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Affected District of Nellore in the Madras Presidency.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government of India monthly report on the
— for February 1898 and a copy thereof to the Local Government.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 1836A, dated 14th March 1898:—

Resolution—Mis. No. 1836A, dated 14th March 1898.

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

“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 district of Nellore for the month of February 1898. 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 a copy of the map.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
for Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner,
with a copy of map.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT A for the periods ending 26th February 1898.

District.	Area.	Population in thousands.	Affected area	Estimated population for area in column 4 in thousands.	Numbers on relief works.				
					Class A.	Class B.	Class C.	Class D.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	SQ. MLS.		SQ. MLS.						
Nellore	8,765	1,464	3,852	533	..	3,964	..	208	7,173 *

District.	Number on gratuitous relief.	Prices of principal food-grains in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.				Monthly death-rate per mille.	Deaths due to starvation.
		Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.		
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nellore	202	8.6	13.1	13.1	11.7	..	..

* Class not specified for 3001.

Area affected.—Conditions and prospects of—

There has been no change during the month in the area affected. There were slight showers here and there during the month, but they have not affected the situation.

Harvesting operations gave work to the labouring classes to some extent: the outturn was generally poor to middling. Pasture for cattle on open lands is non-existent over considerable areas; forest reserves are being thrown open to grazing. Fodder is insufficient. The condition of cattle is still fair on the whole.

2. *Nature of works.*—The work given is mainly road work. The numbers on works rose by 40 per cent. during the month. Five works were open, three of which were under the intermediate system and two under task-work system.

3. *Wages.*—On task-works, the wages were calculated on prices varying from 12 to 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ seers per rupee. The bulk of the workers who are labourers, but not accustomed to the work provided, were in class B.

4. *Gratuitous relief.*—The numbers on this form of relief rose from 150 to 202 the relief being restricted to the grant of cooked-food, mainly to the dependents of test-workers.

5. *Prices* were somewhat easier than in the preceding month, but still above the scarcity rate.

6. The condition of the people was generally good.

7. *Mortality.*—The number of deaths reported during the month was about normal, but the reports are incomplete, and no inference can be drawn from the figures.

STATEMENT B for the period ending 26th February 1898.

District.	Maximum number for whom relief is estimated to be required in the case of serious famine.	Number for whom relief was provided in programme of famine-relief works.			Maximum number for whom relief can be provided by works remaining in programme on date of report.	
		Date of programme.	On large works.	Others.	On large works.	Others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nellore	292,700	10th July 1897..	167,911	151,263	159,758	149,483

District.	Expenditure from 1st April up to the latest date for which figures are available.			Advances given since 1st April up to the end of the period under		Revenue suspended beyond the current official year.
	Date up to which expenditure is known.	On relief works.	On gratuitous relief.	Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Nellore	26th Feb. 1898..	RS. 23,860	RS. 851	..	..	RS. 86,197

COURSE of prices of staple food-grains in the Nellore district in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.

	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal rate	14-0	28-0	26-0	24-0
Warning rate	11-2	21-0	19-5	18-0
Scarcity rate	8-4	14-0	13-0	12-0
September 1897	10-3	16-3	13-1	11-5
October ,, ...	10-3	15-9	13-1	12-3
November ,, ...	9-6	14-0	12-1	11-9
December ,, ...	9-0	12-6	11-0	10-5
January 1898	8-5	12-5	11-3	11-0
February ,, ...	8-5	12-8	12-6	11-2

ORDER—No. 204, Revenue, dated 7th April 1898.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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