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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. 232, dated 4th July 1898:—

Read—the following fortnightly narrative of the Nellore District for the period ending 30th June 1898:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.

Sub-division—

	Rainfall. INCHES.
Kandukur	0.38
Ongole	1.67
Addanki	0.35
Darsi	1.13
Podili	0.30
Kanigiri	0.18

The Sub-Collector reports that in the following villages of the Kanigiri taluk the rainfall was as shown below:—

	INCHES.
Peda Irlapad	0.80
Challagarigala	0.20
China Alavalapad	0.30
Hussampuram	0.60
Doddichintala	0.50

Want of rain is reported to be much felt in the Podili division.

Water-supply.—In Kanigiri the water-supply in wells is generally sufficient for irrigation. The supply in tanks ranges from $2\frac{1}{2}$ months in Kanigiri tank to *nil* in Gudipad and Irimerla tanks. Water for drinking purposes is generally sufficient throughout the taluk except in portions of the Nandanavanam range. Steps for improving water-supply are being taken by the Taluk Board. The supply of water in wells for irrigation is insufficient in some villages in the Kandukur taluk. The big tank of Podili contains one-and-a-half months' supply and the small tank a fortnight's supply. Two tanks in the division contain two months' supply and four other tanks a month's supply. The remaining tanks are dry. Water is generally sufficient for drinking purposes.

Atmakúr Deputy Collector's Division—Rainfall—

	INCHES.
Udayagiri	0.14
Atmakúr	<i>Nil.</i>

Water-supply—Atmakúr taluk.—Sufficient for irrigation in river channels but insufficient in tanks—

1 tank contains full supply.
2 tanks contain 2 months' supply.
4 " " 1 month's "
2 " " 10 days' "
1 tank contains 20 " "

Water is generally sufficient for drinking purposes.

Udayagiri taluk—

1 tank contains 2 months' supply.
1 " " $1\frac{1}{2}$ " "
4 tanks contain 1 month's "
2 " " 20 days' "
1 tank contains 15 " "
10 tanks contain 5 " "

Wells in all the villages contain sufficient supply both for irrigation and drinking purposes except in three villages where the supply is scanty.

2. *Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Sub-division.*—Lands are being ploughed for sowing cumbu which has been already sown under five tanks in Podili division. In parts of the division cholam, hemp, korra, cumbu and pulses have been sown in dry lands. They are beginning to sprout, but are in urgent need of rain. Edagaru cumbu, Pālāpu cholam and korra crop in Podili division are ready for harvest and when out will be replaced by cumbu. Pālāpu cholam and cumbu are thriving under wells in Ongole. The standing crops are—

Kanigiri—cumbu, cholam, indigo and oil-seeds.

Kandukur—cumbu and Pālāpu cholam in small extents under wells.

Podili division—Edagaru cumbu, Pālāpu cholam and korra.

Cumbu, cholam and tobacco have been harvested. The first two crops yielded an outturn between 2 and 6 annas and the yield of tobacco is reported to be fair.

Atmakúr division—Agricultural operations—Atmakúr taluk.—Lands are being ploughed for sowing cumbu under tanks and garden wells. Ryots are engaged in manuring their fields. Cumbu is also being sown.

Udayagiri taluk.—Cumbu is being sown and transplanted in garden lands under wells. Some of the dry lands have been prepared for cumbu in anticipation of rainfall. Pitchika cumbu is being cut with an average outturn of 8 annas.

Standing Crops—Atmakúr taluk.—Pālāpu cholam, cumbu and indigo are thriving under river channels and wells. The outturn is estimated to be 4 to 8 annas.

Udayagiri taluk.—Pālāpu cholam, Pitchika cumbu and indigo under wells are in good condition.

3. *Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Sub-division.*—Fodder is insufficient and dear. Pasture has begun to spring up in some parts owing to rains during the last fortnight. The condition of cattle is generally good.

Atmakúr division.—Fodder is available but dear in the Atmakúr taluk. In Udayagiri taluk, it is available to a limited extent. Some of the ryots are purchasing fodder from the eastern taluks. Pasture is not available in the Atmakúr taluk. In Udayagiri taluk pasture is available to some extent. The condition of cattle in both taluks is generally fair. Cattle diseases prevail in five villages in the Atmakúr taluk and two villages in the Udayagiri taluk. In the latter 30 cattle died of rinderpest.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—More rain is required generally throughout the whole district and especially in the affected parts.

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 30th of June 1898.

Stations.	Rice, 2nd sort.		Cholam.		Ragi.		Cumbu.		Remarks.	Scar-	Warn-
	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.			
	7-52	7-52	13-12	13-12	16-15	16-15	16-15	16-15			
Kandukur ..	7-52	7-52	13-12	13-12	16-15	16-15	16-15	16-15			
Ongole ..	9-40	9-87	14-48	13-95	17-00	16-15	16-15	16-15			
Addanki ..	8-93	9-40	13-95	14-40	17-00	17-00	12-38	11-55			
Darsi ..	9-40	9-40	14-48	14-48	15-30	15-30	11-55	11-55			
Podili ..	9-40	9-40	15-39	15-39	16-15	17-00	11-48	11-48			
Kanigiri ..	7-52	7-52	15-39	14-48	15-30	17-00	11-48	11-48			
Udayagiri ..	8-70	8-70	16-29	15-84	17-00	16-30	11-55	11-55			
Atmakur ..	8-70	8-70	14-48	14-48	17-00	16-58	13-94	13-94			
Average ..	8-69	8-83	14-69	14-52	16-36	16-31	12-06	11-92			
									Rice	8-40	11-20
									Cholam	13-00	19-50
									Ragi	14-00	21-00
									Cumbu	12-00	18-00

5. *Activity of trade.*—Private trade is not very active. There was a slight fall in the price of rice in Ongole taluk and Addanki division. The price of cholam has risen in Ongole, Kanigiri and Udayagiri taluks owing to the absence of imports. The rise in the price of ragi in Ongole and Udayagiri taluks and of cumbu in Ongole is attributed generally to paucity of supplies from outside. Food-grains are being sold freely in the markets.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

6. *On Works.*—Generally good.

In Villages.—Generally good.

7. *Sickness and Mortality.*—No deaths from starvation anywhere.

Sub-division.—Cholera prevails in seven villages. Out of 102 attacks, there were 39 deaths.

Atmakur division.—Small-pox exists in a few villages of the Atmakur taluk.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Average number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
<i>Podili division.</i>			
Podili-Cumbum road	187	145	Intermediate system without a kitchen. The work has been ordered to be closed at the end of June— <i>vide</i> this office letter, No. 2402-Ver., dated 28th June 1898.
<i>Kanigiri taluk.</i>			
Pamur	641	395	Intermediate system without a kitchen. The actual number on the work on 27th June was 565. The coolies are returning to the work on account of the temporary cessation of rain.
<i>Udayagiri taluk.</i>			
Narravada	292	270	Intermediate system with a kitchen. The actual number of coolies working on the 27th was 409.
Total ..	1,120	810	

9. *Gratuitous relief.*—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	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	25	20	..	..	..	..	..	..

10. *Private charity.*—The amount received from the Famine Charitable Relief Fund, Madras, is being distributed to the deserving poor by the Sub-Collector and the Atmakur Deputy Collector.

One hundred and twenty-three coolies are working on the Zamindari tanks in Kanigiri taluk and Podili division.

GENERAL REMARKS.

11. There has been little change during the fortnight. The rainfall in the affected taluks has been very slight and rain is much wanted. Prices are almost stationary.

The Sub-Collector visited both the works in his division during the fortnight. He remarks "on both the works but especially at Pathapad, the coolies appeared to be in very good condition with a few exceptions. Their condition has very considerably improved and the rate of wages earned has risen to one anna and more on the average since my last inspection. This is due, I believe, to two causes, firstly the temperature has fallen considerably, and secondly under the intermediate system there is no doubt but that feeble workers who would reduce the earnings of the gangs are gradually eliminated not by the action of the officers in charge of the works but by the other coolies." With regard to the general condition of the people in the affected parts of his division, he states, "the condition of the people in the villages in Kanigiri taluk and Podili division has not improved but, if anything, is worse and is likely to continue so, for sometime at least, so far as non-workers are concerned. The knowledge that a small sum will be given to destitute persons brings large crowds of people to my camp daily, many from considerable distances and of these many are in a bad condition."

I consider this report somewhat exaggerated matters and I am asking for more detailed information. The Atmakur Deputy Collector states that the people in all villages visited by him and by the Tahsildar of Udayagiri are in good condition.

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

Taluku.	Repair and construction of wells.						Number of wells.		Purchase of fodder.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	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
Kandukur ..	..	RS.	7	RS. 345	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	RS.
Atmakur ..	1	60	2	160	11	2,850	..	29	..	..	3	140	..	..
Udayagiri ..	8	1,090	12	1,220	29	3,600	..	42	26	965	6	240	66	1,980
Total ..	9	1,150	21	2,100	40	6,450	..	71	26	965	9	380	66	1,980

Taluku.	Cattle and seed-grain.						Total of columns 10 to 21.							
	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.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Kandukur ..	..	RS.	..	..	..	RS.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	RS.
Atmakur ..	..	..	3	160	1	120	..	..	6	300	1	120	..	..
Udayagiri ..	4	330	..	..	16	1,190	30	1,295	6	240	82	3,170	..	..
Total ..	4	330	3	160	17	1,310	30	1,295	12	540	83	3,290	..	..

(a) First instalment.

(b) Second instalment.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Sub-Collector.

Kanigiri taluk—
Vemulapad.
Kanigiri.
Pamur
China Alavalapad.
Ballipalli.
Raviguntapalli.
Voggampalli.
Nararamarella.

Podili division—
Pathapad.
Podili.
Thadivaripalli.
Chinarikatla.
Pedarikatla.

Atmakur Deputy Collector.

Atmakur taluk—
Ravulakollu.
Edavalli.

Atmakur taluk—cont.
Nagulapad.
Narempeta.

Resolution—No. 232, dated 4th July 1898.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the latter half of June was light, although the total for the month has been almost up to the average in the affected part of the District. More rain is, however, greatly desired, and delay in the setting in of the rains retards improvement. This delay in the rains is leading to an increase in the numbers resorting to the relief works in Kanigiri and Udayagiri, the latest numbers for these taluks being 974 on June 27th as compared with an average of 665 during the preceding fortnight.

3. Prices showed a slight upward tendency at Kanigiri and Udayagiri during the fortnight, but are still cheaper than the scarcity rate in the affected parts, except in the case of cumbu.

4. The Collector has ordered the closing of the relief work in Podili at the end of June, but in the circumstances it may be necessary to keep them in Kanigiri and Udayagiri open somewhat longer.

5. The advance of loans for land improvements has made very little progress in the District, and no loans whatever have been applied for in Kanigiri. In Udayagiri and Atmakur, there are a number of applications pending which should be promptly disposed of.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Nellore (Dl. officers—Tahsildars).

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

ORDER—No. 398, Revenue, dated 19th July 1898.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
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.

Exd. Md. Pahlavan.

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