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Famine Relief.

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3. As regards works there is nothing to notice in the Kistna report. In South Arcot the works in progress are clearances of ponds and wells on which 1,044 persons were employed, and Rupees 2,275 had been spent to date. In four taluqs of Tinnevelly 653 persons were employed against 640 on 24th February. The numbers in the two taluqs of Coimbatore, omitted in the return already furnished, were 1,081 persons.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 686. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1877, No. 1,182.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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	24th Feb.	3rd March.		Per cent. of Population.
Ramulkota ...	47,941	46,003	—1,938	30·9
Nandikotkur ...	8,773	8,029	— 744	7·9
Nandial ...	22,198	18,982	—3,216	17·7
Sirwell ...	17,659	15,457	—2,202	21·8
Koilkuntla ...	29,353	31,839	+2,486	22·1
Pattikonda ...	21,854	21,580	— 274	12·4
Cumbum ...	41,568	41,939	+ 371	34·1
Markapur ...	14,107	13,441	— 666	14·5
	203,453	197,270	—6,183	20·5

The increase in Koilkuntla is due to the return of coolies who had refused to work in the previous week. The decrease in the other taluks is generaly ascribed to improved supervision and task-work, and also in Ramulkota to the return of Hyderabad coolies to their homes. The present numbers are just one-fifth of the population. They seem still too high in Ramulkota and Cumbum, though they have been largely reduced in those taluks.

5. The preparation of estimates in the Kurnool district has not yet been much advanced. The works, against which estimated amounts are entered, are very few. The outlay in Kurnool during the week was Rs. 1,00,223 on works and Rs. 1,759 on gratuitous relief.

6. The new scale of wages was introduced in three taluks only of Kurnool. The Kistna works are executed at special rates. Those in use in South Arcot are not reported. In Tinnevelly the new scale was started and has resulted in an increase of wages; tasks at the higher rates being exacted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Secretary.

To the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with 16 original papers and 2 maps, to be returned, and Taluqwar Abstract.

Taluqwar Abstract of Relief in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the week ending Saturday.

Districts.	Taluqs.	Grants of Funds sanctioned for Relief Works up to 1877.	Probable cost of works or sum sanctioned for their execution.	Outlay on works in progress.		Outlay since the commencement of distress.		Cost of gratuitous relief during the week.	Number of coolies employed on the last day of the week.				Number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief on the last day of the week.			
				In the week.	To the end of the week.	On relief works.	Gratuitous relief.		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.								
Kurnool.	Dharapuram	...	9,980	1,571	6,847	6,847 37	...	...	244	740	97	1,081	...	...	...	...
	Collegal	...	7,500	2	142	142	48	...	...	...	...	...	3 2	...	...	3
	Ramulkota	...	...	27,839	8,30,438	8,30,438	39	23	17,243	21,882	6,878	46,003		28	...	30
	Nandikotkur	...	...	3,437	1,20,150	1,20,150	4,898	269	2,668	4,091	1,270	8,029	124	287	168	579
	Nandial	...	...	13,185	3,71,104	3,71,104	2,389	284	6,592	9,314	3,076	18,982	228	332	124	684
	Sirwell	...	...	12,115	1,93,485	1,93,485	1,024	214	5,245	7,728	2,484	15,457	101	164	48	313
	Koilkuntla	...	...	19,387	3,61,136	3,61,136	1,518	178	11,380	15,612	4,847	31,839	132	168	67	367
	Pattikonda	...	...	12,122	1,98,757	1,98,757	1,204	73	7,669	10,638	3,273	21,580	52	67	20	139
	Cumbum	...	...	5,449	3,79,472	3,79,472	2,388	477	18,140	19,130	4,669	41,939	324	357	317	998
	Markapur	...	...	6,689	1,29,384	1,29,384	2,717	241	5,459	6,036	1,946	13,441	125	159	257	541
	Total	21,21,000	...	1,00,223	25,83,926	25,83,926	16,177	1,759	74,396	94,431	28,443	1,97,270	1,088	1,562	1,00	3,651
Kistna.	Bapatla	...	65,000	3,030	21,850	22,170 8,332	783	63	1,209	818	30	2,057	39	78	31	148
	Bezwada	...	20,655	400	7,233	7,233 4,243	501	12	413	376	86	875	5	3	4	12
	Repalli	...	...	...	...	...	91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Palnad	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nandigama	...	...	...	...	...	7	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	75,000	85,655	3,430	29,083	41,978	1,383	75	1,622	1,194	116	2,932	44	81	35	160
South Arcot.	Trinomalai	...	2,948	356	1,340	1,340 5	55	...	176	387	54	617	9	11	20	40
	Tindivanum	...	120	24	93	93	...	...	12	18	4	34	...	...	...	...
	Villapuram	...	1,120	340	841	841	...	...	223	120	50	393	...	...	...	...
	Total	15,000	4,188	720	2,274	2,279	55	...	411	625	108	1,044	9	11	20	40
Tinnevelly.	Strivilliputur	...	5,767	88	1,500	1,500	40	...	46	27	29	102	...	...	...	...
	Sattur	...	8,896	232	2,492	2,492	65	1	109	30	18	157	...	2	...	2
	Senkaranainarkovil	...	5,330	72	749	749	137	...	74	72	4	150	...	...	...	...
	Ottapidaram	...	3,463	236	802	802	413	73	198	37	9	244	41	95	54	190
	Total	44,200	23,456	628	5,543	5,543	655	74	427	166	60	653	41	97	54	192

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
MADRAS,
17th March, 1877.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Secretary.

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Three copies of the Board's detailed Relief Report for the Kistna, Kurnool, South Arcot, and Tinnevelly Districts for the week ending 3rd March 1877, are herewith circulated for the use of the Members of Govt.

With reference to the lump Grant of ₹4200 for Tinnevelly remarked on by Sir R. Temple in a recent Minute it will be observed from the enclosed paper that only 554 persons have up to date received relief and 658 are gratuitous relief.

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