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Taluks.	Number employed		
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Relief works.			
I. Chipurupalle taluk—			
1. Laveru road	1,103	957	
II. Vizianagram taluk—			
1. Pusapatirega	4,243	3,049	
III. Bimlipatam taluk—			
1. Dakmari	2,048	1,760	
2. Padmanabham	3,578	3,052	
IV. Vizagapatam taluk—			
1. Gazuvaka	1,892	1,004	
2. Pendur	2,605	2,060	
V. Sarvasiddhi taluk—			
1. Rayavaram road	639	..	Closed.
Total ..	16,108	11,882	
Intermediate works.			
I. Anakápalle taluk	..	433	
II. Gajapatinagram	..	47	
Total ..	..	480	
Grand total ..	16,108	12,362	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved					
	At kitchens.				In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
I. Bobbili taluk—	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Bobbili kitchen	..	..	..	..	695	..
2. Chintada ,,	..	..	80	51	..	..
3. Amiti ,,	..	..	30	..	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk—	..	..	87	43	..	..
1. Párvatipuram kitchen	..	..	..	..	896	..
2. Bandaluppi ,,	..	..	198	50	..	..
3. Komarada ,,	..	..	120	..	..	..
III. Sálúru taluk—	..	..	20	..	..	..
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen	..	..	..	..	561	174
2. Mamidipalli ,,	..	..	83	50	..	..
3. Makkuva ,,	..	..	107	58	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk—	..	..	104	60	..	..
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Rajam ,,	..	..	36	..	..	..
3. Palkonda ,,	..	..	190	166	..	..
4. Viraghattam ,,	..	..	91	..	..	..
V. Chípurupalle taluk—	..	..	101	..	..	..
1. Laveru kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Ravastalam kitchen	96	98	31	18	145	250
3. Pondur ,,	..	..	162	121	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagram taluk—	..	..	33	27	..	..
1. Gajapatinagram kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Merakamudidam ,,	..	..	384	133	988	1,304
VII. Vizianagram taluk—	..	..	145	168	..	..
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Vizianagram ,,	130	96	74	46	651	613
3. Kotagandredu ,,	..	..	220	147	..	..
4. Gantyada ,,	..	..	126	78	..	..
5. Sativada ,,	..	..	205	123	..	..
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk—	..	..	153	96	..	..
1. Dakmarri kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Padmanabham kitchen	191	151	13	11	1,463	1,217
3. Bhogapuram ,,	156	91	85	65	..	..
4. Thallavalasa ,,	..	..	186	131	..	..
5. Sontyam ,,	..	..	155	136	..	..
IX. Srungavarapukóta taluk—	..	..	111	117	..	..
1. Tummikapalli kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Srungavarapukóta ,,	..	..	100	40	1,241	863
X. Vizagapatam taluk—	..	..	113	78	..	..
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur ,,	79	60	..	..	957	982
3. Dondaparti ,,	224	47	..	..	..	..
XI. Anakápalle taluk—	..	..	4	2	..	..
1. Anakápalle kitchen	..	..	140	115	..	..
2. Paravada ,,	..	..	..	..	637	633
3. Sabbavaram ,,	..	..	79	58	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk—	..	..	116	75	..	..
1. Chódavaram kitchen	..	..	78	125	..	..
2. Madgole ,,	..	..	..	..	250	421
XIII. Sarvasidóhi taluk—	..	..	72	75	..	..
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	..	..	57	22	..	..
2. Nakkapalli ,,	32	..	..	..	1,255	975
3. Kondakarla ,,	..	..	178	118	..	..
4. Uddandapuram kitchen	..	..	121	97	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk—	..	..	92	97	..	..
1. Narsapatam kitchen	..	..	124	102	..	..
2. Giduturu ,,	..	..	..	..	171	45
3. Natavaram ,,	..	..	117	58	..	..
	..	..	104	103	..	..
	..	..	50	83	..	..
Total ..	908	543	4,875	3,143	9,910	7,477

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. Chípurupalle	39	69	867	805	933	2,640
2. Palkonda	..	.	1,347	1,486	2,922	10,831
3. Vizianagram	222	110	1,743	1,981	2,447	4,813
4. Bimlipatam	120	120	..	..	..	..
5. Gajapatinagaram	45	55	..	..	..	..
Total ..	426	354	3,957	4,272	6,302	18,284

Private charity.—Much contracted.

General Remarks.—The outlook is now much more cheerful than it was at the period of my last report. Very heavy rain, sufficient to fill the tanks and flood the rivers, has been received all over the plains. Agricultural work is progressing briskly, and employment is freely available. Should rain continue to be received at intervals, the prospects of the paddy crop will be very fair. The outturn of the early dry crops is mostly poor, except cumbu, which is in places a good crop and generally fair. Distress is visibly diminishing, and relief operations are being steadily contracted. Everywhere, except in Vizagapatam taluk, they will be unnecessary before the end of September. In Vizagapatam, the duration of distress depends on the receipt of more rain and a fall in prices. There can hardly be any paddy crop in that taluk in any case, but this is not of importance, as it is in any case not a paddy-growing taluk, and the town gets all its supplies from elsewhere, so that a mere local failure will probably not affect prices. Anxiety as to the future is for the present completely allayed.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.				Total.				Repair and construction of wells.								Purchase of fodder.							
	Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Number of wells.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Number of wells.	
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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	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.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Palkonda	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	7	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a) 15	540	..	..	170	12,600	432	21,679	170	12,600	..	..	432	21,679	170	12,600	432	21,679	170	12,600	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	1,000	9	3,310	8	1,900	8	1,450	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	212	..	..	264	43,469	552	49,305	264	43,469	4	3,080	649	49,093	264	43,469	649	49,093	264	43,469	4	3,080
3. Golgonda	16	1,500	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,146	22,882	..	..	..	..	(b)1,146	60,000	..	..	..	..	(b)1,146	27,118	..	..	(b)1,146	60,000	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatipuram	3	1,300	..	..	4	(c)1,800	3	1,300	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota ..	2	400	..	600	2	400	2	400	6	600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	300	..	..
6. Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	32	5,200	26	5,880	37	6,600	36	5,660	32	8,960	..	..	4	900	4	450	7	3,050	..	..	436	56,359	1,128	1,21,749	436	56,359	4	5,700	1,127	98,655	436	56,359	1,127	98,655	436	56,359	4	5,700

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.
(b) In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.
(c) Application for the remaining Rs. 500 was withdrawn.
(d) Information as to the number of applications is awaited from the Deputy Tahsildar.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

Principal Assistant Collector—

Gajapatinagaram taluk ... Gajapatinagaram and Merakamudidam kitchens, Shikarganji, Akulakatta, Budarayavalasa, Chintalavalasa, Lingavalasa, Virasagaram, Rajeru, Dalti, Kodur, &c.
Vizianagram taluk ... Vizianagram kitchen and weavers' depôt, Gantyada kitchen.
Bimlipatam taluk ... Dakmarri relief work and kitchen.
Chípurupalle taluk ... Chípurupalle, Ponduru weavers' depôt and kitchen.
Palkonda taluk ... Rajam weavers' depôt and kitchen.

Senior Assistant Collector—

Párvatipuram taluk ... Sixteen villages and all kitchens.
Bobbili taluk ... ... Seven villages.

Head Assistant Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... Kondakarla, Panchadarla, Pudimadaka, Rambilli, and neighbouring villages, Nakkapalli, Uddandapuram, Penugole, Rayavaram, Polavaram, &c., villages.
Golgonda taluk ... ... Narsapatam, &c.
Anakápalle taluk ... Anakápalle and Dewada.

Huzur Deputy Collector—

Srungavarapukota taluk. Kottavala, Lakavarapukota, Srungavarapukota and Jami circles.
Vizagapatam taluk .. Pedagadi circle villages.

Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... Yellamanchili, Payakarowpeta.
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Vizianagram taluk ... Vizianagram, Pusapatirega, Denkada, Natavalasa.
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2. The fortnight opened dry, but towards its close good rain was received, which materially improved the outlook. The inferior dry crops have yielded very well, while cumbu is giving a fair to good outturn, but the early ragi has done but poorly.

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

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Warning	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current	7·4	13·3	15·3
August 1892	10·3	18·4	16·9
Do. 1878	7·6	16·2	17·2

4. The condition of people on works was good, and in villages improving. The numbers on works decreased by 23 per cent., and, on gratuitous relief, by 29 per cent.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is slow, as shown below :—

Up to end of week ending—	Amount advanced. Rs.
14th August	1,19,027
21st "	1,23,079
28th "	1,27,409
4th September	1,32,077

The work done in Golgonda is satisfactory, but much remained in Sarvasiddhi.

6. The report shows that the condition of the district gives but little cause for anxiety. The Collector hopes to close relief generally in the near future, but, in Vizagapatam taluk and the neighbouring portion of Anakápalle, relief must be continued till there is a material fall in prices.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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II. Vizianagram taluk—			
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1. Dakmari	2,043	1,760	
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IV. Vizagapatam taluk—			
1. Gazuvaka	1,892	1,004	
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Intermediate works.			
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Total ..	..	480	
Grand total ..	16,103	12,362	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved					
	At kitchens.				In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
I. Bobbili taluk—	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Bobbili kitchen	..	..	..	..	695	..
2. Chintada ,,	..	..	80	51	..	..
3. Amiti ,,	..	..	30	..	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk—	..	..	87	43	..	..
1. Párvatipuram kitchen	..	..	..	..	896	..
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III. Sálúru taluk—	..	..	20	..	..	..
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3. Makkuva ,,	..	..	107	58	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk—	..	..	104	60	..	..
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Rajam ,,	..	..	36	..	..	..
3. Palkonda ,,	..	..	190	166	..	..
4. Viraghattam ,,	..	..	91	..	..	..
V. Chípurupalle taluk—	..	..	101	..	..	..
1. Laveru kitchen	..	..	..	..	145	250
2. Ravastalam kitchen	96	98	31	18	..	..
3. Pondur ,,	..	..	162	121	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagram taluk—	..	..	33	27	..	..
1. Gajapatinagram kitchen	..	..	..	..	998	1,304
2. Merakamudidam ,,	..	..	384	133	..	..
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XI. Anakápalle taluk—	..	..	140	115	..	..
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2. Paravada ,,	..	..	79	58	..	..
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XII. Viravilli taluk—	..	..	78	125	..	..
1. Chódavaram kitchen	..	..	..	..	250	421
2. Madgole ,,	..	..	72	75	..	..
XIII. Sarvasidhi taluk—	..	..	57	22	..	..
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	..	..	..	..	1,255	975
2. Nakkapalli ,,	32	..	178	118	..	..
3. Kondakarla ,,	..	..	121	97	..	..
4. Uddandapuram kitchen	..	..	92	97	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk—	..	..	124	102	..	..
1. Narsapatam kitchen	..	..	..	..	171	45
2. Giduturu ,,	..	..	117	58	..	..
3. Natavaram ,,	..	..	104	103	..	..
	..	..	50	83	..	..
Total ..	908	543	4,875	3,143	9,910	7,477

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. Chípurupalle	39	69	867	805	933	2,640
2. Palkonda	..	..	1,347	1,486	2,922	10,831
3. Vizianagram	222	110	1,743	1,981	2,447	4,813
4. Bimlipatam	120	120	..	..	..	..
5. Gajapatinagaram	45	55	..	..	..	..
Total ..	426	354	3,957	4,272	6,302	18,284

Private charity.—Much contracted.

General Remarks.—The outlook is now much more cheerful than it was at the period of my last report. Very heavy rain, sufficient to fill the tanks and flood the rivers, has been received all over the plains. Agricultural work is progressing briskly, and employment is freely available. Should rain continue to be received at intervals, the prospects of the paddy crop will be very fair. The outturn of the early dry crops is mostly poor, except cumbu, which is in places a good crop and generally fair. Distress is visibly diminishing, and relief operations are being steadily contracted. Everywhere, except in Vizagapatam taluk, they will be unnecessary before the end of September. In Vizagapatam, the duration of distress depends on the receipt of more rain and a fall in prices. There can hardly be any paddy crop in that taluk in any case, but this is not of importance, as it is in any case not a paddy-growing taluk, and the town gets all its supplies from elsewhere, so that a mere local failure will probably not affect prices. Anxiety as to the future is for the present completely allayed.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.				Purchase of fodder.				Other purposes.				Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		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.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	4
2. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,000	9	3,310	8	1,900	16	6,390	..	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,500	..	..	16	1,500	..	..	..	..
4. Parvatipuram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	(c)1,800	..	..	4	1,800	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	6	500	2	400	6	500	..	..
6. Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	5,700	26	5,380	37	6,600	33	8,960	..	4

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Total.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39				
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Palkonda	432	21,579	432	21,579	170	12,600	432	21,579	432	21,579	170	12,600	432	21,579	170	12,600
2. Sarvasiddhi	549	49,093	547	48,933	264	43,469	562	49,305	562	49,305	264	43,469	550	49,145	264	43,469
3. Golgonda	(b)1,146	27,118	1,146	27,118	..	..	(b)1,146	50,000	(b)1,146	50,000	..	..	1,146	50,000	..	..
4. Parvatipuram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	2	300	..	..	..	..	2	300	..	..	2	300
6. Gajapatinagaram ..	(d) ..	865	(d) ..	865	..	..	(d) ..	865	(d) ..	865	..	..	(d) ..	865	..	..
Total ..	2,127	98,055	2,125	98,495	436	56,369	2,130	1,21,749	2,130	1,21,749	436	56,369	2,128	1,21,589	436	56,369

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						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	22	23	24	25	26	27						
		Rs.		Rs.								
1. Palkonda	(a) 15	640	(e) 15	640	..	..						
2. Sarvasiddhi	3	212	3	212	..	..						
3. Golgonda	(b)1,146	22,882	1,146	22,882	..	..						
4. Parvatipuram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
5. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
6. Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Total ..	1,164	23,634	1,164	23,634	..	..						

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.
(e) Application for the remaining Rs. 500 was withdrawn.
(b) In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.
(d) Information as to the number of applications is awaited from the Deputy Tahsildar.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

Principal Assistant Collector—

Gajapatinagaram taluk ... { Gajapatinagaram and Merakamudidam kitchens, Shikarganji, Akulakatta, Budarayavalasa, Chintalavalasa, Lingavalasa, Virasagaram, Rajeru, Dalti, Kodur, &c.
Vizianagram taluk ... Vizianagram kitchen and weavers' depôt, Gantyada kitchen.
Bimlipatam taluk ... Dakmarri relief work and kitchen.
Chípurupalle taluk ... Chípurupalle, Pondura weavers' depôt and kitchen.
Palkonda taluk ... Rajam weavers' depôt and kitchen.

Senior Assistant Collector—

Párvatípuram taluk ... Sixteen villages and all kitchens.
Bobbili taluk ... ... Seven villages.

Head Assistant Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... { Kondakarla, Panchadarla, Pudimadaka, Rambilli, and neighbouring villages, Nakkapalli, Uddandapuram, Penugole, Rayavaram, Polavaram, &c., villages.
Golgonda taluk ... ... Narsapatam, &c.
Anakápalle taluk ... Anakápalle and Dewada.

Huzur Deputy Collector—

Srungavarapukota taluk. { Kottavala, Lakavarapukota, Srungavarapukota and Jami circles.
Vizagapatam taluk .. Pedagadi circle villages.

Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... Yellamanchili, Payakarowpeta.
Vizagapatam taluk ... Gazuvaka.
Vizianagram taluk ... Vizianagram, Pusapatirega, Denkada, Natavalasa.
Bimlipatam taluk ... Dakmarri, Chintapalli.
Chípurupalle taluk ... { Ranastalam, Chilakapalem and villages in Ranastalam circle, Ponderu, Niddam, Budamur, Laveru.

Resolution—No. 619, dated 13th September 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The fortnight opened dry, but towards its close good rain was received, which materially improved the outlook. The inferior dry crops have yielded very well, while cumbu is giving a fair to good outturn, but the early ragi has done but poorly.

3. The price of rice was fairly stationary, but that of old ragi increased considerably; old cumbu, however, fell, and new ragi and new cumbu were available at cheaper rates than the old grains. The inferior grains were to be purchased at a cheap rate. The variation in prices of the new grains at different stations is remarkable, the price of new ragi ranging from 12 to 20 measures per rupee. Trade continued active.

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

Rate.	Measures for a rupee		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current	7·4	13·3	15·3
August 1892	10·3	18·4	16·9
Do. 1878	7·6	16·2	17·2

4. The condition of people on works was good, and in villages improving. The numbers on works decreased by 23 per cent., and, on gratuitous relief, by 29 per cent.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is slow, as shown below :—

Up to end of week ending—	Amount advanced.
	RS.
14th August	1,19,027
21st ,,	1,23,079
28th ,,	1,27,409
4th September	1,32,077

The work done in Golgonda is satisfactory, but much remained in Sarvasiddhi.

6. The report shows that the condition of the district gives but little cause for anxiety. The Collector hopes to close relief generally in the near future, but, in Vizagapatam taluk and the neighbouring portion of Anakápalle, relief must be continued till there is a material fall in prices.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 817, 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.
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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Vizagapatam 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. 619, dated 13th September 1897 :—

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

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

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.

	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	4·75	4·39
Up to the fortnight	24·94	30·76

The rainfall on and after the 25th was good at all stations in the plains, though, up to that, it was very poor. In the Agency, rainfall is much below the average.

Drinking water ample everywhere, except in and about Vizagapatam.

Water for irrigation sufficient everywhere, except Vizagapatam and portions of Anakápalle.

Freshes in all rivers; most tanks have received a good supply.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Paddy being vigorously transplanted everywhere, except Vizagapatam. The cumbu harvest is beginning, and it is a fair to good crop as a rule. Early ragi is all harvested now. It was a poor crop. The second ragi crop is being transplanted, or has been so. It does not look very well. Ragi is in fact apparently unhealthy everywhere, though now it is by no means suffering from drought. The inferior dry crops, sama, vuda, and korra have yielded very well indeed. The country now looks decidedly well.

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

Fodder becoming available.

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

General remarks on the previous subjects.—Crops and prospects have vastly improved within the fortnight; even in Vizagapatam taluk, they are not so bad as they were.

All the tanks, rivers and channels have received a good supply, and, for the present, prospects are favourable.

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 August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.			Cumbu.			Remarks.
			Old.		New.	Old.		New.	
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period	End of current period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of current period.	
1. Párvatípuram ..	6·56	6·84	13·32	11·52	14·04	..	..	..	New grain is becoming available and getting cheaper.
2. Sálúru	7·17	7·17	9·72	11·52	13·50	10·50	11·37	..	
3. Palkonda	7·34	5·98	14·74	..	14·74	..	..	18·41	
4. Gajapatinagram ..	6·97	7·38	10·36	11·10	..	10·08	..	..	
5. Chipurupálle ..	6·97	6·97	11·88	..	11·88	10·08	..	..	
6. Vizianagram ..	7·34	7·34	11·61	11·11	..	11·88	..	14·85	
7. Vizagapatam ..	7·00	6·78	11·51	11·51	12·62	14·25	..	15·84	
8. Chódavaramu ..	9·00	9·00	16·38	11·83	16·38	..	..	17·60	
9. Anakápalle ..	8·50	8·50	14·56	11·37	14·56	..	..	18·48	
10. Yellamanchili ..	8·00	8·20	16·38	12·28	18·20	..	..	17·60	
11. Narsapatam ..	7·50	7·50	10·92	10·92	20·02	12·32	14·08	22·00	
Average ..	7·48	7·42	12·85	11·46	15·10	11·51	12·72	17·82	

Activity of Trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MAUNDS.	MAUNDS.
By sea for the period ending 28th August 1897	..	2,990
By rail do. do.	1,881	42,758
	CARTS.	CARTS.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 28th August 1897	..	2,807

Trade active.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good.

In villages.—Improving. Although prices of staple grains are still high, they are falling, and besides these there is korra, vuda and sama available at from 18 to 28 measures per rupee, which is a great help to the poorer classes.

The condition of the class, which comes on village relief, has noticeably improved.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera very prevalent, but not epidemic in any particular locality.

Remarks.—The area of distress is very rapidly contracting, and, within a very short time, relief operations will have ceased to be necessary, except in Vizagapatam taluk and a portion of Anakápalle. The duration of distress there depends on the course of prices. Work is available for all in as great quantity as it ever is.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
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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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	900	4	450	7	3,080	4	1,000	4	1,000	9	3,310	8	1,900	8	1,450	16	6,390	..	4
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	(c)1,800	3	1,300	..	..	4	(c)1,800	3	1,300	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	6	500	2	400	2	400	6	500	..	..
6. Gajapatinagaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4	900	4	450	7	3,080	33	5,700	32	5,200	26	5,880	37	6,600	36	5,650	33	8,960	..	4

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Palkonda	(a) 15	540	(a) 15	540	..	..	432	21,579	432	21,579	170	12,600	432	21,579	432	21,579	170	12,600
2. Sarvasiddhi	3	212	3	212	..	..	549	49,033	547	48,933	264	43,459	552	49,365	550	49,145	264	43,459
3. Golgonda	(b)1,146	22,882	1,146	22,882	..	..	(b)1,146	27,118	1,146	27,118	..	..	(b)1,146	50,000	1,146	50,000	..	..
4. Párvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	300	..	..	..	..	2	300
6. Gajapatinagaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	(d) ..	865	(d)	865	..	..	(d) ..	865	(d) ..	865	..	..
Total ..	1,164	23,634	1,164	23,634	..	..	2,127	98,655	2,125	98,495	436	56,359	2,130	1,21,749	2,128	1,21,589	436	56,359

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.
(c) Application for the remaining Rs. 500 was withdrawn.
(b) In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.
(d) Information as to the number of applications is awaited from the Deputy Tahsildar.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

Principal Assistant Collector—

Gajapatinagaram taluk ... { Gajapatinagaram and Merakamudidam kitchens, Shikarganji, Akulakatta, Budarayavalasa, Chinkalavalasa, Lingavalasa, Virasagraram, Rajeru, Dalti, Kodur, &c.
Vizianagram taluk ... Vizianagram kitchen and weavers' depôt, Gantyada kitchen.
Bimlipatam taluk ... Dakmarri relief work and kitchen.
Chipurupalle taluk ... Chipurupalle, Ponduru weavers' depôt and kitchen.
Palkonda taluk ... Rajam weavers' depôt and kitchen.

Senior Assistant Collector—

Párvatipuram taluk ... Sixteen villages and all kitchens.
Bobbili taluk ... Seven villages.

Head Assistant Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... { Kondakarla, Panchadarla, Pudimadaka, Rambilli, and neighbouring villages, Nakkapalli, Uddandapuram, Penugole, Rayavaram, Polavaram, &c., villages.
Golgonda taluk ... Narsapatam, &c.
Anakápalle taluk ... Anakápalle and Dewada.

Huzur Deputy Collector—

Srungavarapukota taluk. { Kottavala, Lakavarapukota, Srungavarapukota and Jami circles.
Vizagapatam taluk .. Pedagudi circle villages.

Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... Yellamanchili, Payakarowpeta.
Vizagapatam taluk ... Gazuvaka.
Vizianagram taluk ... Vizianagram, Pusapatirega, Denkada, Nataválasa.
Bimlipatam taluk ... Dakmarri, Chintapalli.
Chipurupalle taluk ... { Ranastalam, Chilakapalem and villages in Ranastalam circle, Ponduru, Niddam, Budamur, Laveru.

Resolution—No. 619, dated 13th September 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The fortnight opened dry, but towards its close good rain was received, which materially improved the outlook. The inferior dry crops have yielded very well, while cumbu is giving a fair to good outturn, but the early ragi has done but poorly.

3. The price of rice was fairly stationary, but that of old ragi increased considerably; old cumbu, however, fell, and new ragi and new cumbu were available at cheaper rates than the old grains. The inferior grains were to be purchased at a cheap rate. The variation in prices of the new grains at different stations is remarkable, the price of new ragi ranging from 12 to 20 measures per rupee. Trade continued active.

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

Rate.	Measures for a rupee		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current	7·4	13·3	15·3
August 1892	10·3	18·4	16·9
Do. 1878	7·6	16·2	17·2

4. The condition of people on works was good, and in villages improving. The numbers on works decreased by 23 per cent., and, on gratuitous relief, by 29 per cent.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is slow, as shown below :—

Up to end of week ending—	Amount advanced.
	RS.
14th August	1,19,027
21st „	1,23,079
28th „	1,27,409
4th September	1,32,077

The work done in Golgonda is satisfactory, but much remained in Sarvasiddhi.

6. The report shows that the condition of the district gives but little cause for anxiety. The Collector hopes to close relief generally in the near future, but, in Vizagapatam taluk and the neighbouring portion of Anakápalle, relief must be continued till there is a material fall in prices.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 817, Revenue, dated 27th September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Vizagapatam 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. 619, dated 13th September 1897 :—

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

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

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	4·75	4·39
Up to the fortnight	24·94	30·76

The rainfall on and after the 25th was good at all stations in the plains, though, up to that, it was very poor. In the Agency, rainfall is much below the average.

Drinking water ample everywhere, except in and about Vizagapatam.

Water for irrigation sufficient everywhere, except Vizagapatam and portions of Anakápalle.

Freshes in all rivers; most tanks have received a good supply.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Paddy being vigorously transplanted everywhere, except Vizagapatam. The cumbu harvest is beginning, and it is a fair to good crop as a rule. Early ragi is all harvested now. It was a poor crop. The second ragi crop is being transplanted, or has been so. It does not look very well. Ragi is in fact apparently unhealthy everywhere, though now it is by no means suffering from drought. The inferior dry crops, sama, vuda, and korra have yielded very well indeed. The country now looks decidedly well.

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

Fodder becoming available.

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

General remarks on the previous subjects.—Crops and prospects have vastly improved within the fortnight; even in Vizagapatam taluk, they are not so bad as they were.

All the tanks, rivers and channels have received a good supply, and, for the present, prospects are favourable.

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 August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.			Cumbu.			Remarks.
			Old.		New.	Old.		New.	
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period	End of current period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of current period.	
1. Párvatípuram ..	6·56	6·84	13·32	11·52	14·04	..	..	..	New grain is becoming available and getting cheaper.
2. Sálúru	7·17	7·17	9·72	11·52	13·50	10·50	11·37	..	
3. Palkonda	7·34	5·98	14·74	..	14·74	..	..	18·41	
4. Gajapatinagram ..	6·97	7·38	10·36	11·10	..	10·08	..	..	
5. Chipurupálle ..	6·97	6·97	11·88	..	11·88	10·08	..	..	
6. Vizianagram ..	7·34	7·34	11·61	11·11	..	11·88	..	14·85	
7. Vizagapatam ..	7·00	6·78	11·51	11·51	12·62	14·25	..	15·84	
8. Chódavaramu ..	9·00	9·00	16·38	11·83	16·38	..	..	17·60	
9. Anakápalle ..	8·50	8·50	14·56	11·37	14·56	..	..	18·48	
10. Yellamanchili ..	8·00	8·20	16·38	12·28	18·20	..	..	17·60	
11. Narsapatam ..	7·50	7·50	10·92	10·92	20·02	12·32	14·08	22·00	
Average ..	7·48	7·42	12·85	11·46	15·10	11·51	12·72	17·82	

Activity of Trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MAUNDS.	MAUNDS.
By sea for the period ending 28th August 1897	..	2,990
By rail do. do.	1,881	42,758
	CARTS.	CARTS.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 28th August 1897		2,807

Trade active.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good.

In villages.—Improving. Although prices of staple grains are still high, they are falling, and besides these there is korra, vuda and sama available at from 18 to 28 measures per rupee, which is a great help to the poorer classes.

The condition of the class, which comes on village relief, has noticeably improved.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera very prevalent, but not epidemic in any particular locality.

Remarks.—The area of distress is very rapidly contracting, and, within a very short time, relief operations will have ceased to be necessary, except in Vizagapatam taluk and a portion of Anakápalle. The duration of distress there depends on the course of prices. Work is available for all in as great quantity as it ever is.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Relief works.			
I. Chípurupalle taluk—			
1. Laveru road	1,103	957	
II. Vizianagram taluk—			
1. Pusapatirega	4,243	3,049	
III. Bimlipatam taluk—			
1. Dakmari	2,048	1,760	
2. Padmanabham	3,578	3,052	
IV. Vizagapatam taluk—			
1. Gazuvaka	1,892	1,004	
2. Pendur	2,605	2,060	
V. Sarvasiddhi taluk—			
1. Rayavaram road	639	..	Closed.
Total ..	16,108	11,882	
Intermediate works.			
I. Anakápalle taluk	..	433	
II. Gajapatinagram	..	47	
Total ..	..	480	
Grand total ..	16,108	12,362	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved					
	At kitchens.				In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
I. Bobbili taluk—	..	..	..	..	695	..
1. Bobbili kitchen	..	..	80	51	..	..
2. Chintada ,,	..	..	30	..	..	..
3. Amiti ,,	..	..	87	43	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk—	..	..	..	..	896	..
1. Párvatipuram kitchen	..	..	198	50	..	..
2. Bandaluppi ,,	..	..	120	..	..	..
3. Komarada ,,	..	..	20	..	..	..
III. Sálúru taluk—	..	..	..	..	561	174
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen	..	..	83	50	..	..
2. Mamidipalli ,,	..	..	107	58	..	..
3. Makkuva ,,	..	..	104	60	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk—	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	36	..	..	..
2. Rajam ,,	..	..	190	166	..	..
3. Palkonda ,,	..	..	91	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam ,,	..	..	101	..	..	..
V. Chípurupalle taluk—	..	..	..	..	145	250
1. Lavern kitchen	96	98	31	18	..	..
2. Ravastalam kitchen	..	..	162	121	..	..
3. Pondur ,,	..	..	33	27	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagram taluk—	..	..	..	..	988	1,304
1. Gajapatinagram kitchen	..	..	384	133	..	..
2. Merakamudidam ,,	..	..	145	168	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk—	..	..	..	..	651	613
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	130	96	74	46	..	..
2. Vizianagram ,,	..	..	220	147	..	..
3. Kotagandredu ,,	..	..	126	78	..	..
4. Gantyada ,,	..	..	205	123	..	..
5. Sativada ,,	..	..	153	96	..	..
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,463	1,217
1. Dakmarri kitchen	191	151	13	11	..	..
2. Padmanabham kitchen	156	91	85	65	..	..
3. Bhogapuram ,,	..	..	186	131	..	..
4. Thallavalasa ,,	..	..	155	136	..	..
5. Sontyam ,,	..	..	111	117	..	..
IX. Srungavarapukóta taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,241	863
1. Tummikapalli kitchen	..	..	100	40	..	..
2. Srungavarapukóta ,,	..	..	113	78	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk—	..	..	..	..	957	982
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	79	60	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur ,,	224	47	4	2	..	..
3. Dondaparti ,,	..	..	140	115	..	..
XI. Anakápalle taluk—	..	..	..	..	637	633
1. Anakápalle kitchen	..	..	79	58	..	..
2. Paravada ,,	..	..	116	75	..	..
3. Sabbavaram ,,	..	..	78	125	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk—	..	..	..	..	250	421
1. Chódavaram kitchen	..	..	72	75	..	..
2. Madgole ,,	..	..	57	22	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,255	975
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	32	..	178	118	..	..
2. Nakkapalli ,,	..	..	121	97	..	..
3. Kondakarla ,,	..	..	92	97	..	..
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	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. Palkonda	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	.. 4
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	1,000	4	1,000	9	3,310	8	1,000	8	1,460	16	6,390	..	..
3. Golgonda	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatipuram	4	(c)1,800	3	1,300	..	..	4	(c)1,800	3	1,300	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	2	400	2	400	6	500	2	400	2	400	6	500	..	..
6. Gajapatinagaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	33	5,700	32	5,200	26	5,880	37	6,600	36	5,650	33	8,960	..	4

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.						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	23	24	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
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4. Párvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	2	300	..	..	..	..	2	300
6. Gajapatinagaram	(d) ..	..	(d) ..	865	..	..	(d) ..	865	(d) ..	865	..	..
Total ..	2,127	98,655	2,125	98,495	436	56,359	2,130	1,21,749	2,128	1,21,589	436	56,359

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.				Purchase of fodder.					
	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	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
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5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Anakápalle taluk ... Anakápalle and Dewada.

Huzur Deputy Collector—

Srungavarapukota taluk. { Kottavala, Lakavarapukota, Srungavarapukota and Jami circles.
Vizagapatam taluk .. Pedagadi circle villages.

Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... Yellamanchili, Payakarowpeta.
Vizagapatam taluk ... Gazuvaka.
Vizianagram taluk ... Vizianagram, Pusapatirega, Denkada, Natavalasa.
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4. The condition of people on works was good, and in villages improving. The numbers on works decreased by 23 per cent., and, on gratuitous relief, by 29 per cent.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is slow, as shown below :—

Up to end of week ending—	Amount advanced.
	RS.
14th August	1,19,027
21st ,,	1,23,079
28th ,,	1,27,409
4th September	1,32,077

The work done in Golgonda is satisfactory, but much remained in Sarvasiddhi.

6. The report shows that the condition of the district gives but little cause for anxiety. The Collector hopes to close relief generally in the near future, but, in Vizagapatam taluk and the neighbouring portion of Anakápalle, relief must be continued till there is a material fall in prices.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 817, 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.
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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with re... Vizagapatam district for the period ending 31st August 1897.

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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. 619, dated 13th September 1897 :—

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

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

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.

	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	4·75	4·39
Up to the fortnight	24·94	30·76

The rainfall on and after the 25th was good at all stations in the plains, though, up to that, it was very poor. In the Agency, rainfall is much below the average.

Drinking water ample everywhere, except in and about Vizagapatam.

Water for irrigation sufficient everywhere, except Vizagapatam and portions of Anakápalle.

Freshes in all rivers; most tanks have received a good supply.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Paddy being vigorously transplanted everywhere, except Vizagapatam. The cumbu harvest is beginning, and it is a fair to good crop as a rule. Early ragi is all harvested now. It was a poor crop. The second ragi crop is being transplanted, or has been so. It does not look very well. Ragi is in fact apparently unhealthy everywhere, though now it is by no means suffering from drought. The inferior dry crops, sama, vuda, and korra have yielded very well indeed. The country now looks decidedly well.

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

Fodder becoming available.

...ttle normal, except in parts of Vizagapatam and Anakápalle, where they are

...al remarks on the previous subjects.—Crops and prospects have vastly im... in the fortnight; even in Vizagapatam taluk, they are not so bad as they

...nks, rivers and channels have received a good supply, and, for the ... are favourable.

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 August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.			Cumbu.			Remarks.
			Old.		New.	Old.		New.	
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of current period.	
1. Párvatípuram ..	6·56	6·84	13·32	11·52	14·04	..	..	..	New grain is becoming available and getting cheaper.
2. Sálúru	7·17	7·17	9·72	11·52	13·50	10·50	11·37	..	
3. Palkonda	7·34	5·98	14·74	..	14·74	..	..	18·41	
4. Gajapatinagram ..	6·97	7·38	10·36	11·10	..	10·08	..	..	
5. Chipurupálle ..	6·97	6·97	11·88	..	11·88	10·08	..	..	
6. Vizianagram ..	7·34	7·34	11·61	11·11	..	11·88	..	14·85	
7. Vizagapatam ..	7·00	6·78	11·51	11·51	12·62	14·25	..	15·84	
8. Chódavaramu ..	9·00	9·00	16·38	11·83	16·38	..	..	17·60	
9. Anakápalle ..	8·50	8·50	14·56	11·37	14·56	..	..	18·48	
10. Yellamanchili ..	8·00	8·20	16·38	12·28	18·20	..	..	17·60	
11. Narsapatam ..	7·50	7·50	10·92	10·92	20·02	12·32	14·08	22·00	
Average ..	7·48	7·42	12·85	11·46	15·10	11·51	12·72	17·82	

Activity of Trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MAUNDS.	MAUNDS.
By sea for the period ending 28th August 1897	..	2,990
By rail do. do.	1,881	42,758
	CARTS.	CARTS.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 28th August 1897		2,807

Trade active.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good.

In villages.—Improving. Although prices of staple grains are still high, they are falling, and besides these there is korra, vuda and sama available at from 18 to 28 measures per rupee, which is a great help to the poorer classes.

The condition of the class, which comes on village relief, has noticeably improved.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera very prevalent, but not epidemic in any particular locality.

Remarks.—The area of distress is very rapidly contracting, and, within a very short time, relief operations will have ceased to be necessary, except in Vizagapatam taluk and a portion of Anakápalle. The duration of distress there depends on the course of prices. Work is available for all in as great quantity as it ever is.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Relief works.		
I. Chipurupalle taluk—		
1. Laveru road	1,103	957
II. Vizianagram taluk—		
1. Pusapatirega	4,243	3,049
III. Bimlipatam taluk—		
1. Dakmari	2,048	1,760
2. Padmanabham	3,578	3,052
IV. Vizagapatam taluk—		
1. Gazuvaka	1,892	1,004
2. Pendur	2,605	2,060
V. Sarvasiddhi taluk—	639	.. C
1. Rayavaram road		
Total ..	16,108	11,882
Intermediate works.		
I. Anakápalle taluk	..	4
II. Gajapatinagram	..	—
Total ..	..	
Grand total ..	16,108	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved					
	At kitchens.				In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
I. Bobbili taluk—	..	..	..	..	695	..
1. Bobbili kitchen	..	..	80	51	..	..
2. Chintada ,,	..	..	30	..	..	..
3. Amiti ,,	..	..	87	43	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk—	..	..	..	..	896	..
1. Párvatípuram kitchen	..	..	198	50	..	..
2. Bandaluppi ,,	..	..	120	..	..	..
3. Komarada ,,	..	..	20	..	..	..
III. Sálúru taluk—	..	..	..	..	561	174
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen	..	..	83	50	..	..
2. Mamidipalli ,,	..	..	107	58	..	..
3. Makkuva ,,	..	..	104	60	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk—	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	36	..	..	..
2. Rajam ,,	..	..	190	166	..	..
3. Palkonda ,,	..	..	91	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam ,,	..	..	101	..	..	..
V. Chípurupalle taluk—	..	..	..	..	145	250
1. Laveru kitchen	96	98	31	18	..	..
2. Ravastalam kitchen	..	..	162	121	..	..
3. Pondur ,,	..	..	33	27	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagram taluk—	..	..	..	..	988	1,304
1. Gajapatinagram kitchen	..	..	384	133	..	..
2. Merakamudidam ,,	..	..	145	168	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk—	..	..	..	..	651	613
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	130	96	74	46	..	..
2. Vizianagram ,,	..	..	220	147	..	..
3. Kotagandredu ,,	..	..	126	78	..	..
4. Gantyada ,,	..	..	205	123	..	..
5. Sativada ,,	..	..	153	96	..	..
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,463	1,217
1. Dakmarri kitchen	191	151	13	11	..	..
2. Padmanabham kitchen	156	91	85	65	..	..
3. Bhogapuram ,,	..	..	186	131	..	..
4. Thallavalasa ,,	..	..	155	136	..	..
5. Sontyam ,,	..	..	111	117	..	..
IX. Srungavarapukóta taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,241	863
1. Tummikapalli kitchen	..	..	100	40	..	..
2. Srungavarapukóta ,,	..	..	113	78	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk—	..	..	..	..	957	982
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	79	60	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur ,,	224	47	4	2	..	..
3. Dondaparti ,,	..	..	140	115	..	..
XI. Anakápalle taluk—	..	..	..	..	637	633
1. Anakápalle kitchen	..	..	79	58	..	..
2. Paravada ,,	..	..	116	75	..	..
3. Sabbavaram ,,	..	..	78	125	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk—	..	..	..	..	250	421
1. Chódavaram kitchen	..	..	72	75	..	..
2. Madgole ,,	..	..	57	22	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,255	975
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	32	..	178	118	..	..
2. Nakkapalli ,,	..	..	121	97	..	..
3. Kondakarla ,,	..	..	92	97	..	..
4. Uddandapuram kitchen	..	..	124	102	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk—	..	..	..	..	171	45
1. Narsapatam kitchen	..	..	117	58	..	..
2. Giduturu ,,	..	..	104	103	..	..
Total ..	908	543	4,875	3,143	9,910	7,477

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luks.	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. Chípurupalle	39	69	867	805	933	2,640
2. Palkonda	..	..	1,347	1,486	2,922	10,831
3. Vizianagram	222	110	1,743	1,981	2,447	4,813
4. Bimlipatam	120	120	..	..	..	..
5. Gajapatinagaram	45	55	..	..	..	..
Total ..	426	354	3,957	4,272	6,302	18,284

Private charity.—Much contracted.

General Remarks.—The outlook is now much more cheerful than it was at the period of my last report. Very heavy rain, sufficient to fill the tanks and flood the rivers, has been received all over the plains. Agricultural work is progressing briskly, and employment is freely available. Should rain continue to be received at intervals, the prospects of the paddy crop will be very fair. The outturn of the early dry crops is mostly poor, except cumbu, which is in places a good crop and generally fair. Distress is visibly diminishing, and relief operations are being steadily contracted. Everywhere, except in Vizagapatam taluk, they will be unnecessary before the end of September. In Vizagapatam, the duration of distress depends on the receipt of more rain and a fall in prices. There can hardly be any paddy crop in that taluk in any case, but this is not of importance, as it is in any case not a paddy-growing taluk, and the town gets all its supplies from elsewhere, so that a mere local failure will probably not affect prices. Anxiety as to the future is for the present completely allayed.

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	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	900	4	450	7	3,080	4	1,000	4	1,000	9	3,310	8	1,900	8	1,450	16	6,390	..	4
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	(e)1,800	3	1,300	..	..	4	(e)1,800	3	1,300	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	6	500	2	400	2	400	6	500	..	..
6. Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4	900	4	450	7	3,080	33	5,700	32	5,200	26	5,880	37	6,600	36	5,650	33	8,960	..	4

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		RS.		RS.				RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
1. Palkonda	(a) 15	540	(a) 15	540	..	..	432	21,579	432	21,579	170	12,600	432	21,579	432	21,579	170	12,600
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3. Golgonda	(b)1,146	22,882	1,146	22,882	..	..	(b)1,146	27,118	1,146	27,118	..	..	(b)1,146	50,000	1,146	50,000	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	300	..	..	..	..	2	300
6. Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(d) ..	865	(d) ..	865	..	..	(d) ..	865	(d) ..	865	..	..
Total ..	1,164	23,634	1,164	23,634	..	..	2,127	98,655	2,125	98,495	436	56,359	2,130	1,21,749	2,128	1,21,589	436	56,359

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		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Palkonda	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	4
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	1,000	4	1,000	9	3,310	8	1,900	8	1,900	16	6,390	..	..
3. Golgonda	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	..	..
4. Parvatipuram	3	1,300	3	1,300	..	..	3	(c)1,800	4	(c)1,800	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	2	400	2	400	6	600	2	400	2	400	6	600	..	..
6. Gajapatinagaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	32	5,200	32	5,200	26	5,880	36	5,700	36	5,700	33	8,960	..	4

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39					
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
1. Palkonda	1,579	432	21,579	170	12,600	432	21,579	432	21,579	170	12,600	432	21,579	170	12,600	
2. Sarvasiddhi	2,093	647	48,933	264	43,459	552	49,305	552	49,093	264	43,459	549	49,093	264	43,459	
3. Golgonda	1,118	1,146	27,118	..	..	(b)1,146	50,000	(b)1,146	27,118	..	..	(b)1,146	50,000	..	..	
4. Parvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
5. Srungavarapukota	865	(d) ..	865	2	300	(d) ..	865	(d) ..	865	(d) ..	865	(d) ..	865	2	300	
6. Gajapatinagaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	5,655	2,125	98,495	436	56,359	2,130	1,21,749	2,128	1,21,589	436	56,359	2,127	98,655	436	56,359	

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Purchase of fodder.						Total.			
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.	
	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		
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a) 15	540	(a) 15	540	..	..	432	21,579	432	21,579
2. Sarvasiddhi	4	900	4	450	7	3,080	3	212	3	212	..	..	4	1,000	549	49,093
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	b)1,146	22,882	1,146	22,882	..	..	16	1,500	(b)1,146	27,118
4. Parvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	(c)1,800	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	..	..
6. Gajapatinagaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(d) ..	865
Total ..	4	900	4	450	7	3,080	1,164	23,634	1,164	23,634	..	..	33	5,700	2,127	98,655

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.
(b) In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.
(c) Application for the remaining Rs. 600 was withdrawn.
(d) Information as to the number of applications is awaited from the Deputy Tahsildar.

4. The condition of people on works was good, and in villages improving. The numbers on works decreased by 23 per cent., and, on gratuitous relief, by 29 per cent.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is slow, as shown below :—

Up to end of week ending—	Amount advanced.
	Rs.
14th August	1,19,027
21st "	1,23,079
28th "	1,27,409
4th September	1,32,077

The work done in Golgonda is satisfactory, but much remained in Sarvasiddhi.

6. The report shows that the condition of the district gives but little cause for anxiety. The Collector hopes to close relief generally in the near future, but, in Vizagapatam taluk and the neighbouring portion of Anakápalle, relief must be continued till there is a material fall in prices.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

Order—No. 817, 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.