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Adóni	9·67	9·13	12·90	12·36	13·97	13·43	16·12	16·66	Prices are generally rising. This is due partly to the continued exports. I notice that it is still profitable to export cholum to Sholapur and Lhulia.
Alúr	9·18	8·64	11·85	11 85	13·39	12 88	..	..	
Bellary	9·18	9·18	11·33	11·33	14·42	13·39	15·52	16·49	
Rayadrug	9·72	9·72	13·39	12·36	14·42	13·39	15·52	14·55	
Hospet	9·72	9·10	12·36	13·30	13·39	14·40	16·50	15·60	
Kúdligi	8·64	8·64	..	..	16·48	14·42	17·46	15·52	
Harpanahalli	9·72	9·15	..	..	16·48	15·45	20·37	18·43	
Hadagali	9·72	9·72	..	..	15·45	15·45	..	..	
Average ..	9·44	9·16	12·36	12·24	14·75	14·10	16·91	16·19	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is said to be dull in Adóni. But the statistics do not support this statement, elsewhere it is reported to be generally active except as regards cholum in Hospet.

The following statement shows the exports and imports for the week ending 13th February 1897 from and to stations beyond the district :—

Stations.	In standard maunds.	
	Imports.	Exports.
Hospet	...	1,229
Bellary	320	3,092
Virapur	8	...
Aspari	3	...
Adóni	2,251	738
	2,582	5,059

Condition of the People.

(1) *On works.*—The condition of people on works is generally good and I have noticed that this is particularly the case with those who have been on works some time. This is satisfactory as tending to show the sufficiency of the famine wage. Some cases of glandular swellings under the jaws, with high fever, have occurred on the Nandavaram work. A medical officer has been sent to report, but the disease is probably mumps.

(2) *In villages.*—Good. There seems to be no immediate necessity for the opening of central kitchens. The one ordered at Alúr has not yet been opened, but it will be used in connection with the Halaharivi road, a section of which is approaching Alúr. Proposals were received from the Head-quarter Deputy Collector to open

central kitchens in the villages of Kurugod and Yemmiganúr, but his report was not sufficiently clear to convince me of the necessity for them. He has been asked to report whether a relief work with a kitchen attached to it will not, for the present, be sufficient. The Head Assistant Collector states that there is no need at present for central kitchens in his division. The Ádóni Deputy Collector's report is awaited. The Deputy Collector, Ádóni, states that a relief work will be required in Kowtalam firka of Ádóni taluk and he promises to submit proposals. I shall take an early opportunity of visiting that tract.

Sickness and Mortality.—Public health is generally good but fever prevails in Bellary and one case of cholera occurred at Rampur in Rayadrug taluk. No deaths from starvation. Small-pox prevails slightly in parts of Harpanahalli and Hadagali. There was one death from this cause in the latter taluk.

Remarks.—Three relief works were newly started during the fortnight, one in Hadagali (Ballahunsi road work) and two in Hospet, (1) clearance of prickly-pear on the Antapur anicut, (2) a road from Vaddu to Antapur. The Head Assistant Collector reports that the people of the Antapur valley are beginning to use the prickly-pear for food but they are said to be in good condition. Orders have also been issued to start two more works, viz., the Paramadevanahalli road work in Bellary and the Aspari railway feeder road in Alúr. The latter, however, is more an expansion of the Aspari-Alúr work than a new work. It was necessary to start these works to provide labour to workers nearer their homes. The Head Assistant Collector states that the Narayanadevarkeri tank work may now be closed as the Ballahunsi work is quite as convenient for the people of Narayandevarkeri. Before closing it, he will be called upon to submit a clear report on the subject.

Measures of Relief.

(1) *On works.*—In what taluks open, and comparison of numbers :—

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Ádóni	4,856	7,967	The general increase is due to the diminished demand for labour for agricultural operations, especially in Ádóni, and to the opening of three more works during the fortnight.
Alúr	12,450	16,213	
Bellary	2,612	3,278	
Hospet	1,432	1,953	
Hadagali	404	657	
Total ..	21,754	30,068	

(2) *Gratuitous relief.*—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluks.	Numbers relieved.				Remarks.
	At kitchens.		Weavers.		
	This fortnight.	Last. fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	
Ádóni	1,025	635			Increase follows the increase in the number of workers.
Alúr	828	793			
Bellary	194	183			
Hospet	285	174			
Total ..	1,785	2,332	753	745	

(3) *Private charity.*—The number of persons attending the kitchen opened by the Bellary public is about 200 against 185 at the end of the last fortnight. The number daily fed by Paramma continues to be about 300. There is no organized private charity elsewhere. Funds could be employed usefully in giving cloths to the very poor.

Remarks.—The statistics of the jail population have not been given properly by the Divisional Officers. Steps will be taken to obtain the necessary information hereafter. A statement giving the statistics for the district jail is appended. It does not show any perceptible increase in crime nor have I any reason to think that there has been such an increase.

Statement showing the admissions of different classes of Prisoners in the District Jail, Bellary, for the fortnight ending 14th February 1897, as compared with those for corresponding periods during the three previous years 1894, 1895 and 1896.

Date.	Convicts.		Under trial and remand.		Civil debtors.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
1st to 14th February 1894	48	6	30	..	..	84
Do. do. 1895	38	3	18	1	1	61
Do. do. 1896	28	4	15	2	..	49
Do. do. 1897	51	4	16	..	1	72

Inspections—Taluks and places visited.

By the Collector.—Moka road work, Bellary taluk; Halaharivi road work and Adóni-Alúr road work in Alúr taluk and Adóni Municipal works.

By Deputy Collector, Adóni Division—Adóni Taluk.—Kamavaram, Yerigiri, Vinukondi, Kantalam, Dombaldinne, Virladinne, Agasaldinne, Lingatadinne, Katiriki, Nadichagi, Myaliganur, Chellakudlur, Motur, Hatcholli, Chinna Bellary, Hanuralli, Seedarogatti, Kottalachinta, Gubbihal and Bommalapuram.

Alúr Taluk.—Guntakul section of Chippigiri road work, Alur-Moka road, Adóni-Siruguppa road, Alúr-Adóni road work, Alúr-Aspari road, Peddahotur, Chinnahotur, Namakal, Ravihal, Venkatapuram, Nagarahal, Alabanur, Alúr, Halaharvi, Kuruvalli, Nitravatti, Bulagoti, Virupapuram, Suluvoy, Magamavinagudi, Holalagundi, China Hyati, Yellarthi, Kurukundi, Manekurti and Kummerchedu.

By Head-Quarters Deputy Collector—Bellary taluk.—Paramedevanahalli, Teggina Budehal, Chaganur, Byradevanhalli, Moka, Dasara Naganahalli, Jabhal, Bommanahal, Gonahal, Yerragudi, Bennikal, Vanenur, Kirchedu, Hira Hadagali, Talur, Basarrakodu, Banapuram, Kallukutikunhal, Gotur, Sanganakal, Yettina Budchal, Sanjeevarayani Kota, Srivaram, Moka road works and Siruguppa road work.

Rayadrug taluk.—Bommanahal, Uddihal, Benakanahalli, Hare Samudram, Kalluhola, Govindavada, Honur, Bidurukunta, Munuhalli, Gurudachedu, Hanumapuram, Malyani, Tumbiganur, Naganahalli, Sollapuram, Untacal and Kalludevanahalli.

By Head Assistant Collector—Hospet taluk.—Daroji, Torugal, Yerabanahalli (Sultanpur), Antapur, Avinamadugu, Vitlapuram, Kodalu, Vaddu, Gadiganur and Hospet.

General Remarks.—No season report is at present being sent from the Sandúr State, I have asked the Administrator of Sandúr to furnish me with reports hereafter. I spoke to him about ten days ago on the subject of the state of his ryots and the need for relief works and he told me there was no present necessity for such works. I will take an opportunity of riding through the State to see for myself the condition of the people, as soon as I have completed my inspection of Adóni taluk.

The delay in the disposal of applications seems to be due in part to the time taken by the Registration officers in granting the encumbrance certificate. I have asked the Inspector-General of Registration to appoint two more experienced clerks to the Alúr Sub-Registrar's office, for it is quite impossible to get better results without an appreciable increase of the establishment. Every effort will be made to dispose of the applications as promptly as possible. Work will be greatly facilitated if the Board's suggestion to appoint additional Tahsildars with power to sanction loans is accepted by the Government.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		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.		
1	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Adóni	16	1,140	..	..	400	21,225	16	1,140	..	..	447	28,175	1	..
Alúr	179	18,925	136	14,790	1,648	2,29,839	179	18,925	136	16,190	1,721	2,64,680	..	.. 1
Bellary	5	575	5	575	804	1,09,404	6	700	6	700	861	1,18,686	..	..
Rayadrug	13	2,000	1	125	52	13,350	17	2,650	5	450	54	14,100	..	.. 1
Hospet	..	..	..	..	35	1,830	8	550	..	..	61	6,690	..	..
Kúdligi	..	..	..	..	1	25	..	..	..	..	8	1,125	..	..
Harpanahalli	17	2,330	15	1,780	51	5,150	17	2,340	15	1,780	56	6,550	..	..
Hadagali	10	1,300	..	..	99	15,975	10	1,300	..	..	121	19,785	..	..
Total ..	240	26,270	157	17,270	3,050	3,96,790	248	27,595	162	18,120	3,329	4,49,260	1	2

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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Adóni	..	..	..	..	47	6,950	16	1,140	..	..	447	28,175
Alúr	..	..	..	..	73	24,850	179	18,925	136	16,190	1,721	2,64,680
Bellary	1	125	1	125	67	9,250	6	700	6	700	861	1,18,686
Rayadrug	4	650	4	325	2	750	17	2,650	5	450	54	14,100
Hospet	3	550	..	..	26	4,860	8	550	..	..	61	6,690
Kúdligi	..	..	..	..	7	1,100	..	..	..	..	8	1,125
Harpanahalli	..	..	..	..	5	900	17	2,340	15	1,780	56	6,550
Hadagali	..	..	..	..	22	3,810	10	1,300	..	..	121	19,785
Total ..	8	1,325	5	450	239	52,470	240	26,270	157	17,270	3,329	4,49,260

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattles iron plough, and seed grain.						Total.			
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Adóni	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alúr	30	1,217	10	237	90	6,385	17	2,225	20	2,894½	.. 3	1,875	.. 47	3,442	.. 30	2,631½	.. 93	8,260
Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	1	40	221	8,740	1	40	1	40	221	8,740
Rayadrug	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	400	..	..	..	..	3	400
Hospet	..	..	..	..	86	3,569	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	3,569
Kúdligi	..	..	..	..	35	1,375	2	170	..	..	..	..	2	170	.. 2	170	35	1,375
Harpanahalli	..	..	..	..	12	650	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	650
Hadagali	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	30	1,217	10	237	223	11,979	20	2,435	23	2,604½	227	11,015	50	3,652	33	2,841½	450	22,994

* Three applications of last fasli paid this year.

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2. Mr. Stuart does not appear inclined to fully accept the gloomy reports he has received regarding the state of the country and the condition of the cattle but the Board fears that a more intimate acquaintance with his district may lead him to modify these views. In the last week the Famine Commissioner saw a herd of cattle returning to Chinna Hotur, and, with the exception of one young bull, every beast in the herd was doomed. In the same way the Board is unable to accept the deduction made by the Collector as to the sufficiency of the wages from the condition of the workers. It is not to be expected but that these have still some small private resources which they have been using hitherto to eke out their wages, and the question will be how long their resources will hold out. No doubt the general condition of the workers is good, and this is as it should be; but, so long ago as the end of December last, the Famine Commissioner found the condition of many workers at Chinna Tambalam to be bad, and was confirmed in this opinion by the Sanitary Commissioner. Long famine experience or a medical training is necessary before an officer can pronounce with certainty as to the physical condition of workers.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
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Rayadrug	..	..	..	..	4	650	13	2,000	1	125	62	13,350	17	2,650	5	450	54	14,100
Hospet	..	..	..	..	3	550	..	..	..	..	35	1,830	3	550	..	..	61	6,690
Kúdligi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	25	..	..	..	..	8	1,125
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Hadagali ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1,300	..	..	99	15,975	10	1,300	..	..	121	19,785
Total ..	8	1,325	5	450	239	52,470	240	26,270	157	17,270	3,090	3,96,790	248	27,595	162	18,120	3,329	4,49,260

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Alúr	30	1,217	10	237	90	6,385	17	2,325	20	2,394½	3	1,875	47	3,442	30	2,631½	93	8,260
Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	1	40	221	8,740	1	40	1	40	221	8,740
Rayadrug	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	400	..	..	..	..	3	400
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Harpanahalli ..	..	..	..	..	12	650	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	650
Hadagali	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	30	1,217	10	237	223	11,979	20	2,435	23	2,604½	227	11,015	50	3,552	33	2,841½	460	22,994

* Three applications of last fasli paid this year.

Resolution—dated 25th February 1897, No. 161.

Submitted for the information of Government.

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	Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
	..	..	400	21,225	..	..	447	28,175	1	..
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	..	..	35	1,830	..	..	61	6,690	..	1
	15	1,780	51	5,150	15	1,780	8	1,125	..	..
	..	..	99	15,975	..	..	66	6,650	..	..
	157	17,270	3,090	3,96,790	162	18,120	3,329	4,49,260	1	2

Talaks.	Repair and construction of wells.				Purchase of fodder.				Cattles iron plough, and seed grain.				Total.			
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	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
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	..	..	..	..	73	24,350	179	18,925	..	..	..	..	136	15,190	93	8,240
	..	..	..	..	67	9,260	5	675	..	..	..	..	5	700	221	8,740
	..	..	1	125	2	750	13	2,000	..	..	..	..	1	460	3	400
	..	..	4	325	26	4,860	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	3,559
	..	..	3	650	7	1,100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	1,375
	..	..	..	..	5	900	17	2,330	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	650
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1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	30	1,217	..	237	..	6,385	..	2,225	..	2,394½	3	1,875	47	3,442	30	2,631½
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	40	221	8,740	1	40	1	40
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	400	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	86	3,569	2	170	2	170	..	..	2	170	2	170
	..	..	..	..	35	1,375	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	12	650	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	30	1,217	10	237	223	11,979	20	2,435	25	2,604½	227	11,015	50	3,652	33	2,841½

* Three applications of last fasli paid this year.

R olution—dated 25th February 1897, No. 161.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Mr. Stuart does not appear inclined to fully accept the gloomy reports he has received regarding the state of the country and the condition of the cattle, but the Board fears that a more intimate acquaintance with his district may lead him to modify these views. In the last week the Famine Commissioner saw a herd of cattle returning to Chinna Hotur, and, with the exception of one young bull, every beast in the herd was doomed. In the same way the Board is unable to accept the deduction made by the Collector as to the sufficiency of the wages from the condition of the workers. It is not to be expected but that these have still some small private resources which they have been using hitherto to eke out their wages, and the question will be how long their resources will hold out. No doubt the general condition of the workers is good, and this is as it should be; but, so long ago as the end of December last, the Famine Commissioner found the condition of many workers at Chinna Tambalam to be bad, and was confirmed in this opinion by the Sanitary Commissioner. Long famine experience or a medical training is necessary before an officer can pronounce with certainty as to the physical condition of workers.

3. Prices continue to rise and are already considerably above the rate for February 1892, the number resorting to the relief works is increasing rapidly, but the number of dependants relieved at kitchens is very small, and this is especially noticeable in the Alúr and Bellary taluks, whilst in Hadagali no such relief has yet been given at all. It is only by exhausting every resource and by personally stinting themselves that the workers can manage to support their dependants, and the Board considers that the Collector should at once prosecute detailed enquiries in the villages from which the workers come, as to the condition of their dependants and other destitute persons. The Head-quarter Deputy Collector is an experienced and trustworthy officer, and his proposals regarding village relief in Kurugodu and Yemmiganúr should not be lightly set aside. The Collector does not seem to perceive that his own alternative proposal goes further than that of the Deputy Collector. If a kitchen were opened in connection with a relief work the destitute persons qualified under section 62 of the Famine Code would be admitted to it, which is all that the Head-quarter Deputy Collector proposes.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

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

ORDER—No. 163, Revenue, dated 13th March 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Eccliston.

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G.O., No. 163, 13th March 1897.

MARCH.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting fortnightly narrative of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th February 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Bellary District for the fortnight ending 15th February 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—Six cents of rain were registered at Kampli during the fortnight and a few drops fell in other parts of the district.

Water-supply for drinking purposes is generally sufficient except in Alúr taluk, four villages in Bellary, some villages of Antapur valley in Hospet taluk, Kadlabal and Holagundi firkas of Hadagali taluk, Hansi and Choranur firkas of Kudligi taluk and parts of Harpanahalli.

River-fed channels, tanks and wells contain a sufficient supply for irrigation purposes. Other sources are either dry or contain an insufficient supply.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops—Adóni Division.—Cotton picking continued. The outturn is poor in Alúr and varies from 2 to 12 annas in Adóni. The standing cotton is tolerably good in parts of Adóni and fair on light soils in Alúr. White cholum sown prior to the rains of 23rd November is generally good in Adóni and fair in Alúr, but the area so sown is comparatively limited. The crop on the area sown subsequently has withered in many villages and is fading in others. I do not think that, as a rule, it will yield anything but fodder.

Bellary Division.—A second crop of paddy is being sown in parts and the fields are being weeded in a few places. Oil-seeds and horse-gram are being harvested and cotton picked in Rayadrug with an estimated yield of 4 annas. Standing crops under channels and wells are in good condition, while the white cholum sown subsequent to the rains of November has either withered or is withering in most places, but that sown in Rayadrug before the rains is in very good condition and promises a good harvest.

Hospet Division.—Cotton and sugarcane are being harvested in Hadagali with an outturn of from 4 to 6 annas. Castor-oil seeds are being harvested in Harpanahalli, the yield being from 4 to 8 annas. Cotton, dhâll and horse-gram are also being harvested in that taluk. *Hingari* crops in Harpanahalli, in Kottur firka of Kudligi, and in Hera Hadagali firka of Hadagali are reported to be faring badly, but white cholum and cotton in villages near the river in Hadagali are in fair condition.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni Division.—Pasture is *nil* and fodder is scanty in Alúr. In Adóni it may last for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ months. The condition of stall-fed cattle is generally good in Adóni and fair in Alúr, while that of others is tolerable in Adóni and is said to be bad in Alúr; but in my journey from Bellary to Adóni through the Alúr taluk I saw very few cattle in poor condition, while many were in excellent state. Four hundred and fifty cattle were brought for sale in Adóni market ; of these, 377 found no sale, 43 were bought by agriculturists for prices ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 30, and 30 by butchers from Rs. 3 to Rs. 15. There is some little cattle disease at Hebbatam village in Alúr taluk.

Bellary Division.—Pasture is very limited and fodder scanty except in wet villages. Prickly-pear and hill grass are being used in many villages. The condition of other than stall-fed cattle is reported to be bad, but here again my own observation points to a more favourable state of things. Cattle disease exists in two villages in the Rayadrug taluk, the attacks being 25 with 9 deaths.

Hospet Division.—Pasture hardly obtainable except in villages adjoining the Tungabhadra channels. Fodder is sufficient in Harpanahalli and Hira Hadagali firka of Hadagali taluk. Elsewhere insufficient. The condition of cattle is generally good.

General Remarks.—Steps are being taken to improve the water-supply of the affected localities, but so far no great difficulty seems to have been experienced in getting water, though some difficulty is inevitable in such a season. I have not yet seen enough of the district to be able to offer any remarks as the result of my own observation on the condition of the crops, but there has been an almost total failure in Alúr and in parts of Bellary. Adóni has fared somewhat better as the cotton crop has, in some parts at least, been a very fair one. I saw some fields this morning with an excellent crop, the result, I am informed, of deep-ploughing and the liberal supply of manure. Such crops are still in flower, but most of the cotton has already been picked. I hope to be able to submit shortly my proposals regarding the collection of revenue in the affected tracts.

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 February 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholum.		Yellow cholum.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	
Adóni	9·67	9·13	12·90	12·36	13·97	13·43	16·12	16·66	Prices are generally rising. This is due partly to the continued exports. I notice that it is still profitable to export cholum to Sholapur and Lhulia.
Alúr	9·18	8·64	11·85	11·85	13·39	12·88	..	..	
Bellary	9·18	9·18	11·33	11·33	14·42	13·39	15·52	16·49	
Rayadrug	9·72	9·72	13·39	12·36	14·42	13·39	15·52	14·55	
Hospet	9·72	9·10	12·36	13·30	13·39	14·40	16·50	15·50	
Kúdligi	8·64	8·64	..	..	16·48	14·42	17·46	15·52	
Harpanahalli	9·72	9·15	..	..	16·48	15·45	20·37	18·43	
Hadagali	9·72	9·72	..	..	15·45	15·45	..	..	
Average ..	9·44	9·16	12·36	12·24	14·75	14·10	16·91	16·19	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is said to be dull in Adóni. But the statistics do not support this statement, elsewhere it is reported to be generally active except as regards cholum in Hospet.

The following statement shows the exports and imports for the week ending 13th February 1897 from and to stations beyond the district :—

Stations.	In standard maunds.	
	Imports.	Exports.
Hospet	...	1,229
Bellary	320	3,092
Virapur	8	...
Aspari	3	...
Adóni	2,251	738
	2,582	5,059

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

(1) *On works.*—The condition of people on works is generally good and I have noticed that this is particularly the case with those who have been on works some time. This is satisfactory as tending to show the sufficiency of the famine wage. Some cases of glandular swellings under the jaws, with high fever, have occurred on the Nandavaram work. A medical officer has been sent to report, but the disease is probably mumps.

(2) *In villages.*—Good. There seems to be no immediate necessity for the opening of central kitchens. The one ordered at Alúr has not yet been opened, but it will be used in connection with the Halaharivi road, a section of which is approaching Alúr. Proposals were received from the Head-quarter Deputy Collector to open

central kitchens in the villages of Kurugod and Yemmiganúr, but his report was not sufficiently clear to convince me of the necessity for them. He has been asked to report whether a relief work with a kitchen attached to it will not, for the present, be sufficient. The Head Assistant Collector states that there is no need at present for central kitchens in his division. The Ádóni Deputy Collector's report is awaited. The Deputy Collector, Ádóni, states that a relief work will be required in Kowtalam firka of Ádóni taluk and he promises to submit proposals. I shall take an early opportunity of visiting that tract.

Sickness and Mortality.—Public health is generally good but fever prevails in Bellary and one case of cholera occurred at Rampur in Rayadrug taluk. No deaths from starvation. Small-pox prevails slightly in parts of Harpanahalli and Hadagali. There was one death from this cause in the latter taluk.

Remarks.—Three relief works were newly started during the fortnight, one in Hadagali (Ballahunsi road work) and two in Hospet, (1) clearance of prickly-pear on the Antapur anicut, (2) a road from Vaddu to Antapur. The Head Assistant Collector reports that the people of the Antapur valley are beginning to use the prickly-pear for food but they are said to be in good condition. Orders have also been issued to start two more works, viz., the Paramadevanahalli road work in Bellary and the Aspari railway feeder road in Alúr. The latter, however, is more an expansion of the Aspari-Alúr work than a new work. It was necessary to start these works to provide labour to workers nearer their homes. The Head Assistant Collector states that the Narayanadevarkeri tank work may now be closed as the Ballahunsi work is quite as convenient for the people of Narayandevarkeri. Before closing it, he will be called upon to submit a clear report on the subject.

Measures of Relief.

(1) *On works.*—In what taluks open, and comparison of numbers :—

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Ádóni	4,856	7,967	The general increase is due to the diminished demand for labour for agricultural operations, especially in Ádóni, and to the opening of three more works during the fortnight.
Alúr	12,450	16,213	
Bellary	2,612	3,278	
Hospet	1,432	1,953	
Hadagali	404	657	
Total ..	21,754	30,068	

(2) *Gratuitous relief.*—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluks.	Numbers relieved.				Remarks.
	At kitchens.		Weavers.		
	This fortnight.	Last. fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	
Ádóni	1,025	635			Increase follows the increase in the number of workers.
Alúr	828	793			
Bellary	194	183			
Hospet	285	174			
Total ..	1,785	2,332	753	745	

(3) *Private charity.*—The number of persons attending the kitchen opened by the Bellary public is about 200 against 185 at the end of the last fortnight. The number daily fed by Paramma continues to be about 300. There is no organized private charity elsewhere. Funds could be employed usefully in giving cloths to the very poor.

Remarks.—The statistics of the jail population have not been given properly by the Divisional Officers. Steps will be taken to obtain the necessary information hereafter. A statement giving the statistics for the district jail is appended. It does not show any perceptible increase in crime nor have I any reason to think that there has been such an increase.

Statement showing the admissions of different classes of Prisoners in the District Jail, Bellary, for the fortnight ending 14th February 1897, as compared with those for corresponding periods during the three previous years 1894, 1895 and 1896.

Date.	Convicts.		Under trial and remand.		Civil debtors.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
1st to 14th February 1894	48	6	30	..	..	84
Do. do. 1895	38	3	18	1	1	61
Do. do. 1896	28	4	15	2	..	49
Do. do. 1897	51	4	16	..	1	72

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	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				
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Kúdligi ..	..	..	..	..	3	650	7	1,100	..	1,125	..	..	1	25	..	..	8	1,125	..	..	..	..	1	25	..	..
Harpanahalli ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	900	17	2,330	15	1,780	61	5,150	17	2,340	66	6,650	17	2,330	15	1,780	61	5,150	..	..
Hadagali ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	3,810	10	1,300	..	..	99	15,975	10	1,300	121	19,785	10	1,300	..	..	99	15,975	..	..
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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

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

Order—No. 163, Revenue, dated 13th March 1897.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
" the Public Works Department.
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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting fortnightly narrative of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th February 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Bellary District for the fortnight ending 15th February 1897:—

State of the Country.

Rainfall and water-supply.—Six cents of rain were registered at Kampli during the fortnight and a few drops fell in other parts of the district.

Water-supply for drinking purposes is generally sufficient except in Alúr taluk, four villages in Bellary, some villages of Antapur valley in Hospet taluk, Kadlabal and Holagundi firkas of Hadagali taluk, Hansi and Choranur firkas of Kudligi taluk and parts of Harpanahalli.

River-fed channels, tanks and wells contain a sufficient supply for irrigation purposes. Other sources are either dry or contain an insufficient supply.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops—Adóni Division.—Cotton picking continued. The outturn is poor in Alúr and varies from 2 to 12 annas in Adóni. The standing cotton is tolerably good in parts of Adóni and fair on light soils in Alúr. White cholum sown prior to the rains of 23rd November is generally good in Adóni and fair in Alúr, but the area so sown is comparatively limited. The crop on the area sown subsequently has withered in many villages and is fading in others. I do not think that, as a rule, it will yield anything but fodder.

Bellary Division.—A second crop of paddy is being sown in parts and the fields are being weeded in a few places. Oil-seeds and horse-gram are being harvested and cotton picked in Rayadrug with an estimated yield of 4 annas. Standing crops under channels and wells are in good condition, while the white cholum sown subsequent to the rains of November has either withered or is withering in most places, but that sown in Rayadrug before the rains is in very good condition and promises a good harvest.

Hospet Division.—Cotton and sugarcane are being harvested in Hadagali with an outturn of from 4 to 6 annas. Castor-oil seeds are being harvested in Harpanahalli, the yield being from 4 to 8 annas. Cotton, dhâll and horse-gram are also being harvested in that taluk. *Hingari* crops in Harpanahalli, in Kottur firka of Kudligi, and in Hera Hadagali firka of Hadagali are reported to be faring badly, but white cholum and cotton in villages near the river in Hadagali are in fair condition.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni Division.—Pasture is *nil* and fodder is scanty in Alúr. In Adóni it may last for about 2½ months. The condition of stall-fed cattle is generally good in Adóni and fair in Alúr, while that of others is tolerable in Adóni and is said to be bad in Alúr; but in my journey from Bellary to Adóni through the Alúr taluk I saw very few cattle in poor condition, while many were in excellent state. Four hundred and fifty cattle were brought for sale in Adóni market; of these, 377 found no sale, 43 were bought by agriculturists for prices ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 30, and 30 by butchers from Rs. 3 to Rs. 15. There is some little cattle disease at Hebbatam village in Alúr taluk.

Bellary Division.—Pasture is very limited and fodder scanty except in wet villages. Prickly-pear and hill grass are being used in many villages. The condition of other than stall-fed cattle is reported to be bad, but here again my own observation points to a more favourable state of things. Cattle disease exists in two villages in the Rayadrug taluk, the attacks being 25 with 9 deaths.

Hospet Division.—Pasture hardly obtainable except in villages adjoining the Tungabhadra channels. Fodder is sufficient in Harpanahalli and Hira Hadagali firka of Hadagali taluk. Elsewhere insufficient. The condition of cattle is generally good.

General Remarks.—Steps are being taken to improve the water-supply of the affected localities, but so far no great difficulty seems to have been experienced in getting water, though some difficulty is inevitable in such a season. I have not yet seen enough of the district to be able to offer any remarks as the result of my own observation on the condition of the crops, but there has been an almost total failure in Alúr and in parts of Bellary. Adóni has fared somewhat better as the cotton crop has, in some parts at least, been a very fair one. I saw some fields this morning with an excellent crop, the result, I am informed, of deep-ploughing and the liberal supply of manure. Such crops are still in flower, but most of the cotton has already been picked. I hope to be able to submit shortly my proposals regarding the collection of revenue in the affected tracts.

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 February 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholum.		Yellow cholum.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	
Adóni	9·67	9·13	12·90	12·36	13·97	13·43	16·12	16·66	Prices are generally rising. This is due partly to the continued exports. I notice that it is still profitable to export cholum to Sholapur and Lhulia.
Alúr	9·18	8·64	11·85	11 85	13·39	12 88	..	..	
Bellary	9·18	9·18	11·33	11·33	14·42	13·39	15·52	16·49	
Rayadrug	9·72	9·72	13·39	12·36	14·42	13·39	15·52	14·55	
Hospet	9·72	9·10	12·36	13·30	13·39	14·40	16·50	15·50	
Kúdligi	8·64	8·64	..	..	16 48	14·42	17·46	15·52	
Harpanahalli	9·72	9·16	..	..	16 48	15·45	20·37	18·43	
Hadagali	9·72	9·72	..	..	15·45	15·45	..	..	
Average ..	9·44	9·16	12·36	12·24	14·75	14·10	16·91	16·19	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is said to be dull in Adóni. But the statistics do not support this statement, elsewhere it is reported to be generally active except as regards cholum in Hospet.

The following statement shows the exports and imports for the week ending 13th February 1897 from and to stations beyond the district:—

Stations.	In standard maunds.	
	Imports.	Exports.
Hospet	...	1,229
Bellary	320	3,092
Virapur	8	...
Aspari	3	...
Adóni	2,251	738
	2,582	5,059

Condition of the People.

(1) *On works.*—The condition of people on works is generally good and I have noticed that this is particularly the case with those who have been on works some time. This is satisfactory as tending to show the sufficiency of the famine wage. Some cases of glandular swellings under the jaws, with high fever, have occurred on the Nandavaram work. A medical officer has been sent to report, but the disease is probably mumps.

(2) *In villages.*—Good. There seems to be no immediate necessity for the opening of central kitchens. The one ordered at Alúr has not yet been opened, but it will be used in connection with the Halaharivi road, a section of which is approaching Alúr. Proposals were received from the Head-quarter Deputy Collector to open

central kitchens in the villages of Kurugod and Yemmiganúr, but his report was not sufficiently clear to convince me of the necessity for them. He has been asked to report whether a relief work with a kitchen attached to it will not, for the present, be sufficient. The Head Assistant Collector states that there is no need at present for central kitchens in his division. The Ádóni Deputy Collector's report is awaited. The Deputy Collector, Ádóni, states that a relief work will be required in Kowtalam firka of Ádóni taluk and he promises to submit proposals. I shall take an early opportunity of visiting that tract.

Sickness and Mortality.—Public health is generally good but fever prevails in Bellary and one case of cholera occurred at Rampur in Rayadrug taluk. No deaths from starvation. Small-pox prevails slightly in parts of Harpanahalli and Hadagali. There was one death from this cause in the latter taluk.

Remarks.—Three relief works were newly started during the fortnight, one in Hadagali (Ballahunsi road work) and two in Hospet, (1) clearance of prickly-pear on the Antapur anicut, (2) a road from Vaddu to Antapur. The Head Assistant Collector reports that the people of the Antapur valley are beginning to use the prickly-pear for food but they are said to be in good condition. Orders have also been issued to start two more works, viz., the Paramadevanahalli road work in Bellary and the Aspari railway feeder road in Alúr. The latter, however, is more an expansion of the Aspari-Alúr work than a new work. It was necessary to start these works to provide labour to workers nearer their homes. The Head Assistant Collector states that the Narayanadevarkeri tank work may now be closed as the Ballahunsi work is quite as convenient for the people of Narayandevarkeri. Before closing it, he will be called upon to submit a clear report on the subject.

Measures of Relief.

(1) *On works.*—In what taluks open, and comparison of numbers :—

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Ádóni	4,856	7,967	The general increase is due to the diminished demand for labour for agricultural operations, especially in Ádóni, and to the opening of three more works during the fortnight.
Alúr	12,450	16,213	
Bellary	2,612	3,278	
Hospet	1,432	1,953	
Hadagali	404	657	
Total ..	21,754	30,068	

(2) *Gratuitous relief.*—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluks.	Numbers relieved.				Remarks.
	At kitchens.		Weavers.		
	This fortnight.	Last. fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	
Ádóni	1,025	635			Increase follows the increase in the number of workers.
Alúr	828	793			
Bellary	194	183			
Hospet	285	174			
Total ..	1,785	2,332	753	745	

(3) *Private charity.*—The number of persons attending the kitchen opened by the Bellary public is about 200 against 185 at the end of the last fortnight. The number daily fed by Paramma continues to be about 300. There is no organized private charity elsewhere. Funds could be employed usefully in giving cloths to the very poor.

Remarks.—The statistics of the jail population have not been given properly by the Divisional Officers. Steps will be taken to obtain the necessary information hereafter. A statement giving the statistics for the district jail is appended. It does not show any perceptible increase in crime nor have I any reason to think that there has been such an increase.

Statement showing the admissions of different classes of Prisoners in the District Jail, Bellary, for the fortnight ending 14th February 1897, as compared with those for corresponding periods during the three previous years 1894, 1895 and 1896.

Date.	Convicts.		Under trial and remand.		Civil debtors.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
1st to 14th February 1894	48	6	30	..	..	84
Do. do. 1895	38	3	18	1	1	61
Do. do. 1896	28	4	15	2	..	49
Do. do. 1897	51	4	16	..	1	72

Inspections—Taluks and places visited.

By the Collector.—Moka road work, Bellary taluk; Halaharivi road work and Adóni-Alúr road work in Alúr taluk and Adóni Municipal works.

By Deputy Collector, Adóni Division—Adóni Taluk.—Kamavaram, Yerigiri, Vinukondi, Kantalam, Dombaldinne, Virladinne, Agasaldinne, Lingatadinne, Katiriki, Nadichagi, Myaliganur, Chellakudlur, Motur, Hatcholli, Chinna Bellary, Hanuralli, Seedarogatti, Kottalachinta, Gubbihal and Bommalapuram.

Alúr Taluk.—Guntakul section of Chippigiri road work, Alur-Moka road, Adóni-Siruguppa road, Alúr-Adóni road work, Alúr-Aspari road, Peddahotur, Chinnahotur, Namakal, Ravihal, Venkatapuram, Nagarahal, Alabanur, Alúr, Halaharvi, Kuruvalli, Nitravatti, Bulagoti, Virupapuram, Suluvoy, Magamavinagudi, Holalagundi, China Hyati, Yellarthi, Kurukundi, Manekurti and Kummerchedu.

By Head-Quarters Deputy Collector—Bellary taluk.—Paramedevanahalli, Teggina Budehal, Chaganur, Byradevanhalli, Moka, Dasara Naganahalli, Jabhal, Bommanahal, Gonahal, Yerragudi, Bennikal, Vanenur, Kirchedu, Hira Hadagali, Talur, Basarrakodu, Banapuram, Kallukutikunhal, Gotur, Sanganakal, Yettina Budchal, Sanjeevarayani Kota, Srivaram, Moka road works and Siruguppa road work.

Rayadrug taluk.—Bommanahal, Uddihal, Benakanahalli, Hare Samudram, Kalluhola, Govindavada, Honur, Bidurukunta, Munuhalli, Gurudachedu, Hanumapuram, Malyani, Tumbiganur, Naganahalli, Sollapuram, Untacal and Kalludevanahalli.

By Head Assistant Collector—Hospet taluk.—Daroji, Torugal, Yerabanahalli (Sultanpur), Antapur, Avinamadugu, Vitlapuram, Kodalu, Vaddu, Gadiganur and Hospet.

General Remarks.—No season report is at present being sent from the Sandúr State, I have asked the Administrator of Sandúr to furnish me with reports hereafter. I spoke to him about ten days ago on the subject of the state of his ryots and the need for relief works and he told me there was no present necessity for such works. I will take an opportunity of riding through the State to see for myself the condition of the people, as soon as I have completed my inspection of Adóni taluk.

The delay in the disposal of applications seems to be due in part to the time taken by the Registration officers in granting the encumbrance certificate. I have asked the Inspector-General of Registration to appoint two more experienced clerks to the Alúr Sub-Registrar's office, for it is quite impossible to get better results without an appreciable increase of the establishment. Every effort will be made to dispose of the applications as promptly as possible. Work will be greatly facilitated if the Board's suggestion to appoint additional Tahsildars with power to sanction loans is accepted by the Government.

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

Talaks.	Other purposes.						Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		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.		
1	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Adóni ..	16	1,140	..	..	400	21,225	16	1,140	..	..	447	28,175	1	..
Alúr ..	179	18,925	136	14,790	1,648	2,29,833	179	18,925	136	15,190	1,721	2,64,680	..	..
Bellary ..	5	575	5	575	804	1,09,404	6	700	6	700	861	1,18,655	..	1
Rayadrug ..	13	2,000	1	125	52	13,350	17	2,650	6	460	54	14,100	..	..
Hospet ..	..	..	..	..	35	1,830	3	650	..	..	61	6,690	..	1
Kúdligi ..	17	2,330	15	1,780	1	25	..	..	..	..	8	1,125	..	..
Harpanahalli ..	10	1,300	..	..	51	5,150	17	2,340	15	1,780	56	6,550	..	..
Hadagali ..					99	15,976	10	1,300	..	..	121	19,785	..	..
Total ..	240	26,270	157	17,270	3,090	3,96,790	248	27,595	162	18,120	3,329	4,49,260	1	2

Talaks.	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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Adóni ..	..	..	..	..	47	6,950	16	1,140	..	..	400	21,225
Alúr ..	..	..	..	..	73	24,850	179	18,925	136	14,790	1,648	2,29,833
Bellary ..	..	..	1	125	57	9,250	5	575	5	575	804	1,09,404
Rayadrug ..	1	125	..	..	2	750	13	2,000	1	125	52	13,350
Hospet ..	4	650	4	325	26	4,360	..	..	..	..	35	1,830
Kúdligi ..	3	550	..	..	7	1,100	17	2,330	15	1,780	1	25
Harpanahalli ..	..	..	..	..	5	900	10	1,300	..	..	51	5,150
Hadagali ..	..	..	..	..	22	3,810					99	15,976
Total ..	8	1,325	5	450	239	52,470	240	26,270	157	17,270	3,090	3,96,790

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Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Mr. Stuart does not appear inclined to fully accept the gloomy reports he has received regarding the state of the country and the condition of the cattle, but the Board fears that a more intimate acquaintance with his district may lead him to modify these views. In the last week the Famine Commissioner saw a herd of cattle returning to Chinna Hotur, and, with the exception of one young bull, every beast in the herd was doomed. In the same way the Board is unable to accept the deduction made by the Collector as to the sufficiency of the wages from the condition of the workers. It is not to be expected but that these have still some small private resources which they have been using hitherto to eke out their wages, and the question will be how long their resources will hold out. No doubt the general condition of the workers is good, and this is as it should be; but, so long ago as the end of December last, the Famine Commissioner found the condition of many workers at Chinna Tambalam to be bad, and was confirmed in this opinion by the Sanitary Commissioner. Long famine experience or a medical training is necessary before an officer can pronounce with certainty as to the physical condition of workers.

3. Prices continue to rise and are already considerably above the rate for February 1892, the number resorting to the relief works is increasing rapidly, but the number of dependants relieved at kitchens is very small, and this is especially noticeable in the Alúr and Bellary taluks, whilst in Hadagali no such relief has yet been given at all. It is only by exhausting every resource and by personally stinting themselves that the workers can manage to support their dependants, and the Board considers that the Collector should at once prosecute detailed enquiries in the villages from which the workers come, as to the condition of their dependants and other destitute persons. The Head-quarter Deputy Collector is an experienced and trustworthy officer, and his proposals regarding village relief in Kurugodu and Yemmiganúr should not be lightly set aside. The Collector does not seem to perceive that his own alternative proposal goes further than that of the Deputy Collector. If a kitchen were opened in connection with a relief work the destitute persons qualified under section 62 of the Famine Code would be admitted to it, which is all that the Head-quarter Deputy Collector proposes.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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