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Activity of trade.—Private trade is active in rice and cholum at Tadpatri, and in ragi at Gooty. Rice is being imported from Guntúr, Salem, Coimbatore and other places, cholum from Nellore, and ragi from the adjoining Mysore Province. Trade is also very active at Hindupur. It remains to be seen what effect the rainfall will have on the prices.

Condition of the People.

Works.—Continued to be fairly good, except at Yadiki and the Pennéru works in the Gooty division and Korrapad, Peravali, Ekapadampalli and Kandukur works in the Anantapur division, where the condition of some of the workers is not as good as it has been. This is certainly due to their sharing their earnings with home-staying members of their families.

In villages.—Good except in parts of Kalyandrug, where partial stinting is reported. Two Circle Inspectors lately sanctioned by Government will be put on for distributing village relief, if found advisable, though I hope the recent rains will have improved matters and render this step unnecessary.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera has broken out in several parts of the district. Hindupúr, Penukonda and Tadpatri taluks, attacks 60, deaths 25. The Deputy

Collector, Gooty, reports that some deaths have already occurred among the relief-workers on the Putlur work, and the Executive Engineer has been requested to shift the work-spots of Putlur, Virapuram and Kondapuram works which are now going on within two or three miles of Tadpatri—as far away from it as possible.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Tadpatri	20,194	17,389	The decrease occurs in Tadpatri alone and is attributed to cholera, rain and a vigorous enforcement of tasks and fines. Fining was inflicted on Yadiki and Garladinna works so as to bring down the wage below the minimum. For the other works, full particulars are not available.
Gooty	17,548	18,271	
Anantapur	9,229	9,736	
Kalyandrug	923	917	
Dharmavaram	13,347	13,260	
Penukonda	1,989	1,927	
Total ..	63,230	61,500	

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.
Tadpatri	1,450	1,333	275	296	..	..	2,599	2,691
Gooty	820	867	191	158	..	..	1,364	1,355
Anantapur	435	374	100	108	..	..	1,571	1,576
Kalyandrug	58	37	52	46	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	804	783	73	63	..	..	2,433	1,408
Penukonda	210	195	45	47	..	..	..	..
Total ..	3,777	3,589	736	718	..	..	7,967	7,030

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.
Tadpatri	92	87	2,916	3,258	7,558	26,442
Gooty	114	114	88	88	244	363
Anantapur	107	107	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	99	99	..	..	..	..

General remarks.—The recent heavy and general rains have entirely changed the situation. The district is safe if the north-east monsoon is normal. I anticipate a large decrease in the number of workers. But I would emphasise the fact that there will be not as much scope for cooly labour in the fields this year as in normal years. The ryots cannot afford to pay normal wages. They offer the cooly one and a half seers (or its money equivalent). This is roughly equal to B class wage,

so that even though the men and some women may leave the works for field labour, yet a large majority of women and children are sure to remain on the works, and I do not anticipate being able to close many works before October. I am insisting on a rigid observance of the tasks, and I have ordered them to be raised again on several works. Until prices fall at least 50 per cent., I do not think we should use violent measures to drive off the workers. I have visited in my morning rides the many villages round the various camps, and in all I heard the same story—insufficient food owing to the worker (whether relief-worker or job labourer) having to feed two or three mouths out of a wage that is really only sufficient for one. If the whole family be on the relief work, there is no distress, but this is very rarely the case. In nearly every household, there are two or more unproductive mouths to feed, and in my opinion it is to this fact that we must ascribe the cry that even the B wage is insufficient and the workers are deteriorating on it. Cholera has made its appearance at Tadpatri and the District Surgeon has taken the necessary steps to combat it.

Loan transactions.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act., 31st August 1897.

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.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Under construction or repair.	Constructed or repaired.
	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						
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Tadpatri	33	5,430	27	4,755	6	675	30	2,770	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	2,770	27	4,755	6	675	30	2,770	19	8
2. Gooty	83	14,915	83	13,666	113	28,695	79	35,170	139	35,170	13	4,660	15	3,275	1,190	355	5	1,000	222	49,085	196	64,865	84	36,170	81	2
3. Anantapur	430	41,382	421	35,862	173	14,405	13	4,660	15	3,275	11	1,190	6	355	2	1,000	445	45,657	432	36,862	179	14,760	13	4,660	300	5
4. Kalyandrug	192	29,545	185	18,147	20	3,430	15	3,275	11	1,190	6	355	2	1,000	..	..	203	30,735	191	19,147	22	4,430	15	3,275	182	26
5. Dharmavaram	220	25,975	216	20,425	30	4,980	6	810	11	1,190	6	420	5	1,000	..	..	231	27,165	222	21,235	35	6,170	6	810	197	7
6. Penukonda	106	13,997	97	8,613	39	6,065	3	420	5	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	111	14,997	97	9,033	44	6,420	3	420	102	6
7. Hindupur	217	37,300	192	29,302	64	15,125	3	1,150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	220	38,450	195	30,377	66	16,125	3	1,150	192	6
8. Madaksira	82	14,495	59	9,197	124	22,125	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	14,495	59	9,197	124	22,125	..	..	55	1
Total ..	1,363	1,83,039	1,280	1,39,966	569	95,500	722	89,835	715	87,978	185	45,640	2,086	2,72,874	1,995	2,27,944	754	1,41,140	59	1,128						

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Total.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.	
	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
	Rs.			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Tadpatri	550	17,914	521	17,255	29	659	..	..	..	..	..	..	550	17,914	521	17,255
2. Gooty	1,835	84,871	1,835	84,871	1,938	1,33,634	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,835	84,871	1,836	84,871
3. Anantapur	180	10,350	130	4,890	426	14,300	36	4,125	..	..	..	..	216	14,476	157	7,496
4. Kalyandrug	148	3,847	148	3,847	180	12,847	4	160	..	..	..	..	152	4,007	152	4,07
5. Dharmavaram	1	25	1	25	27	620	63	3,446	..	..	..	..	64	3,471	64	3,471
6. Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	1,135	..	..	..	..	21	1,135	20	1,110
7. Hindupur	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	1,050	..	..	..	..	20	1,050	19	990
8. Madaksira	..	..	..	..	40	1,364	26	2,675	..	..	..	..	26	2,675	15	1,680
Total ..	2,714	1,17,007	2,635	1,10,888	2,640	1,63,324	170	12,591	148	9,992	343	25,791	2,884	1,29,308	2,783	1,20,880

Taluks.	Applications pending.			
	Number.	Amount.		
	38	39		
	Rs.			
1. Tadpatri	29	659		
2. Gooty	1,938	1,33,534		
3. Anantapur	551	20,261		
4. Kalyandrug	233	19,402		
5. Dharmavaram	73	3,665		
6. Penukonda	29	2,115		
7. Hindupur	32	2,465		
8. Madaksira	98	7,034		
Total ..	2,983	1,89,115		

Inspections of the district officers—Taluks and places visited.

Head Assistant Collector—

Dharmavaram taluk: Dharmavaram, Tagarkunta, Bhanukota, Maddalcheru, Sivapuram, Perúr, Dubbarapalli, Nasanakota, Ramagiri, Polapalli, Nyameddelu, Mustikovila, Dewajipalli, Nagasamudram, Basampalli.

Penukonda taluk: Penukonda, Chakarlupalli, Guttur, Manimadugu.

Gooty Famine Deputy Collector—

Tadpatri taluk: Sajjaladinna, Tadpatri, Nandulapad, Rayalcheru, Peddupetu, Yadiki, Vanganúr, Sanagalagudúr, Nittúr, Virapuram, Kaverisamudram, Jambulapad, Hussainpuram, Medikurti, Peddamallepalli.

Gooty taluk: Pathakothacheru, Gallaladoddi.

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Gooty taluk—*cont.*: Rajapuram, Gooty, Guntakal, Thimmancherla.

Anantapur Famine Deputy Collector—

Anantapur taluk: Peravali, Nayanapalli, Maddulapalli, Bondalavada, Pappúr, Siddarampúr, Gollapalli, Yerrayapalli, Marimla, Hanumapuram, Kandukúr, Anantapur.

Collector—

Dharmavaram taluk: Dharmavaram, Patlamari, Gottúr, Gollapalli, Malkapuram, Bathalapalli, Gangireddipalli, Nagalúr, Ravalcheru, Dharmapuri, Nagasamudram, Demajipalli, Basampalli, Kanumukkala, Bukkapatnam, Putaparti, Brahmanapalli and other villages round my camps.

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2. The rainfall during the fortnight was good, and completely changed the prospects of the district. Crops, which were withering, were mostly saved; and agricultural operations were general on both red and black soils.

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Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi,	Cholam.
Normal	13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning	10·6	24·0	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	16·0	15·0
Current	7·9	13·6	10·3
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5. Progress in the disposal of applications for loans is moderate, the following amounts having been disbursed :—

Up to end of week ending—

	Rs.
14th August	3,14,789
21st „	3,30,637
28th „	3,48,170
4th September	3,60,341

6. Much yet remains to be done in Gooty; but it is anticipated that it will be unnecessary to give any more loans for the purchase of fodder.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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2. Gooty	83	14,915	83	13,665	113	28,695	635	79,715	633	79,423	139	35,170	718	94,630	716	93,088	252	63,865	2	300	1,938	561	81	1,33,534
3. Anantapur	430	41,382	421	35,862	173	14,405	10	1,305	10	1,030	13	4,650	440	42,687	431	36,892	186	19,055	5	182	561	233	300	20,251
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5. Dharmavaram	220	23,975	216	20,425	30	4,980	10	1,120	7	810	11	1,190	230	27,095	223	21,235	41	6,170	26	197	73	3,665	197	3,665
6. Penukonda	106	13,997	97	8,613	39	6,065	6	420	6	420	5	355	112	14,417	103	9,033	44	6,420	6	102	29	2,115	102	2,115
7. Hindupur	217	37,300	192	29,502	64	15,125	3	1,150	3	1,075	2	1,000	220	38,456	195	30,377	66	16,125	6	192	98	7,034	192	7,034
8. Madaksira	82	14,495	59	9,197	124	22,125	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	14,495	59	9,197	124	22,125	1	55			55	
Total ..	1,363	1,83,039	1,280	1,39,966	569	95,500	722	89,835	715	87,978	185	46,640	2,085	2,72,874	1,995	2,27,944	754	1,41,140	59	1,128	715	87,978	1,128	87,978

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	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
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
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3. Anantapur	180	10,350	130	4,890	426	14,300	4	160	..	..	..	..	216	14,476	152	4,007
4. Kalyandrog	148	3,847	148	3,847	180	12,847	63	3,446	27	160	53	6,555	152	4,007	152	4,007
5. Dharmavaram	1	25	1	25	27	620	21	1,135	46	3,446	53	3,045	64	3,471	64	3,471
6. Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	1,050	63	3,446	29	2,115	21	1,135	20	1,110
7. Hindupur	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	2,675	20	1,050	32	2,455	20	1,050	19	990
8. Madaksira	..	..	..	..	40	1,364			26	2,675	58	5,070	26	2,675	15	1,680
Total ..	2,714	1,17,007	2,635	1,10,888	2,640	1,63,324	170	12,591	148	9,992	343	25,791	2,884	1,29,508	2,783	1,20,880

Taluks.	Number of wells.	
	Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	20	21
	8	19
	2	81
	5	300
	26	182
	6	197
	6	102
	3	192
	1	55
	59	1,128

Taluks.	Total.	
	Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.
	38	39
	29	Rs. 659
	1,938	1,33,534
	561	20,251
	233	19,402
	73	3,665
	29	2,115
	32	2,465
	98	7,034
	2,983	1,89,115

Inspections of the district officers—Taluks and places visited.

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- Tagarkunta.
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- Maddalcheru.
- Sivapuram.
- Perúr.
- Dubbarapalli.
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- Nyameddelu.
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- Tadpatri.
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- Rayalcheru.
- Peddupetu.
- Yadiki
- Vanganúr
- Sanagalagudúr.
- Nittúr.
- Virapuram.
- Kaverisamudram.
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- Hussainpuram.
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- Rajapuram.
- Gooty.
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Anantapur taluk.
- Peravali.
- Nayanapalli.
- Maddulapalli.
- Bondalavada.
- Pappúr.
- Siddarampúr.
- Gollapalli
- Yerrayapalli.
- Marimla.
- Hanumapuram.
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- Anantapur.

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- Gangireddipalli.
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- Bukkapatnam.
- Putaparti.
- Brahmanapalli and other villages round my camps.

Resolution—No. 614, dated 11th September 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

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Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
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Normal	13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning	10·6	24·0	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	16·0	15·0
Current	7·9	13·6	10·3
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Up to end of week ending—

	RS.
14th August	3,14,789
21st „	3,30,637
28th „	3,48,170
4th September	3,60,341

6. Much yet remains to be done in Gooty; but it is anticipated that it will be unnecessary to give any more loans for the purchase of fodder.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

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State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—During the fortnight, there was general rainfall throughout the district. The fall at the several stations is noted below :—

	INCHES.
Tadpatri	2·78
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Uravakonda	1·08
Anantapur	2·69
Dharmavaram	1·85
Kalyándrug	1·79
Penukonda	2·52
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The average recorded during the fortnight is nearly 3 inches against an expected quantity of 0·78, the aggregate fall up to the period being 9·67 against 11·63. The rainfall is yet deficient and below the average at Tadpatri, Uravakonda, Anantapur, Dharmavaram and Kalyandrug.

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Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st of August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		White cholum.		Yellow cholum.		Remarks.
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6. Penukonda	6	420	6	420	5	355	112	14,417	103	9,033	44	6,420	6	102
7. Hindupur	3	1,150	3	1,075	2	1,000	220	38,456	195	30,377	66	16,126	6	192
8. Madaksira	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	14,495	59	9,197	124	22,125	1	55
Total ..	722	89,835	715	87,978	185	46,640	2,085	2,72,874	1,995	2,27,944	754	1,41,140	59	1,128

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	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
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Tadpatri	83	5,430	27	4,755	6	675	30	2,770	30	2,770	..	..
2. Gooty	83	14,916	83	13,665	113	28,695	635	79,715	633	79,423	139	35,170
3. Anantapur	430	41,382	421	35,862	173	14,405	10	1,305	10	1,030	13	4,650
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Total ..	1,363	1,83,039	1,280	1,39,966	569	95,500	722	89,835	715	87,978	185	46,640

Cattle and seed-grain.

Taluks.	Total.					
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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
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2. Gooty	1,835	84,871	1,835	84,871	1,938	1,33,534
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4. Kalyandrug	148	3,847	148	3,847	180	12,847
5. Dharmavaram	1	25	1	25	27	620
6. Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Hindupur	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Madaksira	..	..	..	..	40	1,364
Total ..	2,714	1,17,007	2,635	1,10,888	2,640	1,63,324

Purchase of fodder.

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6. Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Hindupur	..	..	..	..	..	..
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- Dewajipalli.
- Nagasamudram.
- Basampalli.

Penukonda taluk.
- Penukonda.
- Chakarlupalli.
- Guttur.
- Manimadugu.

Gooty Famine Deputy Collector—

Tadpatri taluk.
- Sajjaladinna.
- Tadpatri.
- Nandulapad.
- Rayalcheru.
- Peddupetu.
- Yadiki
- Vanganúr
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- Nittúr.
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- Hussainpuram.
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- Peddamallepalli.

Gooty taluk.
- Pathakothacheru.
- Gallaladoddi.

Gooty Famine Deputy Collector—

Gooty taluk—*cont.*
- Rajapuram.
- Gooty.
- Guntakal.
- Thimmancherla.

Anantapur Famine Deputy Collector—

Anantapur taluk.
- Peravali.
- Nayanapalli.
- Maddulapalli.
- Bondalavada.
- Pappúr.
- Siddarampúr.
- Gollapalli
- Yerrayapalli.
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- Dharmapuri.
- Nagasamudram.
- Demajipalli
- Basampalli.
- Kanumukkala.
- Bukkapatnam.
- Putaparti.
- Brahmanapalli and other villages round my camps.

Resolution—No. 614, dated 11th September 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was good, and completely changed the prospects of the district. Crops, which were withering, were mostly saved; and agricultural operations were general on both red and black soils.

3. The prices of dry grains commenced to fall slightly, but the rainfall was received too close to the end of the period under report to have much appreciable effect in this direction. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi,	Cholam.
Normal	13·2	32·0	30·0
Warning	10·6	24·0	22·5
Scarcity	7·9	16·0	15·0
Current	7·9	13·6	10·3
August 1892	10·7	20·8	19·5
Do. 1877	5·4	6·0	6·1

Trade was generally active.

4. The condition of people on works continued to be fairly good, though in parts it was poor owing to workers sharing their wages with home-staying members of their families. The condition of the people in villages was generally good. Cholera prevailed in many parts of the district. The numbers on works decreased by 3, and on gratuitous relief by 9, per cent. The Collector considers that the decrease must be gradual, as owing to the reduced circumstances of the ryot, there is a considerable contraction in the demand for field labourers, and anticipates that no general reduction of works can be made before October.

5. Progress in the disposal of applications for loans is moderate, the following amounts having been disbursed :—

Up to end of week ending—

	Rs.
14th August	3,14,789
21st „	3,30,637
28th „	3,48,170
4th September	3,60,341

6. Much yet remains to be done in Gooty; but it is anticipated that it will be unnecessary to give any more loans for the purchase of fodder.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 811, Revenue, dated 27th September 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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SEPTEMBER.

Fortnightly Narrative.

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

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 614, dated 11th September 1897 :—

W. J. H. LeFanu, Esq.
(Famine Commissioner.)

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Anantapur district, for the period ending 31st of August 1897 :—

State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—During the fortnight, there was general rainfall throughout the district. The fall at the several stations is noted below :—

	INCHES.
Tadpatri	2·78
Yadiki	4·14
Gooty	4·18
Uravakonda	1·08
Anantapur	2·69
Dharmavaram	1·85
Kalyándrug	1·79
Penukonda	2·52
Hindupur	5·65
Madaksira	2·94
Total ...	29·62

The average recorded during the fortnight is nearly 3 inches against an expected quantity of 0·78, the aggregate fall up to the period being 9·67 against 11·63. The rainfall is yet deficient and below the average at Tadpatri, Uravakonda, Anantapur, Dharmavaram and Kalyandrug.

It has been particularly good in Hindupur and in the main division of the Gooty taluk.

Drinking-water supply may now be said to have been considerably improved by the rains. It is fairly sufficient, except in a few isolated tracts where the deepening of wells from provincial sources is going on. I have not yet had full reports as to the supplies to tanks, since the rainfall has been mostly towards the end of the month. Several small tanks, however, have received fair supplies ranging from one to three months. The tank at Bukkapatnam has received two months' water and the big tank at Dharmavaram about the same. Those at Parigi (Hindupur taluk), Anantapur and Singanamala (Anantapur taluk) which are also among the biggest in the district appear to have had but partial supplies. The present supplies are about enough for the standing crops under them.

The Pennéru and the Chitravati were in freshes and the supply in river channels is plentiful ; that in springs is also fast improving.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Sowing dry crops, such as cumbu, korra, cholum and oil-seeds and weeding and transplanting ragi generally. In some parts of the Anantapur and Penukonda divisions, ragi is also being harvested under wells and nalas. Cholum is being harvested in Tadpatri. Outturn middling. Ploughing operations are in full swing both on red and black soils.

Standing crops paddy, ragi and cholum under tanks, wells and river-channels generally fair. In Anantapur, ragi and cholum are diseased. Dry crops korra, oilseeds, cumbu, cotton and pulses hitherto fading have been mostly saved. On red soil, they put on a stunted appearance, but may improve by the rains.

Supply of fodder pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture is sufficient in the main division of the Gooty taluk. Elsewhere, it is fast sprouting, and should very soon be normal. Boda grass is now available on the hills, and is being freely cut by the ryots for their cattle. Fodder is, as usual, scarce and dear, but the ragi and cholum harvests will, in parts, add to the existing stocks. The cattle that have survived the long drought may now be said to be safe. Sales at the fodder depôts, particularly at Chakarlapalli, are very slow and indicate a falling off in demand. I have already proposed a reduction in price, and hope it will be granted very soon. Else, the fodder may rot and become unfit for consumption by the continued fall of rain. In Gooty the sales are practically *nil*.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—On the whole, there is a marked change for the better. It is raining almost every day and there are now great hopes of sufficient and early supplies to the irrigation sources.

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 August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		White cholum.		Yellow cholum.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Tadpatri	8·10	7·56	12·61	12·85	10·81	12·36	10·05	10·55	The price of rice is rising in three places, falling in two and stationary in the rest; price of ragi is rising in four stations, falling in two and stationary in the rest; price of white cholum is falling in five stations and rising in two, while that of yellow cholum is rising in two and falling in two stations.
Yadiki	7·02	7·02	11·64	11·64	..	..	9·07	9·27	
Gooty	7·24	6·69	12·46	12·03	8·74	8·75	9·52	9·27	
Uravakonda	7·85	7·87	14·17	13·65	8·90	8·92	..	..	
Anantapur	7·56	7·56	14·06	13·09	10·30	10·30	..	..	
Kalyándrúg	9·18	9·44	13·58	14·55	10·81	11·33	12·87	12·36	
Dharmavaram ..	7·56	7·29	12·61	12·61	10·81	10·30	..	..	
Hindupur	8·10	8·10	15·52	15·52	9·78	10·33	..	..	
Penukonda	8·10	8·10	14·55	14·55	10·81	10·30	..	..	
Madaksira	9·18	9·18	16·97	15·52	..	..	..	..	
Average ..	7·99	7·88	12·82	13·60	10·12	10·32	10·38	10·36	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is active in rice and cholum at Tadpatri, and in ragi at Gooty. Rice is being imported from Guntúr, Salem, Coimbatore and other places, cholum from Nellore, and ragi from the adjoining Mysore Province. Trade is also very active at Hindupur. It remains to be seen what effect the rainfall will have on the prices.

Condition of the People.

Works.—Continued to be fairly good, except at Yadiki and the Pennéru works in the Gooty division and Korrapad, Peravali, Ekapadampalli and Kandukur works in the Anantapur division, where the condition of some of the workers is not as good as it has been. This is certainly due to their sharing their earnings with home-staying members of their families.

In villages.—Good except in parts of Kalyandrug, where partial stinting is reported. Two Circle Inspectors lately sanctioned by Government will be put on for distributing village relief, if found advisable, though I hope the recent rains will have improved matters and render this step unnecessary.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera has broken out in several parts of the district. Hindupúr, Penukonda and Tadpatri taluks, attacks 60, deaths 25. The Deputy

Collector, Gooty, reports that some deaths have already occurred among the relief-workers on the Putlur work, and the Executive Engineer has been requested to shift the work-spots of Putlur, Virapuram and Kondapuram works which are now going on within two or three miles of Tadpatri—as far away from it as possible.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Tadpatri	20,194	17,389	The decrease occurs in Tadpatri alone and is attributed to cholera, rain and a vigorous enforcement of tasks and fines. Fining was inflicted on Yadiki and Garladinna works so as to bring down the wage below the minimum. For the other works, full particulars are not available.
Gooty	17,548	18,271	
Anantapur	9,229	9,736	
Kalyandrug	923	917	
Dharmavaram	13,347	13,260	
Penukonda	1,989	1,927	
Total ..	63,230	61,500	

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.
Tadpatri	1,450	1,333	275	296	..	..	2,599	2,691
Gooty	820	867	191	158	..	..	1,364	1,355
Anantapur	435	374	100	108	..	..	1,571	1,576
Kalyandrug	58	37	52	46	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	804	783	73	63	..	..	2,433	1,408
Penukonda	210	195	45	47	..	..	..	..
Total ..	3,777	3,589	736	718	..	..	7,967	7,030

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.
Tadpatri	92	87	2,916	3,258	7,558	26,442
Gooty	114	114	88	88	244	363
Anantapur	107	107	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	99	99	..	..	..	..

General remarks.—The recent heavy and general rains have entirely changed the situation. The district is safe if the north-east monsoon is normal. I anticipate a large decrease in the number of workers. But I would emphasise the fact that there will be not as much scope for cooly labour in the fields this year as in normal years. The ryots cannot afford to pay normal wages. They offer the cooly one and a half seers (or its money equivalent). This is roughly equal to B class wage,

so that even though the men and some women may leave the works for field labour, yet a large majority of women and children are sure to remain on the works, and I do not anticipate being able to close many works before October. I am insisting on a rigid observance of the tasks, and I have ordered them to be raised again on several works. Until prices fall at least 50 per cent., I do not think we should use violent measures to drive off the workers. I have visited in my morning rides the many villages round the various camps, and in all I heard the same story—insufficient food owing to the worker (whether relief-worker or job labourer) having to feed two or three mouths out of a wage that is really only sufficient for one. If the whole family be on the relief work, there is no distress, but this is very rarely the case. In nearly every household, there are two or more unproductive mouths to feed, and in my opinion it is to this fact that we must ascribe the cry that even the B wage is insufficient and the workers are deteriorating on it. Cholera has made its appearance at Tadpatri and the District Surgeon has taken the necessary steps to combat it.

Loan transactions.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act., 31st August 1897.

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.		
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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
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4. Kalyandrug	148	3,847	148	3,847	180	12,847	4	160	4	160	53	6,555	152	4,007	152	4,007	233	19,402
5. Dharmavaram	1	25	1	25	27	620	63	3,446	63	3,446	46	3,045	64	3,471	64	3,471	73	3,665
6. Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	1,135	20	1,110	29	2,115	21	1,135	20	1,110	29	2,115
7. Hindupur	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	1,050	19	990	32	2,455	20	1,050	19	990	32	2,455
8. Madaksira	..	..	..	..	40	1,364	26	2,675	15	1,680	58	5,670	26	2,675	15	1,680	98	7,034
Total ..	2,714	1,17,007	2,635	1,10,888	2,640	1,63,324	170	12,591	148	9,992	343	25,791	2,884	1,29,598	2,783	1,20,880	2,983	1,89,115

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Gooty taluk—*cont.*
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Fortnightly Narrative.

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

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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W. J. H. LeFanu, Esq.
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State of the Country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—During the fortnight, there was general rainfall throughout the district. The fall at the several stations is noted below :—

	INCHES.
Tadpatri	2·78
Yadiki	4·14
Gooty	4·18
Uravakonda	1·08
Anantapur	2·69
Dharmavaram	1·85
Kalyándrug	1·79
Penukonda	2·52
Hindupur	5·65
Madaksira	2·94
Total ...	29·62

The average recorded during the fortnight is nearly 3 inches against an expected quantity of 0·78, the aggregate fall up to the period being 9·67 against 11·63. The rainfall is yet deficient and below the average at Tadpatri, Uravakonda, Anantapur, Dharmavaram and Kalyandrug.

It has been particularly good in Hindupur and in the main division of the Gooty taluk.

Drinking-water supply may now be said to have been considerably improved by the rains. It is fairly sufficient, except in a few isolated tracts where the deepening of wells from provincial sources is going on. I have not yet had full reports as to the supplies to tanks, since the rainfall has been mostly towards the end of the month. Several small tanks, however, have received fair supplies ranging from one to three months. The tank at Bukkapatnam has received two months' water and the big tank at Dharmavaram about the same. Those at Parigi (Hindupur taluk), Anantapur and Singanamala (Anantapur taluk) which are also among the biggest in the district appear to have had but partial supplies. The present supplies are about enough for the standing crops under them.

The Pennéru and the Chitraváti were in freshes and the supply in river channels is plentiful ; that in springs is also fast improving.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Sowing dry crops, such as cumbu, korra, cholum and oil-seeds and weeding and transplanting ragi generally. In some parts of the Anantapur and Penukonda divisions, ragi is also being harvested under wells and nalas. Cholum is being harvested in Tadpatri. Outturn middling. Ploughing operations are in full swing both on red and black soils.

Standing crops paddy, ragi and cholum under tanks, wells and river-channels generally fair. In Anantapnr, ragi and cholum are diseased. Dry crops korra, oilseeds, cumbu, cotton and pulses hitherto fading have been mostly saved. On red soil, they put on a stunted appearance, but may improve by the rains.

Supply of fodder pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture is sufficient in the main division of the Gooty taluk. Elsewhere, it is fast sprouting, and should very soon be normal. Boda grass is now available on the hills, and is being freely cut by the ryots for their cattle. Fodder is, as usual, scarce and dear, but the ragi and cholum harvests will, in parts, add to the existing stocks. The cattle that have survived the long drought may now be said to be safe. Sales at the fodder depôts, particularly at Chakarlapalli, are very slow and indicate a falling off in demand. I have already proposed a reduction in price, and hope it will be granted very soon. Else, the fodder may rot and become unfit for consumption by the continued fall of rain. In Gooty the sales are practically *nil*.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—On the whole, there is a marked change for the better. It is raining almost every day and there are now great hopes of sufficient and early supplies to the irrigation sources.

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 August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		White cholum.		Yellow cholum.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Tadpatri	8·10	7·56	12·61	12·85	10·81	12·36	10·05	10·55	The price of rice is rising in three places, falling in two and stationary in the rest; price of ragi is rising in four stations, falling in two and stationary in the rest; price of white cholum is falling in five stations and rising in two, while that of yellow cholum is rising in two and falling in two stations.
Yadiki	7·02	7·02	11·64	11·64	..	..	9·07	9·27	
Gooty	7·24	6·69	12·46	12 03	8·74	8·75	9·52	9 27	
Uravakonda	7·85	7·87	14·17	13·65	8·90	8·92	..	..	
Anantapur	7·56	7·56	14·06	13·09	10·30	10·30	..	..	
Kalyándrúg	9·18	9·14	13·58	14·55	10·81	11·53	12·87	12·36	
Dharmavaram ..	7·56	7·29	12·61	12·61	10 81	10·30	..	..	
Hindupur	8·10	8·10	15·52	15·52	9·78	10·33	..	..	
Penukonda	8·10	8·10	14·55	14·55	10·81	10·30	..	..	
Madaksira	9·18	9·18	16·97	15 52	..	..	..	..	
Average ..	7·99	7·88	12·82	13·60	10·12	10·32	10·38	10·36	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is active in rice and cholum at Tadpatri, and in ragi at Gooty. Rice is being imported from Guntúr, Salem, Coimbatore and other places, cholum from Nellore, and ragi from the adjoining Mysore Province. Trade is also very active at Hindupur. It remains to be seen what effect the rainfall will have on the prices.

Condition of the People.

Works.—Continued to be fairly good, except at Yadiki and the Pennéru works in the Gooty division and Korrapad, Peravali, Ekapadampalli and Kandukur works in the Anantapur division, where the condition of some of the workers is not as good as it has been. This is certainly due to their sharing their earnings with home-staying members of their families.

In villages.—Good except in parts of Kalyandrug, where partial stinting is reported. Two Circle Inspectors lately sanctioned by Government will be put on for distributing village relief, if found advisable, though I hope the recent rains will have improved matters and render this step unnecessary.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera has broken out in several parts of the district. Hindupúr, Penukonda and Tadpatri taluks, attacks 60, deaths 25. The Deputy

Collector, Gooty, reports that some deaths have already occurred among the relief-workers on the Putlur work, and the Executive Engineer has been requested to shift the work-spots of Putlur, Virapuram and Kondapuram works which are now going on within two or three miles of Tadpatri—as far away from it as possible.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Tadpatri	20,194	17,389	The decrease occurs in Tadpatri alone and is attributed to cholera, rain and a vigorous enforcement of tasks and fines. Fining was inflicted on Yadiki and Garladinna works so as to bring down the wage below the minimum. For the other works, full particulars are not available.
Gooty	17,548	18,271	
Anantapur	9,229	9,736	
Kalyandrug	923	917	
Dharmavaram	13,347	13,260	
Penukonda	1,989	1,927	
Total ..	63,230	61,500	

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.
Tadpatri	1,450	1,333	275	296	..	..	2,599	2,691
Gooty	820	867	191	158	..	..	1,364	1,355
Anantapur	435	374	100	108	..	..	1,571	1,576
Kalyandrug	58	37	52	46	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	804	783	73	63	..	..	2,433	1,408
Penukonda	210	195	45	47	..	..	..	..
Total ..	3,777	3,589	736	718	..	..	7,967	7,030

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.
Tadpatri	92	87	2,916	3,258	7,558	26,442
Gooty	114	114	88	88	244	363
Anantapur	107	107	..	..	..	..
Dharmavaram	99	99	..	..	..	..

General remarks.—The recent heavy and general rains have entirely changed the situation. The district is safe if the north-east monsoon is normal. I anticipate a large decrease in the number of workers. But I would emphasise the fact that there will be not as much scope for cooly labour in the fields this year as in normal years. The ryots cannot afford to pay normal wages. They offer the cooly one and a half seers (or its money equivalent). This is roughly equal to B class wage,

so that even though the men and some women may leave the works for field labour, yet a large majority of women and children are sure to remain on the works, and I do not anticipate being able to close many works before October. I am insisting on a rigid observance of the tasks, and I have ordered them to be raised again on several works. Until prices fall at least 50 per cent., I do not think we should use violent measures to drive off the workers. I have visited in my morning rides the many villages round the various camps, and in all I heard the same story—insufficient food owing to the worker (whether relief-worker or job labourer) having to feed two or three mouths out of a wage that is really only sufficient for one. If the whole family be on the relief work, there is no distress, but this is very rarely the case. In nearly every household, there are two or more unproductive mouths to feed, and in my opinion it is to this fact that we must ascribe the cry that even the B wage is insufficient and the workers are deteriorating on it. Cholera has made its appearance at Tadpatri and the District Surgeon has taken the necessary steps to combat it.

Loan transactions.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act., 31st August 1897.

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. Tadpatri	33	5,430	27	4,755	6	675	30	2,770	30	2,770	..	..	63	8,200	57	7,525	6	675	8	19
2. Gooty	83	14,915	83	13,665	113	28,695	635	79,715	633	79,423	135	35,170	718	94,630	716	93,088	252	63,865	2	81
3. Anantapur	430	41,382	421	35,862	173	14,405	10	1,305	10	1,030	13	4,650	440	42,687	431	36,892	186	19,055	5	300
4. Kalyandrug	192	29,545	185	18,147	20	3,430	28	3,355	26	2,450	15	3,275	220	32,900	211	20,597	35	6,705	5	182
5. Dharmavaram	220	25,975	216	20,425	30	4,980	10	1,120	7	810	11	1,190	230	27,095	223	21,235	41	6,170	26	197
6. Penukonda	106	13,997	97	8,613	39	6,065	6	420	6	420	5	355	112	14,417	103	9,033	44	6,420	6	102
7. Hindupur	217	37,300	192	29,302	64	15,125	3	1,150	3	1,075	2	1,000	220	38,450	195	30,377	66	16,125	6	192
8. Madaksira	82	14,495	59	9,197	124	22,125	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	14,495	59	9,197	124	22,125	1	55
Total ..	1,363	1,83,039	1,280	1,39,966	569	95,500	722	89,835	715	87,978	185	45,640	2,085	2,72,874	1,995	2,27,944	754	1,41,140	59	1,128

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Tadpatri	550	17,914	521	17,255	29	659	..	..	..	..	..	..	550	17,914	521	17,255	29	659
2. Gooty	1,835	84,871	1,835	84,871	1,938	1,33,534	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,835	84,871	1,835	84,871	1,938	1,33,534
3. Anantapur	180	10,350	130	4,890	426	14,300	36	4,125	27	2,606	125	5,951	216	14,475	157	7,496	551	20,251
4. Kalyandrug	148	3,847	148	3,847	180	12,847	4	160	4	160	53	6,555	152	4,007	152	4,007	233	19,402
5. Dharmavaram	1	25	1	25	27	620	63	3,446	63	3,446	46	3,045	64	3,471	64	3,471	73	3,665
6. Penukonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	1,135	20	1,110	29	2,115	21	1,135	20	1,110	29	2,115
7. Hindupur	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	1,050	19	990	32	2,455	20	1,050	19	990	32	2,455
8. Madaksira	..	..	..	..	40	1,364	26	2,675	15	1,680	58	5,670	26	2,675	15	1,680	98	7,034
Total ..	2,714	1,17,007	2,635	1,10,888	2,640	1,63,324	170	12,591	148	9,992	343	25,791	2,884	1,29,598	2,783	1,20,880	2,983	1,89,115

Inspections of the district officers—Taluks and places visited.

Head Assistant Collector—

Dharmavaram taluk.
- Tagarkunta.
- Bhanukota.
- Maddaleheru.
- Sivapuram.
- Perur.
- Dubbarapalli.

Nasanakota.
- Ramagiri.
- Polapalli.
- Nyameddelu.
- Mustikovila.
- Dewajipalli.
- Nagasamudram.
- Basampalli.

Penukonda.
- Chakarlupalli.
- Guttur.
- Manimadugu.

Gooty Famine Deputy Collector—

Tadpatri taluk.
- Sajjaladinna.
- Tadpatri.
- Nandulapad.
- Eayaleheru.
- Peddupetu.
- Yadiki
- Vangantur
- Sanagalagudur.
- Nittur.
- Virapuram.
- Kaverisamudram.
- Jamboulapad.
- Hussainpuram.
- Medikurti.
- Peddamallepalli.
- Pathakothacheru.

Gooty taluk.
- Gallaladoddi.

Gooty Famine Deputy Collector—

Gooty taluk—*cont.*
- Rajapuram.
- Gooty.
- Guntakal.
- Thimmamcherla.

Anantapur Famine Deputy Collector—

Anantapur taluk.
- Peravali.
- Nayanapalli.
- Maddulapalli.
- Bondalavada.
- Pappur.
- Siddarampur.
- Gollapalli
- Yerrayapalli.
- Marimla.
- Hanumapuram.
- Kandukur.
- Anantapur.

Collector—

Dharmavaram taluk.
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- Gottur.
- Gollapalli.
- Malkapuram.
- Bathalapalli.
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