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Dharmavaram taluk— Dharmavaram Nageswaram Pulitipally Chennakottapally Dennampally Kuntimaddi Pyndi Penukonda taluk— Penukonda Lumpuram Locheria Kothachervu Bukkapatnam Janakampally	Gooty taluk— Gooty Yengampally Turkapally Chinnaveedugur Chennampally Basampally Jakkalcheruvu Anantapuram Kessapally Dummegudi Chittur Virapuram Krishtipad Munimadugur Dumcherla Chitrachedu Dharmapuram Midathur Peida Vedagur Nudabanda Kasapuram Avalampally Kallur Yerradimmarajuohervu Shankampally Konapuram Kalapalyam	Kalyandrug Grahamapally Chopiri Beluguppa Tagguparti Bodugumma Anantapur	Uravakonda Konakonda Chayapuram Chabala Poliki Nithurani Timmapuram Gadikal Kadathra benchi Tonekal Vidapanakal Malapuram Katur	Anantapur. Guntakal (2). Gooty. Karur (2). Konakonda. Uravakonda. Vidapanakal.

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

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Total.																
Other purposes.																
Repair and construction of wells.																
Taluka.	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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Resolution—No. 669, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall of the fortnight was far above the average, and a spell of sunshine was wanted for the crops.

3. The prices of dry grains showed a marked fall. The Collector states that, but for the floods and the heaviness of the tracks, which rendered transport almost impossible, the fall would have been greater; there has been a similar experience in Bellary and Vizagapatam. 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	8.5	16.0	12.4
September 1892 ..	11.2	22.6	20.8
Do. 1877	5.4	7.4	6.6

The price of ragi has now fallen to the scarcity rate.

4. The condition of the people was generally good, but cholera was very prevalent. The numbers on works fell by 28 per cent. and on gratuitous relief by 33 per cent.

5. The following figures show the progress made in the disbursement of loans:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
RS.	
4th September	3,60,341
11th "	3,82,803
18th "	3,87,070
25th "	2,91,181
2nd October	2,94,331

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

ORDER—No. 897, Revenue, dated 28th October 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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