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Fortnightly Narrative. Pro. Rev. D. S. P.  
Working Board's Pro. Submitting — of the  
Nature of, for the period ending 31 May '58,  
revised

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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting — of the Nellore district for the period ending 31st May 1898.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 197, dated 6th June 1898:—

Read—the following fortnightly narrative of the Nellore district for the period ending 31st May 1898:—

## STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

## Sub-Collector's Division—

|                  | Rainfall. |
|------------------|-----------|
| Ongole .. .. .   | INS.      |
| Kandukūr .. .. . | 0 95      |
| Podili .. .. .   | 1 43      |
| Addanki .. .. .  | 0 24      |
| Kanigiri .. .. . | 0 06      |
|                  | 2 00      |

*Water-supply.*—The irrigation tanks are generally empty except the Kanigiri and Peddacherlopalli tanks in Kanigiri taluk, which contain one month and one week's supply, respectively. Six tanks in the Podili division contain a few days' supply. Water-supply in wells is insufficient for agricultural purposes except in and around Kanigiri. Drinking-water is generally sufficient except in a few villages where wells are being sunk or repaired by the Taluk Board.

## Atmakūr division—

|                   | Rainfall. |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Atmakūr .. .. .   | INS.      |
| Udayagiri .. .. . | 0 20      |
|                   | 1 26      |

On the 30th ultimo there was a general fall of rain throughout the Udayagiri taluk, of about an inch on the average. So far as information is at present to hand there was three inches of rain in one village, between two and three inches in ten villages, between one and two inches in five villages, and less than an inch in three villages.

*Water-supply—Atmakūr taluk.*—The Boggēru received slight freshes. The Atmakūr and Mahimalur tanks received a few days' supply, but other tanks are empty. Water for drinking is generally sufficient. *Udayagiri taluk.*—No irrigable supply in any of the tanks. Three or four tanks contain a few days' supply for cattle. Water-supply for drinking purposes is generally sufficient. The rain on the 30th will have considerably improved the water-supply.

## AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS AND CONDITION OF THE STANDING CROPS.

2. *Sub-Collector's Division.*—Agricultural operations are almost nil. Ploughing to a small extent is being carried on in Addanki and Podili divisions and Kanigiri taluk and third crop cumbu under wells is being cut in portions of Podili. Cumbu, holam, and tobacco under wells were also harvested in Kanigiri.

## Kanigiri taluk—

## Standing crops—

|                 | ACS. | AS.                                               |
|-----------------|------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Cholam .. .. .  | 150  | Fair.                                             |
| Cumbu .. .. .   | 800  | With an estimated outturn between 2 and 12 annas. |
| Korra .. .. .   | 50   | Outturn, 4 annas                                  |
| Tobacco .. .. . | 20   | Fair.                                             |

## Harvested crops in Kanigiri—

|                 | ACS. | AS. |
|-----------------|------|-----|
| Cumbu .. .. .   | 150  | 8   |
| Do. .. .. .     | 50   | 4   |
| Cholam .. .. .  | 100  | 4   |
| Tobacco .. .. . | 8    | 8   |

*Atmakūr Division.*—Pālāpu cholam and cumbu are being sown under wells in Atmakūr taluk, while in Udayagiri some lands are being prepared for cumbu cultivation.

*Standing crops—Atmakūr taluk.*—Pālāpu cholam, cumbu and indigo are doing well under river channels and garden wells. The average outturn is estimated at 4 to 8 annas.

*Udayagiri taluk.*—Pālāpu cholam and Pichika cumbu, indigo and korra under wells are thriving.

## SUPPLY OF FODDER AND PASTURE AND CONDITION OF CATTLE.

3. *Sub-Collector's Division.*—Pasture is not available. Fodder though available is becoming insufficient and dear. The Sub-Collector reports that the condition of cattle is generally good. No cattle diseases.

*Atmakūr division.*—Fodder is available though only to a limited extent in the Udayagiri taluk. Pasture not available.

Condition of cattle generally good in Atmakūr taluk. In a few villages in Udayagiri generally, their condition is indifferent, while in some villages it is said to be bad.

The recent rain is expected to provide pasture to some extent.

Diarrhoea is prevalent in Duttalur in Udayagiri taluk. Elsewhere there is no cattle disease.

## FOOD-SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

4. *Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st May 1898.*

| Stations.    | Rice, 2nd sort.     |                        | Cholam.             |                        | Ragi.               |                        | Cumbu.              |                        | 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. |           |       |             |
| Ongole ..    | 10 34               | 9 40                   | 13 50               | 14 48                  | 15 30               | 17 00                  | 12 38               | 12 38                  | —         | Scar- | city rates. |
| Addanki ..   | 8 93                | 8 93                   | 14 85               | 14 85                  | 16 58               | 17 00                  | 11 55               | 11 96                  |           |       |             |
| Darsi ..     | 9 40                | 9 40                   | 13 58               | 13 58                  | 15 30               | 15 30                  | 11 48               | 11 48                  |           |       |             |
| Podili ..    | 8 93                | 9 40                   | 13 58               | 14 48                  | 16 15               | 16 15                  | 11 07               | 11 48                  |           |       |             |
| Kandukūr ..  | 7 52                | 7 52                   | 13 12               | 13 12                  | 16 15               | 16 15                  | 11 55               | 11 55                  | Rice ..   | 8 40  | 11 20       |
| Kanigiri ..  | 7 52                | 7 52                   | 14 48               | 15 39                  | 14 45               | 15 30                  | 11 55               | 11 55                  |           |       |             |
| Atmakūr ..   | 8 70                | 8 70                   | 14 48               | 14 48                  | 15 30               | 15 73                  | 13 12               | 13 12                  |           |       |             |
| Udayagiri .. | ..                  | ..                     | 14 48               | 15 39                  | 16 15               | 16 15                  | 13 12               | 13 12                  |           |       |             |
| Average ..   | 8 76                | 8 69                   | 14 01               | 14 47                  | 15 67               | 16 09                  | 11 86               | 11 99                  | Cholam .. | 13 00 | 19 50       |
|              |                     |                        |                     |                        |                     |                        |                     |                        | Ragi ..   | 14 00 | 21 00       |
|              |                     |                        |                     |                        |                     |                        |                     |                        | Cumbu ..  | 12 00 | 18 00       |

5. *Activity of trade.*—Private trade is active. The rise in the price of rice in Ongole is due to paucity of supplies from outside. The price was 7.52 for the week ending 21st May, but it has since fallen to 9.40. The prices of other food-grains throughout are either stationary or have fallen.

#### CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

6. *On works.*—Good. The Sub-Collector remarks as follows under this head:—

“The condition of people on works and in villages is reported to be good. From recent daily reports received from the Public Works Department Overseer, Pamur, I found that the wage earned by each labourer was very low, and I have called on the Tahsildar to inspect the work and to make a report as to the state of labourers”.

*In Villages.*—Good.

#### SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

7. *Sub-Collector's division.*—No cases of starvation. Cholera prevails in five villages of the Ongole taluk; 60 attacks and 18 deaths.

*Atmakur division.*—No deaths from starvation. Small-pox prevails in two villages of Atmakur taluk.

*Remarks.*—Nil.

#### MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

| Taluku.                  | Number employed |                 | Remarks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          | Last fortnight. | This fortnight. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <i>Kanigiri Taluk.</i>   |                 |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Pamur .. .. .            | 395             | 465             | Intermediate system. No kitchen. The increase is reported to be due to absence of other works, and the cessation of the harvesting of ragi under wells.                                                                                             |
| <i>Podili Division.</i>  |                 |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Podili-Cumbum road .. .. | 407             | 178             | Intermediate system. Kitchen closed. The decrease is due to 200 coolies of two villages having returned to their villages where there were good garden crops and to others having gone to get work near Ongole on the Bezwada-Madras State Railway. |
| <i>Udayagiri Taluk.</i>  |                 |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Narravada .. .. .        | 426             | 373             | Intermediate system with a kitchen. The decrease appears to be due to some coolies having gone to work on Minor Irrigation and Local Fund works now in progress in the taluk.                                                                       |
| Total ..                 | 1,228           | 1,016           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

9. *Gratis 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. |
| <i>Udayagiri Taluk.</i> |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Narravada .. .. .       | 42              | 31              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              |
| <i>Podili Division.</i> |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Podili-Cumbum road * .. | 14              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              |
|                         | 56              | 31              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              | ..              |

\* The kitchen here was closed on the 26th May. The attendance at the kitchen during the fortnight previous to the date of closure was nil.

10. *Private charity.*—The Indian Famine Charitable Relief Committee, Madras, has sent Rs. 1,000 for the relief of the poor and also some cloths for distribution. On the 24th May, Rev. Mr. Brock of Kanigiri distributed ragi to about 1,000 poor in honour of the Queen's Birthday.

11. *General Remarks.*—There has been a beneficial fall of rain during the fortnight in parts of the affected tracts, namely, 2 inches at Kanigiri, 1.26 inches at Udayagiri and 0.24 inch at Podili. The rain was general throughout the Udayagiri taluk but fell in only a few villages of Kanigiri taluk. There were good freshes in the Palér and Manner rivers.

12. Prices, except in the case of rice, at Ongole have either remained stationary or fallen. The price of cholam fell in Podili, Kanigiri and Udayagiri, while that of ragi fell in Kanigiri. There is a good supply of grain in the markets, and prices are not likely to rise materially in the current month.

13. The numbers on works have fallen from 1,228 to 1,016. The reasons for the decrease are given in paragraph 8. The departure of coolies from the Podili-Cumbum road work to get work on the Madras-Bezwada State Railway is, I consider, very satisfactory and justifies the rates on the work. The proportion of men on the several works was 27 per cent. on the Podili-Cumbum road, 25 per cent. on the Pamur works and 48 per cent. on the Narravada work. I was not able to visit the works during the fortnight as I intended, but I shall be at Narravada on the 5th instant and from there will inspect the other works. It may, I think, be possible to close them within the current month, especially as the coolies on the works apparently all come from villages within a radius of five or six miles. The kitchen on the Podili-Cumbum road work was closed during the fortnight as it was found by the Sub-Collector that there were “no deserving applicants for relief at it.”

14. As regards the condition of the labourers on the works, a letter recently appeared in the *Madras Mail* of the 23rd ultimo, from the Rev. G. H. Brock, the American Baptist Missionary at Kanigiri, in which he stated that there were some cases of emaciation among the coolies on the works on the Podili-Cumbum road and at Pamur. Mr. Brock must have been at the works about the same time as the Sub-Collector who reported in his last fortnightly narrative that the condition of the coolies was generally satisfactory. The works are also visited regularly every week by a hospital assistant, and I understand from the District Surgeon that they report the labourers to be in good condition. The Tahsildar of Kanigiri reports, however, “that among the persons fed by Mr. Brock on the 24th May there were some weak and underfed men.” The Atmakur Deputy Collector reports that the condition of the workers on the Narravada work is “generally fair.”

15. The Deputy Collector, Atmakur, reports that most of the loans applications pending in his division will be disposed of before the 31st May.

| Taluk.    | Repair and construction of wells. |         |                  |         |                       |         | Other purposes.        |         |                  |         |                       |         | Total.                 |         |                  |         |                       |         |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
|           | 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      |
| Kandukur  | ..                                | ..      | 3                | 150     | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | 3                | 150     | ..                    | ..      |
| Atmakur   | ..                                | ..      | 4                | 680     | 5                     | 680     | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | 1                     | 50      | ..                     | ..      | 4                | 680     | 6                     | 730     |
| Udayagiri | ..                                | ..      | 27               | 3,082½  | 54                    | 8,314   | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | 27                     | 4,355   | 27               | 3,082½  | 54                    | 8,314   |
| Total     | 32                                | 5,095   | 34               | 3,912½  | 59                    | 8,994   | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | 1                     | 50      | 32                     | 6,095   | 34               | 3,912½  | 60                    | 9,044   |

  

| Taluk.    | Purchase of fodder.    |         |                  |         |                       |         | Cattle and seed-grain. |         |                  |         |                       |         | Total.                 |         |                  |         |                       |         |
|-----------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
|           | 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. |
| Kandukur  | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      |
| Atmakur   | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      |
| Udayagiri | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      |
| Total     | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      | ..                     | ..      | ..               | ..      | ..                    | ..      |

\* Payment of second instalments.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluk and places visited.

SUB-COLLECTOR—Peda Alavalapad—Kanigiri taluk.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR, ATMAKUR—

Udayagiri taluk.

Chinna Machanur.  
Peda Machanur.  
Ramanaidupalli.  
Byravaram.

Mandallanaidupalli.  
Appasamudram.  
Duttalur.

Atmakur taluk.

Dharmarowcheruvupalli.  
Mustafapuram.  
Venkatrowpalli.  
Mahimalur.  
Anamasamudram.

Anamasamudrampett.  
Pandipad.  
Chendalurpad.  
Gandivoripalli.  
Chiramana.

Resolution—No. 197, dated 6th June 1898.

Submitted to Government.

2. Further favourable showers of rain fell during the fortnight in parts of the affected tracts, and on May 30th there was a general fall of about one inch in the Udayagiri taluk.

3. Ploughing of dry lands to some extent, and sowing, baling and harvesting under wells, continue. Standing crops on small areas under wells remain in good condition.

4. The prices of the staple dry grains continue to show a satisfactory downward tendency, and the fall in price was marked in Ongole, Podili, Kanigiri and Udayagiri.

5. The numbers on works exhibit a further fall from 1,228 to 1,016. If favourable early rains continue, it may be possible, as the Collector thinks, to close the works before the end of June. It is to be regretted that the Collector was unable to visit the works himself as he had intended, but the reports of his subordinates affirm the absence of any acute distress on the works or in the vicinity. The Collector hopes to inspect the works early in the current month.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,  
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.  
Collector of Nellore (Divisional officers—Tahsildars).

Copy to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.  
Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 351, Revenue, dated 22nd June 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

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