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Lamine. Pros. Revenue Dept. receiving
Board's Proceedings submitting the fortnightly
-narrative of the Goujard's for the
period ending 31. October 1897, Compt. G.S.C.
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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, for information, the — of the Ganjām district for the period ending 31st October 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 714, dated 17th November 1897:—

W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq.
(Famine Commissioner.)

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Ganjam district for the period ending 31st October 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

District rainfall.

In the fortnight	...	...	...	...	Actual rainfall.	Expected rainfall.
Up to the fortnight from April	...	...	...	...	INCHES.	INCHES.
	...	...	...	...	5.17	4.02
	...	...	...	...	47.57	38.59

Water-supply is abundant both for drinking and irrigation purposes. There have been good freshes in rivers and nallas.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Ragi and light paddy are being harvested. Outturn of former middling to bad, and of latter fair to average. Standing crops are paddy, black gram, red gram and sugar-cane which are thriving well. The Head-quarters Deputy Collector reports that paddy is greatly damaged by grasshoppers in low lands in his division.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—Pasture is abundant. Fodder is becoming generally available. The condition of cattle is generally good.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The prospects of season have considerably improved, and the standing crops are all thriving well.

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 30th October 1897.

Statement of the prices of rice and ragi for the month ending 30th October 1897.										In seers of 80 tolas
Stations.	Rice.				Ragi.		Corresponding prices of 1889.		Remarks.	
	End of last period.		End of current period.		End of last period.	End of current period.	Rice.	Ragi.		
	Raw.	Boiled.	Raw.	Boiled.						
Russellkonda	8 00	10 00	9 00	11 00	15 94	17 35	11 50	36 00	Price of raw rice is falling in eleven stations, and stationary in one. Ragi is stationary in two stations, and falling elsewhere.	
Surāda	7 86	9 19	9 25	10 50	13 81	17 06	11 50	36 00		
Aska	7 22	7 95	8 50	10 05	8 90	15 67	11 00	31 00		
Purushōttapuram	8 00	9 00	8 50	9 50	17 00	17 00	11 00	35 00		
Chatrapur	7 50	8 00	8 50	9 00	10 50	11 50	10 50	27 00		
Berhampur	7 50	9 00	9 00	10 00	11 90	14 87	12 00	31 00		
Ichchhāpuram	8 50	9 00	9 00	9 50	12 60	14 40	11 00	24 00		
Sōmpēta	8 66	9 45	8 66	9 45	13 50	13 50	13 60	36 00		
Parlakimedi	9 25	..	11 22	..	14 95	15 60	13 50	39 00		
Tekkali	9 00	..	9 60	..	12 65	17 75	12 00	36 00		
Narasannapēta	9 37	..	9 75	..	12 50	15 00	14 00	36 00		
Chicacole	7 68	..	8 20	..	13 31	14 20	11 00	32 00		
Total	98 54	71 59	109 18	79 00	157 56	183 90	142 60	399 00		
Average	8 21	8 25	9 09	9 87	13 13	15 32	11 88	33 25		

Activity of trade.—Private trade is not very active. Two hundred and seventy-two cart-loads of paddy are reported to have been imported from Nayaghar into Berhampur side. Paddy and rice are still being imported in limited quantities from Puri.

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

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By rail	1,623	8,342
By sea	...	1,766

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—All the works have been closed.

In villages.—The condition of people in villages is generally good. Cooly classes find work in the fields. A few emaciated persons are being fed at the Koitakhandi kitchen in the Poddakimedi estate.

The following remittances are reported from emigrants to Burmah through the Post offices noted below:—

	RS.
Jalmur	360
Kotabommali	1,460
Kasibugga	1,489
Total	3,309

Sickness and mortality.—Fever and small-pox are generally prevalent.

Cholera deaths—	98
Goomsur division	85
Head-quarters Deputy Collector's division	9
Berhampur division	33
Chicacole division	225
Total	225

Remarks.—All relief works and all kitchens have been finally closed.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluk.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
1. Ankoli, Berhampur taluk	160	...
2. Rothini hill quarry, Ichchhapuram taluk	831	...
3. Johomi, Ganjam taluk	164	...
4. Hill quarry, Ganjam taluk	350	...
5. Mukundapur, Purushottapuram taluk	117	...
6. Boirani, Purushottapuram taluk	162	...
7. Hinjilli, Purushottapuram taluk	220	...
8. Mottosoringi, Purushottapuram taluk	170	...
9. Rajapur, Poddakimedi taluk	11	...
Total	2,185	...

Resolution—No. 714, dated 17th November 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ Collector of Ganjam.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 1015, Revenue, dated 6th December 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.

„ the Financial Department.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Local and Municipal Department.

„ the Accountant-General.

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