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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings (Revenue Settlement) submitting to Government — of the Nellore district for the period ending 30th April 1898.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 180, dated 18th May 1898:—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Nellore district for the period ending 30th April 1898:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—*Sub-division—Rainfall.*—The following rainfall was registered at the stations noted during the fortnight:—

	INCHES.
Addanki	0·77 on the 18th and 20th.
Podili	0·27 on the 20th, 21st and 22nd.
Kanigiri	0·07 on the 19th.

There was also about a quarter of an inch of rainfall in the western villages of Kanigiri and slight rain in the western villages of Podili. *Water-supply.*—The Gundlakamma river received fair freshes and the Palér in Kanigiri taluk and the Godiseléru in Kandukur taluk had slight freshes. Water-supply is generally sufficient for drinking purposes except in the western villages of Kanigiri and Podili. The Taluk Board is taking the necessary steps to improve the supply. All irrigation tanks are dry. The supply in irrigation wells is decreasing.

Atmakúr division—Rainfall.—The rainfall registered during the fortnight in the division was as follows:—

	INCHES.
Atmakúr	0·22
Udayagiri	3·85

Water-supply.—The Boggéru and the Pennéru received some freshes. In the Atmakúr taluk the irrigation tanks are empty, but there is a good supply of water in river channels. In the Udayagiri taluk five tanks received a month's supply and five tanks fifteen days' supply. Supply in wells is insufficient for irrigation, but sufficient for drinking purposes.

2. *Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Sub-division.*—No agricultural operations are in progress except ploughing of garden lands in parts of Ongole, and sowing of pālāpu cholam and korra in small areas in two villages of the same taluk, sowing of cumbu and cholam in Kanigiri, and of korra in Podili, under wells. The standing crops are—

	Estimated outturn.
Podili division—cholam and cumbu	4 to 12 annas.
Ongole—cholam	4 "
Kandukur—cholam and cumbu	4 "
Kanigiri—paddy, cumbu, cholam and tobacco	4 to 8 "
Darsi division—Cholam, cumbu and korra young and thriving.	

Atmakúr division—Atmakúr taluk.—No agricultural operations in this taluk. The standing crops are paddy (second crop), pālāpu cholam, cumbu and indigo which are reported to be thriving under river channels. The average outturn of these crops is estimated at 8 annas. *Udayagiri taluk.*—Fields are being prepared for pālāpu cholam and pitchika cumbu which have been sown in parts. Indigo is being sown with the aid of well water. The standing crops are indigo, pālāpu cholam and pitchika (sparrow) cumbu. Indigo is sprouting and the other two crops are thriving under wells.

3. *Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Sub-division.*—Fodder is available but becoming scanty. The Sub-Collector reports that draught bullocks are in good condition in the villages he visited. Foot and mouth disease exists in four villages of Darsi division.

Atmakúr division.—Fodder is sufficient in the Atmakúr taluk and is limited in the Udayagiri taluk. Pasture is scarce in both taluks, but is beginning to sprout on the Udayagiri hill and the Veligondahs owing to recent rains. Condition of cattle is generally fair in the Atmakúr taluk, but rinderpest prevails in Chegira and Atmakúr ranges. The condition of cattle is improving in parts of the Udayagiri taluk owing to recent rains. In other parts their condition is reported to be unsatisfactory owing to the scarcity of fodder.

4. *General remarks on the previous subjects—Atmakúr division.*—The Deputy Collector remarks: "The recent rains in Udayagiri taluk have contributed to lessen to a great extent the difficulty hitherto felt by people in procuring drinking water, somewhat towards the subsidence of cattle disease and in helping growth of pasture for the future."

5. 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 April 1898.

Stations.	Rice, second sort.		Cholam.		Ragi.		Cumbu.	
	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.
Ongole	9·40	9·40	12·60	12·60	13·60	13·60	11·55	11·55
Addanki	8·93	8·93	12·60	13·95	15·30	16·57	10·72	11·14
Darsi	9·40	9·40	12·67	12·67	14·45	15·30	10·66	11·48
Podili	9·40	8·93	13·57	13·57	15·30	15·30	10·07	11·07
Kandukur	7·99	7·99	12·67	13·12	14·02	15·30	12·67	13·12
Kanigiri	7·52	7·52	14·48	13·57	15·30	14·45	11·55	11·55
Atmakúr	9·40	8·65	14·48	14·48	14·45	14·45	13·12	13·12
Udayagiri	..	7·52	14·48	14·93	14·45	15·30	..	..
Average ..	8·86	8·54	13·57	13·61	14·61	15·03	11·48	11·86
Scarcity rate	8·40		13·00		14·00		12·00	
Warning rate	11·20		19·50		21·00		18·00	

Activity of trade—Sub-division.—Private trade generally active. The fall in prices generally is due to importation of grains from other districts as well as to the recent harvest of ragi. The rise in the price of ragi in Kanigiri is due to absence of importation from without. *Atmakúr division.*—Private trade active. The rise in the price of rice in Atmakúr is due to short supply and to large exportations. The slight fall in the price of cholam and ragi in Udayagiri is due to recent harvest and to importations from Cuddapah.

6. CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good. *In villages.*—Generally good. The Sub-Collector reports that people complain of want of labour, but are not willing to go any distance to the relief works where they say wages are insufficient. This shows they are not suffering from distress.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from starvation. There is cholera in three villages of the Addanki division. Number of attacks 32 and deaths 7; also in four villages of the Atmakúr taluk where 3 deaths occurred out of 18 attacks. Small-pox and measles prevail all over this taluk. In the Udayagiri taluk, cholera has subsided. Small-pox exists in Udayagiri town, but is gradually disappearing.

7. MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Number employed			Remarks.
Taluku.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
<i>Kanigiri Taluk.</i>			
Narramarella near Pamur ..	181	283	On the intermediate system without a kitchen. The coolies on this work struck work on the 19th. The numbers fluctuated as shown below :— 19th .. Nil. 22nd .. 20 25th .. 104 20th .. Nil. 23rd .. 36 26th .. 283 21st .. Nil. 24th .. 69
Nandanavanam	50	..	This work was closed on the 12th.
<i>Podili Division.</i>			
Podili-Cumbum road ..	1,233	647	Intermediate system with a kitchen. The numbers on this work also fell with the introduction of the intermediate system from 1,202 on the 13th to 39 on the 14th; but they gradually rose again to 728 on the 23rd. The figure reported is for the 26th, and it is reported that the fall was due to the absence of the Kambalapad people owing to ragi harvest.
<i>Udayagiri Taluk.</i>			
Narravada	366	463	Intermediate system with a kitchen.
Total ..	1,830	1,393	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at Kitchens and otherwise—

Taluku.	Number relieved							
	at kitchens.				in poor-houses.		in villages.	
	Dependents.		Others.		Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.				
Kanigiri taluk— Narramarella	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Podili division— Pedarikatla	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Podili-Cumbum road ..	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	..
Udayagiri taluk— Narravada	43	41	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	120	78	..	..	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—The following works in the Venkatagiri Estate are in progress :—

Work.	Number of coolies.							
Potlapad tank ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Rajampalli ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Not known.
Panur tank ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Kakarla tank ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70

8. *General Remarks.*—There is little that calls for remarks. There was a satisfactory fall of 3.85 inches of rain in Udayagiri, which will provide pasture on the hills in that taluk, while it has benefited the few standing crops. There was also slight rain in Kanigiri, Podili and Atmakur, but I do not think it can have done any appreciable good. The prices of all grains fell slightly. The numbers on the relief

works fell from 1,830 to 1,393, owing, the Sub-Collector reports, to the introduction of the intermediate system on the work on the Podili-Cumbum road. I believe, however, the decrease is also partly due to the migration of coolies to Kistna and elsewhere for harvesting and to the fact that many of the workers are not so badly off as to come to work now that the heat is increasing. The Sub-Collector visited the work during the fortnight. He states that "at present it is mostly the women and children who come to the work, and I ascertained that the husbands and fathers were in many cases otherwise employed, baling water, working in leather, as vetties and as permanent agricultural servants. The work enables the women and children to supplement the wages earned by the other members of their families, but would hardly prevent starvation in the case of families entirely without employment and there are, or, I have no doubt, soon will be many such families. The rate should, in my opinion, be raised to at least Rs. 7 per 100 cubic feet, but this cannot be done as the order of Government is to adopt Public Works Department rates."

I do not consider there is any necessity to increase the rate at present. The Sub-Collector does not report any cases of emaciation on the work, or give any facts which show that any of the workers are not getting enough food or are deteriorating in condition. I am taking care that the condition of the workers is carefully watched.

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

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

(Taluks and places visited.)

The Sub-Collector visited the following villages :—

Kandukur taluk—

1. Vaviletipaud.
2. Bitragunta.
3. Somarajupalli.
4. Singarayakonda.
5. Vegur.
6. Kakutoor.
7. Nukavaram.
8. Pokur.
9. Tamirapalem.
10. Ippagunta.
11. Peda Venkanapollem.
12. Ponnalur.
13. Kandukur.

Kanigiri taluk—

1. Boganampaud.
2. Alavalapad.
3. Hagisipuram.
4. Kanigiri.
5. Sankhavaram.
6. Challagarigala.

Podili division—

1. Chinnarikatla.
2. Pedarikatla.
3. Batchalikurapad.

Ongole taluk—

1. Pellur.
2. Vallur.
3. Naidupollem.
4. Tangatur.

The Deputy Collector of Atmakúr visited the following villages :—

Udayagiri taluk—
1. Duttalur.

Atmakúr taluk—

1. Atmakúr.
2. Mahammadapuram.

Collector.—Engaged in Jamabandi in Gudur taluk.

Resolution—No. 180, dated 18th May 1898.

Submitted to Government.

2. There was a fall of 3·85 inches of rain at Udayagiri cusbah and light showers elsewhere in the affected tracts. The rainfall has improved the supply of water for drinking; the supply for irrigation is still deficient. The outlook for the cattle has also improved after the rains.

3. Prices remained stationary or fell slightly during the fortnight, except in Kanigiri, where there was a rise in the price of both cholam and ragi. Both grains were selling at about half a seer per rupee cheaper than the scarcity rate.

4. The numbers on works fell from 1,830 to 1,393, or by nearly a fourth; the decrease is ascribed to the unpopularity of the intermediate system and to migration of coolies to the Kistna delta and elsewhere in search of employment. In the week ending 7th May 1898, the numbers on works fell to 977, but rose again in the subsequent week to 1,082.

5. The condition of the people on works and in villages was generally good.

6. In view of the fact that one of the main objects of the intermediate system was to employ efficient labour, the quotation from the Sub-Collector's report stating that the relief-workers on the Podili-Cumbum road are mostly women and children, is noteworthy. It is not stated what the nature of the work is for which the Sub-Collector considers the rate of Rs. 7 per 100 cubic feet too low, and the Board has no information as to the amount of wages earned. This information should be furnished with the next report.

(True Copy and Extract).

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 „ Collector (Divisional officers—Tahsildars).

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Miscellaneous.

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