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Fortnightly Narrative.

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

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The condition of the people on the various other works was generally pretty fair. I inspected the recently started Kocheruvu-Pyápali road work, and found the workers to be in no worse condition than elsewhere; the number of persons since selected by the medical subordinate as weakly (D class) is insignificant.

Cholera prevailed in the north central, south central and western sections, causing 1,283 attacks and 576 deaths. The villages of the Ramallakot taluk lying to the north of the Kurnool-Bellary road suffered most. The epidemic abated somewhat towards the close of the fortnight. The general condition of the people was fair, though cases of emaciation were met with here and there in the affected tracts.

Sickness and Mortality.—No particular remarks are called for. Mortality was due to ordinary causes, that from cholera excepted.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
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(3) Nandyal	19,333	15,976
(4) Koilkuntla	41,949	38,228
(5) Sirvel	18,552	18,025
Total ...	152,566	131,933

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At Kitchens attached to relief works.				In Poor-houses.		In Villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.
1. Pattikonda	1,717	1,608	1,337	1,220	..	..	1,286 6,266	1,109 5,266
2. Ramallakot	728	922	138	..	..	..	1,165 18,803	1,073 † 17,912
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..		..	..	577	371
4. Nandyal	537	354	36	23	..	..	1,319 3,678	875 2,159
5. Koilkuntla	1,516	1,319	117	88	..	..	3,396 3,410	2,999 2,765
6. Sirvel	862	564	22	14	..	..	1,869 2,983	1,316 1,374
Total ..	5,360	4,767	1,650	1,345	..	..	* 9,612 35,140	* 7,743 29,476

* The first set of figures reepresents the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set those in receipt of grain doles.

† Includes figures for Kurnool town.

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.
1. Pattikonda	105	109	6,372	5,959	9,685	62,065
2. Ramallakot	101	101	4,209	4,041	10,430	43,597
3. Nandikotkur	3	3	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	122	100	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	89	89	1,444	1,274	1,246	5,157
6. Sirvel	102	102	863	983	1,162	4,305
Total ..	522	504	12,888	12,257	22,517	1,15,124

Private charity.—Tadakamalla Papayya and others of Markapur have been feeding 100 or 150 poor persons daily for sometime past.

General Remarks.—The decrease of 20,000 relief workers during the period was due partly to the fear of cholera, partly to the improvement in the season, and partly to the introduction of the new rules regarding tasking and fining. I would put half the decrease down to the last cause. On some of the works there has been a very turbulent spirit abroad, notably at Allagadda, Kocheruvu, and Panyam and I have enjoined on my subordinates the necessity for carefully explaining to the labourers that in enforcing the new rules the overseers are merely carrying out the orders of Government. The decrease of 8,000 persons on gratuitous relief was due chiefly to the striking off the registers in the canal villages of those who had obtained either employment or some help from the public, and partly to fear of cholera which prevented many of the former inmates from resorting to the kitchens. The appointment of Mr. Connor, the Salt and Abkári Inspector, Kurnool Circle, to whose deputation as a Taluk Relief officer I alluded in my last narrative, was cancelled during the fortnight, and the arrival of some Military officers was awaited at its close.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.				Other purposes				Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		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.		
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. Pattikonda ..	153	40,735	153	24,983	219	52,746	1,059	1,12,105	1,212	1,52,840	1,212	1,37,088	864	1,23,642	..	153
2. Ramallakot ..	21	5,180	19	4,850	59	16,560	5	490	26	5,670	24	5,340	157	20,110	..	17
3. Nandikotkur ..	2	400	2	400	..	..	3	450	5	850	5	850	4	500	..	3
4. Nandyal ..	11	3,900	14	1,670	33	9,500	31	3,970	42	7,870	40	4,995	227	33,700	..	11
5. Koilkuntla ..	24	4,700	24	4,700	27	8,800	27	2,915	51	7,615	47	* 7,315	62	14,130	..	24
6. Sirvel	58	11,900	58	11,000	21	5,120	13	1,450	71	13,350	71	* 12,450	24	8,500	..	64
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	269	66,815	270	47,603	361	93,076	1,138	1,21,380	1,407	1,88,195	1,399	1,68,038	1,340	2,09,932	..	272

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed-grain.				Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		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.		
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Pattikonda ..	2,044	1,00,839	2,044	1,00,839	2,198	1,12,200	53	2,225	166	12,328	2,097	1,03,064	2,097	1,03,064	53	2,225	2,364	1,24,528	..	..
2. Ramallakot ..	23	1,015	18	825	1,596	52,148	..	..	209	13,290	93	1,015	18	825	..	..	805	65,438	..	..
3. Nandikotkur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1,000	..	..
4. Nandyal ..	56	3,764	56	3,354	755	87,716	..	..	669	64,446	56	3,764	56	3,354	..	..	1,404	1,52,162	..	..
5. Koilkuntla ..	640	41,538	489	33,118	653	73,146	..	..	..	..	640	41,538	489	33,118	..	..	553	73,146	..	..
6. Sirvel	41	2,435	37	2,001	22	1,098	124	6,205	34	1,263	165	8,640	161	* 8,206	124	6,205	56	2,361	..	..
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	..	..
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	1	50	2	80	..	..	2	80	1	50	..	..
Total ..	2,804	1,49,591	2,644	1,40,137	4,210	3,28,699	179	8,510	1,092	92,377	2,983	1,58,101	2,823	1,48,647	179	8,510	5,302	4,21,076	..	..

* These figures do not tally with those in the weekly season report. Explanation will be called for.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.—I was in camp for nine days and inspected the following :—

Nandikotkur taluk —Jupad, Bannur and Nandikotkur.
Ramallakot taluk.— Dhone and Kocheruvu.
Nandyal taluk.—Kalava, Komarole, Panyam and Nandyal.

Works.—Works outside Kurnool, Komarole section of Kalava-Betamcherla road, Panyam-Banganapalle frontier road and Kocheruvu-Pyápali road.

The Head Assistant Collector was on tour for ten days and visited the following villages :—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Owk, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Nayanipalli, Patmikota, Timmalapenta, Ankireddipalli, Madanantapuram, Abdullapuram, Kodumanipalli, Tollamadugu, Timmanayunipeta, Boyaltadpatri, Uppalur, Hanumanthagudem, Yerragudi, Ramakrishnapuram, Kotapad, Nandipad, Perusomula, Alavakonda, Reddipalli, Khajipuram, Chanugondla, Akumalla, Mukkumalla, Koilkuntla, Somderdinne, Amadala, Velagatur, and Bijina-Vemula.

Works.—Kalatatala, Akumalla and Mukkumalla.

The Deputy Collector, Pyapali, was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following :—

Ramallakot taluk.—Dhone, Venkatapuram, Abbereddipalli, Valdurthi, Kurnool, Udumalpad, Gonardhanagiri, Lanjabanda, Sudepalli, Malkapuram, Gosmanipalli, Valsala, Kocheruvu, and Ramapuram.

Works.—Kurnool and Bhavi-Kanama.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour for six days and inspected the following places :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Atmakúru and Nandikotkur.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum division inspected the following places :—

Cumbum taluk.—Giddalur, Mundlapad, Thollapalli, Vengalampalli, Sanjeeva Rowpet, Obalapuram, Vuyzalavada, Allinagaram, Thimmareddipalli, Reddichelra, Battwarpet, Chintalapolem, Komarole, Nallaguntla, Pottipalli, Akkapalli and Thadicherla.

Markapur taluk.—Gobbur, Thokapalli and Yachavaram.

Resolution—No. 593, dated 27th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was seriously deficient, only two stations in the affected areas receiving anything more than mere showers. As stated by the Collector, the condition of the greater part of the affected area at the close of the period was discouraging. Good rain has since fallen in Sirvel taluk, and prospects of that taluk were reported in the last weekly season report to have distinctly improved. Elsewhere the subsequent rainfall has been little or nothing, and standing crops must have suffered severely. The Collector's opinion that the concession of free-grazing in the Nallamalais may be withdrawn at the end of the month, will be communicated to the Land Revenue Commissioners. The Famine Commissioner, however, considers that it is yet early to take such a step, and that the concession might be continued certainly for another month till the close of the first half of the official year. The condition of cattle is evidently bad, for definite reports of death from starvation have been received.

3. Prices remained practically steady, though local variations are to be observed. The comparative prices of grains are set out below :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	8 1	13·2	10·0	10·7
August 1892	10·0	15·5	16·7	13 7
,, 1877	5·3	5·3	6·0	5·6

Trade was dull, but markets were well supplied.

4. The condition of the people is reported to have been on the whole fair, but here, as in Anantapur, some of the workers are said to present a worn appearance. This state is probably due to chronic mal-nutrition. It would be interesting to know how long these women have been on works, and whether there is any reason to suppose that they have been sharing their wages with others. The numbers on works and on gratuitous relief decreased during the fortnight by 13 and 16 per cent., respectively. The decrease is ascribed by the Collector partly to cholera and the fear of it, partly to an improvement in the season, and partly to the introduction of the severer tasks, and the abolition of the restrictions on fining.

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

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
July 31st	2,78,076
August 7th	3,01,193
,, 14th	3 18.873
,, 21st	3,39,957

Much yet remains to be done. The work of the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla under the Agriculturists' Loans Act has been fair, but he has still much to do. The work in Ramallakot and Nandyal under both Acts is unsatisfactory; neither of the Tahsildars has disposed of a single one of the numerous applications for loans for the purchase of cattle and seed-grain. The Collector's attention has already been drawn to the remissness of the former Tahsildar.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 788, Revenue, dated 16th September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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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. 593, dated 27th August 1897 :—

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

State of the Country.

Rainfall and water-supply—

	Inches.
Rainfall during the period	0·78
Rainfall up to the period from 1st April 1897	9·09
Average rainfall expected during the period	2·98
Average rainfall expected up to the period from 1st April 1897 ...	11·98

Rain fell at all the registering stations of the district, except Koilkuntla, as is shown below :—

Station.	Fall in inches.
Affected tracts—	
Kurnool	1·60
Kálava	1·19
Pattikonda	·45
Nandyal	·24
Pyápali	·22
Allagadda	·06
Owk	·03
Unaffected tracts—	
Atmakúru	2·22
Giddalur	1·39
Nandikotkur	1·08
Markapur	·92

In the affected tracts Kurnool and Kálava were the only stations that received anything more than mere showers. The rainfall at Pattikonda was again most disappointing and the total for the six weeks ending 15th instant amounted to only one inch. What fell at Kurnool by no means extended to the whole of the Ramallakot taluk ; for example, to the south, Ulindakonda, 15 miles off, appears to have been the last village reached. On the other hand, there were scattered showers more or less heavy, in many localities, for example, to the south of Dhone in the Ramallakot taluk and in the hilly part of the Pyápali range of the Pattikonda taluk.

Water-supply—For Drinking.—The supply was fairly sufficient, except in parts of the Markapur, Koilkuntla and Pattikonda taluks. In the Markapur steps to improve the supply were being taken by the Taluk Board, while in the other two taluks improvements were being effected both from Taluk funds and by famine labour.

For Irrigation.—The state of affairs was very similar to that of the previous fortnight. The supply was quite sufficient in the Cumbum, Nandikotkur and Sirvel taluks, fairly sufficient in parts of the Nandyal, Ramallakot and Pattikonda taluks and insufficient elsewhere.

Agricultural Operations and Condition of the Standing Crops—Eastern Section.—In the Cumbum taluk the standing crops consisting of paddy, cholam, cumbu, korra, pulses and castor are thriving. In the Markapur taluk the preparation of the ground for cultivation continued, and cumbu, korra, arika and oil-seeds were sown almost everywhere, but sowing is backward in the Markapur firka owing to want of rain. The early cholam and sazza crops are in good condition.

North Central Section.—Korra mixed with cotton, and castor were sown, and chillies were transplanted. Cholam, paddy, arika and korra, which form the standing crops, were flourishing. *South Central Section.*—Sowing, weeding and transplanting were proceeding briskly in the canal villages. In other parts agricultural

operations, except weeding, were practically *nil* owing to the cessation of rain. The paddy crop is in good condition, and so are the early crops, such as korra, arika and cholam in the greater part of the Sirvel taluk and in the villages bordering on the Nallamalais. The standing crops in the Koilkuntla taluk and in the Kálava division of the Nandyal taluk are urgently in need of rain. *Western Section.*—Black-cotton soils were prepared for the sowing of late cholam.

In the Pattikonda taluk the standing crops in the northern and Pyápali firkas are in moderate condition, though rather stunted in parts for want of rain, and in the Pattikonda firka have either withered or are withering rapidly. In the Ramallakot taluk the crops are fair in the northern half of the taluk and especially in the neighbourhood of Kurnool, but withering in the southern half, except in a few villages bordering on the Pattikonda taluk.

Supply of Fodder and Pasture and Condition of Cattle.—Fodder was moderately sufficient in the eastern and north central sections, and exceedingly scarce in the other sections. Pasture was growing well, except in the western half of the Nandyal taluk, the Koilkuntla taluk, the southern half of the Ramallakot taluk, and the Pattikonda taluk. I consider that the concession of free grazing in the Nallamalais may be withdrawn at the end of the month. The concession, so far as the Erramalais are concerned, should be continued for the present. The condition of the cattle in the eastern section was normal, in the north central section pretty good, except that rinderpest still prevailed in a few places, and in the affected tracts very poor, save in the country lying between the canal and the Nallamalais. The Head Assistant Collector reports definitely for the first time that many animals died of starvation in the Koilkuntla taluk. The Tahsildars have been constantly urged to push on with the business of granting loans for the purchase of fodder.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There can be no doubt that the state of about two-thirds of the affected area is discouraging. The Head Assistant Collector pronounces the situation in the Koilkuntla taluk, where he has been touring, to be grave. During the fortnight I noticed that the crops between Kálava and Betamcherla in the Nandyal taluk and between Dhone and Ulindakonda in the Ramallakot taluk were in a critical condition ; those in the region of Veldurti found to be tolerably good last month by the Famine Commissioner are fast withering, but all about Kocheruvu, and in particular to the south of that village, matters struck me as having improved.

Food supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th of August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Pattikonda ..	7·49	7·49	14·55	13·58	8·24	10·04	12·22	12·22	The prices in *rice* are rising at Nandikotkur, falling at Giddalur and stationary elsewhere. The prices in *cholam* are rising at Kurnool, Nandikotkur, Atmakúru and Allagadda. The prices in *ragi* are rising at Pattikonda, Pyápali and Nandyal.
2. Pyápali ..	7·49	7·49	14·55	13·58	8·24	8·56	12·22	12·22	
3. Kurnool town ..	7·86	7·51	14·19	14·19	9·93	8·90	7·50	7·50	
4. Nandikotkur ..	8·58	7·86	..	..	11·30	9·59	..	..	
5. Atmakúru ..	8·58	8·58	..	..	12·33	11·30	..	..	
6. Nandyal	8·93	9·29	15·48	13·58	10·96	10·36	..	..	
7. Kálava	7·50	7·50	..	..	8·90	10·36	..	..	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·30	12·00	12·00	9·48	9·06	..	..	
9. Owk	7·47	7·47	12·75	12·00	9·48	9·48	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·15	7·86	12·25	12·90	9·24	8·90	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	8·30	9·13	13·50	13·50	12·64	12·64	11·60	11·60	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	13·50	13·50	..	11·06	10·15	10·15	
Average for the affected tracts.	7·77	7·86	13·68	13·12	9·31	9·45	10·64	10·64	
Average for the whole district.	7·99	8·07	13·64	13·20	10·07	10·02	10·74	10·74	

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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Pattikonda	153	40,735	153	24,983	219	52,716	1,059	153
2. Ramallakot	21	5,180	19	4,350	59	16,560	5	17
3. Nandikotkur	2	400	2	400	..	..	3	3
4. Nandyal	11	8,900	14	1,670	33	9,500	31	24
5. Koilkuntla	24	4,700	24	4,700	27	8,800	27	11
6. Sirvel	58	11,900	58	11,000	21	5,120	13	24
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	64
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	269	66,815	270	47,603	361	93,076	1,138	272

Purchase of fodder.

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		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Pattikonda	2,044	1,00,839	2,044	1,00,839	2,198	1,12,200	53	2,225
2. Ramallakot	23	1,015	18	825	596	52,148	..	..
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	56	3,764	56	3,354	735	87,716	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	640	41,538	489	33,118	553	73,146	124	6,205
6. Sirvel	41	2,485	37	2,001	22	1,098	..	..
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	2	80
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,804	1,49,591	2,644	1,40,137	4,210	3,28,699	179	8,510

Cattle and seed-grain.

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		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Pattikonda	53	2,225	53	2,225	166	12,328	53	2,225
2. Ramallakot	..	..	..	..	209	13,290	..	..
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	13	1,000	..	..
4. Nandyal	..	..	..	..	669	64,446	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	124	6,205	124	6,205	..	..	..	..
6. Sirvel	..	..	..	..	34	1,263	..	..
7. Cumbum	2	80	..	..	1	50	2	80
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	179	8,510	179	8,510	1,092	92,377	179	8,510

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2. Ramallakot	98	490	98	12,550	26	5,670	26	490	5	17
3. Nandikotkur	4	450	4	500	5	850	3	450	3	3
4. Nandyal	194	3,225	194	24,200	42	7,870	42	3,970	26	11
5. Koilkuntla	35	2,615	35	5,380	61	7,615	27	2,915	23	24
6. Sirvel	3	1,450	3	380	71	13,350	13	1,460	13	64
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	979	1,13,856	979	1,20,435	1,407	1,88,195	1,138	1,21,380	1,129	272

* These figures do not tally with those in the weekly season report. Explanation will be called for.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.—I was in camp for nine days and inspected the following :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Jupad, Bannur and Nandikotkur.
Ramallakot taluk.—Dhone and Kocheruvu.
Nandyal taluk.—Kalava, Komarole, Panyam and Nandyal.

Works.—Works outside Kurnool, Komarole section of Kalava-Betamcherla road, Panyam-Banganapalle frontier road and Kocheruvu-Pyápali road.

The Head Assistant Collector was on tour for ten days and visited the following villages :—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Owk, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Nayanipalli, Patmikota, Timmalapenta, Ankireddipalli, Madanantapuram, Abdullapuram, Kodumanipalli, Tollamadugu, Timmanayunipeta, Boyaltadpatri, Uppalur, Hanumanthagudem, Yerragudi, Ramakrishnapuram, Kotapad, Nandipad, Perusomula, Alavakonda, Reddipalli, Khajipuram, Chanugondla, Akumalla, Mukkumalla, Koilkuntla, Somderdinne, Amadala, Velagatur, and Bijina-Vemula.

Works.—Kalatatala, Akumalla and Mukkumalla.

The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following :—

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Works.—Kurnool and Bhavi-Kanama.

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Nandikotkur taluk.—Atmakúru and Nandikotkur.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum division inspected the following places :—

Cumbum taluk.—Giddalur, Mundlapad, Thollapalli, Vengalampalli, Sanjeeva Rowpet, Obalapuram, Vuyzalavada, Allinagaram, Thimmareddipalli, Reddichelra, Battwarpet, Chintalapolem, Komarole, Nallaguntla, Pottipalli, Akkapalli and Thadicherla.

Markapur taluk.—Gobbur, Thokapalli and Yachavaram.

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2. The rainfall during the fortnight was seriously deficient, only two stations in the affected areas receiving anything more than mere showers. As stated by the Collector, the condition of the greater part of the affected area at the close of the period was discouraging. Good rain has since fallen in Sirvel taluk, and prospects of that taluk were reported in the last weekly season report to have distinctly improved. Elsewhere the subsequent rainfall has been little or nothing, and standing crops must have the subsequent rainfall has been little or nothing, and standing crops must have suffered severely. The Collector's opinion that the concession of free-grazing in the Nallamalais may be withdrawn at the end of the month, will be communicated to the Land Revenue Commissioners. The Famine Commissioner, however, considers that it is yet early to take such a step, and that the concession might be continued certainly for another month till the close of the first half of the official year. The condition of cattle is evidently bad, for definite reports of death from starvation have been received.

3. Prices remained practically steady, though local variations are to be observed. The comparative prices of grains are set out below :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	8 1	13·2	10·0	10·7
August 1892	10·0.	15·5	16·7	13 7
,, 1877	5·3	5·3	6·0	5·6

Trade was dull, but markets were well supplied.

4. The condition of the people is reported to have been on the whole fair, but here, as in Anantapur, some of the workers are said to present a worn appearance. This state is probably due to chronic mal-nutrition. It would be interesting to know how long these women have been on works, and whether there is any reason to suppose that they have been sharing their wages with others. The numbers on works and on gratuitous relief decreased during the fortnight by 13 and 16 per cent., respectively. The decrease is ascribed by the Collector partly to cholera and the fear of it, partly to an improvement in the season, and partly to the introduction of the severer tasks, and the abolition of the restrictions on fining.

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

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
July 31st	2,78,076
August 7th	3,01,193
„ 14th	3,18,873
„ 21st	3,39,957

Much yet remains to be done. The work of the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla under the Agriculturists' Loans Act has been fair, but he has still much to do. The work in Ramallakot and Nandyal under both Acts is unsatisfactory; neither of the Tahsildars has disposed of a single one of the numerous applications for loans for the purchase of cattle and seed-grain. The Collector's attention has already been drawn to the remissness of the former Tahsildar.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

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State of the Country.

Rainfall and water-supply—

	Inches.
Rainfall during the period	0·78
Rainfall up to the period from 1st April 1897	9·09
Average rainfall expected during the period	2·98
Average rainfall expected up to the period from 1st April 1897 ...	11·98

Rain fell at all the registering stations of the district, except Koilkuntla, as is shown below :—

Station.	Fall in inches.
Affected tracts—	
Kurnool	1·60
Kálava	1·19
Pattikonda	·45
Nandyal	·24
Pyápali	·22
Allagadda	·06
Owk	·03
Unaffected tracts—	
Atmakúru	2·22
Giddalur	1·39
Nandikotkur	1·08
Markapur	·92

In the affected tracts Kurnool and Kálava were the only stations that received anything more than mere showers. The rainfall at Pattikonda was again most disappointing and the total for the six weeks ending 15th instant amounted to only one inch. What fell at Kurnool by no means extended to the whole of the Ramallakot taluk ; for example, to the south, Ulindakonda, 15 miles off, appears to have been the last village reached. On the other hand, there were scattered showers more or less heavy, in many localities, for example, to the south of Dhone in the Ramallakot taluk and in the hilly part of the Pyápali range of the Pattikonda taluk.

Water-supply—For Drinking.—The supply was fairly sufficient, except in parts of the Markapur, Koilkuntla and Pattikonda taluks. In the Markapur steps to improve the supply were being taken by the Taluk Board, while in the other two taluks improvements were being effected both from Taluk funds and by famine labour.

For Irrigation.—The state of affairs was very similar to that of the previous fortnight. The supply was quite sufficient in the Cumbum, Nandikotkur and Sirvel taluks, fairly sufficient in parts of the Nandyal, Ramallakot and Pattikonda taluks and insufficient elsewhere.

Agricultural Operations and Condition of the Standing Crops—Eastern Section.—In the Cumbum taluk the standing crops consisting of paddy, cholam, cumbu, korra, pulses and castor are thriving. In the Markapur taluk the preparation of the ground for cultivation continued, and cumbu, korra, arika and oil-seeds were sown almost everywhere, but sowing is backward in the Markapur firka owing to want of rain. The early cholam and sazza crops are in good condition.

North Central Section.—Korra mixed with cotton, and castor were sown, and chillies were transplanted. Cholam, paddy, arika and korra, which form the standing crops, were flourishing. *South Central Section.*—Sowing, weeding and transplanting were proceeding briskly in the canal villages. In other parts agricultural

operations, except weeding, were practically *nil* owing to the cessation of rain. The paddy crop is in good condition, and so are the early crops, such as korra, arika and cholam in the greater part of the Sirvel taluk and in the villages bordering on the Nallamalais. The standing crops in the Koilkuntla taluk and in the Kálava division of the Nandyal taluk are urgently in need of rain. *Western Section.*—Black-cotton soils were prepared for the sowing of late cholam.

In the Pattikonda taluk the standing crops in the northern and Pyápali firkas are in moderate condition, though rather stunted in parts for want of rain, and in the Pattikonda firka have either withered or are withering rapidly. In the Ramallakot taluk the crops are fair in the northern half of the taluk and especially in the neighbourhood of Kurnool, but withering in the southern half, except in a few villages bordering on the Pattikonda taluk.

Supply of Fodder and Pasture and Condition of Cattle.—Fodder was moderately sufficient in the eastern and north central sections, and exceedingly scarce in the other sections. Pasture was growing well, except in the western half of the Nandyal taluk, the Koilkuntla taluk, the southern half of the Ramallakot taluk, and the Pattikonda taluk. I consider that the concession of free grazing in the Nallamalais may be withdrawn at the end of the month. The concession, so far as the Erramalais are concerned, should be continued for the present. The condition of the cattle in the eastern section was normal, in the north central section pretty good, except that rinderpest still prevailed in a few places, and in the affected tracts very poor, save in the country lying between the canal and the Nallamalais. The Head Assistant Collector reports definitely for the first time that many animals died of starvation in the Koilkuntla taluk. The Tahsildars have been constantly urged to push on with the business of granting loans for the purchase of fodder.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There can be no doubt that the state of about two-thirds of the affected area is discouraging. The Head Assistant Collector pronounces the situation in the Koilkuntla taluk, where he has been touring, to be grave. During the fortnight I noticed that the crops between Kálava and Betamcherla in the Nandyal taluk and between Dhone and Ulindakonda in the Ramallakot taluk were in a critical condition ; those in the region of Veldurti found to be tolerably good last month by the Famine Commissioner are fast withering, but all about Kocheruvu, and in particular to the south of that village, matters struck me as having improved.

Food supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th of August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Pattikonda ..	7·49	7·49	14·55	13·58	8·24	10·04	12·22	12·22	The prices in *rice* are rising at Nandikotkur, falling at Giddalur and stationary elsewhere. The prices in *cholam* are rising at Kurnool, Nandikotkur, Atmakúru and Allagadda. The prices in *ragi* are rising at Pattikonda, Pyápali and Nandyal.
2. Pyápali ..	7·49	7·49	14·55	13·58	8·24	8·56	12·22	12·22	
3. Kurnool town ..	7·86	7·51	14·19	14·19	9·93	8·90	7·50	7·50	
4. Nandikotkur ..	8·58	7·86	..	..	11·30	9·59	..	..	
5. Atmakúru ..	8·58	8·58	..	..	12·33	11·30	..	..	
6. Nandyal	8·93	9·29	15·48	13·58	10·96	10·36	..	..	
7. Kálava	7·50	7·50	..	..	8·90	10·36	..	..	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·30	12·00	12·00	9·48	9·06	..	..	
9. Owk	7·47	7·47	12·75	12·00	9·48	9·48	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·15	7·86	12·25	12·90	9·24	8·90	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	8·30	9·13	13·50	13·50	12·64	12·64	11·60	11·60	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	13·50	13·50	..	11·06	10·15	10·15	
Average for the affected tracts.	7·77	7·86	13·68	13·12	9·31	9·45	10·64	10·64	
Average for the whole district.	7·99	8·07	13·64	13·20	10·07	10·02	10·74	10·74	

Activity of trade.—Trade continued to be dull, except in the eastern section. The markets were, however, generally well supplied. The average price of cholam at the end of the period was 10·02 measures for the whole district and 9·45 measures for the affected tracts per rupee.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Cholera broke out on the Laddagiri work in the Ramallakot taluk and on the Mayalur work in the Koilkuntla taluk, and continued to prevail on the works outside Kurnool, and at Belagal and Penchikalapad. The number of cases was comparatively small, and by the end of the period the epidemic had practically subsided on the works in the vicinity of Kurnool. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected the works at Katarkonda, Marella and Maddikera in the Pattikonda taluk and has furnished the following particulars :—

Work.	Number of gangs of able-bodied persons.	Number of gangs of weakly persons and nursing mothers.	Number of gangs of infirm persons formed under section 92 of the Code.
1. Katarkonda	21	5	1
2. Marella	8	3	1
3. Maddikera	36	5	1

State of Health—

(1) Fair, except that many of the women presented a worn appearance.

(2) Of able-bodied gangs, good, and of others poor on the whole.

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Cholera prevailed in the north central, south central and western sections, causing 1,283 attacks and 576 deaths. The villages of the Ramallakot taluk lying to the north of the Kurnool-Bellary road suffered most. The epidemic abated somewhat towards the close of the fortnight. The general condition of the people was fair, though cases of emaciation were met with here and there in the affected tracts.

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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Pattikonda ..	153	40,735	153	24,983	219	62,746	1,059	1,12,106	2,044	1,00,839	2,044	1,00,839	2,198	1,12,200	2,225	1,24,528	2,044	1,00,839	2,044	1,00,839	2,198	1,12,200	2,225	1,24,528
2. Ramallakot ..	21	6,180	19	4,850	59	10,560	5	490	23	1,015	18	825	696	52,148	..	65,438	23	1,015	18	825	696	52,148	..	65,438
3. Nandikotkur ..	2	400	2	400	..	..	3	970	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,000
4. Nandyal ..	11	3,900	14	1,670	33	9,500	31	2,915	56	3,764	56	3,354	735	87,776	..	1,52,162	56	3,764	56	3,354	735	87,776	..	1,52,162
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6. Sirvel	58	11,900	58	11,000	21	5,120	13	1,460	41	2,435	87	2,001	22	1,098	124	6,205	41	2,435	87	2,001	22	1,098	124	6,205
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	..	..
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	80
Total ..	269	66,815	270	47,603	361	93,076	1,138	1,21,380	2,804	1,49,591	2,644	1,40,137	4,210	3,28,699	179	8,510	2,804	1,49,591	2,644	1,40,137	4,210	3,28,699	179	8,510

Taluks.	Other purposes.								Number of wells.		
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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			
1	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			
1. Pattikonda ..	645	1,12,105	53	2,225	166	12,328	2,097	1,03,064	2,364	153	2,517
2. Ramallakot ..	98	490	..	..	209	13,290	18	825	805	17	822
3. Nandikotkur ..	4	450	..	..	13	1,000	..	..	13	3	16
4. Nandyal ..	194	3,325	..	..	669	64,446	56	3,354	1,404	11	1,415
5. Koilkuntla ..	35	2,615	..	..	..	..	489	33,118	653	24	677
6. Sirvel	8	1,450	..	..	34	1,263	161	8,206	56	64	120
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	..	106
8. Markapur	..	..	2	80	1	50	..	80	1	272	273
Total ..	979	1,13,856	179	8,510	1,092	92,377	2,823	1,48,647	5,302	561	5,863

* These figures do not tally with those in the weekly season report. Explanation will be called for.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.—I was in camp for nine days and inspected the following :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Jupad, Bannur and Nandikotkur.
Ramallakot taluk.—Dhone and Kocheruvu.
Nandyal taluk.—Kalava, Komarole, Panyam and Nandyal.

Works.—Works outside Kurnool, Komarole section of Kalava-Betamcherla road, Panyam-Banganapalle frontier road and Kocheruvu-Pyápali road.

The Head Assistant Collector was on tour for ten days and visited the following villages :—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Owk, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Nayanipalli, Patmikota, Timmalapenta, Ankireddipalli, Madanantapuram, Abdullapuram, Kodumanipalli, Tollamadugu, Timmanayunipeta, Boyaltadpatri, Uppalur, Hanumanthagudem, Yerragudi, Ramakrishnapuram, Kotapad, Nandipad, Perusomula, Alavakonda, Reddipalli, Khajipuram, Chanugondla, Akumalla, Mukkumalla, Koilkuntla, Somderdinne, Amadala, Velagatur, and Bijina-Vemula.

Works.—Kalatatala, Akumalla and Mukkumalla.

The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following :—

Ramallakot taluk.—Dhone, Venkatapuram, Abbereddipalli, Valdurthi, Kurnool, Udumalpad, Gonardhanagiri, Lanjabanda, Sudepalli, Malkapuram, Gosmanipalli, Valsala, Kocheruvu, and Ramapuram.

Works.—Kurnool and Bhavi-Kanama.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour for six days and inspected the following places :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Atmakúru and Nandikotkur.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum division inspected the following places :—

Cumbum taluk.—Giddalur, Mundlapad, Thollapalli, Vengalampalli, Sanjeeva Rowpet, Obalapuram, Vuyzalavada, Allinagaram, Thimmareddipalli, Reddichelra, Battwarpet, Chintalapolem, Komarole, Nallaguntla, Pottipalli, Akkapalli and Thadicherla.

Markapur taluk.—Gobbur, Thokapalli and Yachavaram.

Resolution—No. 593, dated 27th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was seriously deficient, only two stations in the affected areas receiving anything more than mere showers. As stated by the Collector, the condition of the greater part of the affected area at the close of the period was discouraging. Good rain has since fallen in Sirvel taluk, and prospects of that taluk were reported in the last weekly season report to have distinctly improved. Elsewhere the subsequent rainfall has been little or nothing, and standing crops must have the subsequent rainfall has been little or nothing, and standing crops must have suffered severely. The Collector's opinion that the concession of free-grazing in the Nallamalais may be withdrawn at the end of the month, will be communicated to the Land Revenue Commissioners. The Famine Commissioner, however, considers that it is yet early to take such a step, and that the concession might be continued certainly for another month till the close of the first half of the official year. The condition of cattle is evidently bad, for definite reports of death from starvation have been received.

3. Prices remained practically steady, though local variations are to be observed. The comparative prices of grains are set out below :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	8 1	13·2	10·0	10·7
August 1892	10·0	15·5	16·7	13 7
,, 1877	5·3	5·3	6·0	5·6

Trade was dull, but markets were well supplied.

4. The condition of the people is reported to have been on the whole fair, but here, as in Anantapur, some of the workers are said to present a worn appearance. This state is probably due to chronic mal-nutrition. It would be interesting to know how long these women have been on works, and whether there is any reason to suppose that they have been sharing their wages with others. The numbers on works and on gratuitous relief decreased during the fortnight by 13 and 16 per cent., respectively. The decrease is ascribed by the Collector partly to cholera and the fear of it, partly to an improvement in the season, and partly to the introduction of the severer tasks, and the abolition of the restrictions on fining.

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

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
July 31st	2,78,076
August 7th	3,01,193
,, 14th	3,18,873
,, 21st	3,39,957

Much yet remains to be done. The work of the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla under the Agriculturists' Loans Act has been fair, but he has still much to do. The work in Ramallakot and Nandyal under both Acts is unsatisfactory; neither of the Tahsildars has disposed of a single one of the numerous applications for loans for the purchase of cattle and seed-grain. The Collector's attention has already been drawn to the remissness of the former Tahsildar.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 788, Revenue, dated 16th September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

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,, the Local and Municipal Department.
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SEPTEMBER.

Fortnightly Narrative.

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

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 593, dated 27th August 1897 :—

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

State of the Country.

Rainfall and water-supply—

	Inches.
Rainfall during the period	0·78
Rainfall up to the period from 1st April 1897	9·09
Average rainfall expected during the period	2·98
Average rainfall expected up to the period from 1st April 1897 ...	11·98

Rain fell at all the registering stations of the district, except Koilkuntla, as is shown below :—

Station.	Fall in inches.
Affected tracts—	
Kurnool	1·60
Kálava	1·19
Pattikonda	·45
Nandyal	·24
Pyápali	·22
Allagadda	·06
Owk	·03
Unaffected tracts—	
Atmakúru	2·22
Giddalur	1·39
Nandikotkur	1·08
Markapur	·92

In the affected tracts Kurnool and Kálava were the only stations that received anything more than mere showers. The rainfall at Pattikonda was again most disappointing and the total for the six weeks ending 15th instant amounted to only one inch. What fell at Kurnool by no means extended to the whole of the Ramallakot taluk ; for example, to the south, Ulindakonda, 15 miles off, appears to have been the last village reached. On the other hand, there were scattered showers more or less heavy, in many localities, for example, to the south of Dhone in the Ramallakot taluk and in the hilly part of the Pyápali range of the Pattikonda taluk.

Water-supply—For Drinking.—The supply was fairly sufficient, except in parts of the Markapur, Koilkuntla and Pattikonda taluks. In the Markapur steps to improve the supply were being taken by the Taluk Board, while in the other two taluks improvements were being effected both from Taluk funds and by famine labour.

For Irrigation.—The state of affairs was very similar to that of the previous fortnight. The supply was quite sufficient in the Cumbum, Nandikotkur and Sirvel taluks, fairly sufficient in parts of the Nandyal, Ramallakot and Pattikonda taluks and insufficient elsewhere.

Agricultural Operations and Condition of the Standing Crops—Eastern Section.—In the Cumbum taluk the standing crops consisting of paddy, cholam, cumbu, korra, pulses and castor are thriving. In the Markapur taluk the preparation of the ground for cultivation continued, and cumbu, korra, arika and oil-seeds were sown almost everywhere, but sowing is backward in the Markapur firka owing to want of rain. The early cholam and sazza crops are in good condition.

North Central Section.—Korra mixed with cotton, and castor were sown, and chillies were transplanted. Cholam, paddy, arika and korra, which form the standing crops, were flourishing. *South Central Section.*—Sowing, weeding and transplanting were proceeding briskly in the canal villages. In other parts agricultural

operations, except weeding, were practically *nil* owing to the cessation of rain. The paddy crop is in good condition, and so are the early crops, such as korra, arika and cholam in the greater part of the Sirvel taluk and in the villages bordering on the Nallamalais. The standing crops in the Koilkuntla taluk and in the Kálava division of the Nandyal taluk are urgently in need of rain. *Western Section.*—Black-cotton soils were prepared for the sowing of late cholam.

In the Pattikonda taluk the standing crops in the northern and Pyápali firkas are in moderate condition, though rather stunted in parts for want of rain, and in the Pattikonda firka have either withered or are withering rapidly. In the Ramallakot taluk the crops are fair in the northern half of the taluk and especially in the neighbourhood of Kurnool, but withering in the southern half, except in a few villages bordering on the Pattikonda taluk.

Supply of Fodder and Pasture and Condition of Cattle.—Fodder was moderately sufficient in the eastern and north central sections, and exceedingly scarce in the other sections. Pasture was growing well, except in the western half of the Nandyal taluk, the Koilkuntla taluk, the southern half of the Ramallakot taluk, and the Pattikonda taluk. I consider that the concession of free grazing in the Nallamalais may be withdrawn at the end of the month. The concession, so far as the Erramalais are concerned, should be continued for the present. The condition of the cattle in the eastern section was normal, in the north central section pretty good, except that rinderpest still prevailed in a few places, and in the affected tracts very poor, save in the country lying between the canal and the Nallamalais. The Head Assistant Collector reports definitely for the first time that many animals died of starvation in the Koilkuntla taluk. The Tahsildars have been constantly urged to push on with the business of granting loans for the purchase of fodder.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There can be no doubt that the state of about two-thirds of the affected area is discouraging. The Head Assistant Collector pronounces the situation in the Koilkuntla taluk, where he has been touring, to be grave. During the fortnight I noticed that the crops between Kálava and Betamcherla in the Nandyal taluk and between Dhone and Ulindakonda in the Ramallakot taluk were in a critical condition ; those in the region of Veldurti found to be tolerably good last month by the Famine Commissioner are fast withering, but all about Kocheruvu, and in particular to the south of that village, matters struck me as having improved.

Food supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th of August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Pattikonda ..	7·49	7·49	14·55	13·58	8·24	10·04	12·22	12·22	The prices in *rice* are rising at Nandikotkur, falling at Giddalur and stationary elsewhere. The prices in *cholam* are rising at Kurnool, Nandikotkur, Atmakúru and Allagadda. The prices in *ragi* are rising at Pattikonda, Pyápali and Nandyal.
2. Pyápali ..	7·49	7·49	14·55	13·58	8·24	8·56	12·22	12·22	
3. Kurnool town ..	7·86	7·51	14·19	14·19	9·93	8·90	7·50	7·50	
4. Nandikotkur ..	8·58	7·86	..	..	11·30	9·59	..	..	
5. Atmakúru ..	8·58	8·58	..	..	12·33	11·30	..	..	
6. Nandyal	8·93	9·29	15·48	13·58	10·96	10·36	..	..	
7. Kálava	7·50	7·50	..	..	8·90	10·36	..	..	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·30	12·00	12·00	9·48	9·06	..	..	
9. Owk	7·47	7·47	12·75	12·00	9·48	9·48	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·15	7·86	12·25	12·90	9·24	8·90	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	8·30	9·13	13·50	13·50	12·64	12·64	11·60	11·60	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	13·50	13·50	..	11·06	10·15	10·15	
Average for the affected tracts.	7·77	7·86	13·68	13·12	9·31	9·45	10·64	10·64	
Average for the whole district.	7·99	8·07	13·64	13·20	10·07	10·02	10·74	10·74	

Activity of trade.—Trade continued to be dull, except in the eastern section. The markets were, however, generally well supplied. The average price of cholam at the end of the period was 10·02 measures for the whole district and 9·45 measures for the affected tracts per rupee.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Cholera broke out on the Laddagiri work in the Ramallakot taluk and on the Mayalur work in the Koilkuntla taluk, and continued to prevail on the works outside Kurnool, and at Belagal and Penchikalapad. The number of cases was comparatively small, and by the end of the period the epidemic had practically subsided on the works in the vicinity of Kurnool. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected the works at Katarkonda, Marella and Maddikera in the Pattikonda taluk and has furnished the following particulars :—

Work.	Number of gangs of able-bodied persons.	Number of gangs of weakly persons and nursing mothers.	Number of gangs of infirm persons formed under section 92 of the Code.
1. Katarkonda	21	5	1
2. Marella	8	3	1
3. Maddikera	36	5	1

State of Health—

(1) Fair, except that many of the women presented a worn appearance.

(2) Of able-bodied gangs, good, and of others poor on the whole.

(3) The able-bodied gangs are about the best specimens on relief in the district.

The condition of the people on the various other works was generally pretty fair. I inspected the recently started Kocheruvu-Pyápali road work, and found the workers to be in no worse condition than elsewhere; the number of persons since selected by the medical subordinate as weakly (D class) is insignificant.

Cholera prevailed in the north central, south central and western sections, causing 1,283 attacks and 576 deaths. The villages of the Ramallakot taluk lying to the north of the Kurnool-Bellary road suffered most. The epidemic abated somewhat towards the close of the fortnight. The general condition of the people was fair, though cases of emaciation were met with here and there in the affected tracts.

Sickness and Mortality.—No particular remarks are called for. Mortality was due to ordinary causes, that from cholera excepted.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
(1) Pattikonda	44,981	36,955
(2) Ramallakot	27,751	22,749
(3) Nandyal	19,333	15,976
(4) Koilkuntla	41,949	38,228
(5) Sirvel	18,552	18,025
Total ...	152,566	131,933

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At Kitchens attached to relief works.				In Poor-houses.		In Villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
1. Pattikonda	1,717	1,608	1,337	1,220	..	..	1,286 6,266	1,109 5,266
2. Ramallakot	728	922	138	..	..	..	1,165 18,803	1,073 † 17,912
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	577	371
4. Nandyal	537	354	36	23	..	..	1,319 3,678	875 2,159
5. Koilkuntla	1,516	1,319	117	88	..	..	3,396 3,410	2,999 2,765
6. Sirvel	862	564	22	14	..	..	1,869 2,983	1,316 1,374
Total ..	5,360	4,767	1,650	1,345	..	..	* 9,612 35,140	* 7,743 29,476

* The first set of figures reepresents the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set those in receipt of grain doles.

† Includes figures for Kurnool town.

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.
1. Pattikonda	105	109	6,372	5,959	9,685	62,065
2. Ramallakot	101	101	4,209	4,041	10,430	43,597
3. Nandikotkur	3	3	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	122	100	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	89	89	1,444	1,274	1,246	5,157
6. Sirvel	102	102	863	983	1,162	4,305
Total ..	522	504	12,888	12,257	22,517	1,15,124

Private charity.—Tadakamalla Papayya and others of Markapur have been feeding 100 or 150 poor persons daily for sometime past.

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	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			22	23	24	25	26	27			28	29	30	31	32	33			20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
1. Pattikonda	153	40,735	153	24,983	219	52,746			2,044	1,00,839	2,044	1,00,839	2,198	1,12,200			53	2,225	53	2,225	166	12,328			..	153
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4. Nandyal	11	3,000	14	1,670	33	9,500			56	3,764	56	3,354	735	87,716			..	..	..	..	669	64,446			..	11
5. Koilkuntla	24	4,700	24	4,700	27	8,800			640	41,538	489	33,118	553	73,146			124	6,205	124	6,205	34	1,263			..	24
6. Sirvel	58	11,900	58	11,000	21	5,120			41	2,435	37	2,001	22	1,098			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	2	350			..	..	..	..	106	2,391			2	80	2	80	1	50			..	..
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..
Total ..	269	66,815	270	47,603	361	93,076			2,804	1,49,591	2,644	1,40,137	4,210	3,28,699			179	8,510	179	8,510	1,092	92,377			20	21

Taluks.	Other purposes								Total.								Number of wells.	
	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.				
1	8	9	10	11	12	13			14	15	16	17	18	19			20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				
1. Pattikonda	1,059	1,12,106	1,059	1,12,106	645	70,896			1,212	1,52,840	1,212	1,37,088	864	1,23,642			..	153
2. Ramallakot	5	490	5	490	98	12,550			26	5,670	24	6,340	167	29,110			5	17
3. Nandikotkur	3	450	3	450	4	500			5	850	5	850	4	600			..	3
4. Nandyal	26	3,325	26	3,325	194	24,200			42	7,870	40	4,995	227	38,700			..	11
5. Koilkuntla	23	2,615	23	2,615	35	5,330			51	7,615	47	* 7,315	62	14,130			..	24
6. Sirvel	13	1,450	13	1,450	8	380			71	13,350	71	* 12,450	24	8,500			..	64
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	2	350			..	..
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..
Total ..	1,129	1,20,435	1,129	1,20,435	979	1,13,856			1,407	1,88,195	1,399	1,68,038	1,340	2,09,932			..	272

* These figures do not tally with those in the weekly season report. Explanation will be called for.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.—I was in camp for nine days and inspected the following :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Jupad, Bannur and Nandikotkur.
Ramallakot taluk.—Dhone and Kocheruvu.
Nandyal taluk.—Kalava, Komarole, Panyam and Nandyal.

Works.—Works outside Kurnool, Komarole section of Kalava-Betamcherla road, Panyam-Banganapalle frontier road and Kocheruvu-Pyápali road.

The Head Assistant Collector was on tour for ten days and visited the following villages :—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Owk, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Nayanipalli, Patmikota, Timmalapenta, Ankireddipalli, Madanantapuram, Abdullapuram, Kodumanipalli, Tollamadugu, Timmanayunipeta, Boyaltadpatri, Uppalur, Hanumanthagudem, Yerragudi, Ramakrishnapuram, Kotapad, Nandipad, Perusomula, Alavakonda, Reddipalli, Khajipuram, Chanugondla, Akumalla, Mukkumalla, Koilkuntla, Somderdinne, Amadala, Velagatur, and Bijina-Vemula.

Works.—Kalatatala, Akumalla and Mukkumalla.

The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following :—

Ramallakot taluk.—Dhone, Venkatapuram, Abbereddipalli, Valdurthi, Kurnool, Udumalpad, Gonardhanagiri, Lanjabanda, Sudepalli, Malkapuram, Gosmanipalli, Valsala, Kocheruvu, and Ramapuram.

Works.—Kurnool and Bhavi-Kanama.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour for six days and inspected the following places :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Atmakúru and Nandikotkur.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum division inspected the following places :—

Cumbum taluk.—Giddalur, Mundlapad, Thollapalli, Vengalampalli, Sanjeeva Rowpet, Obalapuram, Vuyzalavada, Allinagaram, Thimmareddipalli, Reddichelra, Battwarpet, Chintalapolem, Komarole, Nallaguntla, Pottipalli, Akkapalli and Thadicherla.

Markapur taluk.—Gobbur, Thokapalli and Yachavaram.

Resolution—No. 593, dated 27th August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was seriously deficient, only two stations in the affected areas receiving anything more than mere showers. As stated by the Collector, the condition of the greater part of the affected area at the close of the period was discouraging. Good rain has since fallen in Sirvel taluk, and prospects of that taluk were reported in the last weekly season report to have distinctly improved. Elsewhere the subsequent rainfall has been little or nothing, and standing crops must have suffered severely. The Collector's opinion that the concession of free-grazing in the Nallamalais may be withdrawn at the end of the month, will be communicated to the Land Revenue Commissioners. The Famine Commissioner, however, considers that it is yet early to take such a step, and that the concession might be continued certainly for another month till the close of the first half of the official year. The condition of cattle is evidently bad, for definite reports of death from starvation have been received.

3. Prices remained practically steady, though local variations are to be observed. The comparative prices of grains are set out below :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	8·1	13·2	10·0	10·7
August 1892	10·0	15·5	16·7	13·7
,, 1877	5·3	5·3	6·0	5·6

Trade was dull, but markets were well supplied.

4. The condition of the people is reported to have been on the whole fair, but here, as in Anantapur, some of the workers are said to present a worn appearance. This state is probably due to chronic mal-nutrition. It would be interesting to know how long these women have been on works, and whether there is any reason to suppose that they have been sharing their wages with others. The numbers on works and on gratuitous relief decreased during the fortnight by 13 and 16 per cent., respectively. The decrease is ascribed by the Collector partly to cholera and the fear of it, partly to an improvement in the season, and partly to the introduction of the severer tasks, and the abolition of the restrictions on fining.

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

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed. Rs.
July 31st	2,78,076
August 7th	3,01,193
,, 14th	3,18,873
,, 21st	3,39,957

Much yet remains to be done. The work of the Tahsildar of Koilkuntla under the Agriculturists' Loans Act has been fair, but he has still much to do. The work in Ramallakot and Nandyal under both Acts is unsatisfactory; neither of the Tahsildars has disposed of a single one of the numerous applications for loans for the purchase of cattle and seed-grain. The Collector's attention has already been drawn to the remissness of the former Tahsildar.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 788, Revenue, dated 16th September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
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To the Famine Commissioner.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Local and Municipal Department.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

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