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NOVEMBER.

Fortnightly Narrative.

Board's Proceedings submitting, with remarks, the — of the Ganjám district for the period ending 30th September 1897, recorded.



GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 668, dated 15th October 1897 :—

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

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Ganjam district for the period ending 30th of September 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.

|                                | Actual rainfall. | Expected rainfall. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                                | INCHES.          | INCHES.            |
| In the fortnight               | ...              | ...                |
| Up to the fortnight from April | 5.13             | 3.98               |
|                                | 33.44            | 30.55              |

Rain has been constant during the fortnight and it has been a little above the average. Water is more than enough for both drinking and agricultural operations. Rivers and nullahs have received good freshes. Water in Russellkonda reservoir rose 30 inches since 18th instant.

*Agricultural operations, and condition of the standing crops.*—Transplantation of paddy is over. Weeding operations are in progress. The standing crops are paddy, ragi, gingelly, sugarcane, cotton, redgram and blackgram. All these are thriving well, except ragi and gingelly, the condition of which is reported to be poor. Locusts (or grasshoppers) appeared in some villages of Surada and in Purushottapur taluk, but it is reported that no material damage to paddy crop has been done as yet, as the grain is not yet in ear. Early ragi, gingelly and chamalu were harvested. Outturn of the first two crops is bad to middling; that of last is fair. Ragi in Goomsur is reported to be in good condition.

*Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.*—Fodder is available but dear. Pasture is abundant. Condition of cattle is generally good.

*General remarks on the previous subjects.*—The rain during the fortnight has been copious and general, and it has improved the prospects considerably. Paddy crop promises a good outturn. The price of ragi is falling rapidly.

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 25th of September 1897.

| Stations.     | Rice.               |         |                        |         | Ragi.               |                        | Corresponding prices of 1889. |        |
|---------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
|               | End of last period. |         | End of current period. |         | End of last period. | End of current period. | Rice.                         | Ragi.  |
|               | Raw.                | Boiled. | Raw.                   | Boiled. |                     |                        |                               |        |
| Russellkonda  | 7.00                | 8.00    | 7.15                   | 8.00    | 11.25               | 11.25                  | 11.00                         | 32.00  |
| Surada        | 7.86                | 9.19    | 7.86                   | 9.15    | 12.19               | 12.19                  | 11.00                         | 30.00  |
| Aska          | 7.22                | 7.95    | 7.22                   | 7.95    | 8.90                | 8.90                   | 10.00                         | 19.21  |
| Purushottapur | 7.80                | 8.40    | 7.80                   | 8.40    | 12.00               | 15.00                  | 11.00                         | 26.00  |
| Chatrapur     | 7.50                | 8.00    | 7.75                   | 8.25    | 10.00               | 10.50                  | 11.00                         | 20.00  |
| Berhampur     | 7.00                | 8.00    | 7.25                   | 8.50    | 10.62               | 10.20                  | 11.00                         | 22.50  |
| Ichchhapuram  | 7.50                | 8.00    | 7.50                   | 8.00    | 10.80               | 10.80                  | 10.25                         | 20.00  |
| Kompeta       | 8.25                | 9.83    | 8.25                   | 9.45    | 11.81               | 11.13                  | 11.60                         | 23.00  |
| Parlakimedi   | 6.75                | ..      | 7.85                   | ..      | 10.40               | 11.70                  | 12.00                         | 33.00  |
| Tekkali       | 7.10                | ..      | 7.10                   | ..      | 11.42               | 11.42                  | 12.00                         | 30.00  |
| Narasannapeta | 7.50                | ..      | 7.87                   | ..      | 10.62               | 13.12                  | 12.00                         | 27.00  |
| Chicacole     | 7.17                | ..      | 7.17                   | ..      | 11.97               | 13.31                  | 11.50                         | 28.00  |
| Total         | 88.65               | 67.37   | 90.77                  | 67.70   | 131.98              | 139.52                 | 134.35                        | 310.71 |
| Average       | 7.39                | 8.42    | 7.56                   | 8.46    | 11.00               | 11.63                  | 11.19                         | 25.89  |

REMARKS.—Price of raw-rice is falling in five stations and stationary in others. Ragi is slightly rising in two stations, falling in five, and stationary elsewhere.

*Activity of Trade.*—Trade within the district is reported to be dull; 376 cart-loads of paddy are reported to have been exported from Nyaghar to Berhampur taluk. Small imports are due to the impassability of the Aska-Korchili road. Imports of paddy from Orissa still continue, but in limited quantities. Two hundred bales of paddy and 400 of rice were exported from Narasannapeta to Parlakimedi and Tekkali taluks. Exports and imports of food-grains by rail and by sea are as follow :—

|         | Exports. | Imports. |
|---------|----------|----------|
|         | MDS.     | MDS.     |
| By rail | 860      | 17,341   |
| By sea  | ...      | 2,718    |

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

*On works.*—The numbers on relief-works are much reduced owing to agricultural operations, weeding and harvesting of ragi. The recent fall in prices will cause a still further reduction.

*In villages.*—The condition of people in villages is improving. Labour is available for them in the fields. As early ragi is being harvested now, the cooly classes can get on without Government aid with a few exceptions. A few Kapu Savaras in Parlakimedi taluk, and some of the lower classes, especially Samanthias, elsewhere, are in receipt of relief.

The following remittances are reported from emigrants to Burma, through the Post offices noted below :—

|                | Rs.   |
|----------------|-------|
| 1. Kotabommali | 481   |
| 2. Kasibugga   | 2,849 |
| 3. Tekkali     | 506   |
| 4. Jalmur      | 252   |
|                | 4,088 |



*Sickness and Mortality.*—Fever and small-pox are generally prevalent. There has been a slight recrudescence of cholera, chiefly at Chatrapur, due to consumption of bad fish :—

|                                           | Cholera deaths. |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Goomsur division                          | 27              |
| Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division | 46              |
| Berhampur division                        | 17              |
| Chicacole division                        | 86              |
| Total                                     | 176             |

*Remarks.*—The following kitchens have been closed during the fortnight :—

| Kitchens.            |               | Kitchens.           |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Aska taluk           | Aska.         | Pedda Kimedi taluk. | Bramarapuram. |
| Sompeta taluk        | Patrapur.     |                     | Varanasy.     |
| Tekkali taluk        | Kotabommali.  | Parlakimedi taluk.  | Sarvakota.    |
| Purushottapur taluk. | Kasibugga.    |                     | Meliaputti.   |
| Ichchhapuram taluk.  | Hinjilli.     |                     | Uppalada.     |
|                      | Ichchhapuram. |                     |               |

#### MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

| Taluks.                                           | Number employed |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                   | Last fortnight. | This fortnight. |
| 1. Ankoli, Berhampur taluk                        | 831             | 1,204           |
| 2. Rothini Hill quarry, Ichchhapuram taluk        | 625             | 878             |
| 3. Johomi, Ganjam taluk                           | 495             | 474             |
| 4. Hill quarry do.                                | 2,471           | 854             |
| 5. Sorosingi, Purushottapur taluk                 | 740             | 546             |
| 6. Mukundapur do.                                 | 596             | 561             |
| 7. Boirani do.                                    | 876             | 186             |
| 8. Hinjilli do.                                   | 1,135           | 301             |
| 9. Mottosoringi do.                               | 464             | 668             |
| 10. Rajapur, Pedda Kimedi taluk                   | 373             | 209             |
| 11. East Coast Railway quarry, Ichchhapuram taluk | 203             | ...             |
| Total                                             | 8,809           | 5,881           |

\* Closed.

*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. |
| Russellkonda  | ..              | ..              | 50              | 33              | ..              | ..              | 705             | 482             |
| Surada        | ..              | ..              | 13              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 70              | 52              |
| Aska          | ..              | ..              | 54              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 1,136           | 809             |
| Bodogoda      | ..              | ..              | 30              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 156             | 61              |
| Pedda Kimedi  | ..              | ..              | 219             | 153             | ..              | ..              | 782             | 674             |
| Berhampur     | ..              | ..              | 173             | 156             | ..              | ..              | 2,902           | 2,304           |
| Sompeta       | ..              | ..              | 78              | 83              | ..              | ..              | 904             | 791             |
| Ichchhapuram  | ..              | ..              | 32              | 10              | ..              | ..              | 1,432           | 720             |
| Ganjam        | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 1,603           | 1,349           |
| Purushottapur | ..              | ..              | 110             | 67              | ..              | ..              | 1,044           | 1,161           |
| Tekkali       | ..              | ..              | 286             | 50              | ..              | ..              | 215             | 101             |
| Narasannapeta | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              |
| Parlakimedi   | ..              | ..              | 741             | 295             | ..              | ..              | 1,007           | 445             |
| Chicacole     | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              |
| Total         | ..              | 7               | 1,786           | 847             | ..              | ..              | 11,956          | 8,949           |

| 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. |
| Russellkonda  | 207                                           | 185             | 610                         | ..              | 197                           | 1,789       |
| Surada        | 22                                            | 18              | ..                          | ..              | ..                            | ..          |
| Aska          | 190                                           | 148             | 1,481                       | 860             | 453                           | 10,638      |
| Bodogoda      | 51                                            | 14              | ..                          | ..              | ..                            | ..          |
| Peddakimedi   | 141                                           | 113             | 42                          | ..              | 422                           | 2,071       |
| Berhampur     | 191                                           | 190             | 1,143                       | 900             | 1,257                         | 14,562      |
| Sompeta       | 228                                           | 193             | 1,048                       | 1,048           | 1,582                         | 35,610      |
| Ichchhapuram  | 146                                           | 87              | 881                         | 268             | 694                           | 2,311       |
| Ganjam        | 240                                           | 278             | 214                         | ..              | 643                           | 6,695       |
| Purushottapur | 168                                           | 185             | 1,146                       | 169             | 818                           | 11,236      |
| Tekkali       | 39                                            | 14              | 1,688                       | 1,296           | 2,314                         | 20,392      |
| Narasannapeta | ..                                            | ..              | 426                         | 198             | 1,349                         | 6,581       |
| Parlakimedi   | 95                                            | 50              | 787                         | 310             | 9,216                         | 9,216       |
| Chicacole     | ..                                            | ..              | 360                         | 126             | 437                           | 3,226       |
| Total         | 1,718                                         | 1,475           | 9,826                       | 5,175           | 19,382                        | 124,807     |

*Private charity.*—There is no organized private charity at work. Some gentlemen at Aska are feeding between 20 and 40 helpless persons a day. The Zamindar of Chinnakimedi is giving food to helpless people in some of the villages of his zamindari.



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

| Taluka.   | Other purposes.                   |         |                  |         |                       |                  |                        |         |                  |         | Total.                 |         |                        |         | Number of wells.         |                               |                       |         |                       |         |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
|           | Repair and construction of wells. |         |                  |         |                       | Loans disbursed. |                        |         |                  |         | Applications accepted. |         |                        |         | Constructed or repaired. | Under construction or repair. |                       |         |                       |         |
|           | 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. | 20                       | 21                            |                       |         |                       |         |
| 1         | 2                                 | 3       | 4                | 5       | 6                     | 7                | 8                      | 9       | 10               | 11      | 12                     | 13      | 14                     | 15      | 16                       | 17                            | 18                    | 19      | 20                    | 21      |
| Berhampur | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..               | 201                    | 20,305  | 179              | 18,795  | 473                    | 53,553  | 201                    | 20,305  | 179                      | 18,795                        | 473                   | 53,553  | ..                    | ..      |
| Goomsur   | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..               | ..                     | 720     | ..               | 720     | ..                     | ..      | ..                     | 720     | ..                       | 720                           | ..                    | 125     | ..                    | ..      |
| Chitacole | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..               | 4                      | ..      | 4                | ..      | 1                      | 125     | 4                      | 720     | 4                        | 720                           | 1                     | ..      | ..                    | ..      |
| Total     | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..               | 205                    | 21,025  | 183              | 19,515  | 474                    | 53,678  | 205                    | 21,025  | 183                      | 19,515                        | 474                   | 53,678  | ..                    | ..      |
| Total.    |                                   |         |                  |         |                       |                  |                        |         |                  |         |                        |         |                        |         |                          |                               |                       |         |                       |         |
| Taluka.   | Purchase of fodder.               |         |                  |         |                       |                  |                        |         |                  |         | Cattle and seed grain. |         |                        |         | Total.                   |                               |                       |         | Applications pending. |         |
|           | Applications accepted.            |         | Loans disbursed. |         | Applications pending. |                  | Applications accepted. |         | Loans disbursed. |         | Applications pending.  |         | Applications accepted. |         | Loans disbursed.         |                               | Applications pending. |         | Number.               | Amount. |
|           | 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. | Number.               | Amount. |
| Berhampur | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..               | 1,375                  | 63,574  | 1,194            | 56,301  | 469                    | 32,918  | 1,375                  | 63,574  | 1,194                    | 56,301                        | 469                   | 32,918  | ..                    | ..      |
| Goomsur   | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..               | 363                    | 16,550  | 326              | 15,000  | 180                    | 11,193  | 363                    | 16,550  | 326                      | 15,000                        | 180                   | 11,193  | ..                    | ..      |
| Chitacole | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..               | 60                     | 2,704   | 59               | 2,624   | 22                     | 1,349   | 60                     | 2,704   | 59                       | 2,624                         | 22                    | 1,349   | ..                    | ..      |
| Total     | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..               | 1,798                  | 82,808  | 1,579            | 73,925  | 671                    | 45,460  | 1,798                  | 82,808  | 1,579                    | 73,925                        | 671                   | 45,460  | ..                    | ..      |

## INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

## Taluka and places visited.

The Principal Assistant Collector has visited 18 villages; the Senior Assistant Collector 5 villages, the General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, 21 villages and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 12 villages in their respective divisions.

I have visited the following places:—

Ichchhapuram.  
Berhampur.  
Chatrapur.  
Golantra.

Rambha.  
Johomi.  
Humma.

The improvement shown in the last fortnight continues to be sustained, and it is now possible to foresee an early closing of all relief operations in this district.

With the exception of a few Savaraha in Tekkali and Parlakimedi, the sub-division is free from distress. Relief operations cease in Goomsur from the 1st instant with the exception of a few persons retained for grain doles on the list of the Taluk officers. Several circles have been closed in the Berhampur and Chatrapur divisions.

Distress is now limited to the coast strip from Kallikot to some miles south of Ichchhapuram, portions of the Peddakimedi estate and the Savaraha of Mandasa and Parlakimedi.

I shall be able to dispense with all Circle Inspectors and Taluk relief officers from 15th October, on which date I also intend to close all works. Orders have already been issued to strike off all A and B class labourers from the works from the 1st October, as these are in good condition and ample work is available in the fields.

All weavers' depôts have already been closed for advances and remain open with reduced establishments only for receipt of outstanding cloths due from weavers.

Prices, though still high, show a decided tendency to fall, especially in the case of ragi, which is now being harvested. The ragi crop in Goomsur is reported to be good; in other parts it has suffered greatly from disease. It is hoped that the recent rain will have washed away the grasshoppers which are said to be causing damage to the paddy crop in the various parts of the district. Up to date the paddy, though late, looks very flourishing, and, if the season continues to be favourable, an early fall in the price of rice seems probable. Even if further rains fail entirely, a 12-anna crop is not improbable—the danger rather lies in a possible excess of rainfall or cyclonic storms.

Resolution—No. 668, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was heavy, and, as elsewhere, prospects depended very considerably upon a cessation of rain.

3. Prices exhibited a slight fall on the last Saturday of the period, but the prices of ragi fell considerably since that date. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

| Rate.          | Measures for a rupee. |       |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------|
|                | Rice.                 | Ragi. |
| Normal         | 17-0                  | 30-0  |
| Warning        | 13-6                  | 22-5  |
| Scarcity       | 10-2                  | 15-0  |
| Current        | 8-0                   | 11-6  |
| September 1889 | 11-2                  | 24-7  |
| " 1878         | 9-1                   | 13-0  |

4. The condition of the people was improving. Numbers on works fell by one-third owing to the demand for agricultural labour. The numbers on gratuitous relief fell by 29 per cent.



5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures :—

| Up to end of<br>week ending | Amount<br>disbursed. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|                             | RS.                  |
| September 11th ... ..       | 77,446               |
| " 18th ... ..               | 88,273               |
| " 25th ... ..               | 93,440               |
| October 2nd ... ..          | 97,470               |

6. The Collector intends to close all works on 15th October, on which date also gratuitous relief will be practically closed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

ORDER—No. 903, Revenue, dated 1st November 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

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## STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

## Rainfall and Water-supply.—

|                                | District rainfall. |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                | Actual rainfall.   | Expected rainfall. |
|                                | INCHES.            | INCHES.            |
| In the fortnight               | 7.19               | 3.98               |
| Up to the fortnight from April | 28.31              | 26.57              |

There has been a copious rainfall during the fortnight. Water-supply is ample both for irrigation and drinking purposes. Tanks and wells have received good supply. There have been good freshes in rivers and nals. Water in Russellkonda reservoir rose 54 inches since 4th instant.

*Agricultural operations, and condition of the standing crops.*—Transplantation of paddy is almost completed, except in a few backward tracts, where it is being briskly carried on. The standing crops are paddy, ragi, gingelly, sugarcane, cotton, redgram and blackgram. All these are thriving well, except ragi and gingelly, the condition of which is reported to be poor. Early ragi, gingelly and chamalu were harvested. Outturn of the first two crops is bad to middling; that of last is fair.

*Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.*—Fodder is scarce and dear, but chamalu straw is available in many places. Pasture is abundant. Condition of cattle is generally good.

*General remarks on the previous subjects.*—The state of the country at present looks favourable. Early paddy looks promising, and, in places, it is earing. The anxiety for food among the ryot classes is decreasing gradually. Prices show a tendency to fall; but no marked falling in the prices of food-grains can be anticipated, until the ordinary ragi crop is harvested. The ryots are hopeful of their crops, notwithstanding the fact that ragi is blighted in some parts.

## 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 11th of September 1897.

| per rupee for the period ending 1st of September. |         |                     |         |                        |        |                     |                        |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Stations.                                         |         | Rice.               |         |                        |        | Ragi.               |                        | Corresponding prices of 1889. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Remarks. |
|                                                   |         | End of last period. |         | End of current period. |        | End of last period. | End of current period. | Rice                          | Ragi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |          |
|                                                   |         |                     |         |                        |        |                     |                        |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Raw.                                              | Boiled. | Raw.                | Boiled. |                        |        |                     |                        |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Russellkonda ..                                   | 7.50    | 9.00                | 7.00    | 8.00                   | 10.31  | 11.25               | 10.50                  | 17.50                         | Rice is rising in two stations, falling in three stations, and stationary elsewhere. Ragi is rising in two stations, falling in four stations and stationary elsewhere. The rise and fall are due to the condition of the local markets. |          |
| Suradā ..                                         | 7.40    | 8.75                | 7.86    | 9.19                   | 9.75   | 12.19               | 11.00                  | 28.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Aska ..                                           | 7.22    | 7.95                | 7.22    | 7.95                   | 8.90   | 8.90                | 10.00                  | 19.20                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Purushottapur ..                                  | 7.50    | 8.00                | 7.80    | 8.40                   | 11.00  | 12.00               | 10.50                  | 26.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Chatrapur ..                                      | 7.00    | 7.75                | 7.50    | 8.00                   | 10.00  | 10.00               | 10.00                  | 19.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Berhampur ..                                      | 7.00    | 8.00                | 7.00    | 8.00                   | 11.05  | 10.62               | 11.00                  | 20.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Ichchhāpuram ..                                   | 7.50    | 8.00                | 7.50    | 8.00                   | 10.80  | 10.80               | 10.50                  | 22.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Sōmpēta ..                                        | 8.25    | ..                  | 8.25    | 9.83                   | 11.31  | 11.81               | 11.20                  | 23.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Parlākīmedī ..                                    | 6.81    | 6.75                | 6.75    | ..                     | 12.00  | 10.40               | 12.00                  | 24.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Tekkālī ..                                        | 7.10    | ..                  | 7.10    | ..                     | 11.42  | 11.42               | 10.50                  | 21.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Narsannapet ..                                    | 7.50    | ..                  | 7.50    | ..                     | 10.62  | 10.62               | 12.00                  | 27.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Chicacole ..                                      | 7.17    | ..                  | 7.17    | ..                     | 11.97  | 11.97               | 11.00                  | 27.00                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
|                                                   | 87.95   | 64.20               | 88.65   | 67.37                  | 129.13 | 131.98              | 130.20                 | 273.70                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Average ..                                        | 7.33    | 8.03                | 7.39    | 8.42                   | 10.76  | 11.00               | 10.85                  | 22.81                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |

*Activity of trade.*—Trade within the district is not active. 526 cart-loads of paddy are reported to have been imported from Nyaghar. Imports of paddy from Orissa still continue, but in limited quantities. 1,200 bales of rice were exported from Narsannapet to Parlakimedi and Tekkali taluks.

Exports and imports of food-grains by rail and by sea are as follows :—

|         | Exports. | Imports. |
|---------|----------|----------|
|         | MDS.     | MDS.     |
| By rail | 1,567    | 4,137    |
| By sea  | ..       | ..       |

## CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

*On works.*—The condition of people on works is generally good.

*In villages.*—The condition of people in villages is improving. Now that work is available in fields, most of them are engaged in field work. The Kapu Savaras in Parlakimedi taluk, and some of the lower classes, especially Samantias in the Uddanam or coast tracts elsewhere, are reported to be in need of relief. These are either fed at kitchens or given grain doles.

The following remittances are reported from emigrants to Burma through the Post offices noted below :—

|             | RS.   |
|-------------|-------|
| Jalmur      | 80    |
| Kasibugga   | 4,983 |
| Tekkali     | 266   |
| Kotabommali | 757   |
| Total       | 6,086 |

*Sickness and mortality.*—Fever and small-pox are generally prevalent. Cholera has been subsiding.

|                                           | Cholera deaths. |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Goomsur division                          | 38              |
| Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division | 35              |
| Berhampur division                        | 30              |
| Chicacole division                        | 47              |
| Total                                     | 150             |



*Remarks.*—The following kitchens and relief works are closed during the fortnight:—

| Kitchens.             |              | Relief works.           |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Ganjám taluk ...      | Sabulia.     | Ganjám taluk ...        | Santhoshapur.    |
| Ichchhápura taluk ... | Khojiria.    | Purushottapur taluk ... | Bhatkumarada.    |
| Narsannapet taluk ... | Surangi.     | Sómpéta taluk ...       | Kanchili.        |
| Purushottapur taluk   | Narsannapet. | Berhampur taluk ...     | Guntubanda.      |
|                       | Jalmur.      | Ichchhápura taluk.      | Ichchhápura East |
|                       | Tilaru.      |                         | Coast Railway    |
|                       | Sorasingi.   |                         | quarry.          |
|                       | Haripur.     |                         |                  |
| Sómpéta taluk ...     | Talatampara. |                         |                  |
|                       | Baruva.      |                         |                  |
|                       | Jarada.      |                         |                  |
|                       | Siripur.     |                         |                  |
| Tekkali taluk ...     | Nowpada.     |                         |                  |
|                       | Kaviti.      |                         |                  |
| Berhampur taluk ...   | Narayanapur. |                         |                  |
|                       | Guntubanda.  |                         |                  |

#### MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

| Taluks.                                          | Number employed |                 | Remarks.                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | Last fortnight. | This fortnight. |                                                                                                      |
| 1. Guntubanda (B Branch), Berhampur taluk.       | 748             | ..              | Closed.                                                                                              |
| 2. Ankoli, Berhampur taluk ..                    | 664             | 831             | Do.                                                                                                  |
| 3. East Coast Railway quarry, Ichchhápura taluk. | 423             | 203             |                                                                                                      |
| 4. Rothini Hill quarry, Ichchhápura taluk.       | 530             | 625             | Do.                                                                                                  |
| 5. Kanchili quarry, Sómpéta taluk ..             | 246             | ..              |                                                                                                      |
| 6. Jhomi, Ganjám taluk ..                        | 553             | 495             | Do.                                                                                                  |
| 7. Santhoshapur, Ganjám taluk ..                 | 98              | ..              |                                                                                                      |
| 8. Hill quarry, Ganjám taluk ..                  | 1,781           | 2,471           | Do.                                                                                                  |
| 9. Sorasingi, Purushottapur taluk ..             | 734             | 740             |                                                                                                      |
| 10. Mukundapur, Purushottapur taluk ..           | 632             | 596             | Do.                                                                                                  |
| 11. Boirani, Purushottapur taluk ..              | 837             | 876             |                                                                                                      |
| 12. Bhatkumarada, Purushottapur taluk.           | 433             | ..              | Do.                                                                                                  |
| 13. Hingili, Purushottapur taluk ..              | 1,569           | 1,135           |                                                                                                      |
| 14. Mottosoringi, Purushottapur taluk ..         | 344             | 464             | This was temporarily, but not formally, closed owing to the illness and resignation of the overseer. |
| 15. Rajapur, Peddakimedi taluk ..                | ..              | 873             |                                                                                                      |
| Total ..                                         | 2,592           | 8,809           |                                                                                                      |

*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. |
| Russellkonda ..  | ..              | ..              | 66              | 50              | ..              | ..              | 1,662           | 705             |
| Suradá ..        | ..              | ..              | 33              | 13              | ..              | ..              | 98              | 70              |
| Aska ..          | ..              | ..              | 61              | 54              | ..              | ..              | 1,917           | 1,136           |
| Bodogodo ..      | ..              | ..              | 31              | 30              | ..              | ..              | 334             | 156             |
| Pedda Kimedi ..  | ..              | ..              | 281             | 219             | ..              | ..              | 859             | 782             |
| Berhampur ..     | ..              | ..              | 275             | 173             | ..              | ..              | 4,468           | 2,902           |
| Sómpéta ..       | ..              | ..              | 210             | 78              | ..              | ..              | 833             | 904             |
| Ichchhápura ..   | ..              | ..              | 95              | 32              | ..              | ..              | 1,846           | 1,432           |
| Ganjám ..        | ..              | ..              | 18              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 1,815           | 1,603           |
| Purushottapur .. | ..              | ..              | 160             | 110             | ..              | ..              | 1,712           | 1,044           |
| Tekkali ..       | ..              | ..              | 369             | 286             | ..              | ..              | 407             | 215             |
| Narasannapéta .. | ..              | ..              | 381             | ..              | ..              | ..              | 56              | ..              |
| Parlakimedi ..   | ..              | ..              | 793             | 741             | ..              | ..              | 571             | 1,007           |
| Chicacole ..     | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 72              | ..              |
| Total ..         | 65              | ..              | 2,773           | 1,786           | ..              | ..              | 16,650          | 11,958          |

| 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. |
| Russellkonda ..  | 257                                          | 207             | 689                        | 610             | 163                           | 1,592       |
| Suradá ..        | 24                                           | 22              | ..                         | ..              | ..                            | ..          |
| Aska ..          | 207                                          | 190             | 1,680                      | 1,481           | 1,424                         | 10,185      |
| Bodogodo ..      | 74                                           | 51              | ..                         | ..              | 650                           | 1,649       |
| Pedda Kimedi ..  | 133                                          | 141             | 152                        | 42              | 9,022                         | 13,305      |
| Berhampur ..     | 446                                          | 191             | 691                        | 1,143           | 3,399                         | 34,058      |
| Sómpéta ..       | 245                                          | 228             | 1,909                      | 1,048           | 1,356                         | 2,117       |
| Ichchhápura ..   | 191                                          | 146             | 669                        | 881             | 921                           | 6,052       |
| Ganjám ..        | 218                                          | 240             | 214                        | 214             | 1,895                         | 10,418      |
| Purushottapur .. | 206                                          | 168             | 1,784                      | 1,146           | 16,085                        | 18,078      |
| Tekkali ..       | 60                                           | 39              | 2,005                      | 1,688           | 1,740                         | 5,182       |
| Narasannapéta .. | 17                                           | ..              | 2,492                      | 426             | ..                            | ..          |
| Parlakimedi ..   | 137                                          | 95              | 42                         | 787             | 649                           | 2,739       |
| Chicacole ..     | 12                                           | ..              | 767                        | 360             | ..                            | ..          |
| Total ..         | 2,227                                        | 1,718           | 13,034                     | 9,826           | 37,304                        | 105,425     |

*Private charity.*—There is no organized private charity at work. The Zemindar of Kallikóta and Atagada continues to feed about 82 persons at his kitchen at Haradamali. He has also opened a relief work at Maridi. Some gentlemen at Aska are still feeding between 20 and 40 helpless people a day. The Zemindar of Chinnakimedi is also granting relief in the shape of cooked food in some of his mutts and temples.



| Taluka.   | 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                            |
| Berhampur | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | 1                     | ..      | 196                    | 19,845  | 161              | 15,605  | 478                   | 54,013  | 196                    | 19,845  | 161              | 15,605  | 479                   | 54,213  | ..                       | ..                            |
| Goomsur   | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                       | ..                            |
| Chitacole | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                       | ..                            |
| Total     | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | 1                     | ..      | 200                    | 20,565  | 165              | 16,325  | 479                   | 54,138  | 200                    | 20,565  | 165              | 16,325  | 480                   | 54,338  | ..                       | ..                            |
| Taluka.   | Purchase of fodder.               |         |                  |         |                       |         | Cattle and seed-grain. |         |                  |         |                       |         | Total.                 |         |                  |         |                       |         | Applications pending.    |                               |
|           | 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. | Number.               | Amount. |                          |                               |
| Berhampur | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 38                       | RS. 41,867                    |
| Goomsur   | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 626                      | 41,867                        |
| Chitacole | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 294                      | 17,430                        |
| Total     | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 938                      | 60,766                        |

# INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

*Taluka and places visited.*—The Principal Assistant Collector has visited twenty-four villages, the Senior Assistant Collector nine villages, the General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, forty villages and the Head-Quarter Deputy Collector twenty villages in their respective divisions.

I was detained at head-quarters by civil suits, and treasury examinations for the first half of the fortnight, and have subsequently visited the following places:—

Chatrapur. †  
Hinjili. \* †  
Aska. \* †  
Shergada.

\* Kitchen.

† Relief work.

Pattapur.  
Digupudi. \* †  
Chikati. \* †

† Weavers' depôt.

My tour has been interrupted by having to return to meet the Famine Commissioner.

There has been no material change in prices, though a slight tendency to fall was exhibited; there has since been a re-action consequent upon the failure of the ragi crop. Until recently ragi everywhere looked promising, and in excellent condition, but it now almost generally declines to ear and has run into stalk and leaf. Many of the heads that do appear are merely chaff, and contain no grain. The yield is estimated at from As. 2 to 4 in the sub-division, and it is not much better anywhere along the coast, except perhaps near Ichchhâpuram. From Goomsur, details are not yet to hand, as the ragi is only just beginning to come into ear. I attribute this to too much surface water on a dry sub-soil, accompanied by want of sufficient sunshine. Old inhabitants report that the same phenomenon occurred after the famine of 1866, and this was also observed with the Gôdâvari imported seed-grain after 1889.

I fear that this will retard the anticipated fall in prices for another month, until the success of the paddy crop, which is everywhere most promising, is assured. Field work still continues to be greatly restricted. Weeding operations should now be in progress, but I have observed very few engaged in that occupation. I fear that many ryots have not sufficient resources for the employment of the necessary labour. In spite of high prices, and the restricted demand for field labour, the condition of the people is improving, except in the Kallikôta circle, where there has been an increase in the number on gratuitous relief. There has, however, been no increase in the number of relief workers as anticipated by me, and several additional works have been closed, only ten remaining. Of these, one is in Ichchhâpuram taluk, one in Pedda Kimedi estate, one in Berhampur, two in Ganjâm, and five in Purushottapur taluks, respectively. All works south of Ichchhâpuram are finally closed.

The existing distress is now confined to the Samantias of the coast tracts in Ganjâm and Ichchhâpuram taluks, and to the Kapu Savaras of Tekkali and Parlâkimedi. The former are an idle and improvident set of people. They decline to work or to accept cooked food, and their condition is, at the best of times, poor. The condition of the Kapu Savaras is reported by Mr. Parsons to be improving. Of the rest, those on relief consist mainly of professional beggars, cripples, lepers and the like, who may, as in ordinary years, be left to the charity of their fellow villagers after the close of the current month.

The disposal of loans applications is not proceeding as rapidly as I could wish, but as the term of the Special Loans Tahsildar expired at the end of July, the Tahsildars have to work with their ordinary staff. It is, however, but little use now granting applications for advances for cattle and seed-grain, as ploughing is practically over, and the land all under cultivation. Some further advance may be required in dry tracts, where the ragi has failed, for a second crop of grain. There has been a serious outbreak of cholera at Patrapur in Sompêta taluk, and a Special Hospital Assistant has been sent to deal with it. Small-pox is bad in parts of Pedda Kimedi, Chinnakimedi and Shergada zemindaris. Otherwise the health of the people is fair.



*Resolution*—No. 645, dated 2nd October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall in the fortnight was very good, and the general outlook is favourable, but for the fact that the ragi harvest is likely to be a failure.

3. Prices fell slightly, and the Collector anticipates no considerable fall till the paddy is harvested, owing to the poor condition of ragi. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

|                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Measures for a rupee. |       |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-------|
|                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Rice.                 | Ragi. |
| Normal         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17.0                  | 30.0  |
| Warning        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13.6                  | 22.5  |
| Scarcity       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10.2                  | 15.0  |
| Current        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7.9                   | 11.0  |
| September 1889 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11.2                  | 24.7  |
| " 1878         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9.1                   | 13.0  |

4. The condition of the people is improving, and distress is confined to the Kapu Savaras, the idle Samantias, and the class that ordinarily depends upon private charity for its existence. All relief works south of Ichchhápura have been closed, and only ten now remain. The numbers on works fell by 8 per cent. and on gratuitous relief by 29 per cent. The Famine Commissioner presumes that work No. 8, on which an increase of numbers is shown is the quarry near Chatrapur, where many of the workers are in bad condition. These are not the same persons who were on the work before and left it in good condition, but people who held off from relief too long and have come to it in a low physical state.

5. Loans have been disbursed as follows:—

|                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Amount<br>disbursed. |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
|                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | RS.                  |
| Up to end of week ending— |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                      |
| August 28th               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 68,854               |
| September 4th             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 70,349               |
| " 11th                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77,446               |
| " 18th                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 88,273               |

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

ORDER—No. 883, Revenue, dated 21st October 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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" the Local and Municipal Department.  
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Fortnightly Narrative.

Board's Proceedings submitting, with remarks, the — of the Ganjam district for the period ending 30th September 1897, recorded.



## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 668, dated 15th October 1897 :—

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

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Ganjam district for the period ending 30th of September 1897 :—

## STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

## Rainfall and Water-supply.—

| District rainfall.             |     |     |     |     | Actual<br>rainfall. | Expected<br>rainfall. |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                                |     |     |     |     | INCHES.             | INCHES.               |
| In the fortnight               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5.13                | 3.98                  |
| Up to the fortnight from April | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33.44               | 30.55                 |

Rain has been constant during the fortnight and it has been a little above the average. Water is more than enough for both drinking and agricultural operations. Rivers and nullahs have received good freshes. Water in Russellkonda reservoir rose 30 inches since 18th instant.

*Agricultural operations, and condition of the standing crops.*—Transplantation of paddy is over. Weeding operations are in progress. The standing crops are paddy, ragi, gingelly, sugarcane, cotton, redgram and blackgram. All these are thriving well, except ragi and gingelly, the condition of which is reported to be poor. Locusts (or grasshoppers) appeared in some villages of Surada and in Purushottapur taluk, but it is reported that no material damage to paddy crop has been done as yet, as the grain is not yet in ear. Early ragi, gingelly and chamalu were harvested. Outturn of the first two crops is bad to middling; that of last is fair. Ragi in Goomsur is reported to be in good condition.

*Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.*—Fodder is available but dear. Pasture is abundant. Condition of cattle is generally good.

*General remarks on the previous subjects.*—The rain during the fortnight has been copious and general, and it has improved the prospects considerably. Paddy crop promises a good outturn. The price of ragi is falling rapidly.

## 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 25th of September 1897.

| Stations.             | Rice.               |         |                        |         | Ragi.               |                        | Corresponding prices of 1889. |        |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
|                       | End of last period. |         | End of current period. |         | End of last period. | End of current period. | Rice.                         | Ragi.  |
|                       | Raw.                | Boiled. | Raw.                   | Boiled. |                     |                        |                               |        |
| Russellkonda .. .. .  | 7.00                | 8.00    | 7.15                   | 8.00    | 11.25               | 11.25                  | 11.00                         | 32.00  |
| Surada .. .. .        | 7.86                | 9.19    | 7.86                   | 9.15    | 12.19               | 12.19                  | 11.00                         | 30.00  |
| Aska .. .. .          | 7.22                | 7.95    | 7.22                   | 7.95    | 8.90                | 8.90                   | 10.00                         | 19.21  |
| Purushottapur .. .. . | 7.80                | 8.40    | 7.80                   | 8.40    | 12.00               | 15.00                  | 11.00                         | 26.00  |
| Chatrapur .. .. .     | 7.50                | 8.00    | 7.75                   | 8.25    | 10.00               | 10.50                  | 11.00                         | 20.00  |
| Berhampur .. .. .     | 7.00                | 8.00    | 7.25                   | 8.50    | 10.62               | 10.20                  | 11.00                         | 22.50  |
| Ichhabapuram .. .. .  | 7.50                | 8.00    | 7.50                   | 8.00    | 10.80               | 10.80                  | 10.25                         | 20.00  |
| Pompeta .. .. .       | 8.25                | 9.83    | 8.25                   | 9.45    | 11.81               | 11.13                  | 11.60                         | 23.00  |
| Parlakimedi .. .. .   | 6.75                | ..      | 7.85                   | ..      | 10.40               | 11.70                  | 12.00                         | 33.00  |
| Tekkali .. .. .       | 7.10                | ..      | 7.10                   | ..      | 11.42               | 11.42                  | 12.00                         | 30.00  |
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| Ichchhápura taluk.   | ... | Hinjilli.    |  |                     | ... | Uppalada.     |  |
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| Russellkonda  | ...             | ...             | 50              | 33              | ...             | ...             | 705             | 482             |
| Suradá        | ...             | ...             | 13              | ...             | ...             | ...             | 70              | 52              |
| Aska          | ...             | ...             | 54              | ...             | ...             | ...             | 1,136           | 809             |
| Bodogoda      | ...             | ...             | 30              | ...             | ...             | ...             | 156             | 61              |
| Pedda Kimedi  | ...             | ...             | 219             | 153             | ...             | ...             | 782             | 674             |
| Berhampur     | ...             | ...             | 173             | 156             | ...             | ...             | 2,902           | 2,304           |
| Sompéta       | ...             | ...             | 78              | 83              | ...             | ...             | 904             | 791             |
| Ichchhápura   | ...             | 7               | 32              | 10              | ...             | ...             | 1,432           | 720             |
| Ganjam        | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | 1,603           | 1,349           |
| Purushottapur | ...             | ...             | 110             | 67              | ...             | ...             | 1,044           | 1,161           |
| Tekkali       | ...             | ...             | 286             | 50              | ...             | ...             | 215             | 101             |
| Narasannapéta | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             |
| Parlákimedi   | ...             | ...             | 741             | 295             | ...             | ...             | 1,007           | 445             |
| Chicacole     | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             | ...             |
| Total         | ...             | 7               | 1,786           | 847             | ...             | ...             | 11,956          | 8,949           |

| Taluk.        | 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. |
| Russellkonda  | 207                                           | 185             | 610                         | ...             | 197                           | 1,789       |
| Suradá        | 22                                            | 18              | ...                         | ...             | ...                           | ...         |
| Aska          | 190                                           | 148             | 1,481                       | 860             | 453                           | 10,638      |
| Bodogoda      | 51                                            | 14              | ...                         | ...             | ...                           | ...         |
| Pedakimedi    | 141                                           | 113             | 42                          | ...             | 422                           | 2,071       |
| Berhampur     | 191                                           | 190             | 1,143                       | 900             | 1,257                         | 14,562      |
| Sompéta       | 228                                           | 193             | 1,048                       | 1,048           | 1,582                         | 35,640      |
| Ichchhápura   | 146                                           | 87              | 881                         | 268             | 694                           | 2,811       |
| Ganjam        | 240                                           | 278             | 214                         | ...             | 643                           | 6,695       |
| Purushottapur | 168                                           | 185             | 1,146                       | 169             | 818                           | 11,236      |
| Tekkali       | 39                                            | 14              | 1,688                       | 1,296           | 2,314                         | 20,392      |
| Narasannapéta | ...                                           | ...             | 426                         | 198             | 1,349                         | 6,531       |
| Parlákimedi   | 95                                            | 50              | 787                         | 310             | 9,216                         | 9,216       |
| Chicacole     | ...                                           | ...             | 360                         | 126             | 437                           | 3,226       |
| Total         | 1,718                                         | 1,475           | 9,826                       | 5,175           | 19,382                        | 124,807     |

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

| Taluka.   | 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. |         | Applications pending. |         |
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| 1         | 2                                 | 3       | 4                | 5       | 6                     | 7       | 8                      | 9       | 10               | 11      | 12                    | 13      | 14                     | 15      | 16                    | 17      |
| Berhampur | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 201                    | 20,305  | 179              | 18,795  | 473                   | 53,553  | 201                    | 20,305  | 179                   | 18,795  |
| Goomsur   | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..                    | ..      |
| Chitacole | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..                    | ..      |
| Total     | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 205                    | 21,025  | 183              | 19,515  | 474                   | 53,578  | 205                    | 21,025  | 183                   | 19,515  |
| Total.    |                                   |         |                  |         |                       |         |                        |         |                  |         |                       |         |                        |         |                       |         |
| Taluka.   | Purchase of fodder.               |         |                  |         |                       |         | Cattle and seed grain. |         |                  |         |                       |         | Total.                 |         | Applications pending. |         |
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| Goomsur   | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..                    | ..      |
| Chitacole | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..                    | ..      |
| Total     | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..                    | ..      |
| Total.    |                                   |         |                  |         |                       |         |                        |         |                  |         |                       |         |                        |         |                       |         |

## INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

## Taluks and places visited.

The Principal Assistant Collector has visited 18 villages; the Senior Assistant Collector 5 villages, the General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, 21 villages and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 12 villages in their respective divisions.

I have visited the following places :—

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Ichchhāpuram. | Rambha. |
| Berhampur.    | Johomi. |
| Chatrapur.    | Humma.  |
| Golantra.     |         |

The improvement shown in the last fortnight continues to be sustained, and it is now possible to foresee an early closing of all relief operations in this district.

With the exception of a few Savaraha in Tekkali and Parlākimedi, the sub-division is free from distress. Relief operations cease in Goomsur from the 1st instant with the exception of a few persons retained for grain doles on the list of the Taluk officers. Several circles have been closed in the Berhampur and Chatrapur divisions.

Distress is now limited to the coast strip from Kallikot to some miles south of Ichchhāpuram, portions of the Peddakimedi estate and the Savaraha of Mandasa and Parlākimedi.

I shall be able to dispense with all Circle Inspectors and Taluk relief officers from 15th October, on which date I also intend to close all works. Orders have already been issued to strike off all A and B class labourers from the works from the 1st October, as these are in good condition and ample work is available in the fields.

All weavers' depôts have already been closed for advances and remain open with reduced establishments only for receipt of outstanding cloths due from weavers.

Prices, though still high, show a decided tendency to fall, especially in the case of ragi, which is now being harvested. The ragi crop in Goomsur is reported to be good; in other parts it has suffered greatly from disease. It is hoped that the recent rain will have washed away the grasshoppers which are said to be causing damage to the paddy crop in the various parts of the district. Up to date the paddy, though late, looks very flourishing, and, if the season continues to be favourable, an early fall in the price of rice seems probable. Even if further rains fail entirely, a 12-anna crop is not improbable—the danger rather lies in a possible excess of rainfall or cyclonic storms.

Resolution—No. 668, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was heavy, and, as elsewhere, prospects depended very considerably upon a cessation of rain.

3. Prices exhibited a slight fall on the last Saturday of the period, but the prices of ragi fell considerably since that date. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures :—

| Rate.          | Measures for a rupee. |       |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------|
|                | Rice.                 | Ragi. |
| Normal         | 17.0                  | 30.0  |
| Warning        | 13.6                  | 22.5  |
| Scarcity       | 10.2                  | 15.0  |
| Current        | 8.0                   | 11.6  |
| September 1889 | 11.2                  | 24.7  |
| " 1878         | 9.1                   | 13.0  |

4. The condition of the people was improving. Numbers on works fell by one-third owing to the demand for agricultural labour. The numbers on gratuitous relief fell by 29 per cent.



5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures :—

| Up to end of<br>week ending | Amount<br>disbursed. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|                             | RS.                  |
| September 11th ... ..       | 77,446               |
| "    18th ... ..            | 88,273               |
| "    25th ... ..            | 93,440               |
| October 2nd ... ..          | 97,470               |

6. The Collector intends to close all works on 15th October, on which date also gratuitous relief will be practically closed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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ORDER—No. 903, Revenue, dated 1st November 1897.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

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## Rainfall and Water-supply.—

| District rainfall.             | Actual rainfall. |         | Expected rainfall. |         |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
|                                | INCHES.          | INCHES. | INCHES.            | INCHES. |
| In the fortnight               | ...              | 5.13    | ...                | 3.98    |
| Up to the fortnight from April | ...              | 33.44   | ...                | 30.55   |

Rain has been constant during the fortnight and it has been a little above the average. Water is more than enough for both drinking and agricultural operations. Rivers and nullahs have received good freshes. Water in Russellkonda reservoir rose 30 inches since 18th instant.

*Agricultural operations, and condition of the standing crops.*—Transplantation of paddy is over. Weeding operations are in progress. The standing crops are paddy, ragi, gingelly, sugarcane, cotton, redgram and blackgram. All these are thriving well, except ragi and gingelly, the condition of which is reported to be poor. Locusts (or grasshoppers) appeared in some villages of Surada and in Purushottapur taluk, but it is reported that no material damage to paddy crop has been done as yet, as the grain is not yet in ear. Early ragi, gingelly and chamalu were harvested. Outturn of the first two crops is bad to middling; that of last is fair. Ragi in Goomsur is reported to be in good condition.

*Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.*—Fodder is available but dear. Pasture is abundant. Condition of cattle is generally good.

*General remarks on the previous subjects.*—The rain during the fortnight has been copious and general, and it has improved the prospects considerably. Paddy crop promises a good outturn. The price of ragi is falling rapidly.

## 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 25th of September 1897.

| Stations.     | Rice.               |         |                        |         | Ragi.               |                        | Corresponding prices of 1889. |        |
|---------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
|               | End of last period. |         | End of current period. |         | End of last period. | End of current period. | Rice.                         | Ragi.  |
|               | Raw.                | Boiled. | Raw.                   | Boiled. |                     |                        |                               |        |
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LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

*Taluks and places visited.*

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I have visited the following places:—

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Berhampur.  
Chatrapur.  
Golantra.

Rambha.  
Johomi.  
Humma.

The improvement shown in the last fortnight continues to be sustained, and it is now possible to foresee an early closing of all relief operations in this district.

With the exception of a few Savaraha in Tekkali and Parlákimedi, the sub-division is free from distress. Relief operations cease in Goomsur from the 1st instant with the exception of a few persons retained for grain doles on the list of the Taluk officers. Several circles have been closed in the Berhampur and Chatrapur divisions.

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I shall be able to dispense with all Circle Inspectors and Taluk relief officers from 15th October, on which date I also intend to close all works. Orders have already been issued to strike off all A and B class labourers from the works from the 1st October, as these are in good condition and ample work is available in the fields.

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*Resolution*—No. 668, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

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|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-------|
|                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Rice.                 | Ragi. |
| Normal         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17-0                  | 30-0  |
| Warning        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13-6                  | 22-5  |
| Scarcity       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10-2                  | 15-0  |
| Current        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8-0                   | 11-6  |
| September 1889 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11-2                  | 24-7  |
| "      1878    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 1                   | 13-0  |

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|---------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
|               | End of last period. |         | End of current period. |         | End of last period. | End of current period. | Rice.                         | Ragi.  |
|               | Raw.                | Boiled. | Raw.                   | Boiled. |                     |                        |                               |        |
| Russellkonda  | 7.00                | 8.00    | 7.15                   | 8.00    | 11.25               | 11.25                  | 11.00                         | 32.00  |
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| Berhampur     | 7.00                | 8.00    | 7.25                   | 8.50    | 10.62               | 10.20                  | 11.00                         | 22.50  |
| Ichchhapuram  | 7.50                | 8.00    | 7.50                   | 8.00    | 10.80               | 10.80                  | 10.25                         | 20.00  |
| Chompeta      | 8.25                | 9.83    | 8.25                   | 9.45    | 11.81               | 11.13                  | 11.60                         | 23.00  |
| Parlakimedi   | 6.75                | ..      | 7.85                   | ..      | 10.40               | 11.70                  | 12.00                         | 33.00  |
| Tekkali       | 7.10                | ..      | 7.10                   | ..      | 11.42               | 11.42                  | 12.00                         | 30.00  |
| Narasannapeta | 7.50                | ..      | 7.87                   | ..      | 10.62               | 13.12                  | 12.00                         | 27.00  |
| Chicacole     | 7.17                | ..      | 7.17                   | ..      | 11.97               | 13.31                  | 11.50                         | 28.00  |
| Total         | 88.65               | 67.37   | 90.77                  | 67.70   | 131.98              | 139.52                 | 134.35                        | 310.71 |
| Average       | 7.39                | 8.42    | 7.56                   | 8.46    | 11.00               | 11.63                  | 11.19                         | 25.89  |

REMARKS.—Price of raw-rice is falling in five stations and stationary in others. Ragi is slightly rising in two stations, falling in five, and stationary elsewhere.

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|         | Exports. | Imports. |
|---------|----------|----------|
|         | MDS.     | MDS.     |
| By rail | 860      | 17,341   |
| By sea  | ..       | 2,718    |

## CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

*On works.*—The numbers on relief-works are much reduced owing to agricultural operations, weeding and harvesting of ragi. The recent fall in prices will cause a still further reduction.

*In villages.*—The condition of people in villages is improving. Labour is available for them in the fields. As early ragi is being harvested now, the cooly classes can get on without Government aid with a few exceptions. A few Kapu Savaras in Parlakimedi taluk, and some of the lower classes, especially Samanthias, elsewhere, are in receipt of relief.

The following remittances are reported from emigrants to Burma, through the Post offices noted below:—

|                | RS.   |
|----------------|-------|
| 1. Kotabommali | 481   |
| 2. Kasibugga   | 2,849 |
| 3. Tekkali     | 506   |
| 4. Jalmur      | 252   |
|                | 4,088 |



*Sickness and Mortality.*—Fever and small-pox are generally prevalent. There has been a slight recrudescence of cholera, chiefly at Chatrapur, due to consumption of bad fish :—

|                                           | Cholera deaths. |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Goomsur division                          | 27              |
| Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division | 46              |
| Berhampur division                        | 17              |
| Chicacole division                        | 86              |
| Total                                     | 176             |

*Remarks.*—The following kitchens have been closed during the fortnight :—

| Kitchens.            |               | Kitchens.           |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Aska taluk           | Aska.         | Pedda Kimedi taluk. | Bramarapuram. |
| Sompéta taluk        | Patrapur.     |                     | Varanasy.     |
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|                      | Kasibugga.    |                     | Meliaputti.   |
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#### MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

| Taluks.                                           | Number employed |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                   | Last fortnight. | This fortnight. |
| 1. Ankoli, Berhampur taluk                        | 881             | 1,204           |
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| 3. Johomi, Ganjam taluk                           | 495             | 474             |
| 4. Hill quarry do.                                | 2,471           | 854             |
| 5. Sorosingi, Purushottapur taluk                 | 740             | 546             |
| 6. Mukundapur do.                                 | 596             | 561             |
| 7. Boirani do.                                    | 876             | 186             |
| 8. Hinjilli do.                                   | 1,135           | 301             |
| 9. Mottosorosingi do                              | 464             | 668             |
| 10. Rajapur, Pedda Kimedi taluk                   | 373             | 209             |
| 11. East Coast Railway quarry, Ichchhapuram taluk | 203             | ...             |
| Total                                             | 8,809           | 5,881           |

\* Closed.

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|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
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| Berhampur     | 7.00                | 8.00    | 7.25                   | 8.50    | 10.62               | 10.20                  | 11.00                         | 22.50  |
| Ichchhapuram  | 7.50                | 8.00    | 7.50                   | 8.00    | 10.80               | 10.80                  | 10.25                         | 20.00  |
| Pompeta       | 8.25                | 9.83    | 8.25                   | 9.45    | 11.81               | 11.13                  | 11.60                         | 23.00  |
| Parlakimedi   | 6.75                | ..      | 7.85                   | ..      | 10.40               | 11.70                  | 12.00                         | 33.00  |
| Tekkali       | 7.10                | ..      | 7.10                   | ..      | 11.42               | 11.42                  | 12.00                         | 30.00  |
| Narasannapeta | 7.50                | ..      | 7.87                   | ..      | 10.62               | 13.12                  | 12.00                         | 27.00  |
| Chicacole     | 7.17                | ..      | 7.17                   | ..      | 11.97               | 13.31                  | 11.50                         | 28.00  |
| Total         | 88.65               | 67.37   | 90.77                  | 67.70   | 131.98              | 139.52                 | 134.35                        | 310.71 |
| Average       | 7.39                | 8.42    | 7.56                   | 8.46    | 11.00               | 11.63                  | 11.19                         | 25.89  |

REMARKS.—Price of raw-rice is falling in five stations and stationary in others. Ragi is slightly rising in two stations, falling in five, and stationary elsewhere.

*Activity of Trade.*—Trade within the district is reported to be dull; 376 cart-loads of paddy are reported to have been exported from Nyaghar to Berhampur taluk. Small imports are due to the impassability of the Aska-Korchili road. Imports of paddy from Orissa still continue, but in limited quantities. Two hundred bales of paddy and 400 of rice were exported from Narasannapeta to Parlakimedi and Tekkali taluks. Exports and imports of food-grains by rail and by sea are as follow :—

|         | Exports. |  | Imports. |  |
|---------|----------|--|----------|--|
|         | MDS.     |  | MDS.     |  |
| By rail | 860      |  | 17,341   |  |
| By sea  | ..       |  | 2,718    |  |

## CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

*On works.*—The numbers on relief-works are much reduced owing to agricultural operations, weeding and harvesting of ragi. The recent fall in prices will cause a still further reduction.

*In villages.*—The condition of people in villages is improving. Labour is available for them in the fields. As early ragi is being harvested now, the cooly classes can get on without Government aid with a few exceptions. A few Kapu Savaras in Parlakimedi taluk, and some of the lower classes, especially Samanthias, elsewhere, are in receipt of relief.

The following remittances are reported from emigrants to Burma, through the Post offices noted below :—

|                | RS.   |
|----------------|-------|
| 1. Kotabommali | 481   |
| 2. Kasibugga   | 2,849 |
| 3. Tekkali     | 506   |
| 4. Jalmur      | 252   |
|                | 4,088 |



*Sickness and Mortality.*—Fever and small-pox are generally prevalent. There has been a slight recrudescence of cholera, chiefly at Chatrapur, due to consumption of bad fish:—

|                                           | Cholera deaths. |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Goomsur division                          | 27              |
| Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division | 46              |
| Berhampur division                        | 17              |
| Chicacole division                        | 86              |
| Total                                     | 176             |

*Remarks.*—The following kitchens have been closed during the fortnight:—

| Kitchens.            |               | Kitchens.           |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Aska taluk ...       | Aska.         | Pedda Kimedi taluk. | Bramarapuram. |
| Sompéta taluk ...    | Patrapur.     |                     | Varanasy.     |
| Tekkali taluk ...    | Kotabommali.  | Parlakimedi taluk.  | Sarvakota.    |
|                      | Kasibugga.    |                     | Meliaputti.   |
| Purushottapur taluk. | Hinjilli.     |                     | Uppalada.     |
| Ichchhapuram taluk.  | Ichchhapuram. |                     |               |

#### MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

| Taluks.                                           | Number employed |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                   | Last fortnight. | This fortnight. |
| 1. Ankoli, Berhampur taluk                        | 831             | 1,204           |
| 2. Rothini Hill quarry, Ichchhapuram taluk        | 625             | 878             |
| 3. Johomi, Ganjam taluk                           | 495             | 474             |
| 4. Hill quarry do.                                | 2,471           | 854             |
| 5. Sorosingi, Purushottapur taluk                 | 740             | 546             |
| 6. Mukundapur do.                                 | 596             | 561             |
| 7. Boirani do.                                    | 876             | 186             |
| 8. Hinjilli do.                                   | 1,135           | 301             |
| 9. Mottosorosingi do                              | 464             | 668             |
| 10. Rajapur, Pedda Kimedi taluk                   | 373             | 209             |
| 11. East Coast Railway quarry, Ichchhapuram taluk | 203             | *               |
| Total                                             | 8,809           | 5,881           |

\* Closed.

*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. |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Russellkonda  | ..              | ..              | 50              | 33              | ..              | ..              | 705             | 482             |
| Surada        | ..              | ..              | 13              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 70              | 52              |
| Aska          | ..              | ..              | 54              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 1,136           | 809             |
| Bodogoda      | ..              | ..              | 30              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 156             | 61              |
| Pedda Kimedi  | ..              | ..              | 219             | 153             | ..              | ..              | 782             | 674             |
| Berhampur     | ..              | ..              | 173             | 156             | ..              | ..              | 2,902           | 2,304           |
| Sompéta       | ..              | ..              | 78              | 83              | ..              | ..              | 904             | 791             |
| Ichchhapuram  | ..              | 7               | 32              | 10              | ..              | ..              | 1,432           | 720             |
| Ganjam        | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | 1,608           | 1,349           |
| Purushottapur | ..              | ..              | 110             | 67              | ..              | ..              | 1,044           | 1,161           |
| Tekkali       | ..              | ..              | 286             | 50              | ..              | ..              | 215             | 101             |
| Narasannapéta | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              |
| Parlakimedi   | ..              | ..              | 741             | 295             | ..              | ..              | 1,007           | 445             |
| Chicacole     | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              |
| Total         | ..              | 7               | 1,786           | 847             | ..              | ..              | 11,956          | 8,949           |

| 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. |
| Russellkonda  | 207                                           | 185             | 610                         | ..              | 197                           | 1,789       |
| Surada        | 22                                            | 18              | ..                          | ..              | ..                            | ..          |
| Aska          | 190                                           | 148             | 1,481                       | 860             | 458                           | 10,638      |
| Bodogoda      | 51                                            | 14              | ..                          | ..              | 422                           | 2,071       |
| Peddakimedi   | 141                                           | 113             | 42                          | 900             | 1,257                         | 14,562      |
| Berhampur     | 191                                           | 190             | 1,143                       | 1,048           | 1,582                         | 35,640      |
| Sompéta       | 228                                           | 193             | 1,048                       | 881             | 694                           | 2,811       |
| Ichchhapuram  | 146                                           | 87              | 214                         | ..              | 643                           | 6,695       |
| Ganjam        | 240                                           | 278             | 1,146                       | 169             | 818                           | 11,236      |
| Purushottapur | 168                                           | 185             | 1,688                       | 1,296           | 2,314                         | 20,392      |
| Tekkali       | 39                                            | 14              | 426                         | 198             | 1,349                         | 6,531       |
| Narasannapéta | ..                                            | 50              | 787                         | 310             | 9,216                         | 9,216       |
| Parlakimedi   | 95                                            | ..              | 360                         | 126             | 437                           | 3,226       |
| Chicacole     | ..                                            | ..              | ..                          | ..              | ..                            | ..          |
| Total         | 1,718                                         | 1,475           | 9,826                       | 5,175           | 19,382                        | 124,807     |

*Private charity.*—There is no organized private charity at work. Some gentlemen at Aska are feeding between 20 and 40 helpless persons a day. The Zamindar of Chinnakimedi is giving food to helpless people in some of the villages of his zamindari.



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

| Taluka.      | 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.    |                       |            |                          |                               |
|              |                                   |         |                  |         |                       |         |                        |            |                  |            |                       |            |                        |            |                  |            |                       |            |                          |                               |
| 1            | 2                                 | 3       | 4                | 5       | 6                     | 7       | 8                      | 9          | 10               | 11         | 12                    | 13         | 14                     | 15         | 16               | 17         | 18                    | 19         | 20                       | 21                            |
| Berhampur .. | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 201                    | Rs. 20,305 | 179              | Rs. 18,795 | 473                   | Rs. 53,553 | 201                    | Rs. 20,305 | 179              | Rs. 18,795 | 473                   | Rs. 53,553 | ..                       | ..                            |
| Goomsur ..   | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..         | ..               | ..         | ..                    | ..         | ..                     | ..         | ..               | ..         | ..                    | ..         | ..                       | ..                            |
| Chitacole .. | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..         | ..               | ..         | ..                    | ..         | ..                     | ..         | ..               | ..         | ..                    | ..         | ..                       | ..                            |
| Total ..     | ..                                | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 205                    | 21,025     | 183              | 19,515     | 474                   | 53,678     | 205                    | 21,025     | 183              | 19,515     | 474                   | 53,678     | ..                       | ..                            |

| Taluka.      | Purchase of fodder.    |         |                  |         |                       |         | Cattle and seed grain. |         |                  |         |                       |         | Total.                 |         |                  |         | Applications pending. |    |         |         |
|--------------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|----|---------|---------|
|              | 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                    | 40 | 41      | 42      |
| Berhampur .. | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | Rs. 63,574             | 1,194   | Rs. 56,301       | 469     | Rs. 32,918            | 1,375   | Rs. 63,574             | 1,194   | Rs. 56,301       | 469     | Rs. 32,918            | .. | ..      |         |
| Goomsur ..   | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 363                    | 326     | 15,000           | 180     | 11,193                | 363     | 16,530                 | 326     | 15,000           | 180     | 11,193                | .. | ..      |         |
| Chitacole .. | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 60                     | 59      | 2,624            | 22      | 1,349                 | 60      | 2,704                  | 59      | 2,624            | 22      | 1,349                 | .. | ..      |         |
| Total ..     | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 1,798                  | 1,579   | 73,925           | 671     | 45,460                | 1,798   | 82,808                 | 1,579   | 73,925           | 671     | 45,460                | .. | ..      |         |

## INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

## Taluks and places visited.

The Principal Assistant Collector has visited 18 villages; the Senior Assistant Collector 5 villages, the General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, 21 villages and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector 12 villages in their respective divisions.

I have visited the following places:—

Ichchhapuram.  
Berhampur.  
Chatrapur.  
Golantra.

Rambha.  
Johomi.  
Humma.

The improvement shown in the last fortnight continues to be sustained, and it is now possible to foresee an early closing of all relief operations in this district.

With the exception of a few Savaraks in Tekkali and Parlákimedi, the sub-division is free from distress. Relief operations cease in Goomsur from the 1st instant with the exception of a few persons retained for grain doles on the list of the Taluk officers. Several circles have been closed in the Berhampur and Chatrapur divisions.

Distress is now limited to the coast strip from Kallikot to some miles south of Ichchhapuram, portions of the Peddakimedi estate and the Savaraks of Mandasa and Parlákimedi.

I shall be able to dispense with all Circle Inspectors and Taluk relief officers from 15th October, on which date I also intend to close all works. Orders have already been issued to strike off all A and B class labourers from the works from the 1st October, as these are in good condition and ample work is available in the fields.

All weavers' depôts have already been closed for advances and remain open with reduced establishments only for receipt of outstanding cloths due from weavers.

Prices, though still high, show a decided tendency to fall, especially in the case of ragi, which is now being harvested. The ragi crop in Goomsur is reported to be good; in other parts it has suffered greatly from disease. It is hoped that the recent rain will have washed away the grasshoppers which are said to be causing damage to the paddy crop in the various parts of the district. Up to date the paddy, though late, looks very flourishing, and, if the season continues to be favourable, an early fall in the price of rice seems probable. Even if further rains fail entirely, a 12-anna crop is not improbable—the danger rather lies in a possible excess of rainfall or cyclonic storms.

Resolution—No. 668, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was heavy, and, as elsewhere, prospects depended very considerably upon a cessation of rain.

3. Prices exhibited a slight fall on the last Saturday of the period, but the prices of ragi fell considerably since that date. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

| Rate.          | Measures for a rupee. |       |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------|
|                | Rice.                 | Ragi. |
| Normal         | 17.0                  | 30.0  |
| Warning        | 13.6                  | 22.5  |
| Scarcity       | 10.2                  | 15.0  |
| Current        | 8.0                   | 11.6  |
| September 1889 | 11.2                  | 24.7  |
| " 1878         | 9.1                   | 13.0  |

4. The condition of the people was improving. Numbers on works fell by one-third owing to the demand for agricultural labour. The numbers on gratuitous relief fell by 29 per cent.



5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures :—

| Up to end of<br>week ending |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Amount<br>disbursed. |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
|                             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | RS.                  |
| September 11th              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77,446               |
| " 18th                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 88,273               |
| " 25th                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 93,440               |
| October 2nd                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 97,470               |

6. The Collector intends to close all works on 15th October, on which date also gratuitous relief will be practically closed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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Famine Secretary.

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

ORDER—No. 903, Revenue, dated 1st November 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

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