarada do.	..	..	205	179	..	..	..	..
III. Sálúru taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	722	516
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen	..	..	431	245	..	..	..	..
2. Mamidipalli kitchen	..	..	359	266	..	..	..	..
3. Makkuva do.	..	..	155	140	..	..	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	382	1,196
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	107	64	..	..	..	..
2. Rajam do.	..	..	412	223	..	..	..	..
3. Palkonda do.	..	..	187	150	..	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam do.	..	..	335	96	..	..	..	..
V. Chipurupalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	298	1,030
1. Laveru kitchen	189	111	37	57	..	..	..	..
2. Ranastalam kitchen	..	..	183	193	..	..	..	..
3. Pondur do.	..	..	..	129	..	..	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagaram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	326
1. Gajapatinagaram kitchen ..	..	..	347	278	..	..	..	..
2. Meraka Mudidam do.	..	..	357	217	..	..	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	384	1,784
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	174	110	126	76	..	..	..	..
2. Vizianagram do.	..	..	356	303	..	..	..	..
3. Kotagandredu do.	..	..	293	311	..	..	..	..
4. Gantyada do.	..	..	255	230	..	..	..	..
5. Sativada do.	..	..	152	174	..	..	..	..

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.
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,361	2,764
1. Dakmarri kitchen	324	322	65	50	..	..	..	..
2. Padmanabham do.	186	169	227	217	..	..	..	..
3. Bhogapuram do.	..	..	171	311	..	..	..	..
4. Tallavalasa do.	..	..	401	382	..	..	..	..
5. Sontyam do.	..	..	447	315	..	..	..	..
IX. Srúngavarapukóta taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,360	2,134
1. Tummakapalli kitchen ..	..	..	264	103	..	..	..	..
2. Srungavarapukota do. ..	..	..	158	124	..	..	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,400	1,406
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	384	90	29	..	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur do.	446	220	8	7	..	..	..	..
3. Dondaparti do.	..	..	561	179	..	..	..	..
XI. Anakápalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	117	1,671
1. Anakápalle kitchen	..	..	116	121	..	..	..	..
2. Paravada do.	..	..	136	81	..	..	..	..
3. Subbavaram do.	..	..	111	95	..	..	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,911
1. Chódavaram kitchen	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..
2. Madugula do.	..	..	..	65	..	..	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,153	1,415
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	..	64	454	230	..	..	..	..
2. Nakkapalli do.	..	..	357	225	..	..	..	..
3. Kondakerla do.	..	..	253	38	..	..	..	..
4. Uddandapuram do.	..	..	229	160	..	..	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	306
1. Narsapatnam kitchen	..	..	274	142	..	..	..	..
2. Gidituru do.	..	..	121	120	..	..	..	..
3. Golgonda do.	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..
4. Natavaram do.	..	..	..	49	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,053	1,211	11,070	7,703	..	..	11,588	20,217

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.
I. Chipurupalle	..	1	..	513	242	242
II. Palkonda	..	1	1,006	1,299	2,413	3,424
III. Vizianagram	..	1	..	1,035	81	81

Private charity.—Much contracted.

General remarks.—The season has improved, as stated, and there is no doubt less distress, because less apprehension of it, than there was a month ago. But prices are desperately high and distress must continue till they fall. This, however, in the case at least of dry grains, is expected shortly. The necessity for relief works is much less than it was, but in spite of increased tasks and some fining, the wage is so high, on account of high price of staple grain, that I do not think the workers will easily leave them. In my opinion they may all safely be closed by the end of this month, and some of them sooner. Kitchens and circles, I intend gradually to diminish, till I make an end of them, at the end of the month. These measures, of course, presume that the monsoon does not again play us false. Unless it now ceases almost altogether, I think matters have sufficiently improved to enable us to do without relief measures, at least from September to November, by which time the prospects for the rest of the year will be defined one way or the other. I have stopped the opening of three further relief works which were intended.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.				Repair and construction of wells.				Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed-grain.				Total.				Number of wells.			
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Constructed or repaired.		Under construction or repair.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	900	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3,070	..	..	8	1,900	8	1,450	20	7,010	4	1,000	..	..	4	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,500	15	1,450	..	..	15	1,500	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,800	..	..	2	100	2	1,800	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	2	100	2	460	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4	900	4	450	..	..	..	..	7	3,070	..	..	37	6,600	32	4,300	33	9,180	28	5,700	..	..	4	..

Taluks.	Other purposes.				Repair and construction of wells.				Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed-grain.				Total.				Number of wells.			
	Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Constructed or repaired.		Under construction or repair.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
1	12	13	10	11	6	7	4	5	26	27	24	25	32	33	30	31	38	39						
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
1. Palkonda	11	2,070	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	192	14,465	379	18,649	192	14,465	379	18,649				
2. Sarvasiddhi	13	3,940	4	1,000	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	471	70,335	302	25,000	472	70,345	302	25,000				
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,147	50,000	..	..	1,138	49,663				
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
5. Srungavarapukota	2	100	2	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Total ..	26	6,110	13	2,400	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	663	84,800	1,828	93,649	664	84,810	1,819	93,312				

Taluks.	Other purposes.				Repair and construction of wells.				Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed-grain.				Total.				Number of wells.			
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Constructed or repaired.		Under construction or repair.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	900	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3,070	..	..	8	1,900	8	1,450	20	7,010	4	1,000	..	..	4	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,500	15	1,450	..	..	15	1,500	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,800	..	..	2	100	2	1,800	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	2	100	2	460	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4	900	4	450	..	..	..	..	7	3,070	..	..	37	6,600	32	4,300	33	9,180	28	5,700	..	..	4	..

Taluks.	Other purposes.				Repair and construction of wells.				Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed-grain.				Total.				Number of wells.			
	Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Constructed or repaired.		Under construction or repair.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
1	12	13	10	11	6	7	4	5	26	27	24	25	32	33	30	31	38	39						
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
1. Palkonda	11	2,070	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	192	14,465	379	18,649	192	14,465	379	18,649				
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3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,147	50,000	..	..	1,138	49,663				
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
5. Srungavarapukota	2	100	2	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a) 15	540	(a) 15	540	15	540	15	540	379	18,649	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	900	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3,070	..	..	3	212	3	212	10	4,778	4	1,000	299	24,778	..	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(b)1,147	22,882	1,138	22,714	(b)1,147	27,118	15	1,500	(b)1,147	27,118	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,800	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	460	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4	900	4	450	..	..	..	..	7	3,070	..	..	1,165	23,634	1,156	23,466	1,825	70,545	28	5,700	1,825	70,545	10	4

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.

(b) In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.

INSPECTIONS—TALUKS AND PLACES VISITED.

Principal Assistant Collector.

Chípurupalle taluk	(Pondur weavers' depôt and kitchen) and three other villages.
Palkonda taluk	Rajam, Palkonda, Sitampeta, Viraghattam and fifteen other villages.
Gajapatinagaram taluk	Gajapatinagaram, Meraka—Mudidam and three other villages.
Vizianagram taluk	Vizianagram (weavers' depôt and kitchen) and Gotlam.

Senior Assistant Collector.

Bobbili taluk	Bobbili and four other villages.
Sálúru taluk	Ramabhadrapuram.
Párvatípuram taluk	Sixty-four villages.

Head Assistant Collector.

Golgonda taluk	Gidituru, Yellavaram, Natavaram, Narsapatnam, Golgonda, Krishnadevipeta and other villages.
Sarvasiddhi taluk	Yellamanchili, Rayavaram, road relief work, Kondakerla and other villages.
Anakápalle taluk	Anakápalle, Lemarti, Agnampudí, Subbavaram and other villages.
Viravilli taluk	Chódavaramu, Vaddadi and Madgole.

Huzúr Deputy Collector.

Vizagapatam taluk	Nearly the whole.
Srungavarapukota taluk	About three-fourths of the taluk.

Collector.

Vizianagram taluk	Pusapatirega and Vizianagram.
Chípurupalle taluk	Ranastalam, Laveru.
Srungavarapukota taluk	Bhimasingi, Jani, Srungavarapukota, Lakavarapukota, Kottavalasa and Tummakapalli.
Anakápalle taluk	Subbavaram, Anakápalle.
Sarvasiddhi taluk	Yellamanchili.
Viravilli taluk	Chódavaramu, Waddadi.
Vizagapatam taluk	Pendurti, Gazuvaka.

Resolution—No. 573, dated 14th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The district average rainfall during the fortnight was above the normal, but the fall was poor in the worst affected parts in the neighbourhood of Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam. The general outlook, however, has distinctly improved, though more rain is wanted, especially in the tract mentioned above.

3. Prices continued to rise, though large imports were made, and ragi was harvested. The latter, however, as explained by the Collector, is mostly kept for home consumption, and what is over goes into the Komatis' godowns, and not into the open market. Imports from Jeypore slackened.

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

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current	7·7	10·7	10·7
July 1892	9·9	16·1	16·3
July 1878	6·9	11·6	11·3

4. The condition of the people is reported generally fair or good, though cholera is prevalent, and there is a good deal of sickness due to chills, fevers, &c. The numbers on works decreased by about 13 per cent., due partly to rain, partly to cholera, and partly to the new orders for enforcement of tasks. The numbers on gratuitous relief rose by 18 per cent.; as the Collector explains, it is difficult to keep a tight hand on this form of relief without taluk relief officers for each taluk. Unless the monsoon again fails, the Collector hopes to close works by the end of the month; but unless the season is good, he apprehends relief may be necessary later on. With prices as dear, or dearer than in 1877, it is not clear how this can be done in the central portion of the district, where the rainfall has been distinctly inadequate. However, Mr. Horne seems to be prepared to take the responsibility. How the young and old, whom he finds often in bad condition, are to live when relief is closed, is a problem for which he suggests no solution. The Famine Commissioner considers that the Collector is taking a very serious risk in proposing to close gratuitous relief while such prices prevail.

5. The progress in the disbursement of loans is shown below :—

Up to the end of week ending—	Amount disbursed. Rs.
July 3rd	74,237
„ 10th	82,817
„ 17th	88,816
„ 24th	77,312
„ 31st	1,01,372

6. The touring of all officers was good.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 750, Revenue, dated 3rd September 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Vizagapatam district for the period ending 31st July 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 573, dated 14th August 1897 :—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Vizagapatam District during the period ending 31st of July 1897 :—

State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

	District rainfall.	
	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	5·26	4·13
Up to the fortnight	13·07	20·55

The rainfall in the fortnight has been good in almost the whole of the plain tracts, but only poor in Vizianagram, Bimlipatam and parts of Chípurupalle, while Vizagapatam taluk is almost without rain over the greater part of its extent.

Drinking water ample except in Vizagapatam town and taluk, where wells are drying up.

Water for irrigation sufficient in the northern and southern taluks, deficient in the central coast portion, most of the tanks in which hold little or no supply.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Standing dry crops fair to good except in Vizagapatam taluk where they are bad or withered. Early ragi, vudalu, korra and samalu are being harvested. Outturn of the last three good and of the early ragi fair. Later ragi promises well, so does cumbu in most places. Gingelly is poor, and has been eaten by caterpillars where it was good.

Paddy is being sown and transplantation has begun in the Senior Assistant's division, where there is mostly plenty of water in the tanks, and in the Sarvasiddhi and parts of Anakápalle taluks, where the rivers and channels have been in fresh. Elsewhere transplantation is going on to a small extent under tanks in which, however, there is a very small supply, and for which heavy rain is urgently wanted. Palkonda taluk is doing well under river channels.

Prospects of dry crops are from 8 to 10 annas.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture ample except in Vizagapatam, where it is scarce.

Fodder very scarce.

Cattle good, except in Vizagapatam and parts of Anakápalle taluks, where they are poor.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There has been a great improvement in the agricultural outlook in the fortnight. A large portion of the dry crops is now assured, and wet cultivation has got a start. The latter, however, is backward and, I think, less extensive than usual, while its prospects, except in Palkonda and the Senior Assistant's division, are quite doubtful. Heavy falls of rain are wanted in Vizianagram, Bimlipatam, Chípurupalle and Vizagapatam to put some water in the tanks. Vizagapatam taluk, or at least that portion of it which lies within a radius of 8 miles of the town, is a desert. The ill-distributed and local character of much of the rainfall, its total absence in some places, and the queer character of the monsoon generally do not inspire confidence.

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 31st of July 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cumbu.		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.	
1. Párvatipuram	8·20	7·79	11·16	10·08	..	..	There is little change in prices. The new crop of ragi, so far as the ryots do not keep it for themselves, mostly goes into the Komatis' godowns and does not help in lowering prices.
2. Sálúru	8·20	7·79	10·98	9·72	10·50	10·50	
3. Palkonda	6·78	7·34	8·68	10·10	..	..	
4. Gajapatinagram	7·38	7·38	11·10	10·36	10·80	10·80	
5. Chípurupalle	7·38	6·56	10·80	10·08	11·52	10·08	
6. Vizianagram	7·91	7·34	10·10	10·60	10·39	10·39	
7. Vizagapatam	7·34	6·32	11·11	11·31	..	9·90	
8. Chódavaramu	10·00	10·00	11·83	11·83	..	..	
9. Anakápalle	9·00	8·50	12·28	11·83	..	..	
10. Yellamanchili	8·00	8·00	10·92	10·92	..	..	
11. Narsapatnam	8·00	8·00	10·92	10·92	12·32	12·32	
Average ..	8·01	7·73	10·89	10·70	11·01	10·66	

Activity of trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By sea for the period ending 24th July 1897	...	5,242
By rail do. do.	431	51,429
		CARTS.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 25th July 1897 ...		3,151

Trade fairly active. Jeypore trade declining owing to exhaustion of stocks and engagement of men and cattle in agriculture.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Good.

In villages.—Generally fair or good. The aged and children of destitute classes are often in bad condition. Village relief is being reduced to a minimum in accordance with the orders of Government, and I am closing some of the circles. This is also necessary, because without a taluk relief officer for each taluk the Circle Inspectors cannot be controlled, and village relief becomes either wasteful and extravagant, or ineffectual.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera very prevalent and spread throughout the district. There is also a good deal of sickness due to chills, fevers, &c., of which no doubt prolonged privation is the ultimate cause.

The death rate is high.

Remarks.—Until there is a fall in prices, distress will and must continue to be acute among the poorest. At the beginning of the month, wandering was becoming rather common, but measures of relief have entirely put a stop to this.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Relief Works.			
I. Bobbili taluk—			
1. Bobbili-Akulakattu road work.	3,271	1,868	Fall due to rain.
II. Chipurupalle taluk—			
1. Lavern road	45	1,492	Increase due to return of coolies after suppression of cholera.
III. Vizianagram taluk—			
1. Pusapatirega	5,885	4,868	Decrease due to cholera.
IV. Bimlipatam taluk—			
1. Dakmarri	2,212	1,938	
2. Padmanabham	4,129	4,284	
V. Vizagapatam taluk—			
1. Gazuvaka	2,446	1,817	Decrease due to enforcement of tasks.
2. Pendur	4,442	2,349	
VI. Sarvasiddhi taluk—			
1. Rayavaram road	..	800	The orders of Government as to enforcement of tasks have hardly been brought into effect on some of the works before the close of the fortnight, though they were issued by me the same day as received.
Total ..	22,430	19,416	

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.
I. Bobbili taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	706	1,587
1. Bobbili kitchen	350	125	304	242	..	..	..	..
2. Sitanagaram kitchen	..	..	272	83	..	..	..	..
3. Chintada do.	..	..	249	175	..	..	..	..
4. Amiti do.	..	..	332	124	..	..	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,665	2,171
1. Párvatípuram kitchen	..	..	330	302	..	..	..	..
2. Duggi kitchen	..	..	180	43	..	..	..	..
3. Garugubilli kitchen	..	..	224	31	..	..	..	..
4. Bandaluppi do.	..	..	500	254	..	..	..	..
5. Komarada do.	..	..	205	179	..	..	..	..
III. Sálúru taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	722	516
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen	..	..	431	245	..	..	..	..
2. Mamidipalli kitchen	..	..	359	266	..	..	..	..
3. Makkuva do.	..	..	155	140	..	..	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	382	1,196
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	107	64	..	..	..	..
2. Rajam do.	..	..	412	223	..	..	..	..
3. Palkonda do.	..	..	187	150	..	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam do.	..	..	335	96	..	..	..	..
V. Chípurupalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	298	1,030
1. Lavern kitchen	189	111	37	57	..	..	..	..
2. Ranastalam kitchen	..	..	183	193	..	..	..	..
3. Pondur do.	..	..	..	129	..	..	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagaram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	326
1. Gajapatinagaram kitchen	..	..	347	278	..	..	..	..
2. Meraka Mudidam do.	..	..	357	217	..	..	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	384	1,784
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	174	110	126	76	..	..	..	..
2. Vizianagram do.	..	..	356	303	..	..	..	..
3. Kotagandredu do.	..	..	293	311	..	..	..	..
4. Gantyada do.	..	..	255	230	..	..	..	..
5. Sativada do.	..	..	152	174	..	..	..	..

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.
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,361	2,764
1. Dakmarri kitchen	324	322	65	50	..	..	..	..
2. Padmanabham do.	186	169	227	217	..	..	..	..
3. Bhogapuram do.	..	..	171	311	..	..	..	..
4. Tallavalasa do.	..	..	401	382	..	..	..	..
5. Sontyam do.	..	..	447	315	..	..	..	..
IX. Srúngavarapukóta taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,360	2,134
1. Tummakapalli kitchen ..	..	..	264	103	..	..	..	..
2. Srungavarapukota do. ..	..	..	158	124	..	..	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,400	1,406
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	384	90	29	..	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur do.	446	220	8	7	..	..	..	..
3. Dondaparti do.	..	..	561	179	..	..	..	..
XI. Anakápalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	117	1,671
1. Anakápalle kitchen	..	..	116	121	..	..	..	..
2. Paravada do.	..	..	136	81	..	..	..	..
3. Subbavaram do.	..	..	111	95	..	..	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,911
1. Chódavaram kitchen	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	..
2. Madugula do.	..	..	..	65	..	..	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,153	1,415
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	..	64	454	230	..	..	..	..
2. Nakkapalli do.	..	..	357	225	..	..	..	..
3. Kondakerla do.	..	..	253	38	..	..	..	..
4. Uddandapuram do.	..	..	229	160	..	..	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	306
1. Narsapatnam kitchen	..	..	274	142	..	..	..	..
2. Gidituru do.	..	..	121	120	..	..	..	..
3. Golgonda do.	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..
4. Natavaram do.	..	..	..	49	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,053	1,211	11,070	7,703	..	..	11,588	20,217

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.
I. Chípurupalle	..	1	..	513	242	242
II. Palkonda	..	1	1,006	1,299	2,413	3,424
III. Vizianagram	..	1	..	1,035	81	81

Private charity.—Much contracted.

General remarks.—The season has improved, as stated, and there is no doubt less distress, because less apprehension of it, than there was a month ago. But prices are desperately high and distress must continue till they fall. This, however, in the case at least of dry grains, is expected shortly. The necessity for relief works is much less than it was, but in spite of increased tasks and some fining, the wage is so high, on account of high price of staple grain, that I do not think the workers will easily leave them. In my opinion they may all safely be closed by the end of this month, and some of them sooner. Kitchens and circles, I intend gradually to diminish, till I make an end of them, at the end of the month. These measures, of course, presume that the monsoon does not again play us false. Unless it now ceases almost altogether, I think matters have sufficiently improved to enable us to do without relief measures, at least from September to November, by which time the prospects for the rest of the year will be defined one way or the other. I have stopped the opening of three further relief works which were intended.

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.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	900	4	450	7	3,070	4	1,900	4	1,900	13	3,940	8	1,900	8	1,450	20	7,010	..	4
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,500	15	1,450	..	..	16	1,500	15	1,450	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,800	..	..	..	..	4	1,800	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	2	100	2	400	2	400	2	100	..	..
Total ..	4	900	4	450	7	3,070	33	5,700	28	3,850	26	6,110	37	6,600	32	4,300	33	9,180	..	4

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Palkonda	(a) 15	540	(a) 15	540	..	..	379	18,649	379	18,649	192	14,465	379	18,649	379	18,649	192	14,465
2. Sarvasiddhi	3	212	3	212	1	10	299	24,778	299	24,788	471	70,335	302	25,000	302	25,000	472	70,345
3. Golgonda	(b)1,147	22,882	1,138	22,714	..	..	(b)1,147	27,118	1,138	26,949	..	..	1,147	50,000	1,138	49,663	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,165	23,634	1,156	23,466	1	10	1,825	70,545	1,816	70,386	663	84,800	1,828	93,649	1,819	93,312	664	84,810

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.

(b) In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.

Inspections—Taluks and places visited.

Principal Assistant Collector.

Chipurupalle taluk ... ... (Pondur weavers' depôt and kitchen) and three other villages.

Palkonda taluk ... ... Rajam, Palkonda, Sitampeta, Viraghattam and fifteen other villages.

Gajapatinagaram taluk ... ... Gajapatinagaram, Meraka—Mudidam and three other villages.

Vizianagram taluk ... ... Vizianagram (weavers' depôt and kitchen) and Gotlam.

Senior Assistant Collector.

Bobbili taluk ... ... Bobbili and four other villages.

Sálúru taluk ... ... Ramabhadrapuram.

Párvatipuram taluk ... ... Sixty-four villages.

Head Assistant Collector.

Golgonda taluk ... ... Gidituru, Yellavaram, Nataváram, Narasapatnam, Golgonda, Krishnadevipeta and other villages.

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... ... Yellamanchili, Rayavaram, road relief work, Kondakerla and other villages.

Anakápalle taluk ... ... Anakápalle, Lemarti, Agnampudi, Subbavaram and other villages.

Viravilli taluk ... ... Chódavaramu, Vaddadi and Madgole.

Huzúr Deputy Collector.

Vizagapatam taluk ... ... Nearly the whole.

Srungavarapukota taluk ... ... About three-fourths of the taluk.

Collector.

Vizianagram taluk ... ... Pusapatirega and Vizianagram.

Chipurupalle taluk ... ... Ranastalam, Laveru.

Srungavarapukota taluk ... ... Bhimasingi, Jami, Srungavarapukota, Lakavarapukota, Kottavalasa and Tummakapalli.

Anakápalle taluk ... ... Subbavaram, Anakápalle.

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... ... Yellamanchili.

Viravilli taluk ... ... Chódavaramu, Waddadi.

Vizagapatam taluk ... ... Pendurti, Gazuvaka.

Resolution—No. 573, dated 14th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The district average rainfall during the fortnight was above the normal, but the fall was poor in the worst affected parts in the neighbourhood of Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam. The general outlook, however, has distinctly improved, though more rain is wanted, especially in the tract mentioned above.

3. Prices continued to rise, though large imports were made, and ragi was harvested. The latter, however, as explained by the Collector, is mostly kept for home consumption, and what is over goes into the Komatis' godowns, and not into the open market. Imports from Jeypore slackened.

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

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current	7·7	10·7	10·7
July 1892	9·9	16·1	16·3
July 1878	6·9	11·6	11·3

4. The condition of the people is reported generally fair or good, though cholera is prevalent, and there is a good deal of sickness due to chills, fevers, &c. The numbers on works decreased by about 13 per cent., due partly to rain, partly to cholera, and partly to the new orders for enforcement of tasks. The numbers on gratuitous relief rose by 18 per cent.; as the Collector explains, it is difficult to keep a tight hand on this form of relief without taluk relief officers for each taluk. Unless the monsoon again fails, the Collector hopes to close works by the end of the month; but unless the season is good, he apprehends relief may be necessary later on. With prices as dear, or dearer than in 1877, it is not clear how this can be done in the central portion of the district, where the rainfall has been distinctly inadequate. However, Mr. Horne seems to be prepared to take the responsibility. How the young and old, whom he finds often in bad condition, are to live when relief is closed, is a problem for which he suggests no solution. The Famine Commissioner considers that the Collector is taking a very serious risk in proposing to close gratuitous relief while such prices prevail.

5. The progress in the disbursement of loans is shown below :—

Up to the end of week ending—	Amount disbursed. Rs.
July 3rd	74,237
„ 10th	82,817
„ 17th	88,816
„ 24th	77,312
„ 31st	1,01,372

6. The touring of all officers was good.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 750, Revenue, dated 3rd September 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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