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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From W. O. HORNE, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th July 1897, Dis. No. 561.

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Vizagapatam Agency for the official year 1896–97. The usual statistics in the prescribed forms are enclosed together with copies of Assistant Agents' reports.

2. The past year was uneventful except in the Gudari mutta of the Senior Assistant Agent's division where there was at one time a possibility of trouble arising.

3. A Khond in the Gudari mutta of the Gunupur taluk was convicted by the Agency Sessions Court on the 17th May 1892 under section 304, Indian Penal Code, and was sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment. The High Court, on appeal, altered the conviction to one of causing grievous hurt and reduced the sentence to four years' rigorous imprisonment.

He returned to his village on being released from jail in the early part of 1896, and the relatives of the man killed by him demanded a blood fine, because they considered that the punishment had been insufficient. Some cattle were paid over to the principal malcontent Kali Majji of Ponkolo village, a principal relative of the deceased, but the offering was regarded as insufficient, and on the 16th of May 1896 the aggrieved party came to Siripuram and raided cattle belonging not only to Binjika * but to others. They are stated to have come in force (about 300 men) with horns, tom-toms and other war-like demonstrations, but no resistance was offered.

* Released convict.

The Inspector of Police, Gudari, made the mistake of going with the large force of thirty constables to investigate, and this alarmed the Khonds, who collected in some force and warned off the police. The Inspector retired and consulted the Sub-Magistrate.

I first heard of the affair while touring in the Gudem hills in June, and decided that, as the monsoon had set in, active operations against these elusive people in their very difficult country would be a mistake. I therefore sent up Mr. Lys to Gudari with instructions to remain there and send out word to the offenders' villages that he would give them six days to collect and restore the cattle which he would come to receive along with their submission, otherwise pains and penalties would follow. This was successful, all the cattle were collected and restored to Mr. Lys and Kali Majji duly and publicly humbled.

4. I intended to visit the neighbourhood and interview the parties concerned in November last, but had to abandon the trip and return from Párvatípuram owing to the state of the season in the plains.

5. On the 2nd February at Jeypore I delivered to the Maharaja of Jeypore the sannad conferring on him that title at a Durbar in his palace. The Maharaja, through Mr. Marsh, made an interesting speech in which I understood him to say that

he promised to supplement the customary estate contribution to Agency Public Works by a grant of Rs. 10,000 (the estate while under management used to give Rs. 20,000), but he has since explained that the Rs. 10,000 was to be inclusive of the customary Rs. 4,000, or an increase of Rs. 6,000 only. I still think the Maharaja's contribution might be increased without straining his resources.

6. The original sannad prepared by the Government Solicitor to be granted to the Maharaja for the temporary settlement of quit-rent payable on the Kotpad Parganna as arrived at in G.O., No. 1556, Judicial, dated 24th July 1895, has been returned to him for revision with reference to the remarks of Government in G.O., No. 241, Revenue, dated 8th April 1897.

The Maharaja has had a memorial drawn up by the Honorable Mr. V. Bhashyam Iyengar, C.I.E., objecting to the increased tribute demanded for the Kotpad Parganna. This reached me after the expiry of the official year under report and I have forwarded it to Government with remarks.

7. A matter which has caused constant trouble during the year is the dispute between the Maharaja and his relatives, the Ranis of Nowrangapur, regarding the tenure by the latter of the Nowrangapur portion of the estate. I reported fully on this in my No. 6, dated 4th January 1897, and the Government declined in G.O., No. 107, dated 23rd idem, to interfere in the matter.

The Ranis are very headstrong and very ignorant ladies and are surrounded by evil counsellors. No doubt they will in time be reconciled to the Maharaja, but there are numbers of people whose interest it is to foment the quarrel. What they demand is absolute control over the Nowrangapur estate and its revenues and administration. This would be very bad for the estate, and the terms which the Maharaja has offered them are, in my opinion, suitable and liberal. I have interviewed them both at Vizagapatam and at Nowrangapur, but they will not take my advice. They will probably go to law.

8. No other affairs in Upper Jeypore call for any notice, but in Lower Jeypore, which is within the jurisdiction of the Senior Assistant Agent, there are several muttas which require attention when I am able to visit those parts. As reported in the concluding portion of sub-paragraph 3 of paragraph 9 of the Agency Administration Report for 1895–96, the Maharaja's Manager of the Gunupur division visited the muttas of Karlaghati, Dongasurada and Rayabijji last November and settled them on ryotwari tenure for fasli 1306—an arrangement which appeared to be welcome to the Khonds, who mostly object to being under the authority of the Rayabijji Patro, an unscrupulous and influential person. This Patro, however, in spite of several warnings, is still trying to establish his authority and gain adherents. It may be necessary eventually to deport him, but I hope to investigate matters on the spot myself first.

9. With reference to paragraph 11 of Mr. Wolfe-Murray's note printed at page 15 of G.O., No. 2176, dated 25th October 1895, the Senior Assistant Agent reported after inquiry that the Patro of Chendrapur renounced all grounds of complaint as to the encroachment made by the Panigonda ryots of Ganjám. The matter therefore requires no more notice.

10. The Patro of Kutragada, a feudatory of the Bissemkatak estate, has also been giving trouble. From G.O., No. 141, Judicial, dated 21st January 1895, the Government is aware of the circumstances under which an enhanced kattubadi was demanded by the Bissemkatak estate from the holder of this mutta. An agreement was drawn up with the approval of the Board, but the Patro declines to sign it, unless he is granted two receipts—one for the original kattubadi and another for the enhancement—his object being to make it appear that the enhancement is a charge on the six villages now made over to him, viewed as which he would be able to show it to be excessive, whereas he is perfectly well aware that the enhancement is made on the whole mutta. I am filing a suit for the resumption of the mutta by the Bissemkatak estate.

11. The other muttas—Umbadola and Jagdalpur—gave no trouble during the year.

12. The muttas in the Gudem hills gave no trouble during the year.

The resumed muttas of Koyyur, Lotugedda, Lammasingi Patavidhi and Chittempad Bandivalasa are under the management of the Tahsildar, assisted by the Revenue Inspector, and Gudem Kottavidhi is also managed by them during the minority of the muttadar. Its deposed muttadar—Sobilan Dora—continues to reside at Narsapatam under Police surveillance.

The rates of assessment proposed for the Chittempad Bandivalasa mutta were approved by Government in G.O., No. 1215, Judicial, dated 23rd July 1896. The deposed muttadar's request for his removal to Narsapatam was declined. He continues to live in Vizagapatam.

The dispute between the muttadars of Dharakonda and Gudem Patavidhi for the possession of six villages was decided by me in favour of the former and the fact reported to Government in my letter No. 925, dated 14th October 1896, which was disposed of in G.O., No. 1748, Judicial, dated 5th November 1896.

13. Affairs in hill Madgole have lately been troublesome owing to the lax administration of the Rani of Madgole.

During the year under report serious disputes in no less than three muttas came to my notice. In Gangaraz Madgole there have been disputes between the muttadar and rival members of his family claiming to usurp his authority. I have conveyed a warning to the latter through the Special Assistant Agent.

In Aradikota mutta the villagers petitioned me against the muttadar who, they allege, has been exacting vetti service, making illegal exactions, &c., and stated that the Rani to whom they complained had done nothing. Enquiries showed that the allegations made were more or less true.

The muttadar of Aradikota is a man who is disliked by the people and has not won the good opinion of the Taluk officer. The Madgole Rani explains that he is disobeying her orders and has failed to appear before her when ordered. She has in fact practically no authority over him, but she hesitates to treat him as he deserves. I have now given her express orders that the muttadar is to be removed, and warned him that if he continues to interfere after removal by her, I will deport him. I have also made the Rani understand that the lax administration of her hill muttas is causing much trouble and that if any serious trouble is caused there owing to this, I will ask Government to take away the hill muttas from her.

The muttadar of Sobakota reported that certain persons in his mutta were preparing for a fituri. Enquiry showed that the muttadar's complaint was groundless. At the same time the Special Assistant Agent thinks that there is much discontent in the mutta owing to divided claims to authority by the muttadar and rival claimants.

The Rani has therefore been directed by me to report who is the appointed muttadar or other authority of Sobakota mutta and whether the so-called present muttadar has been solely so appointed, and informed that much trouble is being caused in her hill muttas through divided claims to authority and that she must at once furnish me with a list of the recognised and duly appointed authorities authorized to collect sist in each mutta.

14. The two estates of Bissemkatak and Payakapad continue under management during the ward's minority. Their balances on the 31st March are Rs. 25,694–10–3 and Rs. 27,579–8–8, respectively. The Bissemkatak minor is being educated under Mr. Chatterjee at Chatrapur, while the Payakapad minor is reading in the local mission school.

15. *Boundary Disputes.*—A commission consisting of the Special Assistant Agent on the Madras side and a Central Provinces officer on the other was to have met in January to undertake the settlement of the ill-defined and much disputed boundary between Jeypore and the adjoining States in the Central Provinces, but no Central Provinces officer turned up. A preliminary demarcation was, however, made by a surveyor for a distance of some 120 miles. A detailed report was submitted to Government in my letter No. 332, dated 17th May 1897. In that report I proposed the appointment of a special officer on the Madras side, as the deputation of the Special

Assistant Agent on this duty for a large portion of the cold weather is seriously detrimental to his other work. The services of the surveyor have been replaced at the disposal of the Survey department with the intimation that his services will again be required from 1st November next.

During the year under report no new disputes were reported.

16. *Divisional Officers' reports.*—Copies of the reports received from the Senior, Special and Head Assistant Agents and of a note from Mr. Elwin on the Gudem hills are enclosed. Those of the Principal Assistant Agent and the Huzur Deputy Collector have not been submitted as they contain no information of interest. The Senior Assistant Agent's report is very brief, while that of the Special Assistant Agent is full though in some cases it contains more than necessary. Almost everything of importance with which they deal has been remarked on elsewhere. The question of opening an outpost on the frontier proposed by the Senior Assistant Agent will be considered during my next tour in that part of the country. Consideration of the Head Assistant Agent's proposal to raise the salaries of the existing staff of village servants at Lammasingi and Kondasanta has been deferred pending my next visit to the locality.

17. *Changes in the Administrative Staff.*—Statement No. I gives details of the changes in the administrative staff of the district.

I was in charge of the district throughout the year with the exception of nine days at the beginning when Mr. Miller held the charge.

Mr. Elwin was in charge of the Principal Assistant Agent's office from 1st April to 8th December 1896 when he was relieved by Mr. Scott, who held the charge up to the end of the year. Mr. Elwin then joined the Head Assistant Agent's office and relieved Mr. Cotton who had held it from the commencement of the year up to 15th December. Mr. Elwin continued in charge till the end of the year.

Messrs. Lys and Govindarau Naidu were in charge of the Senior Assistant and Assistant Agents' divisions respectively throughout the year.

There were several changes in the office of the Special Assistant Agent. Mr. Graham held charge from 1st April to 21st July and from 22nd October 1896 to 8th March 1897 having gone on three months' privilege leave on the 22nd July 1896. During his absence on leave Mr. Govindarau Naidu was in charge of the office in addition to his duties as Huzur Deputy Collector.

On the transfer of Mr. Graham's services to the Bombay Government, the Assistant Collector Mr. Heaney relieved him on 9th March 1897 but was succeeded by Mr. Harris on the 11th idem. The latter held the charge till the end of the year.

18. *Tours.*—Statement No. II gives the details of the tours made by the Agency officers. Some six weeks after my arrival in the district I made a short tour in the Golgonda Agency. I went up the Lammasingi ghât on the 7th June and came down the Minamalur ghât after spending thirteen days in the Agency. The Lammasingi ghât road was on the whole in good order and the ordinary annual grant Rs. 1,000 expended with discretion after the monsoon is sufficient for it. I visited Lammasingi, Chintapalli, where I inspected the Uriya Police reserve, Lotugedda, Gimili and Minamalur returning by the Minamalur ghât and Madgole.

The Minamalur ghât road is maintained from the Agency funds under the supervision of the District Forest-officer at his request, as he has some forest stations close by. This is also in fair order.

I found the Agency Revenue Inspector, who was supposed to take the place of the deposed muttadars as a medium of communication and control between the hill people and the authorities in the plains, utterly useless and removed him. I have put in another man who seems to be doing fairly.

My second tour was mapped out in the Senior Assistant Agent's division, but I was obliged to abandon it and turn back from Párvatípuram owing to the failure of the north-east monsoon and the state of the season in the plains, which has since interfered with other work of every description. I, however, made a flying march as far as Rayaghada for the inspection of the road, which was almost completed, and of the bridge

which is being constructed at the cost of the Jeypore estate. The road was in excellent condition. On the bridge, all the masonry work was completed, but the erection of the girders was deferred for want of skilled workmen. This I have since arranged with great difficulty with the kind assistance of the Manager, East Coast Railway, and the whole work will be completed in a few days.

My attention was confined to affairs in the plains till 24th January 1897, when I left head-quarters for the Special Assistant Agent's division. I ascended the Pottangi ghât on the 25th and reached Koraput on the 29th idem, after spending two days at Pottangi. Here I inspected the taluk office and the sub-treasury and found nothing wrong.

On my report, dated 27th April 1896, R.C. No. 1862, the Government stated in its order, No. 892, Judicial, dated 21st May 1896, that the necessary orders for the preparation of plans and estimates for certain alterations required to the roof of the taluk office building at Pottangi would issue in the Public Works Department. Nothing has as yet been done and the building leaks terribly.

At Koraput I had very little to do, the only matter of importance calling for attention being the sub-jail. This I inspected, and found the new buildings, the construction of which was sanctioned in G.O., No. 921, Judicial, dated 5th May 1893, just completed by the Public Works Department and made over to us. My opinion on the working of the jail was reported to Government in my letter, No. 150, dated 16th February 1897, in connection with the proposal for the transfer of the jail to the supervision of the Inspector-General of Prisons, which is now before Government. The taluk office and sub-treasury were also inspected. The road from the foot of the ghât up to Koraput is under the supervision of the Public Works Department, and it was in very good order notwithstanding the enormous grain traffic which it has carried this year.

From Koraput I went on to Jeypore, where I met the Maharaja and Mr. Marsh. The road between Koraput and Jeypore is under the supervision of the Special Assistant Agent and is a pucka one in excellent condition. As the Public Works Department maintains the road up to Koraput, and has several buildings in its charge at Jeypore, I think the road as far as Jeypore might well be handed over to it also.

At Jeypore I delivered to the Maharaja the sannad conferring on him that title. I also inspected the taluk office and sub-treasury. The state of the building in which the Deputy Tahsildar's office is at present located was reported on fully in my letter, R.C. No. 604 of 1896, dated 3rd February last, to Government, and the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of a new taluk office has been ordered. The new police station and lines have been completed and made over to the Police Department which now occupy them.

G.O., No. 232, Judicial, dated 18th Feb. 1897.

From Jeypore I marched to Nowrangapur where I met the Special Assistant Agent returning from the north, where he had been to take part in the abortive Boundary Commission. The Government rest-house and the Deputy Tahsildar's quarters at this station had recently been burnt. I had reason to believe the occurrence was no accident, but there was no proof against the suspected party. The taluk office and sub-jail were inspected, and I had an interview with the Nowrangapur Ranis. I then marched to Dabugam along the Nowrangapur-Central Provinces road and from there retraced my way to Koraput through Borigumma and the Ranigedda ghât. Owing to a telegram received from the Famine Commissioner intimating his intended visit to the district, I had to return hurriedly to the plains and descended the Pottangi ghât on 17th February. The telegram referred to was subsequently cancelled, but the cancelling telegram never reached me, though duly wired on to Sálúru by my Assistant. It was lost in the post after leaving Sálúru, and is still under inquiry by the Post office.

The time spent by me on this tour was twenty-three days. This, plus the thirteen days spent in the Gudem hills, make the total period about five weeks. More was impossible owing to the threatened famine.

The Principal Assistant Agent spent ten days in the agency portion of his division, Mr. Elwin three days, and Mr. Scott seven days.

The Senior and Special Assistant Agents spent three months and six months and four days, respectively, in their divisions.

The Head Assistant Agent spent twenty-five days in the Agency. The period is short by seventeen days of the prescribed period which is due to scarcity in the plains.

A map on which the tours made by all the Agency officers are marked is enclosed. All the Assistant Agents have visited the important portions of their respective divisions during the year.

19. *Season—Statement No. III.*—The rainfall was below the average in the Senior Assistant Agent's division and in the Pottangi taluk of the Special Assistant Agent's division, while in all other taluks of the latter division it exceeded it. It was less than that of the last year at all stations except at Koraput, where it was more by 3 inches. The Special Assistant Agent's comparison of the rainfall in his division is inaccurate, the information now furnished being based on the statistics kept in the Huzur and reported to the Board from time to time.

The decrease in the rainfall occurred entirely in the north-east monsoon. Crops consequently suffered to some extent, but there was a middling to fair harvest in most parts, which has enabled Jeypore to export steadily from 2,000 to 3,000 cartloads of grain weekly since October last.

The season was less favourable than usual, but public health was generally good. Small-pox appeared in some parts of the Principal, Special and Head Assistant Agents' divisions. Its spread was however checked by the deputation of vaccinators to the affected parts. The Principal Assistant Agent reports that it proved fatal in a few cases.

Cholera appeared in Jeypore taluk in the latter part of the year, resulting in 35 deaths. It is now somewhat severe in Gunupur, Jeypore and Nowrangapur and exists in Rayaghada, Padwa and Koraput taluks.

20. *Births and Deaths—Statement No. IV.*—Vital statistics are not registered in the agency.

21. *Criminal Justice—Statement No. V.*—The total number of cases received during the year shows an increase of 219 over last year. The increase was chiefly contributed by Rayaghada (+ 86), Nowrangapur (+ 80) and Gunupur (+ 39). The increase in Rayaghada, the Senior Assistant Agent reports, was mainly due to the institution of 50 nuisance cases as against none in the previous year. The increase in Nowrangapur and Gunupur consisted largely of theft cases due to the unfavourable character of the season and consequent rise in prices.

The increase in pendency was due to the increase in institutions.

There was an increase of eight in the number of appeals received during the year which was contributed by all the courts except the Head Assistant Agent's. No appeals were pending at the end of the year.

The figures furnished by the Assistant Agents being wrong, they have been corrected in this office. Hence discrepancies will be found in the explanation of the variations in the several courts.

There were no sessions cases requiring special mention, but many of the members of a notorious gang of dacoits in the Special and Senior Assistant Agents' divisions were convicted during the year by the Agent and the Additional Sessions Judge.

Much difficulty was felt in obtaining the extradition of some of the dacoits who escaped into Kasipur territory. Charges of connivance were freely exchanged between the police on either side, but friction has been avoided as much as possible, and, the Political Agent having put the screw on, the two ring-leaders, Surughasi and Urukudughasi, were at length captured in Kasipur territory. These men have been already sentenced and escaped from the District Jail. Since escaping they have continued their old practices.

The work of the Police has been satisfactory in general, but complaints were made against the Bissemkatak and Araku Police. The head constable of the former place was accused of having vexatiously searched the house of an inamdar, but it was found out on inquiry that he acted *bonâ-fide*. Two other constables ofthe same station were

convicted by the second-class Magistrate of Bissemkatak of offences under sections 384 and 352, Indian Penal Code, and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 5 and 3, respectively. The punishment being absurdly inadequate the case was reported to the High Court which ordered its retrial by the Senior Assistant Agent, who convicted them of extortion and sentenced them each to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment. The complaints of extortion made against the Araku Police have been found to be groundless.

The Pathans in the Malkanagiri taluk have given but little trouble during the year. Their leader, Rozakhan of Motu, commenced by trying to evade the orders limiting the number of his hangers-on, and made a practice of harbouring undesirable strangers from his own country. As he refused to heed warnings, I arrested him and confined him in the District Jail for some six weeks, which has had a most beneficial effect on him and the rest of the community.

22. *Civil Justice—Statement No. VI.*—The number of suits instituted during the year fell by 31, the decrease being chiefly in Jeypore, Gunupur and Narayanapatnam. The decrease was due to the fact that there was no munsiff for some time at those places. The pendency is still excessive in the Gunupur Court. The Senior Assistant Agent explains that it was due to the changes in the personnel of the Agency Munsiffs and the fact that the Deputy Tahsildar was not invested with civil powers for two quarters of the year and that the Agency Munsiff, Narayanapatnam, to whom the work was transferred, was unable to spare sufficient time for it.

The total number of appeals for disposal including four pending at the beginning of the year was 25 against 39 in the previous year, of which nineteen were disposed of leaving six pending at the end of the year.

23. *Hospitals—Statement No. VII.*—The number of hospitals was the same as in the previous year. The following table compares the number of patients treated in them for the last five years:—

Name.	In-patients.					Out-patients.				
	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.
1. Gunupur	4	29	49	48	72	7,246	8,012	12,764	12,344	11,983
2. Rayaghada	71	85	122	145	159	3,139	4,662	6,072	6,497	6,721
3. Bissemkatak	25	23	61	58	53	782	1,134	3,176	6,336	3,434
4. Jeypore	..	..	..	..	..	6,476	5,665	6,970	6,206	7,203
5. Nowrangapur	58	34	55	58	56	3,396	3,177	4,003	4,155	4,208
Total ..	158	171	287	309	340	21,039	22,650	32,985	35,538	33,549

The number of in-patients is gradually increasing except in Bissemkatak and Nowrangapur where the last year's figures show a slight decrease which needs no explanation.

In the number of out-patients, Bissemkatak shows a large decrease for which the Senior Assistant Agent assigns no reason. His attention has been called to it. The other hospitals show a tendency to increase gradually, though Gunupur shows a decrease of 361 cases compared with the previous year.

During the year under report, I had to complain on the conduct of M. Guy, the hospital assistant at Bissemkatak, for granting a certificate to a revenue subordinate under suspicious circumstances. As he was reported to the Surgeon-General by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer on several other charges such as drunkenness, &c., he was dismissed the service.

The new building constructed by the Maharaja of Jeypore for the hospital at Jeypore having been completed, it was occupied for the hospital about the middle of June 1896. Quarters for the hospital assistant have not yet been provided by the Maharaja, though this was one of the conditions on which the hospital was taken under Government management.

The construction of the hospital at Malkanagiri has been stopped owing to financial exigencies.

24. *Vaccination—Statement No. VIII.*—There were no changes in the vaccine staff during the year under report. 17,013 cases were vaccinated, of which 14,560 were successful, the corresponding figures for last year being 13,143 and 10,668, respectively. The percentage of successful cases was 85·5 against 81·1 in the previous year. The number of persons vaccinated and the percentage of successful cases in the Senior and Special Assistant Agents' divisions show a perceptible increase. In the Head Assistant Agent's division there has been a fall in both figures which was due to the absence of a vaccinator for about three months. No cases were vaccinated in the Palkonda agency. A vaccinator was deputed there from Gunupur, but he promptly absconded. The Principal Assistant Agent urges the appointment of a special vaccinator for this agency on the ground that it has been totally neglected for many years and that the utter absence of vaccination is discreditable. I think this is required.

No one has yet been appointed in place of the deputy inspector of vaccination, Gunupur, who was transferred in January. This has interfered with the verification of the operations made by the vaccinators.

The percentage of successful cases is unsatisfactory, the explanation given being that the lymph supplied was bad, but it is more probably due to the deterioration of lymph in transit and the subsequent delay in the use of it by the vaccinators.

25. *Education—Statement No. IX.*—There were 160 schools at the close of the year as against 106 in the previous year, the increase being due to the result schools having risen from 59 in 1895–96 to 74 in the year under report, and to the inclusion of the indigenous schools for the first time in the accounts of this year.

The number of salary-result schools rose from 45 in the previous year to 50 owing to the opening of five new schools in the Golgonda agency.

The number of pupils on the rolls rose from 2,497 in 1895–96 to 3,937. This shows a marked improvement, even after deducting the number of pupils in indigenous schools (350) who were first taken into account this year, as stated above.

The results of the lower secondary schools at Jeypore and Kotpad are reported to be satisfactory. The staff of the former school has been organized with competent teachers. The Gunupur lower secondary school did well. The number of pupils belonging to aboriginal tribes decreased from 263 to 214. The Divisional officers put the figure at 317. The variation is to be attributed to difference of opinion as to what is an aboriginal tribe.

The number of Sowra pupils on the rolls decreased from 89 in 1895–96 to 63, and that of Khonds and Bagatas rose from 8 and 30 to 42 and 69, respectively.

The number of trained teachers rose from 8 to 46. The increase has not been explained by the Divisional officers.

The supervision of the Gunupur normal class has been transferred to the Educational Department—*vide* G.O., No. 88, Educational, dated 11th February 1897.

K. Jagarau, Superintendent of Hill Schools, Jeypore, having died, V. Jaggaraz, Assistant Master in the Jeypore school, has been put in his place on probation for a year. R. Lakshminarayana continued to be the Superintendent of Hill Schools, Gunupur. Their work has on the whole been satisfactory.

The Agency officers visited 25 schools, and Educational officers of all grades examined 100 schools. This shows that some of the schools were visited more than once. The number of pupils found qualified out of 1,340 presented for examination was 887, which was better than last year.

The amount paid in the shape of grants increased from Rs. 4,220 to Rs. 5,880.

26. *Public Works—Statement No. X.*—The grant for the year was Rs. 69,000, which is made up of the following items:—

	Rs.
The usual Provincial grant for Agency works	46,000
Special grant for the Rayaghada road	18,500
The usual contribution of the Maharaja of Jeypore	4,000
Contribution by the Kurupam estate	500
Total ..	69,000

Of this, Rs. 68,914–11–2 was actually spent during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 85–4–10 which lapsed at the end of the year. The latter amount includes

Rs. 85 which was a portion of the grant of Rs. 335 given to the Principal Assistant Agent at his request for wells in the Palkonda agency where scarcity of water was felt. It was neither utilized by him before the end of the year nor was it surrendered in time for expenditure elsewhere. The balance of As. 4–10 is what remained in the reserve unallotted.

The important works requiring special mention are:—

No.	Name of work.	Expenditure up to the end of last year.	Expenditure during the year.	Total cost.	Date of completion.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1	Parvatipuram-Rayaghada, road	55,226 2 2	20,078 2 10	75,304 5 0	Completed.
2	Kotpad-Bastar road	5,374 12 4	798 14 2	6,173 10 6	Do.

New Works—Communications.—The Parvatipuram-Rayaghada road was completed at a cost of Rs. 75,304–5–0 against the estimated cost of Rs. 70,020, the excess expenditure being on supervision and sundry charges, as reported in paragraph 6 of my letter R.P.C., No. 61, dated 1st October 1895, printed in G.O., No. 873, Financial, dated 7th November 1895.

Towards the execution of this work the Jeypore estate contributed Rs. 39,879 of which only Rs. 33,444–12–7 was actually spent on the work in addition to the Government grant of Rs. 41,859–8–5.

Of the estate grant Rs. 6,434–3–5 which includes certain recoveries amounting to Rs. 28–8–6 for the cost of tools, &c., lost, remained unspent. This amount I propose to spend on the Rayaghada-Komatlapeta section of the Parvatipuram Central Provinces road, for metalling which the Government in its Order No. 239, Judicial, dated 18th February 1897 was pleased to sanction an estimate for Rs. 10,000, which figure has, however, to be raised by Rs. 1,466–10–8 as the rate allowed in the original estimate for breaking and cartage of metal had to be increased. Rs. 6,000 have already been transferred and the balance will be transferred now. This work is going on rapidly.

As regards the Kotpad-Bastar road, the six furlongs remaining incomplete at the end of 1895–96 were completed during the year under report and the portion already made was maintained in good order with the grant allowed for it.

The other new works undertaken during the year were—

1. Koraput Lakshmipur road.
2. Padwa-Paderu road.

The allotment for No. 1 was spent in extending the road for a further distance of 1½ mile and in repairing that part which had been made up to the end of last year.

Road No. 2 was also extended by eight miles from Wondragedda, besides maintaining the portion already made.

New Works—Buildings.—Two new rest houses have been constructed during the year in the Special Assistant Agent's division at a cost of Rs. 700.

Repairs—Communications.—All the roads in existence have been maintained and are reported to be in good order.

Repairs—Buildings.—The Government buildings at Koraput and the rest-houses and officials' quarters in the outstations have been repaired with the usual grants. The Deputy Tahsildar's and gumastas' quarters at Padwa and the Deputy Tahsildar's quarters and the rest-house at Nowrangapur and the elephants' sheds at Koraput were destroyed by fire during the year. The Padwa buildings were reconstructed within the end of the year as also the Nowrangapur Deputy Tahsildar's quarter.

An estimate for the reconstruction of the elephants' sheds at Koraput is under preparation.

No estate works were undertaken during the year under the supervision of the agency officers. The Gotlabhadra bridge between Elwinpeta and Gunupur on the Kurupám-Gunupur road, which was constructed from the funds of the Jeypore estate was washed away by floods in August 1896. The Senior Assistant Agent reported that the passage of the gedda presents no difficulty except while heavy rain is actually falling and that the bridge need not be rebuilt.

An estimate amounting to Rs. 11,550 for constructing a Deputy Tahsildar's office at Gunupur was sanctioned and funds allotted, but the grant was subsequently withdrawn.

G.O., R. No. 1927, Judicial, dated 16th November 1896.
G.O., R. No. 637, Judicial, dated 24th April 1897.
G.O., No. 38, Judicial, dated 14th Jan. 1897.

The extension required to the Deputy Tahsildar's office Rayaghada, which met with the approval of Government, will be provided for in the budget for 1898–99 as directed by Government.

The programme of road construction for the next five years, called for in G.O., No. 1398, Judicial, dated 27th August 1896, was submitted with my letter No. 242, dated 19th April 1897.

27. *Sanitation—Statement No. XI.*—Statement No. XI gives details of expenditure under this head. The original grant was Rs. 2,962 of which Rs. 129–6–2 were transferred to other heads at the request of the Head Assistant Agent. The balance Rs. 2,832–9–10 was supplemented from the reserve by Rs. 335 for expenditure on the excavation of drinking water-wells in the Principal Assistant Agent's division, of which Rs. 85 remained unspent at the end of the year, the total expenditure under the head being Rs. 3,082–9–10.

The grant for sanitation having been withdrawn, the conservancy establishments have now been abolished. I have since received an application from the Maharaja of Jeypore offering to maintain the conservancy staff at Jeypore at an annual cost of Rs. 500 and I have accepted the offer. The Senior Assistant Agent reports that at Gunupur and Rayaghada, the local public will maintain the establishments by private subscription.

28. *Abkári.*—Statement No. XII gives details of the abkári revenue. During the year under report, the Gunupur and Koraput farms were leased out to Messrs. Ripley and Company and T. Gopanna Patnaik, respectively.

The rents were enhanced to Rs. 55,000 for the Gunupur farm and Rs. 10,000 for the Koraput farm. Six shops in the Parvatipur agency under the rental of Messrs. Ripley and Co., and three in the Sálúr agency under the rental of T. Gopanna Patnaik were closed during the year on account of their proximity to the ordinary tracts. A remission of Rs. 1,368–8–0 being the rental of the six shops closed, less 15 per cent. for cost of collection, was granted to Messrs. Ripley and Co. No remission was allowed to Gopanna Patnaik for the three shops closed in the Sálúr agency, as he failed to produce his accounts to show the rentals. The Gunupur farm was therefore actually leased out for Rs. 53,631–8–0 against Rs. 48,674 and the Koraput farm for Rs. 10,000 against Rs. 8,691. On the whole there was an increase of Rs. 6,266–8–0 during the year under report owing to enhancements in the rentals as above stated.

Of the total demand of Rs. 63,631–8–0, Rs. 57,709 were collected within the close of the year and the balance Rs. 5,922 subsequently. A sum of Rs. 1,040 outstanding at the beginning of the year on account of arrears of the previous year was also collected during the year under report.

The abkári revenue of the agency tracts other than the abovementioned two farms was managed under the amani system under which each shop is leased out separately. The subjoined statement shows the demand, collection and balance of these taluks during the year under report:—

No.	Taluks.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Jeypore	21,479 0 0	21,479 0 0	..
2	Malkanagiri	1,879 0 0	1,415 8 0	463 8 0
3	Nowrangapur	16,247 0 0	12,185 4 0	4,061 12 0
4	Padwa	2,892 0 0	1,794 0 0	598 0 0
5	Srungavarapukóta	252 0 0	189 0 0	63 0 0
6	Víravilli	211 0 0	211 0 0	..
7	Golgonda	1,755 0 0	1,238 12 0	516 4 0
	Total ..	44,215 0 0	38,512 8 0	5,702 8 0

The demand of the amani taluks amounted to Rs. 44,215 against Rs. 39,916 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 4,299, which was due to keen competition for shops in Jeypore and Nowrangapur taluks. Of this Rs. 38,512-8-0 were collected during the year and Rs. 5,625 subsequently. The remaining sum of Rs. 77-8-0 was recommended to be written off the accounts.

29. *Opium—Statement No. XIII.*—The exclusive privilege of supplying opium to the agency tracts of the district was disposed of on tender for a sum of Rs. 16,851, against Rs. 17,500 in the previous year, to Hemraz Ramdal Sahukar, one of the licensed importers in the district, on condition of his selling the drug to licensed vendors at three tolas per rupee and opening depôts for the purpose of supply at places specified by the Collector. Under G.O., No. 493, dated 20th July 1888, opium shops in the agency tracts were sold by auction in places where the consumption exceeded 3,000 tolas per annum and where it varied between 1,000 and 3,000 tolas licenses were issued on payment of fixed fees. Free licenses were also issued to shops in which the consumption was below 1,000 tolas per annum. The number of licenses issued during the year was 96 against 95 in the previous year. The increase was due to the shop at Badigada in the Malkanagiri taluk, which was closed in 1895-96 for want of applicants, having been re-opened during the year. The demand of the shops auctioned and given on fixed fees during the year amounted to Rs. 17,395 against Rs. 19,559 in 1895-96. The decrease was due to paucity of bidders on account of losses which the shop-keepers of the previous year sustained.

* Board's Proceedings, No. 350, dated 29th January 1896.

The total demand of the year on account of both the supply and the vend monopolies was Rs. 34,246 against Rs. 37,059 in the previous year. Of this Rupees 34,233 were collected within the year and the remainder subsequently. A sum of Rs. 59 outstanding at the beginning of the year on account of arrears of 1895-96 under "license fees" was also collected during the year. The total quantity consumed during the year was lb. 8,102 against lb. 7,907 in the previous year, showing an increase of lb. 195 on the whole. The consumption increased in six taluks and decreased in seven taluks and the variations are small and do not call for special remarks.

The supplying monopolist sold opium to shop-keepers at three tolas per rupee and they retailed it to consumers at $2\frac{1}{2}$ tolas per rupee.

30. *Revenue—Statement No. XIV.*—This statement gives details of all sources of revenue. The figures entered under sub-head 1 of Land Revenue represent the annual peishcush and Kotpad tribute payable by the Jeypore estate and those under sub-heads 2 and 3 represent the revenue derived from the hill muttas and other agency villages in the Golgonda and Palkonda taluks. The jamabandi of Palkonda agency for fasli 1306 has not yet been conducted owing to the presence of famine work in the plains. Hence the opening balances of the year do not tally with the closing balances of last year. They are liable to revision.

31. *Wild Animals—Statement No. XV.*—Sixty-one persons were killed by wild beasts during the year against 138 in the previous year. The amount paid in rewards was Rs. 7,256 against Rs. 6,457. The number of persons and cattle killed during the year decreased largely. Two noted man-eaters were killed by Messrs. H. D. Taylor and Thomas.

32. *Forest.*—The forests of the Vizianagaram estate have come for the first time under the operation of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882. The rules sanctioned by the Government are now being worked.

The Jeypore forests are being gradually got into order. Twelve reserves have been formed up to date.

Proposals for the opening of routes and gates and the establishment of certain check gates are now before Government.

33. *Telegraph.*—The telegraph was extended during the year as far as Jeypore.

34. *Elephants.*—Three new elephants were purchased during the year through the Superintendent of Kheddas, Dacca. This completes the sanctioned establishment.

35. *Taluk establishments.*—During the year under report the pay of the Deputy Tahsildars of Jeypore and Koraput was exchanged so as to provide for the location of the better officer at Jeypore—the head-quarters of the Maharaja. The salaries of the taluk establishments are under revision and the scale is now before Government.

G.O., No. 778, Judicial, dated 29th April 1896.
My letter No. 331, dated 18th May 1897.

Enclosures.

From L. T. HARRIS, Esq., Special Assistant Agent, Vizagapatam district, to the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam district, dated 27th May 1897, No. R.C. 23.

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of this division for the official year 1896-97.

2. The usual statements prescribed in G.O., No. 648, dated 1st April 1892, are enclosed.

3. *Statement No. I.*—Mr. R. A. Graham, my predecessor, was in charge of the division from the beginning of the year until 21st July, when he took three months' privilege leave, during which period M.R.Ry. R. Govindarao Naidu Garu, Huzur Deputy Collector, Vizagapatam, was in charge of the office in addition to his other duties. From 22nd October, the expiry of his leave, Mr. Graham was again in charge until 8th March 1897 when, being transferred to Bombay, he handed over temporarily to Mr. Heaney, Assistant Collector, Vizagapatam, whom I relieved on 11th March 1897. From this it will be seen that, though four different officers have acted as Special Assistant Agent, Mr. Graham was in charge for practically the whole of the agency working year.

4. *Statement No. II.*—The first tour made in the year extended from April 14th to May 12th and comprised visits to the Jeypore, Nowrangapur and Koraput taluks (halting at Jeypore for two days, and at Nowrangapur for two days).

5. It will be seen from the accompanying map, that this tour traversed the Koraput-Jeypore, Jeypore-Borigumma, Borigumma-Kotpad and Pappadahandi-Nowrangapur (Central Provinces road) roads.

6. From 18th May to 26th, a short tour was made along the Public Works Department road to Pottangi, where the treasury, sub-jail and taluk office were examined.

7. On the 7th June the Special Assistant Agent went to Jeypore to muster the military pensioners of the Jeypore and Nowrangapur taluks and returned on the 9th.

8. On the 12th June a tour into Padwa taluk was made, the halting stages being Sembliguda, Nandapur, Handiput, Padwa, Woondragedda, Suvai and Pottangi. The sub-treasury, sub-jail and taluk office at Padwa were examined, as was the school at Woondragedda. At the end of this tour, during which, the monsoon having set in, very little out-door work was feasible, Mr. Graham proceeded to Waltair, *viâ* Turner's ghaut for the annual recess.

9. At the end of the monsoon, Pottangi was again reached from Waltair *viâ* Sunki ghaut road on October 31st, and Koraput two days later.

10. From November 9th to December 16th, the Malkanagiri and Jeypore taluks were visited, halts being made at twenty villages: the sub-treasuries, sub-jails and taluk offices at Malkanagiri and Jeypore and the schools at Mattili and Malkanagiri were examined. The following roads were travelled over: Malkanagiri-Kondakamberu and Malkanagiri-Jeypore (portion of the Motu road).

11. After a fortnight's halt at Koraput, Mr. Graham started for Photki to meet the officer deputed by the Government of the Central Provinces for the settlement of the boundaries between the Jeypore Estate and those of Bastar and Bindra-Nowagahr. This meeting had been arranged so long ago as February 1896 by Messrs. Willock and Younghusband, but on arrival at the appointed spot on January 15th, nothing could be seen or heard of the Central Provinces representative: after waiting about in the neighbourhood for about a fortnight, Mr. Graham proceeded to Umerkote and thence to Nowrangapur to meet the Agent whom he accompanied for a few days, after which he made a tour in the interior of the Nowrangapur taluk, during which he received orders of transfer and started at once for Koraput. This was the longest and most

important tour of the year, extending over 58 days. The main road from Koraput as far as Rayghar was inspected as well as the branch road from Pappadahandi to Maidalgur.

12. Arriving at Koraput on the 24th of February, Mr. Graham left again on the 28th and proceeded direct to Waltair *viâ* Pottangi, Sunki and Salur.

13. Taking charge of the office at Waltair on March 11th, I reached Pottangi on the 20th and Koraput the next day, and remained there till the 30th when I went to Pottangi to hear the case in which the sub-treasury guard were charged with neglect of duty, resulting in a considerable loss of Government money. While there, I examined the sub-treasury, sub-jail, and taluk office and also the school.

14. During the year 1896–97, the Special Assistant Agent spent 104 days in camp in the division, and travelled over 1,044 miles; the directions in which the tours were made are shown in the accompanying map.

15. *Statement No. III—Season and Rainfall.*—The season on the whole was not as satisfactory as usual, though the condition of the people was good as was that of cattle, with the exception of a few cases of "foot and mouth" disease in Koraput and Pottangi taluks.

Rainfall.—The rainfall was less than last year at Pottangi by 11·60 inches, at Nowrangapur by 12·88, Jeypore by 6·98, Malkanagiri by 27·30, and Padwa by 16·85 inches while Koraput showed an increase of 2·68 inches. Compared with the average rainfall, Pottangi, Nowrangapur and Malkanagiri show a decrease of 15·94, 3·61 and 3·57 inches, respectively, while Koraput, Jeypore and Padwa show an increase of 14·68, 6·70 and 6·30 inches, respectively. The failure was in the north-east monsoon in all cases especially Malkanagiri. The peculiarity of this last-named taluk is that it is under water in the south-west monsoon, and then gradually dries up, until about April there is always a scarcity of water (this has been especially noticeable this year).

16. The wet crops in and about the nullahs are reported to have done well, and the general paddy outturn was fair though in parts of Malkanagiri it was reported poor and in Padwa some extent actually withered. In the country round Paderu, paddy is not much grown in nullahs; but over the greater part of the higher taluks, most of the paddy is grown in nullahs and is practically beyond the possibility of failure. Of course, all over the division, failure of the paddy crop, where it occurred, was largely due to the carelessness of the ryots in not taking the trouble to bale water into the fields. Dry crops on the whole seem to have done fairly well, but withered in a few places in all taluks. Late in the year there was a small amount of rain all over the division, but it was, of course, too late to be of much service to the crops. Although the country received a somewhat short supply of water this year, there was in reality sufficient for those who cared to make the best use of it in most parts of the division; there are many nullahs here that are never dry, but the people are apparently so accustomed to an *embarras de richesses* in the matter of water, that they have never learnt how to make use of mere sufficiency. Nothing that could be called famine, or even scarcity had existed, and in regard to grain supply, it is well known that Jeypore has been sending about 1,000 carts of paddy a week, down the Itikivalasa ghât.

17. *Public health.*—Small-pox appeared in the Nandapur division of the Pottangi taluk and in the Nowrangapur taluk. The deputy inspector of vaccination was sent to both places and the epidemic was suppressed.

18. Cholera broke out in the Jeypore taluk during the latter part of the year, *i.e.*, in March 1897 in Kotpad and six other villages, 35 males and 27 females were attacked and 21 males and 14 females died of it.

With the exception of these two outbreaks, the public health was good.

19. *Statement No. V, Law, Justice and Police.*—Mr. P. B. Thomas, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, was in charge of the Jeypore district from 1st to 16th April 1896. Mr. C. J. Stuart assumed charge on the 17th April 1896 and remained till 2nd March 1897, when he was relieved by Mr. T. J. Lindsay, who is still in charge.

The post of Assistant Superintendent of Police was vacant from 17th May 1896 to 12th March 1897 (both days inclusive) and the District Superintendent of Police was in charge during that period. Mr. L. E. Walker, the present Assistant Superintendent, assumed charge on the 13th March 1897.

20. The total number of criminal cases filed in my court and in the courts of the taluk magistrates was 902 against 797 in last year, showing an increase of 105.

Court.	1895-96.	1896-97.	Difference.
1. Special Assistant Agent	40	47	+ 7
2. Taluk Magistrate, Padwa	70	91	+ 21
3. Do. Jeypore	300	299	— 1
4. Do. Koraput	92	77	— 15
5. Do. Nowrangapur	147	227	+ 80
6. Do. Pottangi	106	103	— 3
7. Do. Malkanagiri	42	58	+ 16
Total ..	797	902	+ 105

The increase at Padwa and Malkanagiri probably arises from the investiture of those magistrates with second-class powers during the year, while the decrease at Koraput is due to the fact that the magistrate exercised only third-class powers. The Nowrangapur file decreased in 1895–96 owing to the fact that the court was vacant for two months in the year; this year it has been vacant for one month only. This, however, does not satisfactorily explain the difference of more than 50 per cent. nor has the sub-magistrate explained the increase. Almost all the offences in that taluk are committed by Dombus (Pariahs) under sections 379, 380 and 457, Indian Penal Code, and as these people live a purely hand to mouth existence, the ruling high prices must have increased their criminality this year.

A fact which must, of necessity, militate against the suppression of petty crime in this division is the absence of a local jail; under existing rules all prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for more than one month but less than 90 days are incarcerated in the Koraput sub-jail; in the present constitution of this jail, no regular arrangements for hard labour have been made nor indeed with the present supervisional establishment would it be possible to do so. The result of this is that imprisonment for less than three months in this division is of necessity "simple" and I have good authority for stating that the local criminal classes do not regard it as a hardship.

Government has been separately addressed on the subject.

(Signed) W. O. HORNE,
Ag. Agent.

The number of persons accused was 1,675 against 1,589 in last year, showing an increase of 86 which is due to the increase in the number of cases filed.

21. There were 28 appeals with 51 persons against 16 appeals with 30 persons in the previous year.

I attribute this partly to the increased number of cases filed in the lower courts and partly to the fact that, as the country is being opened up, the knowledge of the existence of the privilege of appeal is becoming more widespread.

22. The arrangements made by the Agent for the service of summons issued in this agency by the authorities in the Chattisgarh feudatories and *vice versâ* are being made use of when necessary though the necessity is not frequent.

23. *Statement No. VI, Civil.*—The number of suits filed in my court and the Agency Munsifs' courts are 142 against 219 in last year, showing a decrease of 77 as shown below:—

Courts.	1896-97.	1895-96.
Special Assistant Agent	20	29
Pottangi Agency Munsif's Court	7	10
Koraput	..	21
Jeypore	60	134
Nowrangapur	35	20
Malkanagiri	..	5
Padwa	20	..
Total ..	142	219

There were no Agency Munsifs at Koraput and Malkanagiri during the year, nor was there for some period at Jeypore; hence the decrease.

The people in these parts have a weakness for obtaining their justice locally, rather than going to a distance to get it, consequently, if a court be vacant, though jurisdiction over it be immediately given to another officer, there will nevertheless be a decrease in the number of suits filed.

The Nowrangapur file was swelled by suits which would naturally have been heard at Jeypore.

The Deputy Tahsildar of Padwa having been invested with civil powers, 20 suits were filed in that court.

24. Ten suits were filed under Act VIII of 1865 during the year under report against six in the previous year.

25. During the year three civil appeals were filed in my court against nine in last year. The decrease is mainly due to the small number of original suits in the lower courts.

26. *Statement No. VII—Hospitals.*—There are three hospitals in this division at Koraput, Jeypore and Nowrangapur.

27. The one at Koraput is a police hospital, and is under the control of the Superintendent of Police.

28. The hospital at Jeypore is called the jubilee dispensary and was opened on 17th February 1887. Until 11th July 1896 it was in a thatched building. The new building sanctioned in G.O., No. 451, dated 22nd February 1894, has now been finished, and the hospital was removed into it on the 12th July 1896. The new building consists of two wards for male and female patients with central office, hall and dispensary room, connected with front and side verandahs. The number of patients treated there was 7,203 (out-patients) against 6,206 in the previous year.

29. The hospital at Nowrangapur is a Government one and was opened on 12th January 1890. It is kept in a tiled building. The number of patients treated there was 4,264 against 4,213 in the previous year. Of these 56 were in-patients and 4,208 out-patients.

30. Provision of Rs. 500 was made in the current year's budget for building a thatched hospital and hospital assistant's quarters at Malkanagiri. The work was ordered to be commenced at once and the site selected for the purpose. Rs. 300 were spent in purchasing necessary materials, but on 22nd January 1897, when the work was about to be commenced, the Deputy Tahsildar received telegraphic instructions from the Agent, under orders of the Government, to stop the work at once. It was stopped accordingly and the balance of Rs. 200 was surrendered.

31. On the completion of the Malkanagiri hospital, the claims of Padwa to a similar institution will have to be considered, and, after that, those of Pottangi. These two stations are acknowledged to be the most unhealthy in the whole division, but Padwa is the more inaccessible being 42 miles by a somewhat uncertain route from Koraput with which station, on the other hand, Pottangi is connected by 28 miles of excellent metalled road.

32. *Statement No. VIII—Vaccination.*—Particulars on vaccination are given in the detailed report. The number of persons vaccinated during the year was 10,385, excluding 140 cases vaccinated by medical officers, against 7,995 in the previous year. The number of successful cases was 8,877 against 6,413 in the previous year. The cost of vaccine establishment during the year was Rs. 2,886-10-6. The average cost of each successful case was As. 5-2.

33. *Statement No. IX—Education.*—Full particulars on education have been given in the detailed report. Statement No. IX gives the necessary information on the subject.

34. Want of energy on the part of the masters in some schools is still considered to be the reason for unsatisfactory results produced by them.

35. The results of the two middle schools at Jeypore and Kotpad were fair. The Headmaster of Jeypore school, V. L. Narasinga Rao, having been appointed as Inspector of Police, was relieved on 1st June 1896 by the Assistant Master who was in charge of the school until the arrival of the new headmaster; P. Venkataratnam, a Matriculate, was appointed as headmaster and assumed charge on 4th August 1896. One V. Jaggaraz, who was working in the Revenue Department as second gumastah in the Deputy Tahsildar's office at Sálúru, was appointed as the First Assistant Master. He joined the post in September 1896, but K. Jaggarow, the Superintendent of Hill schools, having died on 26th November 1896, Jaggaraz was appointed as sub. *pro tem.* Superintendent of Hill schools on probation for one year. M. Narasimham, a trained Matriculate, was appointed as the First Assistant Master of the school in place of Jaggaraz and joined the post on 12th February 1897. The school must have suffered to some extent from these frequent changes.

36. The examination for results grants was conducted partly by M.R.Ry. K. Shankarayya Pantulu Garu, Sub-Assistant Inspector of Schools, Anakápalle Range, and partly by Mr. C. C. Flanagan, the Inspector of Schools, Northern Circle.

37. A sum of Rs. 420 was sanctioned for petty construction and repairs to school buildings and the amount was duly spent. Rs. 25 was drawn by the Superintendent of Hill Schools, Jeypore Division, for the purchase of class-books and books and slates for aboriginal boys and Rs. 98 on account of prize and library allowances.

38. *Statement No. X—Agency Works.*—The original budget allotment sanctioned for this division was Rs. 32,680; subsequently a further sum of Rs. 782 was sanctioned. The total allotment is therefore Rs. 33,462, Rs. 33,262 of this amount was spent on various works in the division. The balance of Rs. 200 was surrendered as above mentioned from the Malkanagiri hospital allotment. A detailed report has been submitted on the agency works. The two rest-houses at Woondragedda and Sittalapalli are reported to have been completed.

39. *Statement No. XI—Sanitation.*—Under the head of sanitation, Rs. 1,000 at Koraput, Rs. 500 at Jeypore, and Rs. 500 at Nowrangapur were spent during the year as shown below:—

Towns.	Hands employed.	Cost.	Expenditure on			
			Laying out streets and drains.	Water-supply.	Other improvements.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Koraput	1 gumastah .. 7 sweepers ..	405 10 0	412 0 0	..	182 6 0	1,000 0 0
Jeypore	1 gumastah .. 6 sweepers ..	358 12 0	141 4 0	..	..	500 0 0
Nowrangapur	1 gumastah .. 6 sweepers ..	336 10 0	163 6 0	..	..	500 0 0
	Total ..	1,101 0 0	716 10 0	..	182 6 0	2,000 0 0

40. *Special Funds.*—The only Special fund in this division is the Pound fund. There were 27 public pounds in the division during the year under the control of the taluk officers. No new pounds were sanctioned.

41. The total receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 671-1-10. The expenditure on account of commission and feeding charges was Rs. 349-7-10. The savings credited to Government was Rs. 321-10-0. Rs. 200 were sanctioned for the repairs to cattle pounds and the amount was duly spent.

42. *Statement No. XII—Abkári Revenue.*—The Pottangi and Koraput taluks and a portion of the Padwa taluk and the Sálúru Agency were rented to Tyada Gopanna Patnaik for Rs. 10,000, while the taluks of Jeypore, Nowrangapur and Malkanagiri and the Padwa portion of Padwa taluk continued under the direct management of Government.

43. In the rented taluks there were 436 shops and 435 stills and in the amáni taluks there were 407 stills and 420 shops.

44. During the year under report 25 persons in 18 cases were prosecuted and convicted under the Abkári Act.

45. No licenses were granted for the retail sale of foreign liquors.

46. *Statement No. XIII—Opium.*—During the year under report the exclusive privilege of supplying opium to vendors was leased out to Hemraj Ramlal Sahukar. The number of shops sold by auction was 62 with a demand of Rs. 14,155. The number of shops given on fixed fees was four with a demand of Rs. 63. The total demand was therefore Rs. 14,218. The whole amount was reported to have been collected.

47. Throughout the division opium was sold by the renter at three tolas a rupee to the licensed vendors and retailed by them at 2½ tolas per rupee.

48. No cases were filed under the Opium Act during the year.

49. *Statement No. XIV—Land Revenue.*—The only land revenue in this division is that on the Government land at Koraput, which amounts to Rs. 40. This is a fluctuating item. The demand in the previous year was Rs. 43, the decrease of Rs. 3 during the year under report being due to relinquishment. The current year's demand was Rs. 19 on account of arrears, Rs. 40 on account of current, making a total of Rs. 59 in all. Of this Rs. 19 are reported to have been collected during the year. The balance of Rs. 40 will be collected before the end of June as the lands are leased out to applicants for the fasli year (from 1st July to 30th June) and the kistbandi for payment of revenue falls in the month of June every year. The demand under the remaining sources of revenue, "Abkari" and "Opium", was Rs. 66,215, and this was collected in full.

50. Collections under the head of stamps during the year amounted to Rupees 9,459–10–2.

51. *Statement No. XV—Wild Animals.*—The number of wild animals killed according to the skins presented for rewards was 29 tigers, 77 panthers and 15 bears; the figures last year being 22, 96 and 14, respectively. The rewards paid during the year amounted to Rs. 4,479, against Rs. 4,040 in the previous year.

52. The power of granting rewards is vested in the Special Assistant Agent; but the Deputy Tahsildar of Malkanagiri is specially authorized to grant rewards to shikaris for killing wild animals in his taluk. The loss of human life during the year was 62 against 129 in the previous year. This decrease is without doubt due to the fact that two man-eaters were killed in 1895–96 by Messrs. H. D. Taylor and P. B. Thomas in the Nowrangapur and Malkanagiri taluks, respectively. One acknowledged man-eater is still supposed to be at large in the neighbourhood of Nandapur, and the existence of a second has been suspected. A reward of Rs. 200 has been offered for one of these. From the fact, however, that deaths from wild animals in the Padwa and Pottangi taluks have fallen this year from 49 to 19, these man-eaters cannot be very active if, indeed, they still exist.

53. The number of elephants sanctioned for my office is three, of which one died in the middle of March 1896. The remaining two elephants, named Janni and Junna, have been in good condition and have been used on all the tours during the year. The number has been completed by the purchase of a third elephant which, however, did not arrive within the year under report.

It reached Koraput on 20th April and is with me on my present tour, though it has not yet been loaded with more than its own necessary saman; it has given no trouble and has been in good condition since it has been in my charge.

The total expenditure incurred on account of the other two elephants was Rupees 770–10–3 and receipts none.

54. *Taluk Offices and Establishment.*—During the year under report all the taluk offices and sub-treasuries were inspected by my predecessor. The taluk office and sub-treasury at Pottangi were inspected by me also on 30th March 1897.

55. The following have been the changes in the personnel of the taluk officers during the year:—

Malkanagiri—
E. Jagannadham Naidu, 1st April to 21st January 1897.
P. Jagannaikulu Naidu, 21st January 1897 to 31st March 1897.

Nowrangapur—
P. Nageswararau Pantulu for the whole year, save one month during which he took privilege leave, and the Jeypore Deputy Tahsildar was in charge.

Jeypore—
P. Venkanna Pantulu, 1st April 1896 to 2nd May 1896.
P. Virraju Pantulu, 3rd May 1896 to 2nd June 1896.
V. Suryanarayana Patnaik, 3rd June 1896 to 31st March 1897.
The services of P. Venkanna Pantulu were lent to the Maharaja of Jeypore.

Pottangi—
P. Virraju Pantulu, 1st April 1896 to 30th April 1896.
P. Mahadevam Pantulu, 1st May 1896 to 25th May 1896.
Vacant, 26th May 1896 to 24th June 1896.
P. Virraju Pantulu, 25th June 1896 to 31st March 1897.

Padwa—
Pottangi Deputy Tahsildar in addition to other duties, 1st April 1896 to 14th May 1896.
S. Audinarayana, 15th May 1896 to 31st March 1897.

Koraput—
V. Suryanarayana Patnaik, 1st April 1896 to 2nd June 1896.
Jeypore Deputy Tahsildar, 3rd June 1896 to 3rd July 1896.
P. Mahadevam Pantulu, 4th July 1896 to 31st March 1897.

56. *Boundary demarcation between the Jeypore estate and other states in the Central Provinces.*—Government, in its Proceedings, Mis. No. 1467, dated 11th April 1896, sanctioned the proposals of Mr. Willock, the then Agent to the Governor, contained in his letter, No. 14, dated 22nd February 1896, regarding the mode of conducting the demarcation of the boundary between Jeypore and other States in the Central Provinces. The arrangement made by Mr. Willock with Mr. Younghusband was that a Surveyor should go over the ground first and roughly demarcate the line, commencing at the beginning of November, and that the Commission, consisting of representatives of the various States concerned on the Central Provinces side, and the Special Assistant Agent on the Madras side should start going over the line about the 15th January. This seemed to imply the idea that all the work to be done this year would be what the Surveyor could get over by the 15th January. Mr. H. Selvey, Sub-Assistant, Madras Survey, having been lent by the Madras Survey department, arrived at Jeypore on 23rd October 1896 and met Mr. Graham, the Special Assistant Agent at Koraput, on the 2nd November 1896, and started for the scene of his operations on receipt of the necessary instructions. He was informed that the demarcation for 1896–97 was to begin at the north end of Nowrangapur taluk, at the point where the river Tel ceases to be the boundary, apparently near the village marked Photkil; from there it was to be taken in a north-westerly direction. The boundary was to be cleared in accordance with the topographical sheets, but where either side claimed a divergence, a further clearing was to be made in accordance with the claim. The entertainment of 2 peons to work under him on a salary of Rs. 6 each has been sanctioned. There was some delay in commencing the work, owing to the want of necessary instruments and maps, which, however, were subsequently supplied to him. The Maharaja of Jeypore deputed two amins to the Surveyor to represent Jeypore interests and supply labour. No representatives were sent by the Central Provinces States to represent their claims, and no labour was supplied by them, as proposed. Consequently the Jeypore estate had to supply the labour, and the Surveyor went on with the clearing of the line in accordance with his orders.

This omission on the part of the Central Provinces States will cause considerable delay to the Boundary Commissioners in the probable contingency of the line as at present cleared being disputed.

Mr. Graham addressed the Political Agent, Chhattisgarh Feudatories, Central Provinces, and the officers of other States concerned, intimating the arrival of the

Surveyor, and the fact of his being engaged in the clearing operations. No instructions having been issued as to the extent of boundary which was to be settled during the year, and deeming it unreasonable to expect that the Boundary Commissioners should loiter along the boundary for an indefinite period, Mr. Graham suggested by letter to the Central Provinces representatives that, for the present, the demarcation should be confined to that part of the line which lies between the starting point (Photki) and the trijunction of the boundaries between Jeypore, Raipur and Bastar, a distance of, approximately, 60 miles. This portion was expected by the Surveyor to have been completed by about the 20th January. Mr. Graham's idea was that, after that portion had been demarcated, the Surveyor should go on with his work along the Bastar boundary, so as to have a good long stretch ready for next year's demarcation, which could take place at about the same season. Mr. Graham wrote suggesting this course, both to the Political Agent, Chhattisgarh Feudatories and to the Superintendent of Bastar State, proposing moreover, that the demarcation should begin on the 31st of January, instead of the 15th, to ensure the clearing of that part being duly completed. Receiving no reply to these suggestions, Mr. Graham proceeded to attend the meeting on the originally arranged date. Reaching Photki on the 15th January, he waited in the vicinity for a considerable period, but hearing no news of the likely arrival of the Central Provinces representative, did not feel justified in wasting more time in the locality.

The Surveyor finished clearing the boundary (before 22nd January) as far as the trijunction of the three States and was subsequently directed to clear the line between Jeypore and Bastar. Considerable difficulty is experienced in collecting and preparing the various materials for the demarcation, chiefly on account of the absence of professional masons in the vicinity.

From the foregoing remarks it will be observed that regretably small progress has been made as yet in the actual demarcation. It is at present proposed that a meeting shall take place in November next, in which case it will be possible to make the most of the coming season.

The delay in arranging a meeting of the Boundary Commission appears to be due, partly to the difficulty of postal communication between this division and the Central Provinces, but, more especially to the fact that the work of the Commissioners on either side takes him at times to a great distance from the disputed boundary (*e.g.*, a letter written by the Assistant Settlement-officer, Chhattisgarh Feudatories, from a camp, 250 miles from Photki, reached me at a camp 150 miles from that place). I certainly agree with Mr. Graham in his opinion that unless the Special Assistant Agent is to sacrifice much of his usual touring and inspection to the work of the Boundary Commission, the settlement will occupy a far longer time than was apparently anticipated.

57. In the report for the year 1895-96, mention was made of the Pathan Colony at Motu, on the head of whom—Rozakhan—a notice was issued directing him to refrain from harbouring any Pathan, other than certain specified servants. During the year under report this order was disobeyed, and Rozakhan was confined for a period in the Vizagapatam District Jail under an Agency warrant. He is now again at Motu, but has given no trouble since his release.

58. Considerable damage has been done by fire during the year to Government buildings, the elephant lines at Koraput, the Deputy Tahsildar's quarters at Padwa, and the Deputy Tahsildar's quarters and the Agency rest-house at Nowrangapur—all having been destroyed in this manner; in the last-mentioned case incendiarism was suspected but no proof was forthcoming; the others were accidental.

From W. LYS, Esq., B.A., Acting Senior Assistant Agent, to the Acting Agent to the Governor, dated Vizagapatam, 30th May 1897, C. No. 643.

I have the honour to submit my administration report for this division for the year 1896-97, accompanied by the usual statements.

The year has been marked by few events of importance. The dispute among a few Khonds of Ponkalagudi and neighbouring villages, which was fully reported on at that

time, was settled by a visit paid to the locality, and no further trouble need, I think, be apprehended from that quarter. During the year under review, Mr. D. Chellapatirau, one of the Jeypore Managers, visited the Rayabijji, Dongusurada and Karlaghati muttas and arranged for the payment of sist on the basis that those who wished might continue to pay through their Patro, while those who objected might pay direct to the amin or Manager. This arrangement is calculated to save much trouble.

Statement No. I.—I have been in charge of the division during the whole year.

Statement No. II.—Ninety days, precisely the minimum prescribed have been spent on tour. Owing to the state of the season in the plains, I was obliged to cut short my principal tour in November, and though I have managed to visit the great majority of the places to which it is usual to go on tour, I have not been able to make expeditions to remote and rarely visited villages, as I had intended.

Statement No. III.—The rainfall was below the average in all the taluks. The crops suffered in consequence, but in very few cases was there anything like total failure. In many places I found the paddy crop in November quite up to the average.

Statement No. IV.—Death and birth registers are not kept up. There has been no serious disease in epidemic form.

Statement No. V.—Criminal cases show an increase compared with last year. A certain number of cases were transferred to the Bissemkatak file during the time that there was no Second-class Magistrate at Gunupur. At Rayaghada, 50 nuisance cases, compared with none in the year before, swelled the file. At Gunupur, cases of cattle-stealing, always common in that neighbourhood, were more numerous, probably in consequence of the season being less prosperous than usual. The police have worked well during the year. A new station, or at any rate an out-post, appears to be necessary near the frontier. At present Kalahandi people come across the frontier and commit offences and return before the police from Rayaghada or other stations have a chance of getting to the spot. Their subsequent detection and apprehension is extremely difficult.

This question will be considered in next tour.
(Intld.) W.O.H.,
Ag. Agent.

Statement No. VI.—There has been an increase in the number of suits instituted during the year, compared with last year's figures. The number of suits pending throughout this division has decreased slightly during the year. The pendency is still excessive in the Gunupur Court (58 suits). It must be taken into account, however, that there were changes of the Taluk officer which hindered work and that for two quarters of the year the Deputy Tahsildar was not invested with civil powers, the civil work of Gunupur being transferred to the Narayanapatnam Agency munsif who, however, was unable to spare sufficient time from his own work to clear off the arrears. It may be expected that a great reduction in the number of pending cases will be effected during the coming year.

Statement No. VII.—The three hospitals at Rayaghada, Bissemkatak and Gunupur have worked satisfactorily.

Statement No. VIII.—During the year under report three vaccinators have for various causes been dismissed. The Deputy Inspector and vaccinators have invariably been visited with warnings and fines whenever their work appeared unsatisfactory. The result has been—on paper at least—an improvement. The figures this year are 6,000 cases vaccinated, of which 5,112 are entered as successful. The corresponding figures last year were 4,251 and 3,449, thus showing an increase this year of 1,749 cases vaccinated and 1,663 successful cases, the percentage of success being 85·2 this year against 81·1 last year. It is to be regretted that no Deputy Inspector has been sent to take the place of the one transferred in January. Though an imperfect check at best, a Deputy Inspector does to some extent prevent wholesale falsification of returns by the vaccinators who have no scruples in the matter when it is a question of avoiding a fine.

Statement No. IX.—Educational affairs are on the whole in as satisfactory a state as can be expected. The Gunupur Panchama school is not a success. There are

many Panchamas at Gunupur, but mostly very poor. I am giving personal attention to the matter and hope to effect some improvement. A few rupees spent in scholarships would probably attract pupils.

Statement No. X.—The Chollapadam-Rayaghada road was completed within the year. Owing to the failure of the late rains, parts of it are not so well consolidated as they should be. These portions have, so far as possible, been closed to traffic for the present, and the extension of the pucca road for 5 miles beyond Rayaghada is proceeding rapidly and will be completed within the year. The rest of the Agency roads are in very fair condition.

Statement No. XI.—No works for the improvement of sanitation have been undertaken. Conservancy establishments have been maintained at Gunupur, Rayaghada and Bissemkatak. Government support is to be withdrawn at the end of the year under review, but I understand that they are likely to be continued at Rayaghada and Gunupur by private subscription.

Statements Nos. XII, XIII, XIV and XV.—No remarks.

From R. B. WOOD, Esq., Head Assistant Agent, Narsapatam, to the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, dated Camp, Yellamanchili, 1st June 1897, C. No. 1292.

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Agency tracts in this division for the year 1896–97. The statements prescribed in G.O. No. 648, dated 1st April 1892, are subjoined with the exception of No. XIV, which has not as yet been received from the Tahsildar, Golgonda. It will follow shortly.

2. *Tours.*—The agency of my division consists of portions of Golgonda and Viravilli taluks. Mr. J. J. Cotton was in charge from 1st April to 14th December 1896 and Mr. E. B. Elwin from 15th December 1896 to 22nd April 1897 when I assumed charge; the former toured in the agency 12 days and the latter 13 days chiefly for the settlement of the Dharakonda reserve. The total touring lasted 25 days, 17 days short of the prescribed period. The explanations of the officers concerned may be contained in their notes that will be forwarded to you.

3. *Season and Rainfall.*—The rainfall was meagre and the season was unfavourable. There was small-pox at Sinivaram and Lammasingi during the latter part of the year and a vaccinator was sent there. No deaths were reported.

4. *Criminal Justice.*—The total number of cases filed in the Sub-divisional Magistrate's Court and in the Taluk Magistrates' Courts was 52 as against 61 in the previous year. Three cases were pending at the end of the year—two before the Tahsildar-Magistrate and one before the Sheristadar-Magistrate of Golgonda. The decisions given were of no moment.

5. *Civil Justice.*—The number of suits filed in the Head Assistant Agent's and Agency Munsif's Courts are as noted below :—

	1895–96.	1896–97.
Head Assistant Agent's Court	4	2
Golgonda Munsif's Court	32	30
Total ..	36	32

There were 11 suits pending in the Golgonda Agency Munsif's Court at the close of the year, one of which has since been disposed of. The decrease in the number of suits filed is small and calls for no remark. Only one appeal was filed in the Head Assistant Agent's Court and it was disposed of within the year.

6. *Hospitals.*—There are no hospitals in the agency, the police constables of Chintapalle being treated in the Local Fund hospital at Narsapatam. No hospital assistant has been attached to my office throughout the year.

7. *Vaccination.*—A permanent vaccinator (B. Elliah) was appointed for the Gudem hills. He accompanied the Agency Revenue Inspector and worked under his supervision. He also operated independently. He was laid up with hill fever from January 13th to the close of April; his *locum tenens*, a probationer, V. K. Appalaswami, worked for about a fortnight, vaccinated 16 cases and left his head-quarters without the permission of the authorities on the plea of ill-health. The Deputy Inspector of Vaccination has written to me to say that the 16 cases in question were not examined by Appalaswami to ascertain whether they were successful or unsuccessful, and the vaccinator's pay for the time he worked in the hills was consequently disallowed. The permanent man Elliah resumed his duties and it is hoped that he will work well.

8. As a separate report on education has been called for in the endorsement of the Agent to the Governor on the Education Review of the Vizagapatam Agency for 1894–95, it will be sent separately.

9. *Agency Works.*—An allotment of Rs. 4,075 was fully utilized. No new works were undertaken during the year. Statement No. 10 gives details of the expenditure made in the agency works during the year. Of the grant allotted for the upkeep of the Lammasingi ghât road, a sum of Rs. 326–9–0 was spent for constructing a bridge with two vents near the camping ground at Kondasanta for convenience of traffic. The supervision of the Minamalur ghât road was placed under the District Forest-officer, and the amount of Rs. 1,200 provided for its repairs was duly expended by him.

10. *Sanitation.*—An establishment of two sweepers was maintained on a salary of Rs. 4 each per mensem at Kristnadevipeta-Lakshmipuram and Kondasanta, one at each station. The sweeper of Kristnadevipeta-Lakshmipuram worked only for 5 months and then left the station. No one could be procured to fill up the vacancy. The sweeper of Kondasanta worked for 11 months. Consequently of the total amount of Rs. 96 sanctioned for sanitation, Rs. 62–9–10 only were spent and the balance Rs. 33–6–2 was utilized in supplementing the grants made for repairing the Kristnadevipeta-Koyyur road and Budderu-Lakshmipuram road.

11. *Abkári.*—The amani system still obtains. Fifteen shops were opened in last year, the total rent realized being Rs. 1,996 as against Rs. 2,059 in the previous year. As the renters of the previous year sustained loss, the bidders in the year under report were cautious in their bids and hence the decrease. The Government in paragraph 8 of its review on the Agency administration of Vizagapatam called for an explanation of Mr. Cotton's remark that "forest seigniorage prevents the hillmen from earning money by selling myrabolams," and the matter was fully reported on in this office Dis. No. 224, dated the 8th March last. The whole of the total demand of Rs. 2,059, with the exception of Rs. 77–8–0 payable by the Lammasingi, shopkeeper, was collected during the year. As no bidders could be had for reselling the shops and as the shopkeeper had no moveable property to be proceeded against, the balance of Rs. 77–8–0 has been recommended by Mr. Elwin to be written off the accounts as irrecoverable and your orders on the subject are awaited. There have been no complaints against the vendors.

12. *Opium.*—The vend of opium was heretofore leased out to the usual renter Hemraj Ramalal, from whom the shopkeepers 17 in number purchased the drug at 3 tolas a rupee, and resold it to the public at two and half tolas, 11 shops were sold by auction and 6 let out on fixed fees. The demand under this head amounted to Rs. 1,628 as against Rs. 1,931 in the previous year. The decrease was possibly due to the drug being sold more cheaply (at 3 tolas a rupee instead of $2\frac{1}{2}$) at Logarai and Vadakarai, two of the border villages in the Gódávari Agency. No complaints were received regarding the quality of the opium sold. The whole of the demand of Rs. 1,628 was duly collected within the year under report.

13. *Muttas.*—The five muttas as per margin are under the direct management of Government. In G.O., No. 1215, dated the 23rd July 1896, Government ordered the revision of assessment according to settlement rates in the Chittempad-Bandivalasa mutta and the orders were given effect to. An establishment of one munsif, one pettandar and one bariki on Rs. 2, Rs. 1–8–0 and Re. 1, respectively, was sanctioned for the Lotugedda mutta in G.O., No. 397, dated 24th March 1897. There were no changes in the establishments sanctioned for the other muttas. The

1. Lammasingi Patavidhi.
2. Gudem Kottavidhi.
3. Chittempad-Bandivalasa.
4. Koyyur.
5. Lotugedda.

collection of Government dues on the said muttas has been entrusted to a Revenue Inspector on Rs. 35, assisted by 3 peons on Rs. 5 each. The Muhammadan Revenue Inspector referred to in paragraph 13, clause (*d*) of the last year's Agency administration report of this division was superseded in October last by a new man K. Venkatareddi. The present Revenue Inspector has withstood the Agency climate and is reported on favourably by the Tahsildar. He was originally appointed on three months' probation which having expired, you were pleased to extend it for another six months to see whether he can stand the Agency climate. The establishments at Kondasanta and Lammasingi, having complained to you that their annual remunerations were too low, it was proposed that the post of circar-munsif on Rs. 7 per mensem at Lammasingi should be abolished, and the remunerations of the existing staff of servants both at Lammasingi and Kondasanta raised. Orders on the subject are awaited.

The complaints of the Lammasingi people against the reservation of the Dharakonda forest referred to in paragraph 13, clause (*e*) of the last year's report were duly enquired into by Mr. Elwin at the time of the forest settlement, and the concessions asked for by them were so far as the rules permitted allowed.

14. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—Information regarding this item has not yet been received from the Tahsildar. It will be submitted on receipt.

15. *Wild Animals.*—Fifty-seven wild animals were killed during the year and the list included 14 tigers, 42 cheetahs and 1 bear. Rewards granted amounted to Rs. 1,914. Three persons were reported to have been killed by tigers; the mortality among cattle was 6 as against 31 in the preceding year.

16. *Public Health.*—But for the prevalence of small-pox in a few localities, the general health of the hill people was fair.

17. *Miscellaneous.*—The elephant "Sundara Gouri" has been ordered to be attached to the Head Assistant Agent's office and is now being trained at Vizagapatam.

From E. B. ELWIN, Esq., Principal Assistant Collector and Agent, Vizagapatam, to the Agent to the Governor, dated Vizagapatam, 13th June 1897, Extra No. 5.

With reference to your Proceedings, Reference on Periodical No. 16-Agency, dated 11th instant, I have the honour to submit my note regarding the Gudem hills.

[Note.]

I was in charge of the Head Assistant Agent's division from the 14th December to the end of the year. I was unable to make a regular tour in the Gudem hills owing to the approach of famine in the plains. On the 19th January, I went up the Lammasingi ghât and down again in order to inspect it. I found it put in good order. The chief points to be attended to are the removal of rocks which narrow the track, and the provision of means for rain to run off the track instead of running down it.

2. On the 2nd March, I began a fortnight's tour in the lower part of the hills with the District Forest-officer for the purpose of completing the settlement of Dharakonda agency forest reserve, which I began last year. We visited Daunuru (head-quarters of Lammasingi Kottavidhimutta), Chittempadu, Golgonda, Lakshmipuram and Sherbannapalem, as well as numerous smaller villages. We completed peramboolation of the reserve along some 18 miles of the boundary and settled all pending claims. I made various alterations to satisfy hill people, who have no reasonable ground of complaint now. Several small villages were brought out and allotted sites for new settlements outside. Half the compensation awarded was paid at once, and the other half will be paid after their removal. No further trouble need be anticipated.

3. I visited Koyyur ghât to inspect the work there. I found it was not being done properly, but I believe that the Tahsildar has since put things right. I was unable to inspect other works, but there were none of special interest.

APPENDIX I.

Statement showing changes in the Administrative staff during the year 1896–97 in the District of Vizagapatam.

Office.	Name of Officer.	Period during which in charge.		Whether the charge was in addition to other duty.
		From	To	
1	2	3	4	5
1. Agent to the Governor ..	L. C. Miller Esq. ..	1st April 1896 ..	9th April 1896.	
	W. O. Horne, Esq. ..	10th ,, ..	31st March 1897.	
2. Principal Assistant Agent	E. B. Elwin, Esq. ..	1st ,, ..	8th Dec. 1896.	
	E. Scott, Esq.	9th Dec. 1896 ..	31st March 1897.	
3. Senior do.	W. Lys, Esq.	1st April ,, ..	31st ,,	
4. Special do.	R. A. Graham, Esq. ..	1st ,, ,, ..	21st July 1896.	
	M.R.Ry. R. Govindarao Naidu Garu, Huzur Deputy Collector.	22nd July ,, ..	21st Oct. ,,	In addition to his duties.
	R.A. Graham, Esq. ..	22nd Oct. ,, ..	8th March 1897.	
	J. S. Heaney, Esq. ..	9th March 1897 ..	10th ,, ,,	
	L. T. Harris, Esq. ..	11th ,, ,, ..	31st ,, ,,	
5. Head do.	J. J. Cotton, Esq. ..	1st April 1896 ..	14th Dec. 1896.	
	E. B. Elwin, Esq. ..	15th Dec. ,, ..	31st March 1897.	
6. Assistant Agent ..	M.R.Ry. R. Govindarao Naidu Garu.	1st April ,, ..	31st ,, ,,	

Vizagapatam,
11*th July* 1897.

(Signed) R. GOVINDA ROW,
for *Ag. Agent to the Governor.*

APPENDIX II.

STATEMENT of tours by the Agent and his Assistants.

Name of Officer.	Number of tour.	Date for each tour. From	Date for each tour. To	Period spent on each tour.	Locality in which tour made.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Agent to the Governor.	1	7th June 1896.	19th June 1896.	13	Kondasanta Lammasinghi, Chintapalli, Lotugedda, Gimili, Minamalur.	
	2	1st Nov. ,,	2nd Nov. ,,	1	Rayaghada.	
	3	26th Jan. 1897.	17th Feb. 1897.	23	Pottanghi, Koraput, Jeypore, and Nowrangapur Taluks.	
2. Principal Assistant Agent.	1	13th May 1896.	15th May 1896.	3		
3. Senior Assistant Agent.	2	4th Feb. 1897.	10th Feb. 1897.	7	Palkonda Agency.	
	1	18th Apr. 1896.	21st Apr. 1896.	4	Rayaghada.	
	2	3rd May ,,	15th May ,,	13	Elwinpet, Gunupur, Challakamba, Regada, Gunupur and Elwinpet.	
	3	9th June ,,	10th June ,,	2	Jidipeta, Rayaghada and Jidipeta.	
	4	19th July ,,	31st July ,,	13	Jagannadhapur *viâ* Elwinpet, Gunupur, Gudari, Ponkaliguda, Gudari, Sarisi, Sambariguda and Kondasanta.	
	5	1st Aug. ,,	8th Aug. ,,	8	Gudari and back to Gunupur.	
	6	12th ,, ,,	13th ,, ,,	2	Rayaghada and back.	
	7	5th Oct. ,,	7th Oct. ,,	3	Jagannadhapur, Elwinpet and back.	
	8	1st Nov. ,,	1st Nov. ,,	1	Rayaghada and back.	
	9	11th ,, ,,	26th ,, ,,	16	Gunupur, Gudari, Sirigunda, Bijapur, Chendrapur, Rayabijji, Dongasurada, Kutragada, Bissemkatak and Rayaghada.	
	10	24th Dec. ,,	24th Dec. ,,	1	Jidipeta and back.	
	11	15th Jan. 1897.	24th Jan. 1897.	10	Gunupur, Gudari and back to Gunupur.	
	12	28th ,, ,,	29th ,, ,,	2	Narayanapatnam, Alamanda and back.	
	13	2nd Feb. ,,	8th Feb. ,,	7	Rayaghada, Kottapeta, Singapur, Sikarapai, Jidipeta.	
	14	23rd ,, ,,	28th ,, ,,	6	Gunupur, Pottasingi and back to Gunupur.	
4. Special Assistant Agent.	15	1st Mar. ,,	2nd Mar. ,,	2	Gunupur and back.	
	1	14th Apr. 1896.	12th May 1896.	29	Jeypore, Nowrangapur and Koraput Taluks.	
	2	18th May ,,	26th ,, ,,	9	Pottanghi Taluk.	
	3	7th June ,,	9th June ,,	3	Jeypore Taluk.	
	4	12th ,, ,,	1st July ,,	20	Pottanghi and Padwa Taluks.	
	5	2nd July ,,	6th ,, ,,	5	Pottanghi	To go to the plains during the monsoons.
	6	25th Oct. ,,	2nd Nov. ,,	9	Do.	On return from the plains.
	7	9th Nov. ,,	16th Dec. ,,	38	Koraput, Pottanghi, Malkanagiri and Jeypore.	
	8	29th Dec. 1896.	24th Feb. 1897.	58	Koraput, Jeypore and Nowrangapur.	
	9	28th Feb. 1897.	4th Mar. ,,	5	Pottanghi Taluk ..	To go to Waltair to hand over charge before transfer.
	10	16th Mar. ,,	21st ,, ,,	6	Do. ..	To join the headquarters.
	11	30th ,, ,,	31st ,, ,,	2	Do.	
5. Head Assistant Agent.	1	19th Nov. 1896.	30th Nov. 1896.	12	Golgonda Agency ..	To inspect Agency ghât work.
	2	2nd Mar. 1897	18th Mar. 1897.	7	Do. ..	For the settlement of Dharakonda reserve.
	3	11th ,, ,,	16th ,, ,,	6	Do. ..	Do. do.
6. Huzur Deputy Collector.	1	10th Aug. 1896.	13th Aug. 1896.	4	Kasipatnam and Anantagiri.	

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APPENDIX III.

STATEMENT of rainfall recorded in 1896-97 and the preceding year.

Taluk or division.	Name of station.	Average of previous years. *	1895-96.	1896-97.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Gunupur	Gunupur..	44·88	70·22	37·15	Average of 9 years.
2. Bissemkatak	Bissemkatak	51·18	47·72	39·58	Do. 6 ,,
3. Rayaghada	Rayaghada	43·33	51·28	37·78	Do. 10 ,,
4. Pottanghi	Pottanghi	58·60	62·34	50·74	Do. 10 ,,
5. Koraput	Koraput	57·49	73·06	76·59	Do. 10 ,,
6. Nowrangapur	Nowrangapur	58·00	75·00	62·12	Do. 10 ,,
7. Jeypore	Jeypore	71·54	93·53	85·78	Do. 10 ,,
8. Malkanagiri	Malkanagiri	61·77	92·08	64·88	Do. 10 ,,
9. Padwa	Padwa..	45·98	73·26	56·25	Do. 10 ,,
10. Chintapilli	....	..	..	..	..

* This column 3 should contain the average rainfall for the ten years preceding the year specified in column 4. If statistics are not available for so long a period, the average of the period for which record exists should be entered.

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APPENDIX V.

Statistics of Criminal Justice for the Vizagapatam Agency for the year 1896–97.

Name of Court.	Trials or enquiries.																Appeals.										
	Cases.								Persons.								Cases.					Persons.					
	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Received during the year.	Received by commitment.	Total.	Committed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1897.	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Received during the year.	Received by commitment.	Total.	Convicted.	Committed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1897.	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Received during the year.	Total.	Disposed of.	Pending on 31st March 1897.	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Received during the year.	Total.	Disposed of.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1. Agent to the Governor ..	..	..	31	31	..	31	31	..	..	..	68	68	30	..	38	68	..	..	16	16	16	..	..	32	32	32	32	..
2. Principal Assistant Agent ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	8	..	..	23	23	23	23	..
Additional Sessions Judge ..	..	..	18	18	..	18	18	..	..	..	39	39	23	..	16	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Senior Assistant Agent ..	3	20	7	30	..	30	30	..	4	68	20	92	48	..	44	92	..	..	16	16	16	..	..	33	33	33	33	..
4. Special do. ..	1	47	13	61	5	55	60	1	3	94	27	124	50	5	68	123	1	7	21	28	28	..	19	32	51	51	51	..
5. Head do. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	5	5	5	..
6. Second-class Magistrate, Golgonda	..	20	..	20	1	18	19	1	..	43	..	43	24	1	15	40	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Second-class Sheristadar, Golgonda ..	..	27	..	27	1	26	27	..	..	71	..	71	28	1	42	71	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Do. do. Viravilli ..	..	6	..	6	..	6	6	..	..	27	..	27	1	..	26	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Do. do. Padwa ..	..	91	..	91	1	89	90	1	..	197	..	197	63	1	132	196	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Do. do. Sálúru ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Do. do. Parvatipuram ..	..	35	..	35	1	34	35	..	..	87	..	87	10	3	74	87	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12. Do. do. Gunupur ..	1	259	..	260	3	251	254	6	1	463	..	464	256	3	191	450	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. Do. do. Rayaghada.	3	188	..	191	8	181	189	2	43	340	..	383	155	16	209	380	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Do. do. Bissemkatak ..	..	121	..	121	5	116	121	..	..	255	..	255	127	10	118	255	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15. Do. do. Jeypore ..	2	299	..	301	17	270	287	14	3	535	..	538	284	41	182	507	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16. Do. do. Koraput .	4	77	..	81	12	62	74	7	6	170	..	176	70	33	59	162	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17. Do. do. Nowrangapur ..	1	227	..	228	4	220	224	4	2	347	..	349	250	10	84	344	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18. Do. do. Pottanghi.	..	103	..	103	2	97	99	4	..	203	..	203	128	9	61	198	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
19. Do. do. Malkanagiri. ..	1	60	..	61	3	58	61	..	1	90	..	91	53	6	32	91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20. Do. do. Palkonda.	2	96	..	98	..	98	98	..	2	434	..	436	235	..	201	436	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
21. Do. do. Srungavarapukota.	1	1	..	2	..	2	2	..	1	3	..	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. { 1896–97 ..	19	1,677	69	1,765	63	1,662	1,725	40	66	3,427	154	3,647	1,839	139	1,592	3,570	77	7	62	69	69	..	19	125	144	144	144	..
1895–96 ..	28	1,458	68	1,554	67	1,468	1,535	19	134	3,031	200	3,365	1,586	220	1,493	3,299	66	2	54	56	49	7	5	151	156	137	137	19

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APPENDIX VI.

Statistics of Civil Justice for the Vizagapatam Agency for the year 1896–97.

Name of Court.	Original Suits.								Appeal Suits.								Remarks.
	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or reference.	Total.	Disposed of.	Transferred to other Courts.	Total disposed of.	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or reference.	Total.	Disposed of.	Transferred to other Courts.	Total disposed of.	Pending on 31st March 1897.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1. Agent to the Governor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	6	6	..	6	..	
2. Principal Assistant Agent	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
3. Senior do.	5	13	..	18	8	8	16	2	..	14	..	14	10	..	10	4	
4. Special do.	1	18	2	21	6	10	16	5	1	3	..	4	2	..	2	2	
5. Head do.	..	2	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	
6. Agency, Munsif, Palakonda	2	1	..	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
7. Do. Gunupur	58	90	35	183	58	65	123	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
8. Do. Padwa	..	17	6	23	20	..	20	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
9. Do. Rayaghada	13	103	3	119	112	..	112	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
10. Do. Narayanapatnam ..	7	65	66	138	104	28	132	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
11. Do. Pottanghi	..	4	3	7	5	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
12. Do. Koraput	4	..	..	4	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
13. Do. Jeypore	33	52	8	93	75	..	75	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
14. Do. Nowrangapur ..	..	35	..	35	32	..	32	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
15. Do. Malkanagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
16. Do. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
17. Do. Golgonda	15	15	..	30	19	..	19	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total .. { 1896–97 ..	138	415	123	676	444	115	559	117	4	21	..	25	19	..	19	6	
1895–96 ..	183	446	36	665	497	29	526	139	10	29	..	39	34	1	35	4	

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APPENDIX VII.

STATEMENT showing the work of Agency Hospitals and Dispensaries during the year 1896–97.

Name of Institution.	From what funds maintained.	Description of building.	Date when opened.	Number of patients treated. 1896–97. In.	Out.
Hospital at Gunupur	Government ..	Tiled building ..	15th Nov. 1890 ..	72	11,983
Do. at Rayaghada	Do. ..	Do. ..	1st Dec. 1887 ..	159	6,721
Government Dispensary at Jeypore.	Do. ..	Do. ..	23rd Oct. 1888 ..	53	3,434
Government Dispensary at Nowrangapur. ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	27th ,, 1887 ..	..	7,203
			13th Jan. 1890 ..	56	4,208
			Total ..	340	33,549

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APPENDIX VIII.

STATEMENT showing the strength and cost of Vaccine establishment and the number of operations performed by them in the Agency Tracts of Vizagapatam for the year 1896–97.

Name of taluk or division.	Deputy Inspectors. Number.	Deputy Inspectors. Pay per mensem.	Deputy Inspector's peon. Number.	Deputy Inspector's peon. Pay per mensem.	First-class vaccinators. Number.	First-class vaccinators. Pay per mensem.	Second-class vaccinators. Number.	Second-class vaccinators. Pay per mensem.	Probationers. Number.	Probationers. Pay per mensem.	Total cost of vaccination establishment including travelling allowances, contingencies, &c.	Number of cases vaccinated.	Number of successful cases.	Percentage of successful cases to total number vaccinated.	Percentage of cases verified.	Average cost of each successful case.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1. Gunupur	1	RS. 40	1	RS. 6	1	RS. 15	1	RS. 10	1	RS. A. P. 5 0 0	RS. A. P.					RS. A. P.
2. Bissemkatak	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..						
3. Rayaghada	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	1,820 6 11	6,000	5,112	85·2	54	0 5 8
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..						
5. Sáluru	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..						
6. Palakonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Pottanghi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Koraput	1	60	1	7	..	..	2	20	..	..						
9. Nowrangapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	1	5 0 0						
10. Jeypore	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	20	1	7 8 0						
11. Malkanagiri	..	..	..	..	1	15	1	10	..	..						
12. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	1	15	1	10	1	7 8 0	2,886 10 6	10,385	8,877	85·48	52·03	0 5 2
13. Padwa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
14. Viravilli	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..						
15. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Total ..	2	100	2	13	3	45	1	10	..	..	224 7 6	628	571	90·92	..	0 6 3
Compare preceding year ..	2	100	2	13	3	45	13	130	4	25 0 0	4,931 8 11	17,013	14,560	..	..	..
	2	100	2	13	3	45	13	130	4	25 0 0	5,190 10 9	13,143	10,668	..	..	..

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APPENDIX IX.

STATEMENT showing statistics of Agency schools during the year 1896–97.

Name of taluk or division.	Number and class of school.	Teachers employed and their salaries, Number. Trained.	Teachers employed and their salaries, Number. Total.	Teachers employed and their salaries, Amount of salary per annum.	Number of pupils on rolls on 31st March 1897. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average daily attendance. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Number of pupils belonging to aboriginal races on 31st March 1897. Boys.	Girls.	Number of schools inspected. By officers of the Educational department.	By Agency officers.	Number of pupils examined for grants.	Number of pupils found qualified for grants.	Receipts. Result grants.	Receipts. Fees.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Rs. A. P.													Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Principal Asst. Agent.	Salary-result schools. 3	..	3	285 8 3	68	..	68	46	..	46	45	..	3	..	30	9	27 0 0	..
Senior Asst. agent ..	Salary-result schools. 11	9	14	1,695 8 3	499	16	515	386	13	399	49	3	11	10	325	231	2,164 8 0	77 6 0
	Secondary school .. 1	2	6	1,348 9 0	571	..	571	40	..	40	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	93 8 0
	Result schools .. 55	4	69	..	2,021	18	1,039	816	10	826	47	1	45	..	534	369	1,891 0 0	297 0 0
	Indigenous schools . 21	..	21	..	214	..	214	168	..	168	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	630 0 0
Special Asst. Agent ..	Salary-result schools. 27	27	29	4,222 6 9	586	9	595	407	8	415	44	1	27	7	361	218	931 8 0	..
	Secondary school .. 1	1	4	1,206 6 9	131	4	135	173	3	176	..	..	2	..	..	..	438 8 0	..
	Result schools .. 10	2	10	..	137	14	151	106	11	117	19	..	5	..	39	23	114 0 0	..
	Indigenous schools. 12	Not received.		..	114	..	114	63	..	63	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Head Asst. Agent ..	Salary-result schools. 8	..	8	771 8 0	225	20	245	169	16	185	..	..	6	8	51	37	72 0 0	..
	Result schools .. 9	1	11	..	258	10	268	212	5	217	..	..	..	..	..	..	241 8 0	..
	Indigenous schools . 2	..	2	..	22	..	22	15	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	160	46	177	9,529 15 0	3,846	91	3,937	2,601	66	2,667	*209	*5	100	25	1,340	887	5,880 0 0	1,097 14 0
Compare preceding year ..	106	8	123	8,023 15 2	2,442	55	2,497	1,826	37	1,863	257	6	178	24	1,344	789	4,220 0 0	1,176 5 6

NOTE.—A foot-note should be added showing the number of pupils belonging to each class of aboriginal races receiving instruction in schools, *e.g.*, Khonds, 42; Sowrahs, 63; Jatapus, 72; Moolies, 6; Bhakata, 69; Vajulas, 6; Pydimalas, 3; Hondadoras, 12; Bothaidas, 30; Porajas, 10; Lohoras, 2; and Gadabas, 2.
* No details are furnished by the Assistant Inspector of Schools. The figures of the Divisional officers are given.

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APPENDIX X.

STATEMENT showing the progress of New Works and Repairs costing Rs. 250 and upwards in the Agency Tracts of Vizagapatam during the year 1896–97.

Name of taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure. From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new works).	Expenditure. In the year under report.	Remarks on progress. Length of the road.	Extent laid out or repaired.	Cost per mile.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	NEW WORKS.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Mls. Fur.	Mls. Fur.	Rs. A. P.	
	Communications.								
Senior Assistant Agent.	Párvatípuram-Rayaghada—								
	Government funds	18,500 0 0	18,602 3 2	23,257 5 3	18,602 3 2	15 4	..	..	Cost per mile cannot be stated as work was done in different portions of the road.
	Estate funds	7,881 10 7	1,910 3 1	(*a*) 31,968 12 11	1,475 15 8				
	Rayaghada-Komatlapeta—								
	Estate funds	..	6,000 0 0	..	200 0 0	5 0	2 0	100 0 0	
Special Assistant Agent.	Koraput-Lakshmipur—								
	Government funds	750 0 0	750 0 0	1,750 0 0	750 0 0	35 0	1 4	500 0 0	
	Padwa-Padera—								
	Government funds	750 0 0	850 0 0	1,066 3 9	850 0 0	34 0	4 0	212 8 0	
	Total .. { Government funds ..	20,000 0 0	20,202 3 2	26,073 9 0	20,202 3 2				
	Total .. { Estate funds	7,881 10 7	7,910 3 1	31,968 12 11	1,675 15 8				
	Buildings.								
	Rest-house at Jhorigam in the Nowrangapur taluk and at Mamamkonda in Malkanagiri taluk.	700 0 0	700 0 0	..	700 0 0				
	Hospital and Hospital Assistant's quarters at Malkanagiri.	500 0 0	300 0 0	..	300 0 0				
	Total ..	1,200 0 0	1,000 0 0	..	1,000 0 0				
	REPAIRS.								
	Communications.								
Principal Assistant Agent.	Sitampeta road—								
	Government funds	400 0 0	400 0 0	..	400 0 0	4 7	4 7	71 15 0	
Senior Assistant Agent.	Rayaghada-Central Provinces—								
	Government funds	2,500 0 0	2,000 0 0	..	2,000 0 0	70 0	37 0	54 0 10	
	Kutragada-Jagdalpur—								
	Government funds	..	500 0 0	..	500 0 0	8 0	1 3	363 10 2	
	Kurapam-Gunupur—								
	Government funds	500 0 0	500 0 0	..	500 0 0	26 0	21 0	47 9 11	
	Estate funds	500 0 0	500 0 0	..	500 0 0				

(*a*) This amount is less than that shown in last year's statement as a sum of Rs. 28-8-6 recovered after the close of 1895–96 was credited in 1896–97.

Statement showing the progress of New Works and Repairs costing Rs. 250 and upwards in the Agency Tracts of Vizagapatam, &c.—*cont.*

Name of taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure.		Remarks on progress.			Remarks.
				From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new works).	In the year under report.	Length of the road.	Extent laid out or repaired.	Cost per mile.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	REPAIRS—*cont.*	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	MLS. FUR.	MLS. FUR.	RS. A. P.	
	Communications—cont.								
Senior Assistant Agent—*cont.*	Komatlapeta-Singapur—Government funds	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	..	1,000 0 0	25 0	25 0	40 0 0	
	Gunupur-Sowra Hills—Government funds	250 0 0	250 0 0	..	250 0 0	12 0	12 0	20 13 4	
	Gunupur Bissemkatak—Government funds	1,500 0 0	1,600 0 0	..	1,600 0 0	38 0	38 0	42 1 8	
	Khond Hills road—Government funds	300 0 0	300 0 0	..	300 0 0	64 0	8 0	37 8 0	
	Pârvatipuram-Narayanapatnam—Government funds	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	..	1,000 0 0	23 0	23 0	43 7 8	
	Chollapuram-Rayaghada—Government funds	500 0 0	500 0 0	..	500 0 0	15 4	15 4	32 4 2	
Special Assistant Agent.	Metalling Ranigedda ghat—Government funds	1,250 0 0	1,250 0 0	..	1,250 0 0	1 4	1 4	833 5 4	
	Koraput-Jeypore—Government funds	4,000 0 0	3,750 0 0	..	3,750 0 0	14 0	14 0	267 13 8	
	Nowrangapur-Central Provinces—Government funds	2,500 0 0	2,500 0 0	..	2,500 0 0	73 0	40 0	62 8 0	
	Petta ghat—Government funds	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	..	1,000 0 0	83 0	31 0	32 4 2	
	Koraput-Borigumma—Government funds	1,000 0 0	1,249 2 7	..	1,249 2 7	22 0	22 0	56 12 5	
	Jeypore-Borigumma—Government funds	1,000 0 0	999 9 5	..	999 9 5	15 0	15 0	66 10 3	
	Borigumma-Kotpad—Government funds	1,000 0 0	1,196 11 0	..	1,196 11 0	17 0	17 0	70 6 3	
	Borigumma-Nowrangapur—Government funds	1,000 0 0	999 13 2	..	999 13 2	13 0	13 0	76 14 7	
	Jeypore-Motu—Government funds	2,500 0 0	2,500 0 0	..	2,500 0 0	132 0	132 0	18 15 0	
	Malkanagiri-Kondakamvera—Government funds	500 0 0	500 0 0	..	500 0 0	32 0	32 0	15 10 0	
	Bridle-path to Nandapore—Government funds	1,000 0 0	999 15 9	..	999 15 9	14 0	14 0	71 6 10	

Statement showing the progress of New Works and Repairs costing Rs. 250 and upwards in the Agency Tracts of Vizagapatam, &c.—*cont.*

Name of taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure.		Remarks on progress.			Remarks.
				From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new works).	In the year under report.	Length of the road.	Extent laid out or repaired.	Cost per mile.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	REPAIRS—*cont.*	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	MLS. FUR.	MLS. FUR.	RS. A. P.	
	Communications—cont.								
Special Assistant Agent—*cont.*	Turner's ghât—Government funds	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	..	1,000 0 0	20 0	20 0	50 0 0	
	Pappadahonedi-Maindalpur—Government funds	500 0 0	650 0 0	..	650 0 0	8 0	8 0	81 4 0	
	Petty ghâts—Government funds	400 0 0	400 0 0	..	400 0 0		Mere tracks.		
	Kotpad-Bastar—Government funds	800 0 0	798 14 2	..	798 14 2	8 4	0 6	1,065 2 11	
Head Assistant Agent.	Minamalur ghât—Government funds	1,200 0 0	1,200 0 0	..	1,200 0 0	12 0	12 0	100 0 0	
	Lammasingi ghât—Government funds	1,000 0 0	1,050 0 0	..	1,050 0 0	8 0	8 0	131 4 0	
Huzur Deputy Collector.	Chilakalagedda-Anantagiri—Government funds	1,000 0 0	1,350 0 0	..	1,350 0 0	15 0	15 0	90 0 0	
	Total ..	31,100 0 0	31,944 2 1	..	31,944 2 1				
	Buildings.								
Special Assistant Agent.	Government buildings at Koraput ..	3,250 0 0	3,355 13 11	..	3,355 13 11				
	WORKS COSTING LESS THAN RS. 250.								
	New Works.								
	Communications	..	..	..	..				
	Buildings.								
	Senior Assistant Agent	..	200 0 0	..	200 0 0				
	Repairs.								
	Communications.								
	Principal Assistant Agent	50 0 0	50 0 0	..	50 0 0				
	Senior do.	..	..	..	..				
	Special do.	265 0 0	290 0 0	..	290 0 0				
	Head do.	670 0 0	961 5 8	..	961 5 8				
	Total ..	985 0 0	1,301 5 8	..	1,301 5 8				

Statement showing the progress of New Works and Repairs costing Rs. 250 and upwards in the Agency Tracts of Vizagapatam, &c.—*cont.*

Name of taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure.		Remarks on progress.			Remarks.
				From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new works).	In the year under report.	Length of the road.	Extent laid out or repaired.	Cost per mile.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Works costing less than Rs. 250 —*cont.*	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Mls. Fur.	Mls. Fur.	Rs. A. P.	
	Repairs—cont.								
	Buildings.								
	Principal Assistant Agent	100 0 0	150 0 0	..	150 0 0				
	Senior do.	1,350 0 0	1,442 8 0	..	1,442 8 0				
	Special do.	3,155 0 0	3,305 0 0	..	3,305 0 0				
	Head do.	653 0 0	667 0 0	..	667 0 0				
	Total ..	5,258 0 0	5,564 8 0	..	5,564 8 0				
	Total, Repairs ..	6,243 0 0	6,865 13 8	..	6,865 13 8				
	Total, New Works and Repairs ..	6,243 0 0	7,065 13 8	..	7,065 13 8				
	Sanitation.								
	Principal Assistant Agent	50 0 0	385 0 0	..	300 0 0				
	Senior do.	720 0 0	720 0 0	..	720 0 0				
	Special do.	2,000 0 0	2,000 0 0	..	2,000 0 0				
	Head do.	192 0 0	62 9 10	..	62 9 10				
	Total ..	2,962 0 0	3,167 9 10	..	3,082 9 10				
	Supervision.								
	Principal Assistant Agent	..	..	..	..				
	Senior do.	..	..	..	..				
	Special do.	360 0 0	358 0 0	..	358 0 0				
	Head do.	360 0 0	134 0 6	..	134 0 6				
	Huzur Deputy Collector	..	189 0 0	..	189 0 0				
	Total ..	720 0 0	681 0 6	..	681 0 6				

Statement showing the progress of New Works and Repairs costing Rs. 250 and upwards in the Agency Tracts of Vizagapatam, &c.—*cont.*

Name of taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure.		Remarks on progress.			Remarks.
				From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new works).	In the year under report.	Length of the road.	Extent laid out or repaired.	Cost per mile.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Abstract.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Mls. Fur.	Mls. Fur.	Rs. A. P.	
	New Works.								
	Communications	{ 20,000 0 0 { 7,881 10 7	20,202 3 2 7,910 3 1	26,073 9 0 31,968 12 11	20,202 3 2 1,675 15 8				
	Buildings	1,200 0 0	1,000 0 0	..	1,000 0 0				
	Total ..	{ 21,200 0 0 { 7,881 10 7	21,202 3 2 7,910 3 1	26,073 9 0 31,968 12 11	21,202 3 2 1,675 15 8				
	Repairs.								
	Communications	31,100 0 0	31,944 2 1	..	31,944 2 1				
	Buildings	3,250 0 0	3,355 13 11	..	3,355 13 11				
	Total ..	34,350 0 0	35,300 0 0	..	35,300 0 0				
	Total, New Works and Repairs ..	{ 55,550 0 0 { 7,881 10 7	56,502 3 2 7,910 3 1	26,073 9 0 31,968 12 11	56,502 3 2 1,675 15 8				
	Works costing less than Rs. 250 ..	6,243 0 0	7,065 13 8	..	7,065 13 8				
	Sanitation	2,962 0 0	3,167 9 10	..	3,082 9 10				
	Miscellaneous	24 0 0	24 0 0	..	24 0 0				
	Tools and plant	1,500 0 0	1,559 0 0	..	1,559 0 0				
	Supervision	720 0 0	681 0 6	..	681 0 6				
	Reserve	2,001 0 0	..	..	..				
	Grand Total ..	{ 69,000 0 0 { 7,881 10 7	68,999 11 2 7,910 3 1	26,073 9 0 31,968 12 11	68,914 11 2 1,675 15 8				

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APPENDIX XI.

STATEMENT showing the Details of the Works undertaken for the improvement of Sanitation in the Agency Tracts of Vizagapatam during the year 1896-97.

Name of taluk or division.	Improvement of water-supply.							Conservancy of towns and improvement of village-sites.						Remarks.
	New tanks dug.		New wells sunk.		Existing sources of supply repaired or otherwise improved.		Total expenditure.	Name of town or village dealt with.	Conservancy.		Expenditure on			
	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.			Hands employed.	Cost.	Laying out streets and drains.	Water-supply.	Other improvements.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Rs.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Palkonda	..	..	60	300 0 0	..	..	300 0 0	Daburu	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Gulumuru	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Kondasorlangi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Murajada	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Kindangi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Poozada	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Pedakamberu	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Gedali	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Chakkapuram	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Velagapuram	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Danjapayi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Dabara	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Chinnakamba	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Tangurabhadra	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Artikonda	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Kamba	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Pedatankidi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Kottadi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Pubbada	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Chinavangaru	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Tadipayi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Gadidupayi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Pedapalla	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Chinnapalla	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Vandidi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Menakota	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Rayikerada	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Valagajji	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Chinakambavalsa	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Darapadu	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Kayyalaguda	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Kosangi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Jelladupadu	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	

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Name of taluk or division.	Improvement of water-supply.							Conservancy of towns and improvement of village-sites.						Remarks.
	New tanks dug.		New wells sunk.		Existing sources of supply repaired or otherwise improved.		Total expenditure.	Name of town or village dealt with.	Conservancy.		Expenditure on			
	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.			Hands employed.	Cost.	Laying out streets and drains.	Water-supply.	Other improvements.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Rs.		Rs- A. P-		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Palkonda—*cont.*	..	..	60	300 0 0	..	..	300 0 0	Dasugumadu	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Gadugujji	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Chinatankidi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Gujji	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Gadikaram	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Manda	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Kursingi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Vamberili	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Bugatapalli	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Kodulaviraghattam ..	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Nuvvalapadu	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Jallana	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Sambam	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Jelledupadu	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Booravalsa	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Pedavangara	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Bhuchendri	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Mutzalu	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Salagam	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Kodisa	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Sarikavalsa	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Lekottavalsa	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Budalajuda	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Pedduru	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Ualagedda	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Turaipuvalsa	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
								Duggi	..	..	..	5 0 0	..	
Gunupur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Kapaguda	13	360 0 0	..	..	..	
Rayaghada	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Rayaghada	6	194 8 0	45 8 0	..	..	
Bissemkatak	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Bissemkatak	4	120 0 0	..	..	..	
Koraput	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Koraput	8	405 10 0	412 0 0	..	182 6 0	
Jeypore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Jeypore	7	358 12 0	141 4 0	..	..	
Nowrangapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nowrangapur	7	336 10 0	163 6 0	..	..	
Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Krishnadevipeta	1	20 0 0	..	..	..	
								Kondasanta	1	42 9 10	..	..	..	
Total ..	..	..	60	300 0 0	..	..	300 0 0		47	1,838 1 10	762 2 0	300 0 0	182 6 0	
Compare preceding year ..	..	..	..	..	4	280 11 7	280 11 7		54	2,225 12 2	1,243 1 9	280 11 7	389 7 6	

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APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the Abkári revenue of the Agency Tracts of Vizagapatam for the year 1896–97.

Name of taluk or division.	System.	Name of farm rented.	Amount of rents.	Number of shops.			Demand.		Collection.		Remission.	Balance.	
				At beginning of year.	Newly opened during the year.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.	Current.		Arrears.	Current.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Rs.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Gunupur	Renting system	Gunupur farm ..	53,631½	260	..	260	1,040	53,631½	1,040	50,209½	..	..	3,422
2. Bissemkatak				158	..	158							
3. Rayaghada				328	..	328							
4. Párvatípuram				147	..	147							
5. Palkonda				21	..	21							
6. Sálúr	Do.	Koraput farm ..	10,000	16	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Pottanghi				185	..	185	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Koraput				200	..	200	..	10,000	..	7,500	..	..	2,500
9. Portion of Padwa				51	..	51							
10. Jeypore	Anani	..	21,479	150	..	150	..	21,479	..	21,479	..	..	..
11. Nowrangapore			16,247	221	..	221	..	16,247	..	12,185¼	..	..	4,061¾
12. Malkanagiri			1,879	40	..	40	..	1,879	..	1,415½	..	..	463½
13. Srungavarapukota			252	4	..	4	..	252	..	189	..	..	63
14. Padwa			2,392	9	..	9	803	2,392	803	1,794	..	..	598
15. Viravilli			211	2	..	2	..	211	..	211	..	..	..
16. Golgonda			1,755	13	..	13	71	1,755	71	1,238¾	..	..	516¼
		Total ..	1,07,846½	1,805	..	1,805	1,914	1,07,846½	1,914	96,222	..	..	11,624½
		Compare preceding year ..	97,281	1,862	1	1,863	1,650	97,281	1,650	95,367	..	..	1,914

Note.—Any large increase or decrease in the number of shops opened, or in the amount received in the form of rents, should be explained in a foot-note to this statement.

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the Opium revenue of the Agency Tracts in Vizagapatam during 1896–97.

Name of taluk or division.	Number of shops		Selling price to consumers (tolas per rupee).	Consumption in pounds.		Rents and license fees.	Remarks.
	Sold by auction.	Let on fixed license fees.		1895–96.	1896–97.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						Rs.	
1. Gunupur ..	1	4	2½	288	292	320	One free license issued.
2. Bissemkatak ..	1	1		109	108	220	
3. Rayaghada ..	2	..		226	202	347	
4. Párvatipuram ..	1	..		77	68	190	
5. Sálúr ..	..	..		..	..	..	
6. Palkonda ..	..	..		..	188	545	
7. Pottanghi ..	3	..		39	195	535	
8. Koraput ..	2	..		171	1,216	3,400	
9. Jeypore ..	7	..		1,221	618	1,275	
10. Nowrangapur ..	3	..		503	1,210	2,258	
11. Malkanagiri ..	13	4		1,165	213	473	
12. Srungavarapakota.	2	..		223	1,805	6,205	
13. Padwa ..	33	1		1,574	1,459	393	
14. Viravilli ..	4	3		1,601	678	1,229	
15. Golgonda ..	7	3		710			
Total ..	79	16	..	7,907	8,102	* 17,395	

* This excludes Rs. 16,861, the rental for exclusive privilege of supply.

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APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the Demand, Collection, Remission and Balance of all sources of revenue in the Agency Tracts in Vizagapatam in 1896–97.

Items.	Demand.			Collection.			Remission.	Balance.		
	Arrear.	Current.	Total.	Arrear.	Current.	Total.		Arrear.	Current.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
I. Land Revenue—	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1. Permanently settled	5,600	19,000 0 0	24,600 0 0	5,600	13,400	19,000	..	..	5,600 0 0	5,600 0 0
2. Land Revenue including miscellaneous cesses	* 1,291	* 17,521 0 0	18,812 0 0	673	13,675	14,348	759	315	3,390 0 0	3,705 0 0
3. Quit-rent on service inams	* 25	* 133 0 0	158 0 0	21	88	109	..	4	45 0 0	49 0 0
4 Miscellaneous revenue, fines	..	3 0 0	3 0 0	..	3	3	..	..	..	..
Total ..	6,916	36,657 0 0	43,573 0 0	6,294	27,166	33,460	759	319	9,035 0 0	9,354 0 0
II. Abkári including license fees	1,914	1,07,846 8 0	1,09,760 8 0	1,914	96,222	98,136	..	..	11,624 8 0	11,624 8 0
III. Village-cess	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
IV. Opium	59	34,246 0 0	34,305 0 0	59	34,233	34,292	..	..	13 0 0	13 0 0
V. Ferries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
VI School, Road and Dák funds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
VII. Stamps	..	11,288 0 0	11,288 0 0	..	11,288	11,288	..	..	..	..
VIII. Forests	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,973	1,53,380 8 0	1,55,353 8 0	1,973	1,41,743	1,43,716	..	..	11,637 8 0	11,637 8 0
Grand Total ..	8,889	1,90,037 8 0	1,98,926 8 0	8,267	1,68,909	1,77,176	759	319	20,672 8 0	20,991 8 0

* The jamabandy of Palkonda taluk was not conducted and these are liable for revision.

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the number of wild animals killed in the Agency Tracts of Vizagapatam and the rewards granted during 1896–97.

Officer granting the reward.	Tigers.		Panthers.		Bears.		Total.		Number killed by wild beasts.	
	Number killed.	Amount of reward.	Number killed.	Amount of reward.	Number killed.	Amount of reward	Number killed.	Amount of reward.	Persons.	Cattle.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Agent to the Governor ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Principal Assistant Agent.	..	..	4	75	..	..	4	75	..	
Senior do.	..	..	41	517	4	16	45	533	3	34
Special do.	17	1,680	65	1,359	9	41	91	3,080	43	101
Head do.	14	1,070	42	838	1	6	57	1,914	3	6
Deputy Tahsildar, Malkanagiri ..	12	1,080	12	290	6	29	30	1,399	12	29
Deputy Tahsildar, Bissemkatak	1	100	8	145	2	10	11	255	..	..
Total ..	44	3,930	172	3,224	22	102	238	7,256	61	194
Compare preceding year ..	30	2,865	208	3,470	26	122	264	6,457	138	293

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Order—No. 1538, Jucidial, dated 3rd November 1897.

The year 1896–97 was again an uneventful one in the Agency Tracts in Vizagapatam, though there was at one time a possibility of some trouble in the Gudari mutta. In hill Madgole the lax administration of the Rani caused several disputes, but the Government trusts that the action taken by the Agent will lead to the settlement of them without difficulty.

2. The health of the people was generally good and the season, though less favourable than usual, was, on the whole, fair.

3. The Agent's observations in paragraph 5 of his report on the attitude of the Maharaja of Jeypore with regard to his contribution to the maintenance of the roads in his estate are noted. Should the Maharaja find himself still unable to allot an adequate sum for this purpose, it will become necessary to extend the Local Boards Act to Jeypore, as soon as it is amended, so that it may be possible to collect road-cess therein. The Maharaja should be informed of the intention of Government in this respect.

4. A sanad embodying the temporary settlement of the quit-rent payable on account of the Kotapad pargana of the Jeypore Estate was issued and forwarded to the Agent with G.O., No. 965, Judicial Department, dated 6th July 1897, for delivery to the Maharaja. The Maharaja's appeal against this settlement is under the consideration of Government, and orders thereon will be passed separately.

5. The Agent will doubtless inform Government of the action which may be found necessary in the case of Rayabijji Patro referred to in paragraph 8 of his report.

6. The touring of the Agent and his Head Assistant was to some extent interrupted by the unfavourable season in the plains, but that done by him and his various Assistants was, under the circumstances, satisfactory.

7. Orders regarding the transfer of the Koraput sub-jail to the Jail department alluded to in paragraph 18 of the Agent's letter, will be issued separately.

8. Particulars of the work which came before the Civil and Criminal courts in each of the last five years are shown in the subjoined statement.

Year.	Criminal.				Civil.			
	Cases.		Appeals.		Cases.		Appeals.	
	Received.	Pending.	Received.	Pending.	Received.	Pending.	Received.	Pending.
1892–93	1,797	34	32	..	527	231	14	..
1893–94	1,454	27	35	2	443	127	34	9
1894–95	1,606	28	34	2	553	183	31	10
1895–96	1,526	19	54	7	446	139	29	4
1896–97	1,746	40	62	..	415	117	21	6

The increase in the number of cases received during the year under report has been explained to be due partly to the unfavourable state of the season and partly to the institution of a large number of nuisance cases in Rayaghada. The Government considers that in the Agency tracts caution should be exercised in the use of the penal provisions of the law relating to sanitation.

9. The advance in the number of in-patients treated at the Agency hospitals and dispensaries noticed in previous reviews continued in 1896–97; but there was a decline in the number of out-patients treated during the year, the figures having fallen from 35,538 to 33,549. The decrease occurred mainly in Bissemkatak and should now be explained; it was apparently due to the unsatisfactory conduct of the hospital assistant there, who has since been dismissed. The new hospital building at Jeypore appears to have been ready about the middle of June 1896, but no in-patients were treated there during the year under report. The reason should be explained and the Maharaja requested to state why the hospital assistant has not yet been provided with quarters.

10. Statistics of the work performed by the Agency vaccinators during the last five years appear below:—

Year.	Number vaccinated.	Number successfully vaccinated.	Percentage of success.
1892–93	13,351	12,347	92·5
1893–94	14,151	12,368	87·4
1894–95	13,521	11,788	87·2
1895–96	13,143	10,668	81·1
1896–97	17,013	14,560	85·5

During the year under review both the number of individuals who were returned as having been vaccinated and the reported percentage of the cases which were successful increased, the former being the highest figure reached during the past quinquennium. The attention of the Sanitary Commissioner will be drawn to the statements in paragraph 24 of the Agent's letter that there was no vaccinator in the Head Assistant Agent's division for some three months, that a special vaccinator is required in the Principal Assistant Agent's charge, and that the post of Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, Gunupur, has been vacant for seven months, and he will be requested to report upon these matters.

11. The Agent considers the percentage of successful cases to be unsatisfactory. In paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 1465, Judicial Department, dated 11th September 1896, reviewing last year's report, it was remarked that the quality of the lymph appeared to be a subject of general complaint and the Agent was asked to report. His reply, Dis. No. 421 of 1897, dated 2nd July 1897, indicates that the fault does not so much lie in the quality of the lymph supplied as in its deterioration owing to the time occupied in its transmission by post and to irregularity in its supply. To minimise these difficulties, he suggests that the lymph should be supplied on fixed dates, the vaccinators being directed to be present at head-quarters on those days to receive it, and that lanoline paste should be used instead of glycerine and the lymph protected as far as possible from the heat of the sun by securing it in leather bags or otherwise. These suggestions appear to be desirable, and the Agent should, if the Sanitary Commissioner has no objections to make, take steps to give effect to them.

12. Education in the Agency advanced considerably during the year. Excluding certain indigenous schools which were included in the statistics for the first time, there was an increase in the schools, the pupils on the rolls and the average daily attendance. The number of pupils who belonged to aboriginal races appears to have fallen, but it seems evident that this was partly due to doubts as to which tribes should be considered to be aboriginal and to consequent differences in classification. The progress of education among these races is a matter of interest, and the Agent is requested to report whether it is not possible to draw up an exhaustive list of the tribes which for this purpose should be considered to be aboriginal, so that the classification may in future be made on clear and definite principles.

13. Only 100 schools, against 178 in 1895–96, were visited by Educational officers, and Divisional officers again inspected but few even of the secondary and salary-result schools.

14. The statement that trained teachers increased from 8 to 46 would seem to be erroneous. The Agent is requested to report on this point.

15. The expenditure upon Public Works was satisfactory, only Rs. 85–4–10 having lapsed out of a total allotment of Rs. 69,000. The programme of road-construction for the next five years submitted with Mr. Horne's letter, No. 242, dated 19th April last, has been referred back to him in G.O., No. 1308, Judicial Department, dated 8th September 1897, for further consideration of certain points. The Agent's proposal in regard to the transfer to the Public Works Department of the Koraput-Jeypore section of the Sálúru-Central Provinces road will be referred to that department for favour of early remarks.

16. Estimates aggregating Rs. 1,349–9–9 have recently been sanctioned (G.O., No. 1257, Judicial Department, dated 31st August 1897), for the construction of sheds for the Agency elephants.

17. The attention of the Public Works Department will be invited to the statement in paragraph 18 of the Agent's report that no action has yet been taken regarding the alterations in the roof of the taluk office building at Pottangi. The explanation of the officer responsible will be called for in that department.

18. Paragraphs 15, 28, 29 and 32 will be considered in the Revenue Department.

19. The Agent will be requested in future to number each paragraph of his administration reports. The circumstances under which the two ring-leaders, referred to in paragraph 21 of the report, escaped from the district jail should be reported.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

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