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Recording Board's Proceedings (Revenue Settlement) submitting to the Government of India monthly report on the — for May 1898 and a copy thereof to the Local Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 203-A, dated 14th June 1898:—

Resolution—No. 203-A, dated 14th June 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 May 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. SRINIVASIAR,
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 28th May 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	..	..	..	..	* 997

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.	Cambu.		
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nellore	37	9.0	15.2	14.2	12.5	..	..

* Under intermediate system.

Condition and prospects of area affected.—The area affected remained the same as in the previous month, but the intensity of distress abated to some extent. There were a few good showers in the affected area; and the average rainfall for the district from 1st April up to 4th June was 2.5 inches as against a normal fall of 1.9 inches. Pasture and fodder are still insufficient, but the recent rains are expected to improve pasture.

2. The prices showed a downward tendency generally: and were cheaper than the scarcity rates at the end of the month.

3. *Nature of works.*—All relief works, which were wholly road works, were carried on under the intermediate system. The numbers on works fell by 27 per cent. during the month. The decrease was due to labourers having found employment on the Madras-Bewdara State Railway and on minor irrigation and Local Fund works now in progress in parts of the affected tracts. The Collector hopes to be able to close the works by the end of the current month. Besides the numbers on relief works, about 100 persons were employed on works undertaken with the aid of State loans.

4. *Gratuitous relief.*—The numbers on this form of relief fell from 64 to 37. The relief was confined to the grant of cooked food to the dependants of workers.

5. The condition of the people was generally good.

6. *Mortality.*—Complete statistics for the month have not yet been received. The figures received for April show that the number of deaths in that month was slightly less than the normal.

STATEMENT B for the period ending 28th May 1898.

District.	Maximum number for whom relief is estimated to be required in the case of serious famine.	Number for whom relief is 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.	On others.	On large works.	On others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nellore	292,700	10th July 1897.	167,911	151,263	154,001	148,997

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	28th May 1898.	RS. 6,529	RS. 479	RS. 11,081	..	RS. 86,197

ORDER—No. 357, Revenue, dated 24th June 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

As K. M. S.
for Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).

- „ the Financial Department.
- „ the Public Works Department.
- „ the Local and Municipal Department.
- „ the Accountant-General.

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