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[Despatch Abstract.]

Lamine, Pro S, Revenue Dept recording
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narrative of the Bellary Dt for the period
ending 31. Oct 1897 Comd to S.E. 111/12

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

REAL—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 706, dated 13th November 1897:—

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

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Bellary district for the period ending 31st October 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply—

Station.	During the fortnight.	Up to the fortnight.	Average of 25 years.
Yemmiganur	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.
Adóni	1.44	24.92	21.17
Alúr	1.02	27.34	26.68
Siruguppa	0.71	28.60	20.96
Kampli	2.14	24.75	20.84
Bellary	1.07	34.30	17.65
Rayadrug	1.34	22.37	16.81
Hospet	1.34	28.91	16.38
Kudligi	0.15	40.62	24.72
Harpanahalli	0.09	45.03	22.61
Hadagalli	0.50	25.02	20.78
Sandur	0.45	23.57	18.83
	2.96	39.29	

The rainfall during the fortnight is generally considered sufficient for the present, but one more good shower would prove very useful for the korra crop, particularly in Bellary.

The supply for drinking and irrigation purposes is everywhere sufficient.

Agricultural Operations and Condition of the Standing Crops—Adóni Taluk.—Korra and cumbu are being harvested everywhere, outturn ranging from 12 to 16 annas. The harvest of mungari cholam has begun in Kavutalam, Kosgi and Yem-miganur firkas; outturn 12 annas. Weeding is going on in cotton and paddy fields. The condition of standing crops is everywhere good. *Alúr Taluk.*—White cholam, cholam is in progress. Wet lands are being prepared for cultivation. The condition of the standing crops is excellent. *Bellary Division.*—White cholam, Bengalgram, crops, both dry and wet, are in good condition. *Hospet Division.*—Wheat, white cholam and Bengalgram are being sown in parts of Hospet and Hadagalli taluks. Harvest of cholam, cumbu, korra and castor is commencing in parts. Gingelly crops are in good condition.

Sandur.—Harvesting of cholam has just commenced. The condition of standing crops is tolerably good.

Supply of Fodder and Pasture, and Condition of Cattle—Adóni Taluk.—Pasture available everywhere. Fodder is scarce. The condition of cattle is good. *Alúr Taluk.*—Pasture is plentiful in red lands and sufficient elsewhere. Fodder scanty except with a few well-to-do ryots. The condition of cattle is improving. *Bellary Division.*—Pasture is abundant. Fodder scanty. The condition of cattle is improving. *Hospet Division.*—Pasture is abundant everywhere. There is no fodder to speak of. The condition of cattle is generally good.

Sandur.—Pasture plentiful everywhere. No fodder. The condition of cattle is good.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There is no ground for anxiety in respect of any of the matters dealt with above.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

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

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Adóni	9.18	8.64	12.36	12.36	13.91	14.94	14.55	17.46	The price of yellow cholam has generally fallen except at Alúr and Sandur.
Alúr	8.10	8.10	14.42	13.39	17.51	14.42	17.46	17.46	
Bellary	8.64	8.64	11.33	12.36	14.42	16.48	17.46	17.46	
Rayadrug	9.72	9.72	20.60	14.42	13.39	14.42	17.46	20.37	
Hospet	7.83	7.83	12.36	13.39	14.42	16.48	14.55	17.46	
Kudligi	7.66	8.10	..	..	13.39	16.48	14.55	19.40	
Harpanahalli	8.10	8.10	..	..	13.91	16.48	..	..	
Hadagalli	7.66	8.64	..	..	14.42	13.39	16.98	16.49	
Sandur	9.18	8.64	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Average	8.43	8.49	14.21	13.18	14.42	15.38	16.13	17.82	

Activity of trade.—The private trade is not very active. There has been a net import of 7,277 maunds of food-grains during the fortnight against 5,558 maunds during the previous fortnight. I do not know what is the normal rate of import for this district, as the statistics are compiled for the Deccan as a whole, but in any case the above quantity is trifling and shows that there were large stocks in the district throughout the period of distress. Of this, indeed, we have direct proof, for grain pits have been opened in a large number of villages.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—There are no relief works.

In villages.—Generally good.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera still prevails in parts of Adóni, Alúr, Bellary, Rayadrug, Hospet and Hadagalli taluks. Bellary town has suffered most.

There were during the fortnight—

	Attacks	Deaths.
Adóni	12	1
Alúr	71	21
Bellary	247	127
Rayadrug	25	7
Hospet	50	18
Hadagalli	42	25

There was one attack and one death from small-pox at Hagarapur in Harpanahalli taluk. Fever prevails in Adóni, Alúr, Bellary and Rayadrug taluks, and dysentery and measles also in the latter two taluks.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluk.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Adóni	1,365	1,321
Alúr	1,274	490
Bellary	959	5,409
Hospet	423	5,832
Kudligi		
Hadagalli		
Sandur		
Total		

All relief works were closed by the 15th October.

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluk.	Number relieved					
	At kitchens.		In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Adóni	176	..	1,569	552	..	..
Alúr	639	..	1,232	109	..	..
Bellary	249	..	1,168	..	..	..
Rayadrug	85	..	408	..	2,885	794
Hospet	232	..	..	40	2,659	..
Kudligi	55	..	..	..	1,947	80
Hadagalli	234	..	..	..	24	69
Total	1,670	..	4,414	701	1,830	117
Sandur	..	..	..	..	807	264
	..	..	..	..	10,401	1,314
	..	..	..	..	107	26

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.
Adóni	180	3	435	362	1,772	52,744
Alúr	104	..	714	45	181	4,794
Bellary	149	40	735	..	107	6,833
Rayadrug	11	..	..	..	..	..
Hospet	57	26	..	..	..	..
Kudligi	69	69	..	..	..	..
Hadagalli	33	17	..	..	..	..
Total	603	160	1,884	407	2,060	64,371
Sandur	8	4	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Liberal grants are being made from Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund to give a fresh start in life to agriculturists, weavers, and other artisans. Cattle are being given to all who have lost their bullocks or who were forced to sell them, and many of the poorer ryots will start the new year in as good a position as ever.

General remarks.—The necessity for relief has now ceased almost everywhere. There are no works in any taluk, and at the time of writing the only kitchens open are the two at Adóni. Relief to weavers has been stopped everywhere except at Adóni, but there is still a considerable number of cloths to come in. Gratuitous relief is also practically at an end, and sufficient employment is now available. The only ground for anxiety is to be found in the continued high prices. It was hoped that there would have been a rapid fall before this, but cholam is still at scarcity rates. Ragi, korra and cumbu, however, are cheaper and the wages of agricultural labourers are being paid in grain, so that a large class is independent of prices. The only section of the community about whom I am at all doubtful are the weavers of Adóni, especially the carpet weavers. The plague in Bombay has seriously affected the demand for carpets, and a number of these weavers may find some difficulty in obtaining employment at once. I propose, however, after consultation with the local officers and the Special Deputy Collector, to close relief operations by the 15th instant and to carefully watch the effect. It is probable that the sowcars will come forward as soon as the Government withdraws. Most of the special relief establishment was dispensed with at the end of the fortnight, and only the Special Deputy Tahsildar for weaving operations and a few clerks now remain. The former will revert to his ordinary duty on the 15th instant and the latter will be dispensed with as soon as the audit is completed and the statistics are compiled.

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.					
	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.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Adóni ..	15	Rs. 3,310	13	Rs. 2,070	..	..	158	Rs. 13,465	154	Rs. 13,010	..	..	173	Rs. 16,775	167	Rs. 16,080	..	..
Alór ..	44	11,140	44	9,080	..	..	1,485	1,61,570	1,485	1,61,320	..	..	1,529	1,72,710	1,529	1,70,400	..	..
Bellary ..	49	7,360	49	7,550	..	..	947	92,310	947	92,310	..	..	996	99,668	996	99,668	121	61,658
Rayadrug ..	88	20,222	88	12,871	..	..	336	44,648	333	43,295	..	..	424	64,862	421	66,166	7	2,600
Hospet ..	22	4,870	22	2,985	..	..	52	3,975	52	3,975	..	..	74	8,845	74	6,960	31	6,800
Kadlgi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harpanahalli ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hadagalli ..	18	2,875	18	1,898	2	700	428	16,500	123	15,095	5	1,950	146	18,435	141	16,933	7	2,650
Total ..	237	49,867	235	36,244	67	22,994	3,168	3,39,043	3,154	3,36,328	137	53,989	3,405	3,88,910	3,389	3,72,572	204	76,983

About Rs. 9,000 were distributed in loans during the fortnight, the greater part (Rs. 6,722) being for loans in relief of distress.

* For relief of distress.

No. 994, REVENUE, 26TH NOVEMBER 1897.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.
Taluka and places visited.

By the Collector.—Hospet.
Assistant Collector, Adóni.—Kupgal, Urukundi, Tungabhadra, Kotekal, Adóni and the surrounding villages and the kitchen in the last two places.
Deputy Collector, Alór.—Alór, Hulibedi, Manekurti, Hologundi and Hebbattam.
Divisional Officer, Bellary.—Kuditini, Yelubenchi, Patnasaragu, Guttiganur, Yemmiganur, Bommanhal and Untakal.
Head Assistant Collector.—Hospet, Chetwadigi and Hosur.

Resolution—No. 706, dated 13th November 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Further showers were wanted, but the North-East monsoon seems to hold off.
3. Prices fall but slowly; the Collector, however, has no anxiety except for the carpet-weavers of Adóni.

(True Copy and Extract.)
(Signed)

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

ORDER—No. 994, Revenue, dated 26th November 1897.

Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

Recorded.

Ag. Secretary to Government.

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

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