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[Despatch Abstract.]

Summary: Pro: Revenue Dept recording Pro:
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narrative of the Bellary D^o for the period ending
15th June 1897, Comd^r to S.E. III Circle.

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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th June 1897.

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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 23rd June 1897, No. 459 :—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Bellary district during the period ending 15th of June 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There has been very good rain in the fortnight in all

	In the fort- night.	Up to the fort- night.	Average of three years from April 1st to 15th June 1897.
Yemmiganuru	1.22	3.25	3.21
Adóni	.98	2.62	2.44
Alúr	3.56	4.76	5.17
Siruguppa	4.50	5.80	5.06
Kampli	4.57	7.34	2.77
Bellary	1.80	2.94	6.37
Rayadrug	1.42	6.47	4.74
Hospet	5.53	8.91	3.98
Kúdligi	5.77	10.58	5.18
Harpanahalli	2.94	5.81	6.68
Hadagalli	1.22	4.82	4.14
Sandúr	1.35	5.36	..

the taluks of the district and the south-west monsoon seems to have fairly set in. The rain up to date at Bellary is much below the average for the last three years, but that average is abnormal. The average over a long period is 3.29 inches only. The water-supply for drinking purposes has been much improved everywhere. There have been freshes in the Hagari and the Tungabhadra and the supply for irrigation purposes in the river channels is ample. There has been increased supply in the wells also. Many tanks in Hospet and Bellary divisions have received a fair supply. So far the prospects are satisfactory, except in Adóni where a good sowing rain is still required in many

villages ; but much may happen, or not happen between seed time and harvest.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Adóni.—The red soils are everywhere being prepared for sowing and in small areas round Yemmiganuru and Kósgi the seed has already been put in. Black cotton-soils are being harrowed. Garden crops and paddy under the Rampur channel are in good condition.

Alúr.—Clearing of nuth grass still continues. The black (regada) and mixed (masab) lands are being ploughed. In sandy and red soils cholam is being sown. Garden crops are in good condition.

Bellary.—Early cereals, pulses and oil-seeds are being sown in red and mixed soils. Sugar-cane is being planted in Siruguppa and Disanur. The harvest of second-crop paddy still continues, the yield being eight annas.

Hospet.—Ryots have begun sowing their lands in villages round Papinayakan-halli in Hospet taluk and generally in Hadagalli, Harpanahalli and Kúdligi taluks, where gingelly, yellow cholam, castor oil-seeds and pulses are the crops sown. Cholam and pulses are sprouting in parts of Hadagalli and Harpanahalli. Crops under wells and channels are in good condition.

Sandúr.—Ploughing continues. Light soils have been sown. Betel, plantain and other garden crops are fair.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni.—Pasture nil, though the country looks green here and there. Stocks of fodder still exist with the well-to-do ryots, while the poorer ryots, such as Madigas and Boyas, have about to come to the end of their supplies. They are eking them out by small loans from the Reddies and village sowcars, grants from the Famine Fund and Government loans. The best ploughing cattle are in good condition, the inferior ones are deteriorating, while the cows

and she-buffaloes are distinctly poor. It is hoped that their condition will improve when the pasture that is springing up becomes available. Of 350 cattle brought to Adóni market, 60 were bought for agricultural purposes at prices ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 60; 20 by butchers at prices varying from Rs. 5 to Rs. 8; and the rest found no sale.

Alur.—Pasture not yet available. Fodder scanty. Stall-fed cattle are still in good condition; that of others is bad.

Bellary.—Pasture available to a limited extent. Fodder scanty, except in wet villages; hill grass, prickly-pear and the stems and roots of the aloe are being used for fodder. The stall-fed cattle are in good condition; others, more especially in the black cotton-soil villages of Bellary taluk, are suffering much from want of fodder.

Hospet.—Grass is springing up. The stock of fodder in the affected villages of Hadagalli is running short. Hill grass is being used in parts. The condition of the cattle is still rather poor in affected parts of Hospet and Hadagalli.

Sandúr.—Grass is just beginning to shoot. Hill grass is available in large quantities, but it is of very bad quality. Stall fed cattle are in good condition; other animals are growing worse.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain has decidedly improved the prospects so far as water-supply and cattle are concerned. The difficulties of obtaining drinking-water are much diminished, and it is expected that in about a fortnight or a month pasture will be available almost everywhere. Sowing operations are proceeding briskly. There has been a great demand for ploughing cattle in the Hospet division. Bullocks for carts can only be hired on with great difficulty. In Harpanahalli no cooly can be had for less than three annas a day. Loans are being freely granted for the purchase of fodder, cattle and seed-grain. The Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund has done a vast amount of good by establishing fodder depôts, and by granting money for the purchase of fodder to the poorest ryots.

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 June 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		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.	
Adóni	8.10	8.10	10.30	9.79	11.33	10.82	14.55	14.55	There has been a slight rise in the price of yellow cholam at Adóni, Bellary, Kúdligi, and of white cholam at Adóni and Hospet. My personal inquiries in Bellary and the neighbourhood go to show that the price quoted for white cholam is that of the best local product; I have seen excellent imported white cholam being sold at 11 and 11½ seers the rupee. I will make further inquiries on this subject.
Alur	7.56	7.56	10.30	10.30	11.33	11.33	..	..	
Bellary	8.64	8.10	10.82	10.82	12.36	11.33	16.49	16.49	
Rayadrug	9.72	9.72	12.36	12.36	13.39	13.39	15.04	15.04	
Hospet	8.10	7.56	12.36	10.82	13.39	13.39	16.50	15.52	
Kúdligi	7.56	7.56	..	..	12.36	11.33	13.58	13.58	
Harpanahalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	13.39	13.39	15.52	15.04	
Hadagalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	12.36	12.36	..	..	
Sandúr	8.64	8.64	..	..	11.94	12.36	15.52	15.52	
Average	8.76	8.52	11.27	10.82	12.43	12.17	15.31	15.10	

Activity of trade.—The net import of grain into the district during the fortnight amounted to 22,378 maunds against 19,837 maunds during the previous fortnight. It is hoped that the continued large imports combined with the good rainfall will soon bring down prices. The import of cholam is reported to have been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn in season, and this has tended to keep prices up.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—I have inspected several works in the Bellary taluk recently and found the general condition of all, including the babies, to be excellent.

In villages.—Generally good. All forms of relief contemplated by the Code are in force, except poor-houses, for which there is no necessity at present. It is reported that the labouring classes are in a far better position than in ordinary times, all the members of their families being relieved in one way or another by the Government. For instance in Alur, with a population of 88,000 persons, 45,342 persons are now actually being relieved by the Government. Some 5,000 or 6,000 of these may belong to Adóni, Bellary and Pattikonda (Kurnool), but after making all due allowances the proportion on relief is enormous. There need be no fear that any one is suffering for want of employment or assistance.

Sickness and mortality.—No sickness except a few cases of small-pox and fever. Guinea-worm continues prevalent. No deaths from starvation reported.

Remarks.—The weavers in the Hospet division are not in need of relief. The weavers in Bellary have not availed themselves to any appreciable extent of the special measures of relief offered to them. Those of Alúr taluk require no assistance. The villagers who had emigrated to Mysore, some to work on the coffee estates, some with their cattle and families, are returning. The recent rains have put heart into the ryots and done much to dispel the belief that there will be a famine this year and next. No extension of relief measures should be necessary if the rains continue seasonable, for, weeding will soon be commenced, and once the people begin to see their crops growing strongly they will leave the works. It is desirable, however, that the movement towards a resumption of their ordinary avocations should be encouraged by requiring from relief-workers a full day's work.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni	34,258	36,238	Though there has been an increase in numbers as compared with the last fortnight, yet there has been a decrease of nearly 4,000 in the last week. This decrease is in part due to the Moharam, but a number of people have undoubtedly gone to plough and sow their fields, and a continuance of the decline may be hoped for.
Alur	39,927	40,062	
Bellary	9,483	11,135	
Hospet	5,936	6,214	
Kudligi	1,091	1,065	
Hadagalli	3,653	8,780	
Total	94,348	98,494	
Sandúr	327	254	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	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.
Adóni	1,471	1,441	1,513	1,157	..	..	1,388	1,753
Alur	2,136	2,119	1,165	965	..	..	1,962	2,346
Bellary	567	756	498	1,124	..	..	1,440	5,334
Hospet	470	452	14	8	..	..	227	1,282
Kudligi	58	52	..	..	..	..	..	41
Hadagalli	109	150	16	28	..	..	..	..
Total	4,811	4,970	3,206	3,312	..	..	5,017	10,756
Sandúr	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	78

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers relief.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured	
			Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Adóni	116	129	2,492	2,536	3,769	20,184
Alur	106	106	..	..	..	..
Bellary	75	76	16	36	64	64
Hospet	14	21	..	..	..	..
Total	311	332	2,508	2,572	3,833	20,248
Sandúr	5	5	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Sanjeevareddi of Joharapuram, Alúr taluk, continues to feed 60 children. The operations of Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund have been extended to the grant of money for fodder, cattle and seed-grain and to the gift of cloths to the needy poor both on works and in villages. The Fund Committee and sub-committees are doing excellent work, and their scheme of operation received the approval of the Honourable Mr. James when he visited Bellary on the 12th instant.

General remarks.—The kitchens ordered at Hulebidu in Alúr taluk and at Yemmiganuru and Korlagundi in Bellary taluk have been opened during the fortnight. A relief work was opened at Hampasagar in Hadagalli taluk. There has been a steady extension of gratuitous relief in villages, and this must continue for sometime. In a recent communication addressed to the Board, I have advanced some reasons for thinking that many of the relief-workers are not in actual present need of the famine wage, but a majority undoubtedly are, and even if the season proves favourable, it will not be until after the harvest that private charity will attain its normal vigour. Grain-doles will, therefore, be needed in a number of cases until October at the earliest; but if prices fall the number in receipt of gratuitous relief can be very largely reduced before that date.

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Taluks and places visited—By the Collector.—Kuditini, Aspari, Adóni, Nancherla, Sankarabanda, Benigara and Virupapuram, the relief works and kitchens at Bellary, Aspari and Adóni and the fodder depôts at Kuditini, Aspari (twice) and Nancherla (twice). Touring was interrupted by the visits of the Inspector-General of Jails and the Honourable Mr. James and a special meeting of the District Board.

Assistant Collector in charge of Adóni.—Kupgal work and surrounding villages, Chinna Tumbalam work, Kosgi work, and two kitchens, Satanur and neighbouring villages, Madhavaram kitchen and work, Kotical work. Adóni-Nallacheruvu work and two kitchens.

Deputy Collector, Adóni.—Chippagiri, Manekurti, Hulebidu, Alúr, Halaharidi, Kuruvalli, Agraharam, Tumbalabidu, Markattu, Sulavayi, Kurulehalli, Virupapuram, Bolacota, Sammatageri, Peddahayati, Holagalundi, Gajjihalli, Vandavagali, Yedavalli, Baladuru, Santakudluru, Itikihal, Harivanam, Bavinamaradasugur, Alabanuru, Nagarahal, Adóni-Alúr road work, two sections of Alúr-Moka road work, Holagundi-Hebatam and Adóni-Siruguppa road works and the kitchens at Hulebidu, Chatragudi, Halaharidi, Agraharam, Holagundi, Santakudlur and Harivanam.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector.—Tekkalakota, Sanavasapur, Sindigeri, Byur, Samudram, Kolar, Sirivaram, Kuppagal, Kuditini, Yelubench, Patnaserugu, Guttiganuru, Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Paramadevanahalli, Tekkalakota, and Paramadevanahalli road works, northern and southern sections of Siruguppa road work, the Bellary Fort Ditch work and the kitchens attached to the road works as well as those at Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Kuppagal and Sindigeri, and in Bellary Town.

Head Assistant Collector.—Gadiganur, Daroji, Narraindeverkeri and Mariyammanahalli and the relief works there, Hospet (supervision of grain doles), Gowripur, Marabbihal, Pinjarheggadahal, and Hagaribommahalli.

Resolution—dated 23rd June 1897, No. 459.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was good, except in Bellary town. The supplies of drinking-water have been much improved; the river channels have had an ample flow; and tanks have begun to fill. Preparations for the next crop were general; and in the lighter soils, sowing commenced.

3. Pasture was *nil*, and fodder was failing, except with the more well-to-do ryots. Stall-fed cattle were in good condition, but others were growing poorer day by day. 206½ tons of fodder were imported into the district from Kistna and Madras, and found a ready sale, even when the price was raised from Rs. 12-8-0 to Rs. 17-8-0 a ton. It is hoped that a fair supply of pasture will be shortly available, after the good rain that has fallen.

4. The average prices of the district have risen, but this is due to fluctuations in a few stations, quotations being, as a rule, steady. The Collector states that the import of cholam has been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn of the season, and this has tended to keep prices high. Trade was, however, fairly active. The Collector should communicate to the Famine Commissioner the result of his enquiries about the prejudice against imported white cholam. The following figures show the comparative position of prices :—

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5. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works at the close of the fortnight were 4 per cent. above those of the previous fortnight, being 98,494. The numbers on gratuitous relief in kitchens remained fairly steady, but there was an increase of over 100 per cent. in the numbers of those gratuitously relieved in villages. The Collector's report as to the gradual contraction of relief measures will be dealt with separately; further instructions will be communicated to him with G.O., No. 473 of 1897. With regard to the Collector's remark as to the proportion borne by the numbers on relief in Alur to the total population, it has to be remembered that the taluk lost 33 per cent. of its population between 1871 and 1881, which means that, allowing for the ordinary increase, nearly half the population must have been lost during the Great Famine, that the population has not yet recovered from this loss and that two out of the past six years have been bad.

6. The loans disbursed during the past four weeks are as follows:—

Up to week ending	Amount.
	Rs.
May 15th	2,55,569
" 22nd	2,74,727
" 29th	2,87,010
June 5th	3,06,397
" 12th	3,10,163

Applications are still pending for about 5½ lakhs, but it is understood that the greater part of the balance of Rs. 3,20,000 shown under "Other purposes" was required for clearance of nuth grass. The time for this is past, so it is presumed that the majority of the applications for the last-named sum will be dismissed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

ORDER—No. 544, Revenue, dated 8th July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

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

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JULY.

Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording, with remark, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting, for the information of Government, — of the Bellary district for the period ending 31st May 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 14th June 1897, No. 435:—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Bellary District during the period ending 31st May 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There has been good rain in the fortnight at every

Station.	In fortnight.	From 1st April to end of May	
		1897.	Average.
Yemmiganūr	1.09	2.03	1.63
Adóni	0.82	1.64	2.06
Alúr	0.20	1.20	2.18
Sirugappa	0.84	1.30	1.73
Kámpil	1.84	2.77	1.76
Bellary	1.07	1.14	2.34
Ráyadrug	3.77	5.05	2.47
Hospet	1.90	3.38	2.56
Kádligi	3.66	4.81	3.13
Harpanahalli	1.62	2.87	3.41
Hadagalli	1.00	3.60	3.24
Sandur	2.86	4.01	..

recording station except Alúr. Detailed statistics are given on the margin. In most of the stations, the fall up to date is in excess of the average but the reverse is the case at Adóni, Alúr, Sirugappa and Bellary which, unfortunately, are the stations that represent the most seriously affected tracts. The deficiency is greatest and most serious at Alúr. In the south and west, on the other hand, there has been excellent rain. I see that the Meteorological Reporter to the Government of India states that in its weather characteristics, this year bears a close resemblance to 1890. As far as the rainfall in the affected parts of this district is concerned, the statistics do not support this theory, for, in 1890, there was good rain in both April and May. The recent showers have produced a general improvement in the drinking-water supply. Good progress has been made with the digging of new wells and the deepening of those already existing. This work still continues and will continue until the difficulty is removed or greatly alleviated. The cattle ponds have also received a much needed supply and the benefit has extended to irrigation wells. The Narihala, the Sandur river, has been in flood and the Daróji tank has in consequence received some water. The supply in the Rampur channel continues to be fair and this remark applies also to the Hagari channels, but the Head Assistant Collector reports that the water in the Tungabbadra has fallen considerably and that the supply in its channels is insufficient.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Adóni.—Ploughing and harrowing proceeding. Garden crops and paddy under the Rampur channel are in good condition.

Alúr.—Ploughing and clearance of nuth grass in progress. Garden crops in good condition.

Bellary division.—Lands being prepared for early crops and nuth grass being removed. Harvest of second-crop paddy; yield 10 to 16 annas.

Hospet division.—Ploughing and manuring in full progress. Sowing has commenced in parts of Hospet. Garden crops under wells and wet crops under river channels and the Kámalápura tank are in good condition.

Sandur.—Ploughing, manuring and the clearing of the land going on. No standing crops, except betel and vegetables, which are in good condition.

SUPPLY OF FODDER AND PASTURE AND CONDITION OF CATTLE.

Adóni.—No pasture to speak of. Stocks of fodder still last. Tilling cattle in good condition. Others deteriorating rapidly. Of 250 cattle brought to Adóni market, 88 were sold and the rest were taken home. Fair prices were obtained for agricultural cattle. In the previous week, a considerable number was purchased at good prices by people from His Highness the Nizam's Dominions.

Alúr.—No pasture; fodder scanty. Cattle that are stall-fed are still in good condition, that of others is bad. There were five deaths from cattle disease in Hulibedu.

Bellary.—Pasture available to a limited extent. Prickly-pear, leaves, roots and hill-grass are being used as fodder. The stall-fed cattle are in good condition; the rest are suffering much from want of fodder, especially in the black cotton tracts.

Hospet.—Pasture not available except in a few villages on the river channels. The condition of stall-fed cattle is good; that of others fair. Hill-grass is being used but the ryots complain that it produces diarrhoea. Fodder generally insufficient.

General remarks on the previous subjects—Sandur.—The inferior cattle are deteriorating in condition and owners are attempting to sell; but they will not take low prices.

The rain has undoubtedly improved the water-supply for both man and beast; and in this way it has conferred a real benefit. Ploughing and harrowing are going on rapidly on the light red soils and to a less extent on the lighter black soils. Sowing has just commenced, and with another shower or two, it will proceed briskly. The condition of the cattle in Adóni has deteriorated in a marked manner since I was there at the end of February, and I am afraid that there will be serious mortality among what may be called surplus animals, but those required for ploughing still look well. I was at the Adóni cattle market last Friday, and I was struck by the good condition of the majority of the animals offered for sale. I believe that the ploughing cattle are still being stall-fed, and as the supply of fodder in this taluk is fair, these will, I hope, be able to last out till the harvest. The ryot is getting plenty of assistance to keep his herds alive. In the first place come the fodder depôts of the famine fund which have been opened at Aspari, Guntakal and Kuditini. The local committee of the famine fund has also decided to give money-grants for the support of the cattle of poor ryots, and, lastly, the reserves have been thrown open to free grazing. I doubt, however, whether ryots will take their cattle to the hills now.

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.

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	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Adóni	9.13	8.10	11.28	10.30	12.63	11.33	There has been a sharp rise in the price of white cholam in Adóni and a fall in Hospet. There has also been a considerable rise in the price of yellow cholam in Adóni, but in Alúr, Bellary and Hospet there has been no change.
Alúr	7.56	7.56	10.30	10.30	11.33	11.33	
Bellary	8.64	8.64	10.82	10.82	12.36	12.36	
Ráyadrug	9.72	9.72	12.36	12.36	12.58	13.39	
Hospet	8.64	8.10	11.33	12.30	13.39	13.39	
Kádligi	7.56	7.56	..	..	12.36	12.36	
Harpanahalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	13.39	13.39	
Hadagalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	12.88	12.36	
Sandur	9.45	8.64	..	..	12.88	11.94	
Average	8.90	8.76	11.22	11.22	12.64	12.43	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is active and there is no lack of grain, save only that good yellow cholam is becoming more and more difficult to obtain. The

Engineer on the subject on several occasions and I hope that my instructions will now be carried out. It would save much delay and prevent such a *contretemps* as this if the Collector could issue his circulars direct to officers in charge of works.

2. On a number of the works, the hutting accommodation is still inadequate. The attention of the Executive Engineer has been drawn to this continually, but there has been great delay in providing huts. The demand for mats and bamboos has no doubt been heavy, but I think better progress might have been made. I will give one example. In the latter half of March an additional kitchen was ordered on the Alúr-Chippagiri work and the overseer was asked to build it, and he indented for the materials on the 27th March. Up to the 15th April he had received nothing and I then told the Tahsildar to get the mats and bamboos himself. He did so within three days, and the materials obtained by the Public Works Department did not arrive until later.

3. The crime statistics for April show a great increase in the number of cases of house-breaking but in respect to other offences against property, the figures are little, if at all, above the average of the past three years. The police force of the district has now been strengthened, and further relief has been given by the transfer of certain guard-duties to the Military.

4. One small measure of relief which I have introduced in the fortnight should be mentioned. I have directed that all women on works who are close upon their confinement should be given gratuitous relief at their homes and that this relief should continue for one month after confinement. A short time ago a woman was seized with the pangs of child birth on her way home from the relief-work and was delivered on the road side, and though this is perhaps an extreme case, I think that humanity demands that women in this condition should not be required to carry earth and gravel and stones. As a matter of fact they do but little work and the loss of their labour is not worth taking into account, while the test of necessity is given by their attendance on the relief-work.

5. Mr. Lloyd has taken charge of the Adóni taluk and has commenced work there with creditable energy. Closer supervision was much needed there and it was impossible for one officer to give the requisite attention to both Alúr and Adóni. Mr. Spencer states that he does not require more relief and the rainfall in his division having been very good, I do not anticipate any great increase of numbers there.

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

Taluka.	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
Adóni ..	9	Rs. 1,860	9	Rs. 930	73	Rs. 16,395	145	Rs. 11,345	141	Rs. 11,145	447	Rs. 43,751	154	Rs. 13,205	150	Rs. 12,075	520	Rs. 60,146	..	4
Alúr ..	34	8,220	31	4,665	44	15,030	1,518	1,56,050	1,320	1,37,195	884	1,41,720	1,552	1,64,970	1,351	1,41,870	928	1,56,750	..	31
Bellary ..	20	2,285	20	2,285	41	10,835	622	58,330	619	57,980	681	1,08,540	642	60,615	639	60,215	722	1,19,375	..	20
Rayadrug ..	56	11,900	56	6,900	48	12,850	220	29,300	220	29,300	131	21,490	276	41,200	276	36,200	179	34,840	..	66
Hospet ..	11	2,450	10	1,120	26	4,585	17	1,425	17	1,425	58	4,950	28	3,875	27	2,645	81	8,535	..	10
Kodligi ..	1	160	..	..	13	2,440	..	..	..	..	58	4,950	1	160	..	..	71	8,535	..	..
Harpanahalli ..	1	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	3,725	..	..
Hadagalli ..	5	600	4	..	30	7,850	51	7,835	48	6,685	149	24,305	56	7,935	52	6,985	179	32,155	..	3
Total ..	138	28,525	130	16,200	275	69,985	2,618	2,68,990	2,407	2,48,885	2,437	3,55,431	2,756	2,97,515	2,537	2,64,885	2,712	4,23,416	..	124

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						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.		
Adóni ..	57	Rs. 1,199	43	Rs. 922	372	Rs. 16,517	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alúr ..	314	16,512	176	5,146	703	41,539	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary ..	220	8,407	220	8,407	740	36,846	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rayadrug ..	12	565	12	565	57	3,815	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hospet ..	..	..	..	..	65	3,145	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kodligi ..	..	..	..	..	22	965	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harpanahalli ..	..	..	..	..	38	2,115	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hadagalli ..	44	1,686	29	1,246	110	5,740	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	879	34,258	706	21,940	2,107	1,10,682	3	185	3	185	141	6,746	882	34,443	709	22,135	2,248	1,17,428	..	..

	RS.	
The amount actually disbursed is ...	2,64,885	Land Improvement Loans Act.
Do. do. ...	22,125	Agriculturists' Loans Act.
	2,87,010	
Deduct disbursements up to the end of March 1897 ...	1,08,837	
Amount disbursed during the current year ...	1,78,173	

I applied for an allotment of Rs. 3,50,000 for the current year, but the Board states that it is doubtful whether even three lakhs will be allowed for this district. Considering the amount already spent, I have issued orders to disburse fodder loans only till further notice. Applications for loans for other purposes will be enquired into and disposed of, but the amounts will not be disbursed until I hear further from the Board. I trust, however, that it will be possible to sanction the allotment asked for at a very early date. The number of applications still pending is very large and the grant of loans is an excellent and at the same time an economical mode of relief and special efforts have been made in this district to develop and extend it. My estimate of Rs. 3,50,000 is a very moderate one and much distress may be caused if we have to refuse loans for the purchase of fodder, seed-grain and cattle.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.
(TALUKS AND PLACES VISITED)

By the Collector.—Kuttalam, Kúpgal, Peddatumbalam, Chinnatumbalam, Yammi-ganúru, Kotekallu, Adóni, together with the relief works and kitchens in these places and a number of villages between them.

By Mr. Lloyd in charge of Adóni.—Adóni water-works and kitchens. Nandavaram and the kitchen there. Nagaldinne road-work and the kitchen attached to it. Yemmi-ganúru-Kosgi road-work and the kitchen. Kotakallu road-work and the kitchen.

By the Divisional Officer, Alúr.—Alúr, Arekera-belahal, Hattibelagal Agharam, Halaharvi, Kuruvalli, Nagaradona, Kurukundi, Muddanageri, Karadiguddam, Peddahotur, Chinnahotur, Cherkanahal, Sankarabanda, Aspari, Molagavelli, Namahallu, Chippagiri, so also the people on gratuitous relief in these villages and the well works in Kurukundi, Karadiguddam and Molagavelli, Alúr, Adóni, two sections of Alúr-Moka, two sections of Alúr-Guntakal and two sections of Alúr-Aspari road works, and the kitchens at Agharam, Halaharvi, Chatragudi, Chinnakotur, Aspari (2) Nagaradona and Alúr.

By the Head-quarters Deputy Collector.—Paramadevanahalli, Joladarasi, Chellagurki, Kaggal, Lingadevanahalli, Yalpi, Kuntanahal, Rupanagudi, Thagginabudihal, Chaganur, Bhiradevanahalli, Marur, Moka, Korlagondi, Dammur, Byalur, Sanavasapuram, Sindigeri and Takkalakota and the relief works at Moka. Paramadevanahalli and the kitchens at Moka, Paramadevanahalli and Dammur.

By the Head Assistant Collector.—Rangapur, Magalam, Hadagalli, Bellahamsi with the relief work, Hospet, Hosakota, Kamalapur, Gadiganur with the relief work, and Bellary.

Resolution—dated 14th June 1897, No. 435.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was good in the south and west of the district, but was deficient in the most seriously affected tract, comprising Adóni, Alúr, Siruguppa and Bellary. The fall has generally increased the supply of water for both man and beast to drink, but, where supplies are poor, efforts are being made to improve them. The supply of water for irrigation has been supplemented in parts. Standing crops under irrigation were in good condition, and lands were being ploughed and cleared for early crops.

3. Pasture was virtually non-existent and fodder scarce. The supplies of fodder imported by the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund Committee have found a ready sale, as is evidenced by the figures below:—

Depôt.	Amount of fodder imported.	Sold.
	RS.	RS.
Aspari ...	37,625	32,400
Kuditani ...	71,450	64,050

The condition of stall-fed cattle is reported to be good, but others are deteriorating rapidly. The throwing open of the reserves for free grazing has come too late.

4. Prices, though steady on the whole, showed a marked rise at Adóni and Sandur, while white cholam at Hospet, and yellow cholam at Rayadrug fell smartly. The district average prices, which have on the whole increased, are compared below with the prices of previous years of scarcity:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (mixed).
Normal ...	13.2	30.0
Warning ...	10.6	22.5
Scarcity ...	7.9	15.0
Current ...	8.8	11.8
May 1892 ...	9.0	15.3
May 1877 ...	7.2	7.5

Trade was active.

5. The condition of the people was generally good; exceptions were to be found, of course, but these were mostly babies. The numbers on works reached 94,348 at the close of the fortnight showing an increase of 20 per cent. during the period, while the numbers on gratuitous relief rose by 50 per cent., totalling over 13,000. This was only to be expected and desired, for, as the Collector says, "our net is now widely spread, and relief of some kind is available for everybody who needs it." The Collector's action in placing the mothers of sickly children and women about to be confined on gratuitous relief is approved. Collectors of other affected districts will be requested to adopt the same course.

6. Mr. De'Winton's action with regard to the Chinnatambalam tank work was certainly incorrect. The Superintending Engineer has no place in famine matters, except in so far as he has to supervise the professional work of his subordinates. Under sections 24 and 37, it is for the Collector to take the initiative in opening works, and it is surprising that Mr. De'Winton should have arrogated this power to himself, especially after the issue of G.O., Mis. No. 1708, Revenue, dated 30th March 1897. The necessity for the issue of orders as to the relative positions of Revenue and Public Works officers generally was placed before Government in B.P., dated 1st May 1897, No. 327, on which orders are still awaited. It is submitted that the Chief Engineer may be requested to obtain an explanation for the delay on the part of the Executive Engineer in distributing to the subordinates copies of the Collector's circular on the subject of payments. The delay in providing materials for an additional kitchen in the Alúr-Chippagiri road would apparently have been avoided, had the Public Works Department asked for the help of the Revenue Department under section 113, Famine Code.

7. The progress in the disbursement of loans is shown in the subjoined table:—

Amount disbursed.	During week ending.
RS.	
36,405	15th May.
19,158	22nd "
12,283	29th "

This shows a considerable falling off from the average, Rs. 23,000 of the previous four weeks.

The reduction is due to the curtailment of the allotment, and the consequent restriction of disbursements, save for purchase of fodder. In B.P., dated 8th June 1897, No. 421 (Settlement) the Collector has already been informed that there is no necessity to restrict the grant of loans in affected districts.

8. The Famine Commissioner notes, with pleasure, the Collector's testimony to Mr. Lloyd's work.

9. It is satisfactory to note that the condition of the Chinnatambalam workers has improved. When the Famine Commissioner inspected them, the C and D wages and fining were at work, and wages were calculated on ragi. The generous provisions of G.O., No. 216, dated 30th March 1897, no doubt, are the main causes of the improvement reported.

10. The Collector is requested to report further about the Komati lady Paramma, her position in life, &c., and the work done by her, as the Famine Commissioner considers that her action ought to be brought to the notice of Government. That she should cease her distributions when gratuitous relief by Government was fully organised was only natural and proper.

11. The Collector reports that guinea-worm is met with everywhere. This is, probably, primarily due to the inferiority of the water-supply. The prevalence of guinea-worm and famine ulcers were marked features of the famine-stricken in 1877-78, but have, fortunately, been generally absent in the present year. Guinea-worm is rare in the other affected districts.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

L. E. BUCKLEY.
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Bellary.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 532, Revenue, dated 3rd July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The Chief Engineer will be requested to obtain an explanation of the delay referred to in paragraph 6.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Public Department.
" the Financial Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th June 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 23rd June 1897, No. 459 :—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Bellary district during the period ending 15th of June 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There has been very good rain in the fortnight in all

	In the fort- night.	Up to the fort- night.	Average of three years from April 1st to 15th June 1897.
Yemmiganuru	1.22	3.25	3.21
Adóni	.98	2.62	3.44
Alór	3.56	4.76	5.17
Siruguppa	4.50	5.80	5.06
Kampli	4.57	7.34	2.77
Bellary	1.80	2.94	6.37
Rayadrug	1.42	6.47	4.74
Hospet	5.53	8.91	3.98
Kúdligi	5.77	10.58	5.18
Harpanahalli	2.94	5.81	6.68
Hadagalli	1.22	4.82	4.14
Sandúr	1.35	5.36	..

the taluks of the district and the south-west monsoon seems to have fairly set in. The rain up to date at Bellary is much below the average for the last three years, but that average is abnormal. The average over a long period is 3.29 inches only. The water-supply for drinking purposes has been much improved everywhere. There have been freshes in the Hagari and the Tungabhadra and the supply for irrigation purposes in the river channels is ample. There has been increased supply in the wells also. Many tanks in Hospet and Bellary divisions have received a fair supply. So far the prospects are satisfactory, except in Adóni where a good sowing rain is still required in many

villages; but much may happen, or not happen between seed time and harvest.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Adóni.—The red soils are everywhere being prepared for sowing and in small areas round Yemmiganuru and Kósgí the seed has already been put in. Black cotton-soils are being harrowed. Garden crops and paddy under the Rampur channel are in good condition.

Alór.—Clearing of nuth grass still continues. The black (regada) and mixed (masab) lands are being ploughed. In sandy and red soils cholam is being sown. Garden crops are in good condition.

Bellary.—Early cereals, pulses and oil-seeds are being sown in red and mixed soils. Sugar-cane is being planted in Siruguppa and Disanur. The harvest of second-crop paddy still continues, the yield being eight annas.

Hospet.—Ryots have begun sowing their lands in villages round Papinayakanhalli in Hospet taluk and generally in Hadagalli, Harpanahalli and Kúdligi taluks, where gingelly, yellow cholam, castor oil-seeds and pulses are the crops sown. Cholam and pulses are sprouting in parts of Hadagalli and Harpanahalli. Crops under wells and channels are in good condition.

Sandúr.—Ploughing continues. Light soils have been sown. Betel, plantain and other garden crops are fair.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni.—Pasture nil, though the country looks green here and there. Stocks of fodder still exist with the well-to-do ryots, while the poorer ryots, such as Madigas and Boyas, have about to come to the end of their supplies. They are eking them out by small loans from the Reddies and village sowcars, grants from the Famine Fund and Government loans. The best ploughing cattle are in good condition, the inferior ones are deteriorating, while the cows

and she-buffaloes are distinctly poor. It is hoped that their condition will improve when the pasture that is springing up becomes available. Of 350 cattle brought to Adóni market, 60 were bought for agricultural purposes at prices ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 60; 20 by butchers at prices varying from Rs. 5 to Rs. 8; and the rest found no sale.

Alór.—Pasture not yet available. Fodder scanty. Stall-fed cattle are still in good condition; that of others is bad.

Bellary.—Pasture available to a limited extent. Fodder scanty, except in wet villages; hill grass, prickly-pear and the stems and roots of the aloe are being used for fodder. The stall-fed cattle are in good condition; others, more especially in the black cotton-soil villages of Bellary taluk, are suffering much from want of fodder.

Hospet.—Grass is springing up. The stock of fodder in the affected villages of Hadagalli is running short. Hill grass is being used in parts. The condition of the cattle is still rather poor in affected parts of Hospet and Hadagalli.

Sandúr.—Grass is just beginning to shoot. Hill grass is available in large quantities, but it is of very bad quality. Stall fed cattle are in good condition; other animals are growing worse.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain has decidedly improved the prospects so far as water-supply and cattle are concerned. The difficulties of obtaining drinking-water are much diminished, and it is expected that in about a fortnight or a month pasture will be available almost everywhere. Sowing operations are proceeding briskly. There has been a great demand for ploughing cattle in the Hospet division. Bullocks for carts can only be hired on with great difficulty. In Harpanahalli no cooly can be had for less than three annas a day. Loans are being freely granted for the purchase of fodder, cattle and seed-grain. The Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund has done a vast amount of good by establishing fodder depôts, and by granting money for the purchase of fodder to the poorest ryots.

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 June 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		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.	
Adóni	8.10	8.10	10.30	9.79	11.33	10.82	14.55	14.55	There has been a slight rise in the price of yellow cholam at Adóni, Bellary, Kúdligi, and of white cholam at Adóni and Hospet. My personal inquiries in Bellary and the neighbourhood go to show that the price quoted for white cholam is that of the best local product; I have seen excellent imported white cholam being sold at 11 and 11½ seers the rupee. I will make further inquiries on this subject.
Alór	7.56	7.56	10.30	10.30	11.33	11.33	..	..	
Bellary	8.64	8.10	10.82	10.82	12.36	11.33	16.49	16.49	
Rayadrug	9.72	9.72	12.36	12.36	13.39	13.39	15.04	15.04	
Hospet	8.10	7.56	12.36	10.82	13.39	13.39	16.50	15.52	
Kúdligi	7.56	7.56	..	..	12.36	11.33	13.58	13.58	
Harpanahalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	13.39	13.39	15.52	15.04	
Hadagalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	12.36	12.36	..	..	
Sandúr	8.64	8.64	..	..	11.94	12.36	15.52	15.52	
Average	8.76	8.52	11.27	10.82	12.43	12.17	15.31	15.10	

Activity of trade.—The net import of grain into the district during the fortnight amounted to 22,378 maunds against 19,837 maunds during the previous fortnight. It is hoped that the continued large imports combined with the good rainfall will soon bring down prices. The import of cholam is reported to have been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn in season, and this has tended to keep prices up.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—I have inspected several works in the Bellary taluk recently and found the general condition of all, including the babies, to be excellent.

In villages.—Generally good. All forms of relief contemplated by the Code are in force, except poor-houses, for which there is no necessity at present. It is reported that the labouring classes are in a far better position than in ordinary times, all the members of their families being relieved in one way or another by the Government. For instance in Alur, with a population of 88,000 persons, 45,342 persons are now actually being relieved by the Government. Some 5,000 or 6,000 of these may belong to Adóni, Bellary and Pattikonda (Kurnool), but after making all due allowances the proportion on relief is enormous. There need be no fear that any one is suffering for want of employment or assistance.

Sickness and mortality.—No sickness except a few cases of small-pox and fever. Guinea-worm continues prevalent. No deaths from starvation reported.

Remarks.—The weavers in the Hospet division are not in need of relief. The weavers in Bellary have not availed themselves to any appreciable extent of the special measures of relief offered to them. Those of Alúr taluk require no assistance. The villagers who had emigrated to Mysore, some to work on the coffee estates, some with their cattle and families, are returning. The recent rains have put heart into the ryots and done much to dispel the belief that there will be a famine this year and next. No extension of relief measures should be necessary if the rains continue seasonable, for, weeding will soon be commenced, and once the people begin to see their crops growing strongly they will leave the works. It is desirable, however, that the movement towards a resumption of their ordinary avocations should be encouraged by requiring from relief-workers a full day's work.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluku.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni	34,258	36,238	Though there has been an increase in numbers as compared with the last fortnight, yet there has been a decrease of nearly 4,000 in the last week. This decrease is in part due to the Moharam, but a number of people have undoubtedly gone to plough and sow their fields, and a continuance of the decline may be hoped for.
Alur	39,927	40,062	
Bellary	9,483	11,135	
Hospet	5,936	6,214	
Kudligi	1,091	1,065	
Hadagalli	3,653	3,780	
Total	94,348	98,494	
Sandúr	327	254	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluku.	Number relieved							
	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.
Adóni	1,471	1,441	1,513	1,157	..	..	1,388	1,758
Alur	2,136	2,119	1,165	965	..	..	1,962	2,346
Bellary	567	756	498	1,124	..	..	1,440	5,334
Hospet	470	452	14	8	..	..	227	1,282
Kudligi	58	52	..	..	..	..	..	41
Hadagalli	109	150	16	28	..	..	..	..
Total	4,811	4,970	3,206	3,312	..	..	5,017	10,756
Sandúr	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	78

Taluku.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers relief.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured	
			Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Adóni	116	129	2,492	2,536	3,769	20,184
Alur	106	106	..	..	..	..
Bellary	75	76	16	36	64	64
Hospet	14	21	..	..	..	..
Total	311	332	2,508	2,572	3,833	20,248
Sandúr	5	5	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Sanjeevareddi of Joharapuram, Alúr taluk, continues to feed 60 children. The operations of Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund have been extended to the grant of money for fodder, cattle and seed-grain and to the gift of cloths to the needy poor both on works and in villages. The Fund Committee and sub-committees are doing excellent work, and their scheme of operation received the approval of the Honourable Mr. James when he visited Bellary on the 12th instant.

General remarks.—The kitchens ordered at Hulebidu in Alúr taluk and at Yemmiganuru and Korlagundi in Bellary taluk have been opened during the fortnight. A relief work was opened at Hampasagar in Hadagalli taluk. There has been a steady extension of gratuitous relief in villages, and this must continue for sometime. In a recent communication addressed to the Board, I have advanced some reasons for thinking that many of the relief-workers are not in actual present need of the famine wage, but a majority undoubtedly are, and even if the season proves favourable, it will not be until after the harvest that private charity will attain its normal vigour. Grain-doles will, therefore, be needed in a number of cases until October at the earliest; but if prices fall the number in receipt of gratuitous relief can be very largely reduced before that date.

Taluka.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.		Numb er of wells.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans dis- bursd.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans dis- bursd.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.			Loans dis- bursd.		Applications pending.				
	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		
Adóni ..	10	Rs. 2,060	9	Rs. 930	76	Rs. 17,145	151	Rs. 12,220	146	Rs. 11,445	447	Rs. 43,751	161	Rs. 14,280	155	Rs. 12,375	523	Rs. 60,896	..	6		
Alór ..	36	9,370	36	6,785	40	13,880	1,533	1,61,100	1,342	1,41,395	791	1,28,175	1,569	1,70,430	1,378	1,48,180	831	1,42,065	..	36		
Bellary ..	20	2,285	20	2,285	38	10,135	625	59,575	622	59,275	590	94,785	645	61,860	642	61,500	628	1,04,926	..	20		
Rayadurg ..	57	12,000	57	6,950	49	12,850	232	30,845	232	30,845	127	19,765	289	42,845	289	37,795	176	32,815	..	57		
Hospet ..	11	2,450	11	1,395	26	4,585	17	1,495	17	1,425	58	4,950	28	2,760	28	2,760	84	9,535	..	11		
Kodligi ..	2	260	..	..	37	7,340	..	..	..	..	7	900	2	200	..	..	44	8,240	..	..		
Harpanahalli ..	1	100	..	..	1	250	47	5,555	43	5,105	38	4,275	48	5,655	43	5,105	39	4,925	..	..		
Hadagalli ..	5	600	..	350	27	7,060	50	7,335	47	6,685	153	23,065	55	7,935	52	7,025	180	30,115	..	3		
Total ..	142	29,125	138	18,635	294	73,235	2,655	2,78,115	2,449	2,56,175	2,211	31,906	2,797	3,07,240	2,587	2,74,810	2,595	3,92,901	..	133		
Total.																					2,595	3,92,901
Purchase of fodder.																					Total.	
Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Loans disburse d.		Applications accepted.		Loans disburse d.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disburse d.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disburse d.		
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	
119	Rs. 3,081	55	Rs. 1,184	501	Rs. 25,389	1	Rs. 75	..	..	111	Rs. 3,590	120	Rs. 3,156	55	Rs. 1,184	615	Rs. 28,979	615	Rs. 28,979	615	Rs. 28,979	
702	25,456	394	14,777	614	44,173	..	..	..	..	24	2,746	702	25,456	394	14,777	638	46,919	638	46,919	638	46,919	
373	14,536	373	14,536	578	29,897	..	..	..	..	..	2,746	373	14,536	373	14,536	578	29,897	578	29,897	578	29,897	
12	565	12	565	79	5,006	..	..	..	..	..	485	15	750	15	750	86	5,491	86	5,491	86	5,491	
26	935	21	810	44	2,210	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	935	21	810	44	2,210	44	2,210	44	2,210	
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42	2,050	41	2,000	71	3,718	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	2,050	41	2,000	71	3,718	71	3,718	71	3,718	
76	2,861	55	2,711	166	8,817	..	..	..	..	..	..	76	2,861	55	2,711	166	8,817	166	8,817	166	8,817	
Total ..	1,732	60,464	1,362	47,543	2,150	1,23,929	4	260	3	185	142	6,821	1,760	60,724	1,365	47,728	2,332	1,29,850	2,332	1,29,850		

* One case for Rs. 250 was erroneously shown under "Repair and construction of wells" instead of under "Other purposes." The operations during the fortnight were practically restricted to loans for the purchase of fodder. Good work has been done in this direction in Alúr and Bellary, where there are special Tahsildars, and in Kodligi, where the credit is due to the Tahsildar. Better results would have been obtained in Adóni, but for the fact that there was a change of Tahsildars during the fortnight. In Alúr, there appears to be unnecessary delay in the disbursement of these loans and I have called the attention of the special Tahsildar to the matter on more than one occasion. The restriction on the general grant of loans was removed on the receipt of B.P., No. 421, dated 8th June 1897, but as the time for the removal of such grants has now passed, I am directing Tahsildars not to give fresh loans for that purpose save in exceptional cases.

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed-grain.				Total.									
	Applications accepted.		Loans disburse i.		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.
..	119	Rs. 3,081	55	Rs. 1,184	504	Rs. 25,389	1	Rs. 75	..	..	111	Rs. 3,590	120	Rs. 3,156	55	Rs. 1,184	615	Rs. 28,979
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INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluka and places visited—By the Collector.—Kuditini, Aspari, Adóni, Nancherla, Sankarabanda, Benigara and Virupapuram, the relief works and kitchens at Bellary, Aspari and Adóni and the fodder depôts at Kuditini, Aspari (twice) and Nancherla (twice). Touring was interrupted by the visits of the Inspector-General of Jails and the Honourable Mr. James and a special meeting of the District Board.

Assistant Collector in charge of Adóni.—Kupgal work and surrounding villages, Chinna Tumbalam work, Kosgi work, and two kitchens, Satanur and neighbouring villages, Madhavaram kitchen and work, Kotical work. Adóni-Nallacheruvu work and two kitchens.

Deputy Collector, Adóni.—Chippagiri, Manekurti, Hulebidu, Alúr, Halaharidi, Kuruvalli, Agraharam, Tumbalabidu, Markattu, Sulavayi, Kurulehalli, Virupapuram, Bolacota, Sammatageri, Peddahayati, Holagundi, Gajjihalli, Vandavagali, Yedavalli, Baladuru, Santakudluru, Itikihal, Harivanam, Bavinamaradasugur, Alabanuru, Nagarahal, Adóni-Alúr road work, two sections of Alúr-Moka road work, Holagundi-Hebatam and Adóni-Siruguppa road works and the kitchens at Hulebidu, Chatragudi, Halaharidi, Agraharam, Holagundi, Santakudlur and Harivanam.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector.—Tekkalakota, Sanavaspur, Sindigeri, Byalur, Samudram, Kolar, Sirivaram, Kuppal, Kuditini, Yelubench, Patnaserugu, Gutti-ganuru, Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Paramadevanahalli, Tekkalakota, and Paramadevanahalli road works, northern and southern sections of Siruguppa road work, the Bellary Fort Ditch work and the kitchens attached to the road works as well as those at Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Kuppal and Sindigeri, and in Bellary Town.

Head Assistant Collector.—Gadiganur, Daroji, Narraindeverkeri and Mariyammanahalli and the relief works there, Hospet (supervision of grain doles), Gowripur, Marabbihal, Pinjarheggadahall, and Hagaribommahalli.

Resolution—dated 23rd June 1897, No. 459.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was good, except in Bellary town. The supplies of drinking-water have been much improved; the river channels have had an ample flow; and tanks have begun to fill. Preparations for the next crop were general; and in the lighter soils, sowing commenced.

3. Pasture was nil, and fodder was failing, except with the more well-to-do ryots. Stall-fed cattle were in good condition, but others were growing poorer day by day. 206½ tons of fodder were imported into the district from Kistna and Madras, and found a ready sale, even when the price was raised from Rs. 12-8-0 to Rs. 17-8-0 a ton. It is hoped that a fair supply of pasture will be shortly available, after the good rain that has fallen.

4. The average prices of the district have risen, but this is due to fluctuations in a few stations, quotations being, as a rule, steady. The Collector states that the import of cholam has been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn of the season, and this has tended to keep prices high. Trade was, however, fairly active. The Collector should communicate to the Famine Commissioner the result of his enquiries about the prejudice against imported white cholam. The following figures show the comparative position of prices:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (mixed).
Normal	13.2	30.0
Warning	10.6	22.5
Scarcity	7.9	15.0
Current	8.5	11.5
June 1892	9.0	14.9
June 1877	6.5	6.5

5. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works at the close of the fortnight were 4 per cent. above those of the previous fortnight, being 98,494. The numbers on gratuitous relief in kitchens remained fairly steady, but there was an increase of over 100 per cent. in the numbers of those gratuitously relieved in villages. The Collector's report as to the gradual contraction of relief measures will be dealt with separately; further instructions will be communicated to him with G.O., No. 473 of 1897. With regard to the Collector's remark as to the proportion borne by the numbers on relief in Alúr to the total population, it has to be remembered that the taluk lost 33 per cent. of its population between 1871 and 1881, which means that, allowing for the ordinary increase, nearly half the population must have been lost during the Great Famine, that the population has not yet recovered from this loss and that two out of the past six years have been bad.

6. The loans disbursed during the past four weeks are as follows:—

Up to week ending	Amount.
	RS.
May 15th	2,55,569
" 22nd	2,74,727
" 29th	2,87,010
June 5th	3,06,397
" 12th	3,10,163

Applications are still pending for about 5½ lakhs, but it is understood that the greater part of the balance of Rs. 3,20,000 shown under "Other purposes" was required for clearance of nuth grass. The time for this is past, so it is presumed that the majority of the applications for the last-named sum will be dismissed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

ORDER—No. 544, Revenue, dated 8th July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th June 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 23rd June 1897, No. 459 :—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Bellary district during the period ending 15th of June 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There has been very good rain in the fortnight in all

	In the fort- night.	Up to the fort- night.	Average of three years from April 1st to 15th June 1897.
Yemmiganuru	1.22	3.25	3.21
Adóni	.98	2.62	3.44
Alúr	3.56	4.76	5.17
Siruguppa	4.50	5.80	5.06
Kampli	4.57	7.34	2.77
Bellary	1.80	2.94	6.37
Rayadrug	1.42	6.47	4.74
Hospet	5.53	8.91	3.98
Kúdligi	5.77	10.53	5.18
Harpanahalli	2.94	5.81	6.68
Hadagalli	1.22	4.82	4.14
Sandúr	1.35	5.36	..

the taluks of the district and the south-west monsoon seems to have fairly set in. The rain up to date at Bellary is much below the average for the last three years, but that average is abnormal. The average over a long period is 3.29 inches only. The water-supply for drinking purposes has been much improved everywhere. There have been freshes in the Hagari and the Tungabhadra and the supply for irrigation purposes in the river channels is ample. There has been increased supply in the wells also. Many tanks in Hospet and Bellary divisions have received a fair supply. So far the prospects are satisfactory, except in Adóni where a good sowing rain is still required in many

villages ; but much may happen, or not happen between seed time and harvest.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Adóni.—The red soils are everywhere being prepared for sowing and in small areas round Yemmiganuru and Kósgí the seed has already been put in. Black cotton-soils are being harrowed. Garden crops and paddy under the Rampur channel are in good condition.

Alúr.—Clearing of nuth grass still continues. The black (regada) and mixed (masab) lands are being ploughed. In sandy and red soils cholam is being sown. Garden crops are in good condition.

Bellary.—Early cereals, pulses and oil-seeds are being sown in red and mixed soils. Sugar-cane is being planted in Siruguppa and Disanur. The harvest of second-crop paddy still continues, the yield being eight annas.

Hospet.—Ryots have begun sowing their lands in villages round Papinayakanhalli in Hospet taluk and generally in Hadagalli, Harpanahalli and Kúdligi taluks, where gingelly, yellow cholam, castor oil-seeds and pulses are the crops sown. Cholam and pulses are sprouting in parts of Hadagalli and Harpanahalli. Crops under wells and channels are in good condition.

Sandúr.—Ploughing continues. Light soils have been sown. Betel, plantain and other garden crops are fair.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni.—Pasture nil, though the country looks green here and there. Stocks of fodder still exist with the well-to-do ryots, while the poorer ryots, such as Madigas and Boyas, have about to come to the end of their supplies. They are eking them out by small loans from the Reddies and village sowcars, grants from the Famine Fund and Government loans. The best ploughing cattle are in good condition, the inferior ones are deteriorating, while the cows

and she-buffaloes are distinctly poor. It is hoped that their condition will improve when the pasture that is springing up becomes available. Of 350 cattle brought to Adóni market, 60 were bought for agricultural purposes at prices ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 60 ; 20 by butchers at prices varying from Rs. 5 to Rs. 8 ; and the rest found no sale.

Alur.—Pasture not yet available. Fodder scanty. Stall-fed cattle are still in good condition ; that of others is bad.

Bellary.—Pasture available to a limited extent. Fodder scanty, except in wet villages ; hill grass, prickly-pear and the stems and roots of the aloe are being used for fodder. The stall-fed cattle are in good condition ; others, more especially in the black cotton-soil villages of Bellary taluk, are suffering much from want of fodder.

Hospet.—Grass is springing up. The stock of fodder in the affected villages of Hadagalli is running short. Hill grass is being used in parts. The condition of the cattle is still rather poor in affected parts of Hospet and Hadagalli.

Sandúr.—Grass is just beginning to shoot. Hill grass is available in large quantities, but it is of very bad quality. Stall fed cattle are in good condition ; other animals are growing worse.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain has decidedly improved the prospects so far as water-supply and cattle are concerned. The difficulties of obtaining drinking-water are much diminished, and it is expected that in about a fortnight or a month pasture will be available almost everywhere. Sowing operations are proceeding briskly. There has been a great demand for ploughing cattle in the Hospet division. Bullocks for carts can only be hired on with great difficulty. In Harpanahalli no cooly can be had for less than three annas a day. Loans are being freely granted for the purchase of fodder, cattle and seed-grain. The Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund has done a vast amount of good by establishing fodder depôts, and by granting money for the purchase of fodder to the poorest ryots.

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 June 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		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.	
Adóni	8.10	8.10	10.30	9.79	11.33	10.82	14.55	14.55	There has been a slight rise in the price of yellow cholam at Adóni, Bellary, Kúdligi, and of white cholam at Adóni and Hospet. My personal inquiries in Bellary and the neighbourhood go to show that the price quoted for white cholam is that of the best local product ; I have seen excellent imported white cholam being sold at 11 and 11½ seers the rupee. I will make further inquiries on this subject.
Alur	7.56	7.56	10.30	10.30	11.33	11.33	..	..	
Bellary	8.64	8.10	10.82	10.82	12.36	11.33	16.49	16.49	
Rayadrug	9.72	9.72	12.36	12.36	13.39	13.39	15.04	15.04	
Hospet	8.10	7.56	12.36	10.82	13.39	13.39	16.50	15.52	
Kúdligi	7.56	7.56	..	..	12.36	11.33	13.58	13.58	
Harpanahalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	13.39	13.39	15.52	15.04	
Hadagalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	12.36	12.36	..	..	
Sandúr	8.64	8.64	..	..	11.94	12.36	15.52	15.52	
Average	8.76	8.52	11.27	10.82	12.43	12.17	15.31	15.10	

Activity of trade.—The net import of grain into the district during the fortnight amounted to 22,378 maunds against 19,837 maunds during the previous fortnight. It is hoped that the continued large imports combined with the good rainfall will soon bring down prices. The import of cholam is reported to have been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn in season, and this has tended to keep prices up.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—I have inspected several works in the Bellary taluk recently and found the general condition of all, including the babies, to be excellent.

In villages.—Generally good. All forms of relief contemplated by the Code are in force, except poor-houses, for which there is no necessity at present. It is reported that the labouring classes are in a far better position than in ordinary times, all the members of their families being relieved in one way or another by the Government. For instance in Alur, with a population of 88,000 persons, 45,342 persons are now actually being relieved by the Government. Some 5,000 or 6,000 of these may belong to Adóni, Bellary and Pattikonda (Kurnool), but after making all due allowances the proportion on relief is enormous. There need be no fear that any one is suffering for want of employment or assistance.

Sickness and mortality.—No sickness except a few cases of small-pox and fever. Guinea-worm continues prevalent. No deaths from starvation reported.

Remarks.—The weavers in the Hospet division are not in need of relief. The weavers in Bellary have not availed themselves to any appreciable extent of the special measures of relief offered to them. Those of Alúr taluk require no assistance. The villagers who had emigrated to Mysore, some to work on the coffee estates, some with their cattle and families, are returning. The recent rains have put heart into the ryots and done much to dispel the belief that there will be a famine this year and next. No extension of relief measures should be necessary if the rains continue seasonable, for, weeding will soon be commenced, and once the people begin to see their crops growing strongly they will leave the works. It is desirable, however, that the movement towards a resumption of their ordinary avocations should be encouraged by requiring from relief-workers a full day's work.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluku.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni	34,258	36,238	Though there has been an increase in numbers as compared with the last fortnight, yet there has been a decrease of nearly 4,000 in the last week. This decrease is in part due to the Moharam, but a number of people have undoubtedly gone to plough and sow their fields, and a continuance of the decline may be hoped for.
Alur	39,927	40,062	
Bellary	9,488	11,135	
Hospet	5,936	6,214	
Kodligi	1,091	1,065	
Hadagalli	3,653	3,780	
Total	94,348	98,494	
Sandár	327	254	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluku.	Number relieved							
	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.
Adóni	1,471	1,441	1,513	1,167	..	..	1,388	1,758
Alur	2,136	2,119	1,165	965	..	..	1,962	2,346
Bellary	567	756	498	1,124	..	..	1,440	5,334
Hospet	470	452	14	8	..	..	227	1,282
Kodligi	58	52	..	..	..	..	..	41
Hadagalli	109	150	16	28	..	..	..	..
Total	4,811	4,970	3,206	3,312	..	..	5,017	10,756
Sandár	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	78

Taluku.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers relief.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured	
			Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Adóni	116	129	2,492	2,536	3,769	20,184
Alur	106	106	..	..	..	..
Bellary	75	76	16	36	64	64
Hospet	14	21	..	..	..	..
Total	311	332	2,508	2,572	3,833	20,248
Sandár	5	5	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Sanjeevareddi of Johrapuram, Alúr taluk, continues to feed 60 children. The operations of Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund have been extended to the grant of money for fodder, cattle and seed-grain and to the gift of cloths to the needy poor both on works and in villages. The Fund Committee and sub-committees are doing excellent work, and their scheme of operation received the approval of the Honourable Mr. James when he visited Bellary on the 12th instant.

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	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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Adoni ..	10	2,060	9	930	76	17,145	151	12,220	146	11,445	447	43,751	161	14,280	155	12,375	523	60,596	..	..
Alor ..	36	9,370	36	6,785	40	13,880	1,533	1,61,160	1,342	1,41,395	731	1,28,175	1,569	1,70,530	1,378	1,48,180	831	1,42,655	..	..
Bellary ..	20	2,285	20	2,285	38	10,135	625	59,575	622	59,275	590	94,785	645	61,860	642	61,560	628	1,04,926	..	..
Rayadurg ..	57	12,000	57	6,950	49	12,850	232	30,845	232	30,845	127	19,765	289	42,845	289	37,795	176	32,615	..	..
Hospet ..	11	2,450	11	1,335	26	4,585	17	1,425	17	1,425	68	4,960	28	3,875	28	2,760	84	9,535	..	..
Kodligi ..	2	260	..	..	37	7,340	..	..	..	..	7	900	2	260	..	..	44	9,535	..	..
Harpanahalli ..	1	100	..	..	1	250	..	..	..	..	7	900	2	260	..	..	44	9,535	..	..
Hudagalli ..	5	600	..	..	27	7,050	50	7,335	47	6,685	163	23,066	55	7,935	52	7,035	180	30,115	..	..
Total ..	142	29,125	138	18,635	294	73,235	2,655	2,78,115	2,449	2,56,175	2,211	3,19,666	2,797	3,07,240	2,687	2,74,810	2,635	3,92,901	..	..
Total.																				
Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.						Applications pending.	
	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	40	
Adoni ..	119	3,081	55	1,184	504	25,389	1	75	..	..	111	..	120	3,166	55	1,184	615	28,979	..	
Alor ..	702	25,466	394	14,777	614	44,173	..	..	..	..	24	2,746	702	25,466	394	14,777	638	46,919	..	
Bellary ..	373	14,556	373	14,536	578	29,897	..	..	..	..	..	..	373	14,536	578	29,897	578	29,897	..	
Rayadurg ..	12	565	12	565	79	5,006	3	185	3	185	..	..	15	750	15	750	86	5,491	..	
Hospet ..	26	835	21	810	44	2,210	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	935	21	810	44	2,210	..	
Kodligi ..	412	10,980	411	10,960	94	3,819	..	..	..	..	..	..	412	10,980	411	10,960	94	3,819	..	
Harpanahalli ..	42	2,050	41	2,000	71	3,718	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	2,050	41	2,000	71	3,718	..	
Hudagalli ..	76	2,861	55	2,711	166	8,817	..	..	..	..	..	..	76	2,861	55	2,711	166	8,817	..	
Total ..	1,762	60,464	1,362	47,543	2,150	1,23,029	4	260	3	185	142	6,821	1,760	60,724	1,365	47,738	2,292	1,29,860	..	

* One case for Rs. 250 was erroneously shown under "Repair and construction of wells" instead of under "Other purposes." The operations during the fortnight were practically restricted to loans for the purchase of fodder. Good work has been done in this direction in Alór and Bellary, where there are special Tahsildars, and in Kodligi, where the credit is due to the Tahsildar. Better results would have been obtained in Adóni, but for the fact that there was a change of Tahsildars during the fortnight. In Alór, there appears to be unnecessary delay in the disbursement of these loans and I have called the attention of the special Tahsildar to the matter on more than one occasion. The restriction on the general grant of loans was removed on the receipt of B.P., No. 421, dated 8th June 1897, but as the time for the removal of such grant has now passed, I am directing Tahsildars not to give fresh loans for that purpose save in exceptional cases.

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.			Applications pending.			Applications accepted.			Applications pending.			Applications accepted.			Applications pending.		
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	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	
Adoni ..	119	3,081	55	1,184	501	25,389	1	75	..	..	111	8,690	120	3,156	65	1,184	615	28,979
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Total ..	1,762	60,464	1,362	47,543	2,150	1,23,029	4	260	3	185	142	6,821	1,760	60,724	1,365	47,728	2,292	1,29,850

Accepted. Disbursed.

Adóni .. 1,109
Alór .. 422
Kodligi .. 5,354

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluka and places visited—By the Collector.—Kuditini, Aspari, Adóni, Nancherla, Sankarabanda, Benigara and Virupapuram, the relief works and kitchens at Bellary, Aspari and Adóni and the fodder depôts at Kuditini, Aspari (twice) and Nancherla (twice). Touring was interrupted by the visits of the Inspector-General of Jails and the Honourable Mr. James and a special meeting of the District Board.

Assistant Collector in charge of Adóni.—Kupgal work and surrounding villages, Chinna Tumbalam work, Kosgi work, and two kitchens, Satanur and neighbouring villages, Madhavaram kitchen and work, Kotical work, Adóni-Nallacheruvu work and two kitchens.

Deputy Collector, Adóni.—Chippagiri, Manekurti, Hulebidu, Alór, Halaharidi, Kuruvalli, Agraharam, Tumbalabidu, Markattu, Sulavayi, Kurulehalli, Virupapuram, Bolacota, Sammatageri, Peddahayati, Holalagundi, Gajjihalli, Vandavagali, Yedavalli, Baladuru, Santakudluru, Itikihal, Harivanam, Bavinamaradasugur, Alabanuru, Nagarahal, Adóni-Alór road work, two sections of Alór-Moka road work, Holagundi-Hebatam and Adóni-Siruguppa road works and the kitchens at Hulebidu, Chatragudi, Halaharidi, Agraharam, Holagundi, Santakudlur and Harivanam.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector.—Tekkalakota, Sanavasapur, Sindigeri, Byalur, Samudram, Kolar, Sirivaram, Kuppal, Kuditini, Yelubench, Patnaseru, Gutti-ganuru, Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Paramadevanahalli, Tekkalakota, and Paramadevanahalli road works, northern and southern sections of Siruguppa road work, the Bellary Fort Ditch work and the kitchens attached to the road works as well as those at Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Kuppal and Sindigeri, and in Bellary Town.

Head Assistant Collector.—Gadiganur, Daroji, Narraindeverkeri and Mariyammanahalli and the relief works there, Hospet (supervision of grain doles), Gowripur, Marabbihal, Pinjarheggadah, and Hagaribommalahalli.

Resolution—dated 23rd June 1897, No. 459.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was good, except in Bellary town. The supplies of drinking-water have been much improved; the river channels have had an ample flow; and tanks have begun to fill. Preparations for the next crop were general; and in the lighter soils, sowing commenced.

3. Pasture was nil, and fodder was failing, except with the more well-to-do ryots. Stall-fed cattle were in good condition, but others were growing poorer day by day. 206½ tons of fodder were imported into the district from Kistna and Madras, and found a ready sale, even when the price was raised from Rs. 12-8-0 to Rs. 17-8-0 a ton. It is hoped that a fair supply of pasture will be shortly available, after the good rain that has fallen.

4. The average prices of the district have risen, but this is due to fluctuations in a few stations, quotations being, as a rule, steady. The Collector states that the import of cholam has been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn of the season, and this has tended to keep prices high. Trade was, however, fairly active. The Collector should communicate to the Famine Commissioner the result of his enquiries about the prejudice against imported white cholam. The following figures show the comparative position of prices:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (mixed).
Normal	13.2	30.0
Warning	10.6	22.5
Scarcity	7.9	15.0
Current	8.5	11.5
June 1892	9.0	14.9
June 1877	6.5	6.5

5. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works at the close of the fortnight were 4 per cent. above those of the previous fortnight, being 98,494. The numbers on gratuitous relief in kitchens remained fairly steady, but there was an increase of over 100 per cent. in the numbers of those gratuitously relieved in villages. The Collector's report as to the gradual contraction of relief measures will be dealt with separately; further instructions will be communicated to him with G.O., No. 473 of 1897. With regard to the Collector's remark as to the proportion borne by the numbers on relief in Alur to the total population, it has to be remembered that the taluk lost 33 per cent. of its population between 1871 and 1881, which means that, allowing for the ordinary increase, nearly half the population must have been lost during the Great Famine, that the population has not yet recovered from this loss and that two out of the past six years have been bad.

6. The loans disbursed during the past four weeks are as follows:—

Up to week ending	Amount.
	RS.
May 15th	2,55,569
„ 22nd	2,74,727
„ 29th	2,87,010
June 5th	3,06,397
„ 12th	3,10,163

Applications are still pending for about 5½ lakhs, but it is understood that the greater part of the balance of Rs. 3,20,000 shown under "Other purposes" was required for clearance of nuth grass. The time for this is past, so it is presumed that the majority of the applications for the last-named sum will be dismissed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

ORDER—No. 544, Revenue, dated 8th July 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 Public Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

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