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Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
1. Pattikonda ..	8·64	7·28	12·85	17·46	10·30	9·53	..	..	The prices of rice are rising at Pattikonda and stationary elsewhere
2 Pyápali ..	7·56	7·49	..	17·46	9·78	9·53	8·46	..	
3. Kurnool ..	7·15	7·50	10·32	12·90	8·56	10·96	..	..	The prices of ragi are falling throughout.
4. Nandikotkur.	7·50	7·86	..	..	9·24	11·64	..	..	
5. Atmakúru ..	8·21	8·21	..	..	9·93	13·35	..	..	The prices of cholam are rising in Pattikonda and Pyápali, and falling elsewhere. The prices of cumbu are falling in Markapur, and stationary elsewhere.
6. Nandyal ..	8·93	8·94	11·61	12·90	10·61	11·30	..	..	
7. Kalwa ..	7·15	7·15	11·61	11·61	9·24	11·64	9·06	..	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·30	12·00	12·75	9·48	10·27	8·75	..	
9. Owk	7·05	7·47	11·62	12·00	8·69	9·48	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·15	7·15	12·25	12·25	9·93	10·27	..	..	
11. Giddalore ..	8·30	8·30	12·75	12·75	11·06	11·06	10·15	10·15	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	13·50	15·75	..	..	10·15	11·23	
Average for affected tracts ..	7·74	7·66	11·75	13·67	9·57	10·37	8·76	..	
Average for the whole district.	7·85	7·83	12·06	13·78	9·71	10·82	9·31	10·70	

Activity of trade.—Trade was active in the eastern and western sections, and dull in the two central sections. The markets were well supplied, but prices did not fall very appreciably.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—The general condition of the relief workers was, on the whole, fair. The large decline during the fortnight in the numbers on the works was due chiefly to the great improvement in the season, and the consequent return of labourers to agricultural pursuits, and, to some extent, to the rigid enforcement of the rules that late

attendance should entail forfeiture of the whole day's pay, and that wilful failure to perform the prescribed task should be punished by the imposition of fines in proportion to the deficiency in the work done. The enforcement of the former rule is what the cooly of this district particularly objects to. I understand that on 10th instant, the date to which the figures in the subjoined tables relate, as many as 5,000 persons were marked absent for neglecting to work for the full day, that is, either for attending late or for leaving the workspot before the appointed hour. The work at Mutyalpad was closed during the period, the number of workers having fallen below 300. I am arranging to amalgamate certain works in the Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks.

In villages.—Cholera was still prevalent in all the taluks to the west of the Nallamalais, especially in Sirvel.

There was lately an outbreak in the Cumbum taluk. The number of deaths was 189 for the whole district. The condition of the people in villages appears to be pretty good. Many persons have been removed from the grain-dole registers in the Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks, where I have been touring, but not a single complaint in regard to the removals has reached me, and there is, I think, no doubt that private charity is once more beginning to be dispensed in many villages by the well-to-do.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera, fever and dysentery were the chief diseases, as is usual at this time of the year. There were no deaths from starvation.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
1. Pattikonda	36,265	18,428
2. Rámallakóta	27,581	23,768
3. Nandyal	15,581	6,783
4. Koilkuntla	37,391	26,770
5. Sirvel	9,725	6,157
Total ...	126,543	81,906

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved								Remarks.
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.		
	Dependants.		Others.						
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Pattikonda ..	1,802	1,657	1,308	1,049	..	..	*1,226 4,580	*1,147 3,161	* The first set of figures represents the number of persons fed in village kitchens, and the second set, those in receipt of grain-doles. † Includes figures for Kurnool town.
2. Rámallakóta..	1,582	1,281	12	8	..	..	†1,094 16,607	1,221 12,198	
3. Nandikotkur..	..	..	..	..	..	..	329 ..	275 ..	
4. Nandyal ..	397	252	23	14	..	..	791 2,930	814 2,000	
5. Koilkuntla ..	1,342	1,247	87	83	..	..	2,774 2,206	2,336 1,874	
6. Sirvel ..	375	338	15	13	..	..	1,476 1,243	1,407 957	
Total ..	5,498	4,775	1,445	1,167	..	..	7,690 27,566	7,200 20,190	

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given		Weavers' relief.			
			Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
1. Pattikonda ..	109	109	6,198	6,222	6,974	77,390
2. Ramallakot ..	101	101	4,372	4,072	12,192	69,556
3. Nandikotkur ..	3	1	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	122	122	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	89	103	1,368	1,368	1,934	10,757
6. Sirvel	102	83	1,019	1,019	3,824	9,915
Total ..	526	519	12,957	12,681	24,924	167,618

General Remarks.—With reference to the large number of weavers still in receipt of relief at their own craft, I beg to state that the orders of Government, restricting the grant of relief to such as own only one loom, were received too late to admit of their being given effect to by 10th instant, to which date, as already remarked, the figures given in this narrative relate.

Loan Transactions.—Statement showing particulars of Loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Purchase of fodder.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Under construction or repair.	Constructed or re-paired.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21						
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Pattikonda	157	42,980	157	26,428	168	39,326	1,127	1,21,140	116	5,610	318	20,463	2,565	1,23,035	2,555	1,23,035	1,745	47,599	116	6,610	2,063	68,062	157	..
Ramallakot	28	6,450	26	6,150	40	12,000	28	2,510	41	3,300	388	33,322	113	7,464	105	6,924	376	32,632	41	3,300	764	65,954	23	..
Nandikotkur	2	400	2	400	..	..	4	550	..	..	4	320	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	320	3	..
Nandyal	11	3,500	11	1,600	10	7,500	30	4,275	..	..	327	30,725	102	7,739	102	7,739	..	46,725	..	..	714	76,460	11	..
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Cumbum	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	3	110	106	2,391	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	110	2	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Koilkuntla taluk.—Pasarapad, Revanur, Joladarasi, Koilkuntla, Allur, Mayalur, Rupinagudi, Pukakayalapalli, and Nossam.

Works.—Sirvel-Gazulapalli station road-work, Allagadda section of the Allagadda-Koilkuntla road, Mayalur-Vuyyalavada road-work, and Nossam-Koilkuntla road-work.

Note.—I was prevented by continuous rain from inspecting the Canal embankment work.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for 11 days, and visited the following villages :—

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Koilkuntla.—Parayapalli, Arjunapuram, Dornipad, Chakarajuvemula, Kondapuram, and Bheemunipad.

Works.—The two sections of the Allagadda-Koilkuntla road-work, and Rudravaram road.

The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, was on tour throughout the fortnight, and visited the following :—

Ramallakot.—Dhone, Banditandrapad, Vomasamudram, Kurnool, Tadakallapalli, Laddipalli, Puricherla, Dimadevarapad, and Peddapad.

Works.—Works around Kurnool.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector inspected the following places :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Gadedimadugu, Nandikotkur, Rudravaram, and Atmakur.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following places :—

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Up to end of week ending.	Amount disbursed. Rs.
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September 4th	3,63,073
„ 11th	3,72,298
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The work is going on but slowly. The balance for which applications are pending is misleading, for nearly two lakhs applied for, for the purchase of fodder, may be struck out.

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Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given		Weavers' relief.			
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	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
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2. Ramallakot ..	101	101	4,372	4,072	12,192	69,556
3. Nandikotkur ..	3	1	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	122	122	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	89	103	1,368	1,368	1,934	10,757
6. Sirvel	102	83	1,019	1,019	3,824	9,915
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	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
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Ramallakot	28	6,450	26	6,150	40	12,000	28	2,510	26	2,210	52	9,720	56	8,960	62	8,860	92	21,720	..	23
Nandikotkur	2	400	2	400	..	..	4	550	3	450	2	200	6	950	5	850	2	200	..	3
Nandyal	11	3,500	11	1,600	10	7,500	30	4,275	30	4,275	60	5,260	41	8,175	41	5,875	70	12,750	..	11
Koilkuntla	24	4,700	24	4,700	20	6,850	31	3,410	26	2,915	20	3,540	55	8,110	50	7,615	40	10,390	..	24
Sirvel	65	10,700	69	10,300	19	7,870	16	1,950	16	1,950	3	380	65	12,650	75	12,250	22	8,250	..	65
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	287	69,130	279	49,578	259	73,896	1,236	1,33,885	1,228	1,32,940	140	19,845	1,523	2,02,965	1,507	1,82,518	399	93,741	..	283

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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Pattikonda	116	5,610	116	5,610	318	20,463	2,555	1,23,035	2,555	1,23,035	2,063	68,662
Ramallakot	41	3,300	41	3,300	388	33,322	113	7,464	105	6,924	764	65,964
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	4	320	..	..	..	..	4	320
Nandyal	..	..	..	..	327	30,725	102	7,739	102	7,739	714	76,450
Koilkuntla	138	7,385	138	7,385	53	5,947	866	52,925	692	42,633	274	60,340
Sirvel	3	110	2	80	..	..	174	9,274	174	9,274	99	7,815
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	106	2,391
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	110	2	80	..	..
Total ..	298	16,405	297	16,375	1,090	90,777	3,813	2,00,647	3,630	1,89,685	4,021	2,71,332

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Pattikonda	2,439	1,17,425	2,439	1,17,425	1,745	47,599	4,994	2,40,460	4,994	2,40,460	4,808	1,16,261
Ramallakot	72	4,164	64	3,624	376	32,632	185	11,628	169	9,548	1,140	98,596
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	..	..	4	320
Nandyal	102	7,789	102	7,739	387	46,725	204	15,528	204	15,478	1,101	1,23,175
Koilkuntla	866	52,925	692	42,633	274	50,340	1,732	1,05,850	1,384	85,266	548	1,10,680
Sirvel	36	1,889	36	1,889	43	1,868	384	20,837	384	20,837	248	19,683
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Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	110	2	80	..	..
Total ..	3,515	1,84,192	3,333	1,73,310	2,931	1,80,555	7,508	4,14,813	7,122	3,71,867	7,955	5,71,887

Inspections of the District Officers.

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The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for 11 days, and visited the following villages :—

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Koilkuntla.—Parayapalli, Arjunapuram, Dornipad, Chakarajuvemula, Kondapuram, and Bheemunipad.

Works.—The two sections of the Allagadda-Koilkuntla road-work, and Rudravaram road.

The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, was on tour throughout the fortnight, and visited the following :—

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Works.—Works around Kurnool.

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Resolution—No. 646, dated 2nd October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

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Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
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Up to end of week ending.	Amount disbursed. Rs.
August 28th	3,51,542
September 4th	3,63,073
„ 11th	3,72,298
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	Inches.
Rainfall during the period	5·34
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Rain fell at all the registering stations of the district, as is shown below :—

Affected tracts.

Station.	Fall in inches.
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Allagadda	5·04
Nandyal	4·89
Pyápali	4·88
Owk	4·71
Koilkuntla	3·17

Unaffected tracts.

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Atmakúru	4·69
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There has been, for the present, sufficient rain throughout the affected area.

The supply was amply sufficient for drinking everywhere, except in the Markapur taluk, which depends to a great extent on the north-east monsoon ; there was plenty of water for irrigation, almost all tanks possessing a supply sufficient for the raising of one crop, and many having received a full supply. The large tank at Owk is more than half full.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Eastern section.—The harvesting of cumbu commenced in the Cumbum taluk, where the standing crops consisting of paddy, cholam, cumbu, korra, pulses and castor, are flourishing. In the Markapur taluk, sowings still continued, while in parts cumbu is ripening ; all standing crops are in pretty fair condition. *North Central section.*—Paddy and cotton were being sown in canal villages. In other places weeding was the chief agricultural operation. The condition of the standing crops is good. *South Central section.*—The weeding of paddy was going on. Sowing operations were progressing very briskly in black-soil villages, especially in the Koilkuntla taluk. The standing korra crop was slightly damaged by excessive rain, but that, as well as paddy, cumbu and arika may be said to be in excellent condition in the Sirvel taluk, and very fair elsewhere. The early cholam crops, that were considered likely to wither before the rain set in three

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FOOD-SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Pattikonda	1,21,140	1,127	1,21,140	1,127	755	3	1,64,120	1,284	1,47,568	171	40,081	..	157
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Koilkuntla	3,410	26	2,915	26	3,540	20	8,110	55	7,615	40	10,390	..	24
Sirvel	1,950	16	1,950	16	380	3	12,650	81	12,250	22	8,250	..	66
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,33,835	1,228	1,32,940	1,228	19,845	140	2,02,965	1,523	1,82,518	399	93,741	..	283

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Total.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
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	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
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Cumbum	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	3	110	2	80	..	..	3	110	2	80	106	2,891
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	3,515	1,84,192	3,333	1,73,310	2,931	1,80,555	298	16,405	297	16,375	1,090	90,777	3,813	2,06,547	3,630	1,89,685	4,021	2,71,332

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.—I was on tour throughout the fortnight, and visited the following villages and works :—

Nandyal taluk.—Gazulapalli.

Sirvel taluk.—Koilkuntla, Sirvel, Erraguntla, Battulur, Nallagatla, Allagadda, Chintagunta, Padakandla, and Dibaguntla.

Koilkuntla taluk.—Pasarapad, Revanur, Joladarasi, Koilkuntla, Allur, Mayalur, Rupinagudi, Pukakayalapalli, and Nossam.

Works.—Sirvel-Gazulapalli station road-work, Allagadda section of the Allagadda-Koilkuntla road, Mayalur-Vuyyalavada road-work, and Nossam-Koilkuntla road-work.

Note.—I was prevented by continuous rain from inspecting the Canal embankment work.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for 11 days, and visited the following villages :—

Sirvel.—Allagadda, Chintagunta, Devarayapuram, Padakandla, Chedulapalli, Muthalur, Narasapuram, Nagalavaram, Rudravaram, Tuvapalli, Kothapalli, Chilakalur, Bathalur, Nallagatla, and Gopaulpuram.

Koilkuntla.—Parayapalli, Arjunapuram, Dornipad, Chakarajuvemula, Kondapuram, and Bheemunipad.

Works.—The two sections of the Allagadda-Koilkuntla road-work, and Rudravaram road.

The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, was on tour throughout the fortnight, and visited the following :—

Ramallakot.—Dhone, Banditandrapad, Vomasamudram, Kurnool, Tadakallapalli, Laddipalli, Puricherla, Dimadevarapad, and Peddapad.

Works.—Works around Kurnool.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector inspected the following places :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Gadedimadugu, Nandikotkur, Rudravaram, and Atmakur.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following places :—

Cumbum taluk.—Cumbum, Giddalur, Papayapalli, Chintalapolem, and Bestwarpet.

Markapur taluk.—Darimadugu, Devarajugattu, Vemulakota, Nikarampalli, Gobbur, Tokapalli, and Dupad.

Resolution—No. 646, dated 2nd October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the period was good, and prospects are promising.

3. The price of paddy was, on the average, practically stationary, but the price of dry grains fell considerably. The comparative positions of prices are shown in the subjoined statement :—

Rate.	Measures per rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	7·8	13·8	10·8	10·7
September 1892	10·1	17·4	19·2	14·7
,, 1877	5·4	6·6	6·4	5·3

4. The general condition of relief workers was fair. The numbers on works fell during the fortnight by 35 per cent., but a considerable portion of the decrease was contributed by workers who either attended late, or left early, and were consequently marked absent. There was a fall of 21 per cent. in the numbers on gratuitous relief.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown below :—

Up to end of week ending.	Amount disbursed. Rs.
August 28th	3,51,542
September 4th	3,63,073
„ 11th	3,72,298
„ 18th	3,80,638

The work is going on but slowly. The balance for which applications are pending is misleading, for nearly two lakhs applied for, for the purchase of fodder, may be struck out.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Kurnool.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 878, Revenue, dated 21st October 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

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

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OCTOBER.

Fortnightly Narrative.

Board's Proceedings submitting — of the Kurnool district for the period ending 15th September 1897, recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 646, dated 2nd October 1897 :—

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

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Kurnool district for the period ending 15th September 1897, Dis. No. 705-F. :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—

	INCHES.
Rainfall during the period	
Rainfall up to the period from 1st April 1897	5·34
Average rainfall expected during the period	17·87
Average rainfall expected up to the period from 1st April 1897 ...	1·94
	16·92

Rain fell at all the registering stations of the district, as is shown below :—

Station.	Fall in inches.
Affected tracts.	
Kalwa	7·91
Kurnool	6·92
Pattikonda	5·96
Allagadda	5·04
Nandyal	4·89
Pyápali	4·88
Owk	4·71
Koilkuntla	3·17
Unaffected tracts.	
Giddalur	8·39
Atmakúru	4·69
Nandikotkur	4·58
Markapur	2·98

There has been, for the present, sufficient rain throughout the affected area.

The supply was amply sufficient for drinking everywhere, except in the Markapur taluk, which depends to a great extent on the north-east monsoon ; there was plenty of water for irrigation, almost all tanks possessing a supply sufficient for the raising of one crop, and many having received a full supply. The large tank at Owk is more than half full.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Eastern section.—The harvesting of cumbu commenced in the Cumbum taluk, where the standing crops consisting of paddy, cholam, cumbu, korra, pulses and castor, are flourishing. In the Markapur taluk, sowings still continued, while in parts cumbu is ripening ; all standing crops are in pretty fair condition. *North Central section.*—Paddy and cotton were being sown in canal villages. In other places weeding was the chief agricultural operation. The condition of the standing crops is good. *South Central section.*—The weeding of paddy was going on. Sowing operations were progressing very briskly in black-soil villages, especially in the Koilkuntla taluk. The standing korra crop was slightly damaged by excessive rain, but that, as well as paddy, cumbu and arika may be said to be in excellent condition in the Sirvel taluk, and very fair elsewhere. The early cholam crops, that were considered likely to wither before the rain set in three

weeks ago, have revived in a moderate degree, except in a few villages in the Nandyal taluk. The recently-sown cholam and cotton, which cover a large extent of country, are coming up most satisfactorily. The harvesting of korra and cumbu was commencing in the Sirvel taluk, and in several places, red cholam grown in small patches under wells was harvested with a yield of 8 to 12 annas. *Western section.*—The sowing of korra and cotton on black soils continued. The early crops, previously reported to be withering, have much improved, except in certain villages in the centre of each of the two taluks forming the section, where the rain came too late to save them. Korra has suffered to a slight extent from excessive rain, but the standing crops are generally in good condition in most parts.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—In the affected taluks fodder was scarce, though not quite so difficult to procure as in the previous fortnight, owing to the reaping of red cholam and korra here and there, and to the willingness of the well-to-do ryots to sell a portion of their stock in anticipation of an abundant harvest later on. In the unaffected tracts it was fairly sufficient. Pasture was abundant throughout. The condition of cattle was fair in the eastern section, good in the north central section, except in one village where rinderpest was prevailing, and improving throughout the other, that is, the affected sections. There were, however, 60 deaths from rinderpest in the south central section.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The further downpour of rain, that I alluded to in my last narrative as being required at an early date over a large area in the Koilkuntla and Pattikonda taluks, arrived during the period under report, and prospects are now bright everywhere.

FOOD-SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th of September 1897.

Stations.	Rice. End of last period.	Rice. End of current period.	Ragi. End of last period.	Ragi. End of current period.	Cholam. End of last period.	Cholam. End of current period.	Cumbu. End of last period.	Cumbu. End of current period.	Remarks.
1. Pattikonda ..	8·64	7·28	12·85	17·46	10·30	9·53	..	..	The prices of rice are rising at Pattikonda and stationary elsewhere The prices of ragi are falling throughout. The prices of cholam are rising in Pattikonda and Pyápali, and falling elsewhere. The prices of cumbu are falling in Markapur, and stationary elsewhere.
2 Pyápali ..	7·56	7·49	..	17·46	9·78	9·53	8·46	..	
3. Kurnool ..	7·15	7·50	10·32	12·90	8·56	10·96	..	..	
4. Nandikotkur.	7·50	7·86	..	..	9·24	11·64	..	..	
5. Atmakúru ..	8·21	8·21	..	..	9·93	13·35	..	..	
6. Nandyal ..	8·93	8·94	11·61	12·90	10·61	11·30	..	..	
7. Kalwa ..	7·15	7·15	11·61	11·61	9·24	11·64	9·06	..	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8·30	8·30	12·00	12·75	9·48	10·27	8·75	..	
9. Owk	7·05	7·47	11·62	12·00	8·69	9·48	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7·15	7·15	12·25	12·25	9·93	10·27	..	..	
11. Giddalore ..	8·30	8·30	12·75	12·75	11·06	11·06	10·15	10·15	
12. Markapur ..	8·30	8·30	13·50	15·75	..	..	10·15	11·23	
Average for affected tracts ..	7·74	7·66	11·75	13·67	9·57	10·37	8·76	..	
Average for the whole district.	7·85	7·83	12·06	13·78	9·71	10·82	9·31	10·70	

Activity of trade.—Trade was active in the eastern and western sections, and dull in the two central sections. The markets were well supplied, but prices did not fall very appreciably.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—The general condition of the relief workers was, on the whole, fair. The large decline during the fortnight in the numbers on the works was due chiefly to the great improvement in the season, and the consequent return of labourers to agricultural pursuits, and, to some extent, to the rigid enforcement of the rules that late

attendance should entail forfeiture of the whole day's pay, and that wilful failure to perform the prescribed task should be punished by the imposition of fines in proportion to the deficiency in the work done. The enforcement of the former rule is what the cooly of this district particularly objects to. I understand that on 10th instant, the date to which the figures in the subjoined tables relate, as many as 5,000 persons were marked absent for neglecting to work for the full day, that is, either for attending late or for leaving the workspot before the appointed hour. The work at Mutyalpad was closed during the period, the number of workers having fallen below 300. I am arranging to amalgamate certain works in the Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks.

In villages.—Cholera was still prevalent in all the taluks to the west of the Nallamalais, especially in Sirvel.

There was lately an outbreak in the Cumbum taluk. The number of deaths was 189 for the whole district. The condition of the people in villages appears to be pretty good. Many persons have been removed from the grain-dole registers in the Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks, where I have been touring, but not a single complaint in regard to the removals has reached me, and there is, I think, no doubt that private charity is once more beginning to be dispensed in many villages by the well-to-do.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera, fever and dysentery were the chief diseases, as is usual at this time of the year. There were no deaths from starvation.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
1. Pattikonda	36,265	18,428
2. Rámallakóta	27,581	23,768
3. Nandyal	15,581	6,783
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Total ...	126,543	81,906

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved								Remarks.
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.		
	Dependants.		Others.						
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Pattikonda ..	1,802	1,657	1,308	1,049	..	..	*1,226	*1,147	* The first set of figures represents the number of persons fed in village kitchens, and the second set, those in receipt of grain-doles. † Includes figures for Kurnool town.
							4,580	3,161	
2. Rámallakóta..	1,582	1,281	12	8	..	..	†1,094	1,221	
							16,607	12,198	
3. Nandikotkur..	..	..	..	..	..	..	329	275	
							..	..	
4. Nandyal ..	397	252	23	14	..	..	791	814	
							2,930	2,000	
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21												
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Cumbum	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	350	..	..	..	
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Koilkuntla	866	52,925	692	42,633	274	50,340	138	7,385	138	7,385	53	5,947	866	52,925	692	42,633	274	50,340				
Sirvel	36	1,889	36	1,889	43	1,868	..	..	..	..	..	..	174	9,274	174	9,274	96	7,815				
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	106	2,391	3	110	2	80	..	..	3	110	..	..	106	2,391				
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Total ..	3,515	1,84,192	3,333	1,73,310	2,931	1,80,555	298	16,405	297	16,375	1,090	90,777	3,813	2,00,547	3,630	1,89,685	4,021	2,71,332				

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.—I was on tour throughout the fortnight, and visited the following villages and works :—

Nandyal taluk.—Gazulapalli.

Sirvel taluk.—Koilkuntla, Sirvel, Erraguntla, Battulur, Nallagatla, Allagadda, Chintagunta, Padakandla, and Dibaguntla.

Koilkuntla taluk.—Pasarapad, Revanur, Joladarasi, Koilkuntla, Allur, Mayalur, Rupinagudi, Pukakayalapalli, and Nossam.

Works.—Sirvel-Gazulapalli station road-work, Allagadda section of the Allagadda-Koilkuntla road, Mayalur-Vuyyalavada road-work, and Nossam-Koilkuntla road-work.

Note.—I was prevented by continuous rain from inspecting the Canal embankment work.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for 11 days, and visited the following villages :—

Sirvel.—Allagadda, Chintagunta, Devarayapuram, Padakandla, Chedulapalli, Muthalur, Narasapuram, Nagalavaram, Rudravaram, Tuvapalli, Kothapalli, Chilakalur, Bathalur, Nallagatla, and Gopaulpuram.

Koilkuntla.—Parayapalli, Arjunapuram, Dornipad, Chakarajuvemula, Kondapuram, and Bheemunipad.

Works.—The two sections of the Allagadda-Koilkuntla road-work, and Rudravaram road.

The Deputy Collector, Pyápali, was on tour throughout the fortnight, and visited the following :—

Ramallakot.—Dhone, Banditandrapad, Vomasamudram, Kurnool, Tadakallapalli, Laddipalli, Puricherla, Dimadevarapad, and Peddapad.

Works.—Works around Kurnool.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector inspected the following places :—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Gadedimadugu, Nandikotkur, Rudravaram, and Atmakur.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following places :—

Cumbum taluk.—Cumbum, Giddalur, Papayapalli, Chintalapolem, and Bestwarpet.

Markapur taluk.—Darimadugu, Devarajugattu, Vemulakota, Nikarampalli, Gobbur, Tokapalli, and Dupad.

Resolution—No. 646, dated 2nd October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the period was good, and prospects are promising.

3. The price of paddy was, on the average, practically stationary, but the price of dry grains fell considerably. The comparative positions of prices are shown in the subjoined statement :—

Rate.	Measures per rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13·2	..	30·0	28·0
Warning	10·6	..	22·5	21·0
Scarcity	7·9	..	15·0	14·0
Current	7·8	13·8	10·8	10·7
September 1892	10·1	17·4	19·2	14·7
,, 1877	5·4	6·6	6·4	5·3

4. The general condition of relief workers was fair. The numbers on works fell during the fortnight by 35 per cent., but a considerable portion of the decrease was contributed by workers who either attended late, or left early, and were consequently marked absent. There was a fall of 21 per cent. in the numbers on gratuitous relief.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown below :—

Up to end of week ending.	Amount disbursed. Rs.
August 28th	3,51,542
September 4th	3,63,073
„ 11th	3,72,298
„ 18th	3,80,638

The work is going on but slowly. The balance for which applications are pending is misleading, for nearly two lakhs applied for, for the purchase of fodder, may be struck out.

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Kurnool.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 878, Revenue, dated 21st October 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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