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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting — of the Nellore district for the period ending the 15th October 1898.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 399, dated 21st October 1898:—

Read—the following fortnightly narrative for the Nellore district during the period ending 15th October 1898:—

State of the Country.

Rainfall and water-supply.

Sub-division—	Rainfall. INCHES.
Podili	5·37
Kanigiri	4·82

The rainfall was general throughout the taluks.

Water-supply.—The supplies in tanks are noted below:—

Podili division.	Podili small tank.	Full supply.
	Punnur tank.	
	Gundlasamudram tank.	
	Other tanks including Podili large tank	
Kanigiri taluk.	Kanigiri tank	3 months' supply.
	All other tanks except the tank at Gurvajipett	Full supply.
	Gurvajipett tank	1 month's supply.
		15 days' supply.

Drinking-water is sufficient. All the rivers received freshes.

Atmakúr Deputy Collector's Division—Rainfall—

	INCHES.
Udayagiri	2·61

Water-supply—

6 tanks	1 week's supply.
6 „	10 days' „
4 „	15 days' „
3 „	1 month's „
1 tank	3 months' „

Supply in wells is sufficient both for drinking and irrigation purposes.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Sub-division.—In Podili division paddy is being transplanted under tanks. Cumbu under wells was cut in Kanigiri. Standing crops in Podili and Kanigiri, viz., cumbu, oil-seeds, cholam and indigo (under wells) are thriving.

Atmakúr division, Udayagiri Taluk.—Lands are being ploughed for dry crops. Horse-gram, paddy and ragi are being sown. Cumbu under wells was cut with an estimated outturn of eight annas. The standing crops, cumbu, indigo, oil-seeds, aruka, cotton, korra and chitta-cholam (under wells) are in good condition.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Sub-division.—Fodder is scanty and not easily procurable. Pasture is available throughout. Condition of cattle is improving.

Atmakúr division.—Fodder is scarce and dear. Pasture is generally available. The condition of cattle is improving. There is no cattle disease anywhere.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The season is improving but more rain is wanted.

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 15th of October 1898.

Stations.	Rice. End of last period.	Rice. End of current period.	Cholam. End of last period.	Cholam. End of current period.	Ragi. End of last period.	Ragi. End of current period.	Cumbu. End of last period.	Cumbu. End of current period.
Podili	9·40	11·28	14·48	14·48	15·30	17·00	11·48	16·40
Kanigiri ..	7·99	7·99	14·93	15·39	15·30	15·30	13·20	14·85
Udayagiri ..	..	..	14·48	15·39	15·30	15·30	13·12	14·76
Average ..	8·69	9·63	14·63	15·09	15·30	15·87	12·60	15·34

Remarks. —	Scarcity rates.	Warning rates.
Rice ..	8·40	11·20
Cholam ..	13·00	19·50
Ragi ..	14·00	21·00
Cumbu ..	12·00	18·00

Activity of trade.—Prices have fallen at all stations owing to the improved prospects. The fall at Podili is very marked. Private trade is active and all grains are freely sold in the markets.

Condition of the People.

On Works.—Good.

In Villages.—Fair.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from starvation.

Sub-division.—There were 81 attacks and 52 deaths from cholera in eight villages of Kanigiri taluk and two villages of Podili division.

Atmakúr Division.—In three villages of Udayagiri there were 29 deaths from cholera out of 57 attacks.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed Last fortnight.	Number employed This fortnight.	Remarks.
Kanigiri taluk.			
Pamur	61	..	....
Udayagiri taluk.			
Narravada	184	156	Decrease is due to the recent rains and the extension of agricultural operations.
Total ..	245	156	

Gratuitous relief.

	Number of dependants relieved at kitchens. Last week.	This week.
Udayagiri Taluk—		
Narravada	30	25

Private charity.—Funds received from the Famine Charitable Relief Fund continue to be distributed.

General Remarks.—Prospects continue good. The following statement shows the rainfall in the Kanigiri and Udayagiri taluks from the beginning of August to the middle of October for the current year as compared with that for the past five years :—

Years.	Rainfall in August.		September.		October 1st to 15th.		Total.	
	Udayagiri.	Kanigiri.	Udayagiri.	Kanigiri.	Udayagiri.	Kanigiri.	Udayagiri.	Kanigiri.
1893–94	0·65	0·80	0·65	2·60	2·40	4·60	3·70	8·00
1894–95	2·53	1·76	1·40	1·29	0·90	0·25	4·83	3·30
1895–96	1·60	2·36	5·35	7·49	3·70	2·66	10·65	12·51
1896–97	3·72	2·86	5·84	5·92	0·70	..	10·26	8·78
1897–98	3·24	5·22	8·05	6·46	2·13	0·31	13·42	11·99
Average for the five years ..	2·35	2·60	4·26	4·75	1·96	1·56	8·57	8·91
1898–99	0·40	0·57	5·37	5·11	2·61	4·82	8·38	10·50

This statement shows that the rainfall has so far been fairly normal, and if the north-east monsoon does not fail the season will be a good one. Agricultural operations are in full swing everywhere. The prices of cholam and cumbu have fallen both at Kanigiri and Udayagiri, while in Podili there has been a heavy fall in the prices of all grains except cholam.

2. The numbers on the Narravada work continue much the same, as shown by the following figures for the 29th and 30th September and 14th and 15th October :—

	Numbers on the work.
29th September	198
30th do.	169
14th October	197
15th do.	177

The percentage of women and children, however, is increasing steadily as noted below which is evidence that the work is becoming less necessary :—

Date.	Numbers on the work.				Percentage of		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Women.	Children.	Total.
29th September	68	73	57	198	36·8	28·7	65·5
30th do.	61	57	51	169	33·7	30·2	63·9
1st October	48	43	54	145	29·6	37·2	66·8
	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6th October	58	63	63	184	34·2	34·2	68·4
7th do.	60	62	56	178	34·8	31·4	66·2
8th do.	56	65	50	171	38·0	29·2	67·2
	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
13th October	47	56	67	170	32·9	39·4	72·3
14th do.	58	67	72	197	34·0	36·5	70·5
15th do.	50	59	68	177	33·3	38·4	71·7

3. I am issuing orders for the closure of the kitchen on the work. The people on the work are all in a healthy condition and are earning fair wages, the average daily earnings being approximately As. 1–9 per man, As. 1–2 per woman, and pies 7 per child, while prices have fallen and the demand for labourers has increased. In these circumstances the kitchen can no longer be considered necessary.

4. The Atmakúr Deputy Collector thinks the work also might be closed, but I consider it would be advisable to keep it open still longer until the prospects of a good harvest are more certain. It does not seem improbable that the north-east monsoon will be late and as long as it keeps off a good many people will be in need of work. I intend, however, at once reducing the rates by 10 per cent.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	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	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Kanigiri ..	32	5,140	19	2,065	13	3,075	..	..	1	250	..	..	32	5,140	19	2,065	13	3,075	..	25
Udayagiri ..	* 94	14,585	91	11,390	12	2,090	1	250	..	..	1	125	95	14,835	92	11,515	13	2,140	9	83
Total ..	126	19,725	110	13,455	25	5,165	1	250	1	125	1	50	127	19,975	111	13,580	26	5,215	9	108

Taluks.	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.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Kanigiri ..	3	250	1	25	2	225	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	250	1	25	2	225
Udayagiri ..	105	3,905	105	3,905	25	782	43	2,999	42	2,839	35	3,290	148	6,904	147	6,744	60	4,072
Total ..	108	4,155	106	3,930	27	1,007	43	2,999	42	2,839	35	3,290	151	7,154	148	6,769	62	4,297

* This is the figure adopted by the Deputy Collector.

Inspections of the District Officers—Taluks and places visited.

Sub-Collector.

Podili Division.

1. Podili.
2. Pedarikatla.
3. Chinarikatla.
4. Kambhalapad.
5. Talamalla.
6. Uppalapad.

Kanigiri Taluk.

7. Kanigiri.
8. Narramarella.
9. Inimerla.
10. Pamur.
11. Raviguntapalli.
12. Mogallur.
13. Mogallurpalli.
14. Gokulam.
15. Mallamrajupalli.
16. Jillellapad.
17. Veligandla.
18. China Irlapad.
19. China Alavalapad.
20. Ballipalli.
21. Voggampalli.
22. Chakirala.
23. Sankhavaram.
24. Challagarigala.

Atmakúr Deputy Collector.

Udayagiri Taluk.

1. Nandavaram.
2. Nandipad.
3. Chinamachanur.
4. Narravada.
5. Duttalur.
6. Udayagiri.
7. Kondayapalem.
8. Venkatrowpalli.
9. Ganugapentapalli.
10. Gangireddipalli.

Collector.

Udayagiri Taluk.

Narravada.
Pamur.

Kanigiri Taluk.

Kanigiri.
Podili.
Vemulapad.

Resolution—No. 399, dated 21st October 1898.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the fortnight covered by the report read above, the rainfall in the affected part of Nellore was heavy. Agricultural operations are in full swing; the standing crops are thriving; pasture is abundant; and the agricultural stock are improving in condition. More rain is doubtless wanted to bring the crops now being sown to maturity.

Prices have given way considerably, and are now cheaper than the scarcity rates. The average number of persons resorting to the only relief work now open showed a marked decrease on the previous fortnight, and comparing the numbers on the 1st and 15th October, there was some decrease in the proportion of men on the work. The Collector is closing the kitchen for the relief of dependants of the workers, but he considers that the work should be kept open somewhat longer until the prospects of a good harvest are more certain. In the Board's opinion, the work may now be safely closed and all relief operations put an end to. The Collector will be instructed accordingly.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Nellore (D.Os. and Tahrs.).
Copy to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
„ „ Sanitary Commissioner.

Order—No. 687, Revenue, dated 19th November 1898.

Miscellaneous.

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„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.
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