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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the
Vizagapatam district for the period ending 30th September 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 659, dated 12th October 1897 :—

W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq.

(Famine Commissioner).

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

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—

District rainfall.						Actual rainfall in inches.	Expected rainfall in inches.
In the fortnight	...	...	...	...	...	6.59	2.98
Up to the fortnight	...	...	...	...	...	38.50	38.06

Rainfall continued good. Some damage has been done by floods in Palkonda. Rain is not required for a fortnight or so now, and a break will be beneficial to the country.

All irrigation sources well supplied.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Cumbu being harvested. Outturn fair to good. Ragi (punasa crop) not flourishing, but this is not owing to drought. Paddy transplantation finished. Pulses beginning to be sown.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—Pasture abundant. Fodder (ragi and cumbu straw) available. Cattle normal.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—Everything at present promises favourably. Too much rain has been received in some places, and some dry weather and sun shine are wanted.

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 30th September 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
1. Párvatipuram ..	6.97	7.38	14.40	13.68	..	16.80	Ragi remains dearer owing to poor outturn. Cumbu dear at Palkonda owing to export to Ganjam.
2. Sálóru ..	7.18	7.38	11.16	11.70	11.37	19.25	
3. Palkonda ..	5.89	6.78	13.43	14.14	14.45	14.15	
4. Gajapatinagaram ..	7.38	7.38	11.84	11.84	10.80	10.80	
5. Chipurupalle ..	6.97	7.38	..	12.24	..	18.00	
6. Vizianagram ..	7.35	7.91	11.61	12.12	14.85	18.81	
7. Vizagapatam ..	6.78	7.34	11.61	12.12	14.85	16.92	
8. Chódiavaram ..	9.00	9.00	16.38	16.38	17.00	17.60	
9. Anakapalle ..	8.50	8.50	13.19	13.65	..	21.12	
10. Yellamanchilli ..	8.50	8.50	12.28	14.56	21.12	19.36	
11. Narasapatam ..	7.50	7.50	20.02	20.02	22.00	22.00	
Average ..	7.46	7.73	13.59	13.85	15.89	17.71	

Activity of Trade—

			Exports.	Imports.
			MDS.	MDS.
By sea, for the period ending 25th September 1897	...	...	...	5,294
By rail, do. do.	...	...	1,398	34,840
			Carts.	Carts.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 25th September 1897	...	...	...	2,216

Trade active.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Nil.

In villages.—Satisfactory.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera slowly subsiding. No deaths from starvation.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Relief Works.			
I. Chipurupalle taluk— (1) Laveru road	669	..	All relief works closed.
II. Vizianagram taluk— (1) Pusapatirega	1,293	..	
III. Bimlipatam taluk— (1) Dakmarri	1,202	..	
IV. Vizagapatam taluk— (1) Pendur	434	..	
Total ..	3,598	..	

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.
I. Palkonda taluk—								
1. Rajam kitchen ..	..	..	77	..	..	..	..	..
II. Chipurupalle taluk—								
1. Laveru kitchen ..	60	..	63	..	..	..	258	..
III. Gajapatinagaram taluk—								
1. Moraka Modidam kitchen.	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..
IV. Vizianagram taluk—								
1. Pusapatirega kitchen ..	83	..	43	..	..	..	..	..
2. Vizianagram do. ..	..	..	75	..	..	..	745	..
V. Bimlipatam taluk ..								
1. Dakmarri kitchen ..	112	..	11	..	..	..	..	..
2. Padmanabham kitchen ..	37	..	22	..	..	..	..	..
3. Bhogapuram do. ..	..	..	68	..	..	..	..	..
4. Tallavalasa do. ..	..	..	111	..	..	..	911	..
VI. Vizagapatam taluk ..								
1. Gazuwaka kitchen ..	..	..	34	..	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur kitchen ..	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	..
3. Dondaparti kitchen ..	..	..	84	..	..	..	634	..
VII. Anakapalle taluk ..								
1. Anakapalle kitchen ..	..	..	42	..	..	..	..	..
2. Paravada kitchen ..	..	..	63	..	..	..	..	..
3. Sabbavaram kitchen ..	..	..	71	..	..	..	974	..
VIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk ..								
1. Yellamanchilli kitchen ..	..	..	114	..	..	..	..	..
2. Nakkapalli do. ..	..	..	63	..	..	..	..	..
3. Kondakarla do. ..	..	..	80	..	..	..	..	..
4. Uddapuram do. ..	..	..	62	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	292	..	1,145	..	..	..	3,422	..

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Taluk.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
			Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
1. Chipurupalle	..	..	..	..	592	4,618
2. Palkonda	..	..	1,464	652	1,564	14,176
3. Vizianagram	..	..	2,972	792	2,123	9,555
4. Bimlipatam	..	..	3,910	1,000	..	..
5. Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	71	..	8,346	2,444	4,280	28,348

NOTE.—The weavers remaining on relief are merely those who have not worked off advances. Advances are now stopped.

Private charity.—Improving.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Prospects are favourable, and distress practically at an end. Employment is plentiful. A comparatively light north-east monsoon during the course of the month of October will be sufficient to complete the re-establishment of prosperity.

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

No 920.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the

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.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number.	Amount.	Under construction or repaired.	21					
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total.		Number of wells.								
1. Palkonda ..	..	Rs. 1,850	6	925	..	Rs. 2,050	7	Rs. 1,000	7	Rs. 1,000	7	Rs. 1,180	7	Rs. 1,000	7	Rs. 1,000	7	Rs. 1,180	..	..	Total.		Number of wells.								
2. Sarvasiddhi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	Rs. 1,480	6	Rs. 1,480	8	Rs. 2,910	12	Rs. 3,330	12	Rs. 2,405	12	Rs. 4,960	..	..	Total.		Number of wells.								
3. Golconda ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	Rs. 1,725	16	Rs. 1,725	..	..	16	Rs. 1,725	16	Rs. 1,725	..	..	..	..	Total.		Number of wells.								
4. Parvatipuram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	Rs. 400	2	Rs. 400	..	..	2	Rs. 400	2	Rs. 400	..	..	..	..	Total.		Number of wells.								
5. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Total.		Number of wells.								
6. Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Total.		Number of wells.								
7. Vizianagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Total.		Number of wells.								
Total ..	6	1,850	6	925	4	2,050	35	6,405	34	5,905	21	4,530	41	8,255	40	6,830	25	6,640	..	..	Total.		Number of wells.								
Cattle and seed-grain.																															
Purchase of fodder.																															
Taluka.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number.	Amount.	Applications pending.	Amount.					
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.										
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47					
1. Palkonda ..	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540	..	Rs. 540					
2. Sarvasiddhi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..					
3. Golconda ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..					
4. Parvatipuram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..					
5. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..					
6. Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..					
7. Vizianagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..					
Total ..	1,164	23,634	1,164	23,634	..	..	2,281	1,09,578	2,276	1,08,828	195	33,594	2,284	1,32,672	2,279	1,31,922	185	33,594	..	..	Total.		Number of wells.								

* These figures are included in the figure shown in column 28.

† In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

Collector—Nil.

Principal Assistant Collector.

Chipurupalle taluk—
Ranastalam
Laveru (to close work and
kitchen).
Vizianagram taluk—
Pusapatirega (work and
kitchen).

Vizianagram taluk—cont.
Vizianagram (kitchen and
weavers' depôt).
Gajapatinagaram taluk—
Gajapatinagaram.
Bimlipatam taluk—
Dakmarri (work and kit-
chen).

Senior Assistant Collector.

Saluru taluk—
Saluru
Tarapuram.
Ramabhadrapuram.
Bobbili taluk—
Bobbili.
Gollapalli.
Jagannadhapuram.

Parvatipuram taluk—
Aratam.
Vikrampuram.
Duggi.
Gangireguvalasa.
Masipenta.
Attigeda.
Venkampeta.
China Bondepalli.
Kottapatnam.

Head Assistant Collector.

Sarvasiddhi taluk—
Yellamanchili.
Kottali.
Pedapilli.
Kondakirla.

Anakapalle taluk—
Tallapalem.
Narasapatam taluk—
Makarapalem.

Huzur Deputy Collector.

The whole of Vizagapatam taluk and part of Srungavarapukota taluk.

Resolution—No. 659, dated 12th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall of the fortnight was much above the average, and a break was desirable.

3. Prices fell slightly; ragi showed but little fall owing to the poor outturn of the recent harvest.

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

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	15-0	28-0	30-0
Warning	12-0	21-0	22-5
Scarcity	9-0	14-0	15-0
Current	7-7	13-8	17-7
1892	10-8	25-2	27-1
1877	7-3	11-7	15-6
1878	8-1	18-5	20-7

4. All works were closed during the fortnight; gratuitous relief and the issue of yarn to weavers were discontinued. The condition of the people was generally satisfactory.

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

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
September 11th	1,38,602
" 18th	1,44,703
" 25th	1,47,733
October 2nd	1,50,920

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

ORDER—No. 926, Revenue, dated 10th November 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

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

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