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Affected Districts of the Madras Presidency:

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 12th June 1897, No. 431A :—

Resolution—dated 12th June 1897, No. 431A.

The following letter will be despatched to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, Simla :—

“ With reference to section 48 (VI) of the Madras Famine Code, I am directed to submit herewith the Board's monthly report on the affected area in this Presidency for the month of May 1897. Two copies of the map prepared as laid down in Rule VII are appended.”

2. Copy will be submitted for the information of Government, with copies of the map.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two copies of map.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner, with a copy of map.
” to all Collectors.

MONTHLY FAMINE STATEMENT A.

For the period ending Saturday the 29th May 1897.

Districts.	Area.	Population in thousands.	Area affected.	Estimated population for area in column 4 in thousands.	Numbers on relief works on the last day of the period including weavers.			
					Class A.	Class B.	Class C.	Class D.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>Circars.</i>								
Ganjam	SQ. MLS.		SQ. MLS.					
Vizagapatam	8,369	1,897	2,679	908	..	16,413	3,011	..
Górávari	17,242	2,803	928	455	..	14,662	92	..
	7,858	2,079	911	42	..	500	..	..
Total ..	33,469	6,779	4,517	1,405	..	31,575	3,103	..
<i>Deccan.</i>								
Kurnool	7,514	818	2,700	340	1,941	81,680	8,162	571
Bellary	5,975	900	3,963	518	2,098	94,600	2,522	..
Anantapur	4,886	709	4,517	584	198	34,931	2,442	97
Cuddapah	8,731	1,272	2,244	391	2,033	49,811	10,917	..
Total ..	27,106	3,699	13,424	1,833	6,270	261,022	24,043	668
Grand Total ..	60,575	10,478	17,941	3,238	6,270	292,597	27,146	668

Districts.	Numbers on relief works on the last day of the period including weavers—cont.		Number on gratuitous relief.	Prices of principal food-grains in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.			Monthly death-rate.	Deaths due to starvation.
	Details not reported.	Total.		Rice.	Cholam.	Ragi.		
<i>Circars.</i>								
Ganjám	..	19,424	28,159	10.9	..	12.1	..	..
Vizagapatam	..	14,754	2,295	9.0	13.4	13.9	..	..
Górávari	..	500	..	9.6	14.9	14.1	..	..
Total ..	..	34,678	30,454	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Deccan.</i>								
Kurnool	..	92,354	9,278	9.0	12.7	15.4	..	..
Bellary	..	99,220	16,478	8.7	11.8	15.3	..	..
Anantapur	..	37,668	10,994	9.1	13.0	16.5	..	..
Cuddapah	..	62,761	7,149	8.6	13.5	17.8	..	..
Total ..	..	292,003	43,899	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total ..	..	326,681	74,353	..	..	..	..	..

* Figures not available.

Area affected—Condition and prospects of.—The affected area has increased from 16,374 square miles to 17,941. The increase is due to the inclusion of the Bhadrachalam taluk of Górávari district, the correction of estimates, and the gradual absorption of unaffected tracts within the area of distress.

Agricultural operations were carried on to but a limited extent in the affected districts.

The condition of cattle, especially the poorer sorts, remains critical in the Deccan districts, owing to want of pasturage and fodder. Forest reserves have been thrown open to free grazing, and fodder has been imported, with the help of the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee, from Kistna and the south.

No improvement in the condition of the affected areas occurred during the month, nor will prospects brighten unless and until the south-west monsoon is established.

2. *Nature of works.*—As before, the work given consisted mainly of road construction.

3. *Operations under the Loans Acts.*—In addition to the numbers employed on State relief works, about 22,000 persons are reported to have been employed on land improvement works, for which Rs. 1,28,000 were disbursed during the month as shown in the subjoined table:—

Districts.	Land Improvement Loans.								Number of wells.		Estimated number of labourers employed.
	For wells.				Other purposes.				Completed.	Under construction.	
	Accepted.		Disbursed.		Accepted.		Disbursed.				
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>Circars.</i>											
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.			
Ganjām	..	..	..	..	116	11,710	78	8,440	..	..	560
Vizagapatam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	116	11,710	78	8,440	..	..	560
<i>Deccan.</i>											
Kurnool	47	12,340	28	10,930	11	1,240	11	1,190	..	92	3,260
Bellary	37	9,998	5	5,243	727	70,940	724	73,645	..	124	11,394
Anantapur	168	23,345	97	16,240	146	20,140	89	10,102	8	829	6,254
Cuddapah	7	955	11	1,305	6	940	6	940	1	31	140
Total	259	46,638	141	33,718	890	93,260	830	85,877	9	1,076	21,048
Grand Total	259	46,638	141	33,718	1,006	1,04,970	908	94,317	9	1,076	21,548

• Incomplete.

4. *Wages* have been calculated on prices varying from 11·0 to 14·5 seers to the rupee. Workers were mainly in receipt of the B wage, which averaged about As. 1-6 for a man. Nearly all of those on C wages are weavers.

5. *Gratuitous relief.*—Owing to the organization of village relief with money doles for those who, by caste, are prevented from attending kitchens, the number on gratuitous relief increased to 74,353. The number on such relief was excessive only in Ganjām, where the conditions are peculiar.

6. *Prices.*—The price of dry grains rose during the month, especially in the Circars, and was in every affected district above the scarcity rate, being 27 per cent. above the scarcity rate in Bellary.

7. *Imports and exports.*—The activity of trade is shown by the subjoined figures:—

Districts.	Imports and exports by rail.			
	April.		May.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
Ganjām	1. MDS. 4,300	1. MDS. 21,800	1. MDS. 6,000	1. MDS. 25,200
Vizagapatam	46,300	6,200	57,900	5,200
Kurnool	18,700	8,400	13,800	5,100
Bellary	65,200	13,600	53,100	23,500
Anantapur	17,520	41,450	16,135	31,699
Cuddapah	26,595	13,394	10,848	15,311

The large exports from Ganjām and Anantapur continue; in the former, they are said to be due to the necessity of fulfilling outstanding contracts; in the latter, they are due to demands from Bombay, and this explanation probably accounts for the high rate of exportation also from Bellary and Cuddapah. In Bellary the exports are more than counterbalanced by imports, and in the other three districts, there are considerable tracts not yet brought within the affected zone, or only slightly affected.

8. *Condition of the people.*—The condition of the people was on the whole fair, except in Ganjām. The low condition of the people in this district was due partly to the repugnance, more unreasonable among the Uriyas than elsewhere, to accept State relief, and partly to the want of accurate information and reliable officials in the zemindaris, of which this district is largely composed.

9. *Mortality.*—The following table shows the deaths in April 1897 and in the period, October—April 1896-97, and the average rates for the same periods. Figures for May are not yet available:—

Districts.	Number of deaths reported			
	During April		From October to April.	
	1897.	Average.	1897.	Average.
Ganjām	3,200	1,765	19,182	13,401
Vizagapatam	2,314	2,078	17,288	19,935
Kurnool	1,110	1,582	7,962	10,251
Bellary	1,585	384	9,927	9,795
Anantapur	977	907	7,443	6,808
Cuddapah	1,757	2,470	13,829	16,745

The excessive mortality in Ganjām is ascribed to cholera and small-pox.

FAMINE STATEMENT B.

For the period ending Saturday the 29th May 1897.

Districts.	Maximum number for whom relief is estimated to be required in the case of serious famine.	Number for whom relief was provided in programmes of famine-relief works.			Maximum number for whom relief can be provided by works remaining in programmes on date of report	
		Date of programme.	On large works.	Others.	On large works.	Others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Circars.</i>						
Ganjám	317,800	8th Apr. 1897.	354,398	113,586	353,768	112,442
Vizagapatam	388,200	29th Mar. „	279,688	137,423	279,688	134,040
Gódvári	201,000	Do.	395,000	100,000	395,000	100,000
Total ..	907,000		1,029,086	351,009	1,028,456	346,482
<i>Deccan.</i>						
Kurnool	163,000	13th Apr. 1897.	522,795	93,977	502,646	92,947
Bellary	180,000	Do.	324,866	56,564	299,961	54,691
Anantapur	141,800	Do.	156,411	49,454	149,879	48,044
Cuddapah	253,800	Do.	182,174	94,034	171,073	92,832
Total ..	738,600		1,186,246	294,089	1,123,559	288,514
Grand Total ..	1,645,600		2,215,332	645,098	2,152,015	634,996

Districts.	Expenditure since 1st April up to the latest day for which figures are available.			Advances given since 1st April up to the end of the period, under		Revenue suspended beyond current official year.
	Date up to which expenditure is known.	On relief works.	On gratuitous relief.	Land Improvement Loans.	Agri-culturists' Loans Act.	
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Circars.						
Ganjám	29th May 1897.	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 8,000	Rs. 8,000	..
Vizagapatam	Do.	25,000	3,000	..	..	..
Gódvári	Do.	..	..	..	..	..
Total		27,000	7,000	8,000	8,000	..
Deccan.						
Kurnool	29th May 1897.	1,59,000	6,000	30,000	4,000	..
Bellary	Do.	1,97,000	12,000	1,71,000	22,000	..
Anantapur	Do.	59,000	3,000	52,000	8,000	..
Cuddapah	Do.	93,000	2,000	3,000	..	..
Total		5,08,000	23,000	2,56,000	34,000	..
Grand Total		5,35,000	30,000	2,64,000	42,000	..

* Information not available.

ORDER—No. 536, Revenue, dated 5th July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,
 " the Local and Municipal Department.
 " the Financial Department.
 " the Accountant-General.

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 Land Records and Agriculture).

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