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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, the — of the Special Assistant Agent's division, Gódávári district, for the period ending 15th October 1897.

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

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Statement of Loans.—Nil.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

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