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Ganjám	7	32	2	11	
Surada	12	5	3	1	
Bodagada	32	..	10	..	
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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
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Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Goomsur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Nil.

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The Principal Assistant Collector reports that no fresh applications have been received for loans and that those already made to the Tahsildar of Chicacole are now under enquiry :—

	Applications.	
	no.	rs.
Land Improvement Loans Act	28	1,557
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Resolution—dated 26th February 1897, No. 169.

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2. Since the Collector's fortnightly narrative was written, there has been a good fall of rain in many parts of the district which will replenish the water-supplies and make the prospect for the cattle less gloomy. Agriculture is, however, at present almost at a standstill, though the recent rain has enabled the ryots, where it has fallen, to plough up their land. Prices have eased slightly during the last week, but are still very high.

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4. Notwithstanding the fact that the people are reported not to need employment on relief works, the Collector has considered it necessary during the last week for which information is available to grant gratuitous relief under section 83 of the Code to 909 persons. The Board does not consider this advisable and the following telegram will be despatched to the Collector :—

"Restrict gratuitous relief to grant of cooked food at kitchens pending further orders."

If the people are not in need of employment on works, it is not likely that they need, or should be granted gratuitous relief, save in the form prescribed in section 64 of the Code. Ganjám is, however, a tract which cannot in all respects be treated like other districts. The Collector will no doubt exercise the necessary discretion, and it is possible that, for a time, the establishment of a few kitchens may enable the opening of works to be postponed. The price of the staple grain is, however, very high, and the situation calls for close watching. That only women and children came at first to the works does not necessarily prove that distress does not exist. It only shows, what is generally the case, that the attitude of the males to the females is somewhat selfish and inconsiderate. The fact, that the normal wage for women is so close to the famine wage, makes it difficult to use the latter as a test. If, however, *fair* tasks are imposed, and fining resorted to, it will be shown whether the workers are really in want or not.

5. It is observed that there are 93 loan applications pending in Berhampur. Special arrangements for the prompt disposal of these should be made.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjám.
„ Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—No. 170, Revenue, dated 15th March 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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2. An additional allotment of Rs. 12,000 has already been sanctioned to carry on the Surada dam works as an ordinary work.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the district of Ganjám for the fortnight ending 15th February 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
	INCHES.	INCHES.
In the fortnight	·12	·26
Up to the fortnight from April	32·59	43·93

Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.—There was 1 inch and 13 cents of rain during the fortnight. This has enabled the ryots to begin ploughing operations wherever there was moisture. Water-supply is becoming scarce in places and steps are being taken to provide water. Irrigation sources, rivers and river channels are dried up. The rain that has fallen during the fortnight is very useful for green gram and ragi crops.

Berhampur division.—On the 2nd evening there was a smart shower at Thumba, Jalantra Maliahs. Rain very local however, water-supply for irrigatian is exhausted. Ryots are digging pits in tank beds. Estimates for about Rs. 1,100 for repairs to drinking-water tanks and wells are sanctioned ; the work is being pushed on.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—There has been no rain during the fortnight and there is no supply of water for irrigation purposes. A few of the ragi seed beds and sugarcane are being irrigated from private wells and river beds. Water-supply for drinking purposes, except in a few villages commanded by the Rushikulya canal is also getting scarce.

Chicacole division.—Rainfall *nil*. Water for drinking purposes is getting scarce, especially in the Tekkali taluk.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops—*Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.*—Castor-oil plants and green gram are in a moderate condition. Sugarcane is fair. Ragi is thriving throughout the division wherever it is cultivated.

Berhampur division.—The Senior Assistant Collector, Mr. Rice, reports that he noticed a very fair amount of tobacco being grown under temporary wells in Jarada and Chikati zemindaries and in Ichchhápuram taluk, patches of ragi and chillies all under artificial wells, and little green gram as there is no supply in tanks.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—The standing crops are sugarcane, ragi, onions, oil-seeds and green gram. In places where water can be had at low depths, pits are dug and ragi is being cultivated to a great extent.

Chicacole division.—The standing crops are ragi, green gram, gingelly and castor-oil plants which are all in a fair condition.

Supply of Fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—*Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.*—Fodder is sufficient, but pasture is scarce. Condition of cattle is generally good. Mortality among cattle is on the decrease.

Berhampur division.—Fodder and pasture are getting scarce. The country is, for the most part, very dry and parched. Mr. Rice reports that he noticed some springs near Haripur where the grass was green, but such patches are very rare.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—Pasture is scarce, but fodder can be had freely. The condition of cattle is good.

Chicacole division.—Cattle are still generally in good condition, but cattle-diseases exist in parts of Tekkali. Fodder is still available, but pasture is scarce.

General remarks on above subjects.—The little rain that has fallen has been very partial and of little real assistance to agricultural operations or drinking-water supply :—

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets, in seers of 80 tolahs per rupee, for the period ending 15th February 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	
1. Russellkonda	10·50	11·00	13·59	13·59	The rise in the price of ragi at six of the stations is partly due to supplies to market not being ample and partly to the correct calculation of a seer at 80 tolas weight.
2. Surada	9·00	9·25	12·80	14·40	
3. Aska	10·16	9·79	14·29	12·80	
4. Purushottapur	12·00	12·00	15·00	14·20	
5. Chatrapur	10·00	9·50	15·00	12·50	
6. Berhampur	10·00	9·50	13·20	13·20	
7. Ichchhápuram	9·00	9·00	14·40	14·40	
8. Sompet	9·95	9·75	15·13	14·77	
9. Parlákimedi	9·75	9·75	18·00	14·62	
10. Tekkali	10·00	10·16	19·00	15·22	
11. Narasannapet	10·50	10·50	16·25	16·25	
12. Chicacole	9·73	9·73	15·02	15·83	
Average ..	10·05	9·99	15·14	14·31	

Activity of trade.—Supplies are available at the rates quoted in the various marts' but it is reported that the trade within the district is generally dull.

Exports and imports of food-grains by rail are as follow :—

	MAUNDS.
Exports	5,895
Imports	5,891

Four thousand five hundred and ninety-two maunds of food-grains and pulses were exported by sea. No imports by sea.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

(1) *On works.*—The quarry at Kalyapalli was opened as a test-work on the 5th instant. The condition of the people on the work is, for the present, good.

(2) *In villages.*—Generally good for the present. The people are, no doubt, pinched in places. The Telugus seem to be more or less willing to come to work, but the Uriyas prefer to undergo a little hardship at home and they are not anxious to come to kitchens.

Sickness and Mortality—*Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.*—No deaths from want of food have been reported. Poorer classes are beginning to feel want of employment in places. Fever slightly exists in certain parts. Small-pox exists in parts of

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the district of Ganjám for the fortnight ending 15th February 1897 :—

State of the country.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.	Actual rainfall. INCHES.	Expected rainfall. INCHES.
In the fortnight	·12	·26
Up to the fortnight from April	32·59	43·93

Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.—There was 1 inch and 13 cents of rain during the fortnight. This has enabled the ryots to begin ploughing operations wherever there was moisture. Water-supply is becoming scarce in places and steps are being taken to provide water. Irrigation sources, rivers and river channels are dried up. The rain that has fallen during the fortnight is very useful for green gram and ragi crops.

Berhampur division.—On the 2nd evening there was a smart shower at Thumba, Jalantra Maliahs. Rain very local however, water-supply for irrigatian is exhausted. Ryots are digging pits in tank beds. Estimates for about Rs. 1,100 for repairs to drinking-water tanks and wells are sanctioned ; the work is being pushed on.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—There has been no rain during the fortnight and there is no supply of water for irrigation purposes. A few of the ragi seed beds and sugarcane are being irrigated from private wells and river beds. Water-supply for drinking purposes, except in a few villages commanded by the Rushikulya canal is also getting scarce.

Chicacole division.—Rainfall *nil*. Water for drinking purposes is getting scarce, especially in the Tekkali taluk.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops—Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.—Castor-oil plants and green gram are in a moderate condition. Sugarcane is fair. Ragi is thriving throughout the division wherever it is cultivated.

Berhampur division.—The Senior Assistant Collector, Mr. Rice, reports that he noticed a very fair amount of tobacco being grown under temporary wells in Jarada and Chikati zemindaries and in Ichchhápuram taluk, patches of ragi and chillies all under artificial wells, and little green gram as there is no supply in tanks.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—The standing crops are sugarcane, ragi, onions, oil-seeds and green gram. In places where water can be had at low depths, pits are dug and ragi is being cultivated to a great extent.

Chicacole division.—The standing crops are ragi, green gram, gingelly and castor-oil plants which are all in a fair condition.

Supply of Fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.—Fodder is sufficient, but pasture is scarce. Condition of cattle is generally good. Mortality among cattle is on the decrease.

Berhampur division.—Fodder and pasture are getting scarce. The country is, for the most part, very dry and parched. Mr. Rice reports that he noticed some springs near Haripur where the grass was green, but such patches are very rare.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—Pasture is scarce, but fodder can be had freely. The condition of cattle is good.

Chicacole division.—Cattle are still generally in good condition, but cattle-diseases exist in parts of Tekkali. Fodder is still available, but pasture is scarce.

General remarks on above subjects.—The little rain that has fallen has been very partial and of little real assistance to agricultural operations or drinking-water supply :—

Food Supplies and the State of the Markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets, in seers of 80 tolahs per rupee, for the period ending 15th February 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	
1. Russellkonda	10·50	11·00	13·59	13·59	The rise in the price of ragi at six of the stations is partly due to supplies to market not being ample and partly to the correct calculation of a seer at 80 tolas weight.
2. Surada	9·00	9·25	12·80	14·40	
3. Aska	10·16	9·79	14·29	12·80	
4. Purushottapur	12·00	12·00	15·00	14·20	
5. Chatrapur	10·00	9·50	15·00	12·50	
6. Berhampur	10·00	9·50	13·20	13·20	
7. Ichchhápuram	9·00	9·00	14·40	14·40	
8. Sompet	9·95	9·75	15·13	14·77	
9. Parlákimedi	9·75	9·75	18·00	14·62	
10. Tekkali	10·00	10·10	19·00	15·22	
11. Narasannapet	10·50	10·50	16·25	16·25	
12. Chicacole	9·73	9·73	15·02	15·83	
Average ..	10·05	9·99	15·14	14·31	

Activity of trade.—Supplies are available at the rates quoted in the various marts' but it is reported that the trade within the district is generally dull.

Exports and imports of food-grains by rail are as follow :—

	MAUNDS.
Exports	5,895
Imports	5,891

Four thousand five hundred and ninety-two maunds of food-grains and pulses were exported by sea. No imports by sea.

Condition of the people.

(1) *On works.*—The quarry at Kalyapalli was opened as a test-work on the 5th instant. The condition of the people on the work is, for the present, good.

(2) *In villages.*—Generally good for the present. The people are, no doubt, pinched in places. The Telugus seem to be more or less willing to come to work, but the Uriyas prefer to undergo a little hardship at home and they are not anxious to come to kitchens.

Sickness and Mortality—Goomsur Deputy Collector's division.—No deaths from want of food have been reported. Poorer classes are beginning to feel want of employment in places. Fever slightly exists in certain parts. Small-pox exists in parts of

Goomsur. It has assumed the form of an epidemic at Aska where mortality is heavy. Cholera deaths 6.

Berhampur division.—No deaths from starvation. Cholera and small-pox are prevalent in places. Cholera deaths 14.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division.—No deaths from starvation are reported. There is small-pox and cholera here and there. Cholera deaths 48.

Chicacole division.—No deaths from starvation are reported. Small-pox and cholera are prevalent in places. Cholera deaths 81.

Remarks.—Statement showing the number of prisoners in jails of the Ganjám district.

Stations.	Number of admissions in the present fortnight.	Average of the numbers of the corresponding periods of the three previous years.	Remarks.
1. District jail, Berhampur	2	5·66	
2. Hill jail, Russellkonda	10	·3	
3. Sub jail, Chatrapur	7	4	
4. Do. Purushottapur			
5. Do. Aska	2	2·3	
6. Do. Suradá	70	42	
7. Do. Ichchápuram	..	3·33	
8. Do. Sompéta			
9. Do. Tekkali	14	10	Returns from Nos. 1, 5, 9 and 15 are not received.
10. Do. Parlákimedi	3	4	
11. Do. Narasannapet	4	5	
12. Do. Chicacole	..	·6	
13. Do. Balliguda	7	1·33	
14. Do. Udayagiri			
15. Do. Ramagiri			
Total ..	119	78·52	

Remarks.—121 emigrants, including children, under the Act, and 83 free emigrants, including children, to ports beyond the presidency but within British India, and 1,219 free emigrants, including children, to ports in Burma have emigrated from the district.

Measures of Relief.

1. *On works*—

Taluk.	Number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Ganjám	..	1,411	These are working at the Kalyapalli quarry which has been opened as a test work. The figures are for Sunday the 14th instant.

A test work was opened at Pattupur, in Aska taluk, during the fortnight, but it proved a failure, the coolies not having accepted the famine wages. At the test work at Kalyapalli near Chatrapur, a large number of labourers, mostly women, are working. About this work a separate report is submitted. Necessity to open kitchens at some centres has already arisen and steps are being taken towards the same.

2. *Gratuitous relief*—

Taluks.	Number relieved. In villages.		Number of villages in which relief was given.		Remarks.
	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	
Purushottapur ..	29	25	3	2	
Ganjám	7	32	2	11	
Surada	12	5	3	1	
Bodagada	32	..	10	..	
Berhampur	80	7	..	5	Aggregate number.
Sómpeta	60	..	..	..	
Pedda Kimedi	12	..	..	..	
Tekkali	260	..	..	..	
Total ..	492	69	18	19	

3. *Private charity.*—There is no organized private charity at work. The Senior Assistant Collector, Mr. Rice, reports that he proposed to organize a fund in Berhampur to be worked independently of Government. The Goomsur Deputy Collector reports that about 30 beggars at Aska and 20 at Russellkonda are given one meal every day by the good and well-to-do gentlemen of these towns, and that Mr. Reay of Russellkonda has started local subscriptions to feed as many destitute beggars as funds permit.

Inspections.

The Deputy Collector, Goomsur, visited 15 villages, the Senior Assistant Collector 27 villages, and the Head-Quarters Deputy Collector 7 villages in their divisions. The Head-Quarters Deputy Collector reports that he could not visit more villages in his division as he had to arrange for and open a test work at Kalyapalli near Chatrapur during the fortnight. The Principal Assistant Collector visited Tekkali and its neighbourhood, made arrangents for opening a kitchen at Tekkali. The Collector remained at head-quarters preparatory to handing over charge.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.								Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		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.	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
Berhampur ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	Rs. 300	..	..	..	..	91	Rs. 9,310	..	..	..	..	93	Rs. 9610	..	..
Chicacole ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Goomsur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Nil.

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.								Cattle 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.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
Berhampur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Rs. 200	1	Rs. 200	435	Rs. 26,104	1	Rs. 200	1	Rs. 200	435	Rs. 26,104
Chicacole ..																		
Goomsur ..																		

Nil.

The Principal Assistant Collector reports that no fresh applications have been received for loans and that those already made to the Tahsildar of Chicacole are now under enquiry :—

	Applications.	
	No.	Rs.
Land Improvement Loans Act ..	28	1,557
Agriculturists' Loans Act ..	11	690

Read—the following telegram from the Collector of Ganjám, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), dated Chatrapur, 24th February 1897 :—

Gratuitous relief granted section 83 by relief inspectors, taluk officers and revenue inspectors.

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	No.
Goomsur division	8
Berhampur division	173
Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division	145
Chicacole division	583
Total ...	909

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Resolution—dated 26th February 1897, No. 169.

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