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report on the - for March 1898 Comd to
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Affected District of Nellore in the Madras Presidency.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to the Government of India monthly report on the — for March 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), No. 148A, dated 14th April 1898:—

Resolution—No. 148A, dated 14th April 1898.

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

“With reference to section 48 (vi) of the Madras Famine Code, I am directed to submit herewith the Board's monthly report on the affected district of Nellore for the month of March 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,
Secretary.

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

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT A for the period ending 26th March 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
Nellore	sq. MLS. 8,765	1,464	sq. MLS. 3,852	533	..	2,474	..	155	* 3,518

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	162	8.9	13.6	13.4	12.0	..	..

* Includes 889 workers for whom class particulars have not been reported.

Condition and prospects of area affected.—There has been no change during the month in the area affected. The condition of the affected tracts slightly improved towards the end of the month. There was a fall in prices; harvesting operations gave some employment to labourers and the numbers on relief works fell very considerably. The Collector however apprehends that the improvement will not be lasting. The yield of harvests ranged from poor to middling or fair. Pasture and fodder are generally insufficient. The condition of cattle is still fair.

2. *Prices* were slightly easier than in the previous month.

3. *Nature of works.*—The work done is mainly road work. The numbers on works fell by 51 per cent. during the month. The decrease was due partly to harvesting operations and partly to fall in prices. Loans for the construction of wells have been granted to the extent of Rs. 1,000 which would furnish employment to 200 persons for two months.

4. *Wages.*—On task works the wages were calculated on prices varying from 12.75 to 15.30 seers per rupee. The bulk of the workers who were labourers, but not accustomed to the work of the kind provided, were placed in B class.

5. *Gratuitous relief.*—The numbers on this form of relief fell from 202 to 162. The relief is confined almost wholly to grant of cooked food to the dependents of workers.

6. The condition of the people was generally good.

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

STATEMENT B for the period ending 26th March 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	156,328	149,271

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 Mar. 1898.	RS. 33,365	RS. 1,228	RS. 1,000	..	RS. 86,197

ORDER—No. 269, Revenue, dated 10th May 1898.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

S. S. Robert
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

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

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