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Famine Relief.

No. 132. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th January 1877, No. 310:—

THE relief reports for the week ending 20th January 1877 will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The reports from Kistna, Kurnool, and Coimbatore are telegraphic, and those due from Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly have not been received. Maps of Kistna, Bellary, Chingleput, and North Arcot accompany. The attention of Collectors of other districts is called to the orders requiring the submission of relief maps with their weekly reports.

3. *Prices and Rainfall.*—The price of rice has fallen in every district, especially in Cuddapah, Chingleput, North Arcot, and Madura, where it is cheaper by half a seer per rupee, or about six per cent. Cholum has also fallen in every district except Madura; and raggi in all except Kistna and Nellore, where the price is stationary. The fall in the price of this grain is nearly 25 per cent. in Salem District. Cumbu was stationary in Nellore, but has fallen everywhere else. The fall of prices is most remarkable in the Salem District. It is due everywhere probably to the harvest, scanty as it is, being completed and to importation.

4. There has been rain in five districts, viz., Kistna, Nellore, Kurnool, Chingleput, and Madura. The quantity has been small and the fall partial. In Nellore, an inch fell in Kanigiri and showers in Rapur and Venkatagiri, and a tenth of an inch was registered in the adjoining taluq of Ponneri in Chingleput. In Madura, ·16 inch fell in Ramnad. In Kurnool and Kistna the fall has averaged 3-10ths and ½ an inch.

5. The prices in Penkonda and Madaksira, of the Bellary District, have not been reported, but the Board are informed that a remarkable fall has taken place there owing to active importation from Coimbatore and Malabar through Mysore. In their report for the 6th instant the Board noticed a sharp rise of price in Coimbatore, which was probably due to this demand for export.

6. *Grant and Outlay.*—The grants made to the 20th January amounted to Rupees 60,88,563, and the outlay on relief-works and gratuitous relief is reported as Rupees 51,60,521. The outlay during the week on relief-works was Rupees 6,73,070, and to the end of the week Rupees 50,18,780. The grants have been exceeded in Nellore and Kurnool, and further grants will be made in separate Proceedings.

7. The returns received do not discriminate between new roads and repairs of existing roads in all cases; but the Board submit an abstract showing the total outlay to the end of January on roads, irrigation works, and miscellaneous improvements. All minor works (which are chiefly water-supply works) have been classed

under the last head. The figures are as follows, so far as detailed reports have been received:—

——	Roads.	Irrigation.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Kistna	...	15,460	...	15,460
Nellore	1,62,280	12,389	41,155	2,15,824
Cuddapah	6,05,531	45,276	80,687	7,31,494
Bellary*	13,01,308	1,14,810	1,21,251	15,37,369
Chingleput	26,145	2,606	26,071	54,822
North Arcot	47,268	10,171	21,283	78,722
Madura	11,395	5,142	1,561	18,098
Salem	23,612	6,384	43,177	73,173
Total ...	21,77,539	2,12,238	3,35,185	27,24,962

* Two taluqs wanting.

——	13th January.	20th January.	——
Kistna	1,252	2,704	+ 1,452
Nellore	59,061	59,313	+ 252
Cuddapah	195,385	210,550	+15,165
Bellary	356,704	353,799	— 2,905
Kurnool	319,774	298,110	—21,664
Chingleput	11,789	10,166	— 1,623
North Arcot ...	21,264	23,023	+ 1,759
Trichinopoly* ...	359	359	...
Madura	5,157	5,558	+ 401
Tinnevelly* ...	2,113	2,113	...
Coimbatore ...	18,368	27,411	+ 9,043
Salem	9,698	23,471	+ 13,773
Total ...	1,000,924	1,016,577	+ 15,653

* Last week's figures entered.

8. *Numbers on Relief-works.*—The totals for each district are compared in the margin with those for 13th January. The increase is 15,653 only, and is chiefly due to the southern districts; a large decrease in Kurnool (which the Board hope will be supported when the detailed report arrives) being counterbalanced by an increase in Cuddapah.

Nellore.—The totals are nearly the same, and there is nothing to notice in the taluqwar details except an increase in Udayagiri and Kanigiri, and a decrease in the adjoining taluq of Kandukur. 4,675 coolies (besides those above given) are stated to have been employed on the East Coast Canal.

——	13th January.	20th January.	——
Proddatur	9,021	14,695	+ 5,674
Jamalamadugu ...	14,082	12,789	— 1,293
Pulivendla	22,591	25,870	+ 3,279
Cuddapah	9,753	12,744	+ 2,991
Budwail	6,663	9,415	+ 2,752
Sidhout	6,180	6,431	+ 251
Pullampett	7,844	8,718	+ 874
Kadiri	39,074	39,074	...
Royachoti	17,068	13,907	— 3,161
Madanapulli ...	35,010	40,295	+ 5,285
Voilpaud	27,899	26,612	— 1,287
	195,185	210,550	+15,365

Cuddapah.—The Kadiri figures for the 13th January are repeated on estimate. The numbers have decreased in Royachoti, Jamalamadugu, and Voilpaud; but increased in all other taluqs. The increase in Madanapulli, which amounts to 14 per cent., is very unsatisfactory. In that taluq the number on relief-works is now 29·8 per cent. of the population according to the last census.

Adoni ...	63,931	64,655	+ 724
Alur... ...	32,186	38,258	+ 6,072
...ty ...	23,...97	25,166	+ 1,169
Tadpatri ...	11,...99	12,976	+ 977
Anantapur ...	22,588	19,827	— 2,761
Dhurmaverum	24,542	15,468	— 9,074
Penkonda ...	10,551	17,388	+ 6,837
Hindupur ...	20,856	6,354	—14,502
Madaksira ...	18,076	15,752	— 2,324
Raidroog ...	8,014	7,868	— 146
Bellary ...	55,219	55,219	...
Hospett ...	16,669	16,502	— 167
Kudligi ...	22,309	24,479	+ 2,170
Hadgalli ...	17,855	18,604	+ 749
Harpanhalli...	7,912	15,283	+ 7,371
Total ...	356,704	353,799	— 2,905

Bellary.—The taluqwar figures are compared in the margin.

Those for Bellary Taluq are repeated from last report, but no explanation is given. There has been an increase in the western taluqs and in Alur, which has suffered most in the district as regards loss of crop; a considerable increase in Penkonda, but a great falling off in Hindupur. The numbers on relief-works and in receipt of gratuitous relief in this taluq for five weeks past are noted below:—

	Relief Work.	Gratuitous Relief.
23rd January	6,354	17,352
20th January	20,856	18,686
13th ,, ...	42,880	17,755
6th ,, ...	38,756	14,158
30th December	28,527	8,130

They do not indicate that the falling off in number of coolies is due to increase of gratuitous relief. The Collector will report on the decline in numbers.

The *Chingleput* figures show some increase in Conjeveram, Trivellore, and Chingleput, but a great fall in Ponneri (perhaps due to the rainfall, slight as it was). In *North Arcot* the increase occurs in Arcot Taluq. The *Madura* report calls for no remark. In the *Salem* District, the Salem, Namkul, Trichengode, and Utangarai coolies have come back in some numbers; and there has also been increase in Kistnagiri. The Board notice that some grants have been made for the Ahtur Taluq which has not hitherto been ranked as distressed. The Collector will explain.

9. *Rates of Wages.*—*Nellore*, wages have been reduced in Gudur, and in no taluq in the district is more than 2 Annas now paid to an ordinary cooly. In *Cuddapah* no change has yet been made. The rates for six taluqs of *Bellary* are not reported; in the others there is no change except in Dharmaveram, where the authorised grain and money scale has been started. The price of rice in the taluq is 5·94 seers, or only just over the limit (5·85 seers), and the change is according to rule. The 2 Anna 6 Pie rates is still paid in the Sydapet Taluq of Chingleput. The Collector will explain why it has not been reduced. He has been ordered to reduce the rate several times. In the other districts there is no change calling for notice.

10. Except the Dharmaveram Taluq above noticed, there is no taluq in the districts from which detailed returns have been received, in which payments in kind are required under the rules. Returns from the Kurnool District and from two of the worst taluqs (Kadiri and Voilpaud) in Cuddapah are however wanting.

	13th Jan.	20th Jan.	—
Kistna ...	168	722	554
Nellore ...	6,420	7,956	1,536
Cuddapah ..	1,003	1,419	416
Bellary ...	39,522	39,201	— 321
Kurnool ...	3,819	2,829	— 990
Chingleput ...	3,066	4,008	+ 942
Madura ...	185	589	+ 404
Coimbatore ...	8	114	+ 106
Salem ...	2,780	7,191	+ 4,411
Total ...	56,971	64,029	+ 7,058

11. *Gratuitous Relief.*—The total numbers are compared by districts in the margin. The increase is almost entirely made up in Bellary and Salem. The Board fear that too much gratuitous relief is afforded in Salem, and are in correspondence with the Collector as to the system. There has been a slight decrease in Bellary. Half the whole number in that district are in the Hindupur Taluq, but the Board are not aware why this is. A report on the subject is awaited.

12. The following table shows the percentage distribution of men, women, and children gratuitously fed :—

—	13th January.			20th January.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
Cuddapah	34·7	36·3	29·0	43·3	37·2	19·5
Bellary	12·7	20·3	67·0	14·7	22·8	62·5
Chingleput	16·7	31·3	52·0	17·2	30·1	52·7
Madura	29·7	38·9	31·4	8·5	12·9	78·6
Salem	29·1	48·6	22·3	29·7	49·4	20·9

There is thus a great change in Madura, the cause of which should be reported; in the other districts no important change appears. The outlay on gratuitous relief during the week is reported to have been Rupees 23,079 and the total outlay to 20th January as follows :—

		Rs.
Relief-works ...	... ...	50,18,780
Gratuitous relief ...	... ...	1,41,741
Total ...		51,60,521

A memorandum showing grants sanctioned to date is enclosed. The total is Rupees 61,33,563.

TALUQWAR Abstract of Relief in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Week ending Saturday, 20th January 1877.

Districts.	Talugs.	Grants of Funds sanctioned for Relief Works up to 20th January 1877.	Probable Cost of Works or Sum sanctioned for their execution.	Outlay on Works in progress. In the Week.	Outlay on Works in progress. To the end of the Week.	Total Outlay since the commencement of Distress. On Relief Works.	Total Outlay since the commencement of Distress. Gratuitous Relief	Number of Persons in receipt of Gratuitous Relief in the last Day of the Week. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Number of Coolies employed on the last Day of the Week. Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Cost of Gratuitous Relief during the Week	Total Outlay since the commencement of Distress. On Relief Works.	Total Outlay since the commencement of Distress. Gratuitous Relief
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.									Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cuddapah	Royachoti	..	..	13,758	74,760	74,760	280	249	182	70	501	5,992	6,076	1,840	13,907	..	74,760	280
	Gullampet	..	..	6,642	26,779	26,779	455	..	..	..	..	3,918	608	8,718	..	..	26,779	455
	Proddatur	..	..	3,973	31,128	31,128	5,138	82	125	14	221	5,934	4,192	14,095	..	..	31,128	5,138
	Jammalamadugu	..	..	12,719	40,564	40,564	827	67	67	26	140	5,037	6,737	12,789	..	62	40,564	827
	Badwel	..	..	6,632	15,550	15,550	16,558	..	..	..	..	2,893	4,163	9,418	..	43	15,550	16,558
	Kadiri	..	..	22,908	1,42,691	1,42,691	14,611	..	65	28	148	14,898	18,128	39,074	..	..	1,42,691	14,611
	Sidhout	..	..	3,686	20,282	20,282	20,282	..	..	..	..	100	2,612	743	..	100	20,282	20,282
	Pulivendla	..	..	2,731	49,946	49,946	49,946	..	..	..	..	..	6,237	6,347	25,870	..	49,946	49,946
	Cuddapah	..	..	3,971	63,679	63,679	1,348	22	36	6	62	..	1,606	12,744	..	..	63,679	1,348
	Madanapalli	..	..	3,563	1,16,135	1,16,135	9,157	133	73	77	283	4,811	6,243	49,295	26,612	46	1,16,135	9,157
	Volpad	..	..	15,505	1,19,989	1,19,989	6,137	615	627	277	1,419	15,789	6,243	26,612	1,950	64	1,19,989	6,137
	Total ..	13,20,000	..	1,37,407	7,31,494	7,84,010	1,06,889					85,361	95,316	29,873	210,550	307	7,84,010	1,06,889
Salem	Salem ..	..	41,050	14,402	14,402	14,402	2,402	957	1,967	744	3,668	3,024	3,159	448	7,561	1,503	14,402	2,402
	Attoor ..	..	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Namkal ..	..	18,120	6,107	6,107	6,107	436	193	210	74	436	250	1,196	199	2,295	..	6,107	436
	Tiruchengode ..	..	35,160	9,817	9,817	9,817	618	192	387	69	648	1,819	1,295	147	3,191	463	9,817	618
	Tripatore ..	..	2,600	287	287	287	709	167	283	259	709	120	307	44	371	212	287	709
	Utangiri ..	..	10,380	2,655	2,655	2,655	..	..	..	..	..	349	478	46	872	681	2,655	..
	Darumpury ..	..	38,395	13,306	13,306	13,306	1,163	518	362	288	1,163	789	1,132	238	2,159	704	13,306	1,163
	Osesor ..	..	22,490	15,009	15,009	15,009	348	90	229	29	348	805	1,678	260	2,743	709	15,009	348
	Kistagiri ..	..	26,682	8,590	8,590	10,621	219	65	110	44	219	174	2,403	464	4,276	487	10,621	219
	Total ..	1,01,000	1,56,450	78,173	78,173	78,204	7,191	2,136	3,543	1,507	7,191	10,148	11,478	1,845	25,471	3,240	78,204	7,191
North Arcot.	Chittoor ..	..	6,000	1,150	12,265	12,265	..	..	..	..	..	1,188	745	485	2,421	300	12,265	..
	Chandragiri ..	..	4,143	4,218	2,181	2,181	..	..	..	..	..	265	202	66	533	..	2,181	..
	Palmaner ..	..	15,503	1,676	11,421	11,421	89	..	..	..	..	1,283	1,013	31	2,327	1,930	11,421	89
	Gudalam ..	..	3,780	..	2,086	2,086	..	..	..	..	..	46	40	..	86	31	2,086	..
	Vellore ..	..	37,070	2,239	21,823	21,823	..	..	..	..	..	1,179	2,809	1,028	5,016	1,021	21,823	..

* Report not having been received, the figures entered on estimate.

TABULAR Abstract of Relief in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Week ending Saturday, 20th January 1877—*(Continued)*.

District.	Taluqs.	Grants of Funds sanctioned for Relief Works up to 20th January 1877.	Probable Cost of Waters or Steam vessels sanctioned for their execution.	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.				Total Outlay since the commencement of Distress.		
				Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	On Relief Works.	Gratuitous Relief.	
		Rs.	Rs.									Rs.	Rs.	
N. Arcot (*Vac.*)	Arcot		28,500	2,338	2,733	990	6,061					12,188		
	Walajah		25,185	1,194	611	695	2,500					9,812		
	Punganur		27,000	1,634	781	724	2,889					6,795		
	Tiruttany		14,600	600	450	141	1,200					1,151		
		Total ..	1,95,450	9,617	9,348	4,060	23,023					78,722	39	
Chingleput	Madurantakam		5,000					22	42	84	148	1,218	158	
	Conjeveram		16,675		316	119	671	280	127	402	809	6,992	979	
	Chingleput		10,600	238	319	47	1,226	89	41	191	320	3,612	271	
	Tirvallur		47,318	870	219	57	382	66			66	6,464	69	
	Saidapet		46,047	219	106	78	2,447			1,386	2,392	24,712	5,736	
	Poonary		19,600	1,716	633	447	4,109	621	906		1,527	13,824	13	
		Total ..	1,35,395	2,021	1,041	646	1,021					78,853	7,212	
Madura	Madura		25,343	6,837	3,681	748	10,166	690	1,205	2,113	4,008	54,822		
	Tirumungalam		4,255	38	38	..	76	..	..	..	..	381	..	
	Melur		823	206	89	11	306	65	176	340	581	2,125	..	
	Palney		57,710	189	160	41	390	..	..	..	..	1,760	..	
	Dindigul		1,270	3,137	1,522	180	4,839	60	76	463	599	1,418	823	
	Ramnad		21,050	19	94	7	120	..	..	..	..	10,608	230	
		Total ..	98,708	541	1,024	11	1,579	..	..	..	..	3,775	..	
				2,124	3,181	253	5,558	50	76	463	589	19,800	1,053	
Bellary	Pennakonda		84,073	5,629	8,768	2,566	17,963	675	701	2,965	3,075	118,665	11,337	87,000
	Madakasira		14,832	4,962	8,487	2,813	16,262	436	992	1,018	1,543	86,810	4,200	9,000
	Hindupur		1,23,692	4,980	10,362	2,571	18,004	107	142	1,028	68	85,690	2,702	
	Alur		2,793	5,778	8,172	1,550	6,002	17	34	17	68	58,233	95	
	Adony		66,474	5,196	10,276	1,988	38,268	19	19	23	61	1,22,916	130	
	Rayadrug		1,22,916	15,675	27,041	7,738	64,455	233	233	936	1,402	3,64,608	27,613	
	Hadagally		42,786	29,976	39,236	4,328	65,219	84	28	7	67	42,145	163	
	Bellary		1,64,807	25,436	36,345	7,112	12,973	97	246	345	625	4,75,535	1,001	
	Kudligi		1,22,737	4,031	7,112	1,773	3,587	188	188	155	2,016	9,26,720	9,317	
	Harpanhalli		1,38,071	15,165	15,467	3,587	20,166	213	213	1,497	1,424	91,599	2,752	
	Hospett		2,29,437	8,146	13,214	2,929	24,479	110	110	1,424	1,473	75,777	4,686	
	Dharmavaram		1,00,884	8,979	7,098	1,811	16,523	80	182	1,261	3,606	87,103	1,254	
	Anantapur		1,22,470	5,379	9,132	2,001	16,502	261	486	3,120	910	88,593	4,395	
	Hindupur			4,037	7,745	3,006	15,188	280	315	306	101	66,755	1,654	
				65	81,121	6,177	19,827	44	48	9,464	17,582	1,14,917	877	
				51	4,529	1,082	6,864	3,606	4,882				42,919	
				2,008	2,764									
		Total ..	91,571	1,560	167,847	50,226	365,799	5,745	8,349	24,507	39,201	1,14,917	42,919	
			31,250	135,724										
		Total ..	28,10,000	1,30								20,01,846	1,18,429	
												17,24,870	16,77,069	
		Total ..	28,10,000	14,14,884	2,17,736									

* Establishment.

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No. 1.—Average Number of Government Seers of 80 Tolahs of different Grains per apee, and Rain Report in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Week ending Saturday, 20th January 1877.

	Rice, 2nd Sort.			Cholam.			Raggi.			Cumbu or Sazza.			Wheat.			Horse-gram.			Rainfall.		
	At Date of Return.	Last Week's Return.	Price on same Date last Year.	At Date of Return.	Last Week's Return.	Price on same Date last Year.	At Date of Return.	Last Week's Return.	Price on same Date last Year.	At Date of Return.	Last Week's Return.	Price on same Date last Year.	At Date of Return.	Last Week's Return.	Price on same Date last Year.	At Date of Return.	Last Week's Return.	Price on same Date last Year.	During the Week.	From 1st January to the end of the Week.	Average from 1st January to same Date for three years.
Kistna	8·12	7·82	19·04	10·27	10·16	30·07	10·14	10·18	36·16	9·58	9·38	36·13	6·67	6·33	12·61	10·95	10·91	24·46	0·54	..	..
Nellore	7·09	6·92	15·83	8·28	8·24	28·56	8·89	8·89	31·70	8·40	8·41	29·55	6·62	7·01	11·62	8·05	8·46	23·81	0·09	0·11	..
Cuddapah*	7·00	6·52	14·58	7·30	7·30	25·41	7·75	7·37	26·00	7·66	7·62	24·38	6·16	6·15	11·52	8·17	7·98	23·41	..	..	..
Bellary	6·71	6·66	14·21	7·90	7·60	26·23	7·88	7·72	27·35	7·57	7·39	23·60	6·32	6·10	12·14	7·88	7·95	27·81	..	..	..
Kurnool	6·42	6·27	15·15	7·67	7·63	27·64	8·43	8·41	29·45	8·01	8·10	25·36	6·39	6·51	15·34	7·81	7·54	24·29	0·30	..	..
Chingleput	8·48	8·06	15·65	10·08	8·64	..	9·58	8·98	22·69	..	..	..	5·70	5·70	10·28	9·36	9·24	19·34	0·02	0·14	..
North Arcot	7·49	7·00	15·08	9·07	3·46	22·35	8·71	8·10	21·92	8·15	7·76	21·06	5·47	5·66	11·03	9·97	9·85	23·17	..	..	..
Trichinopoly	8·05	7·40	15·67	14·50	11·60	24·63	12·12	11·05	32·52	13·48	12·74	31·89	5·36	5·77	11·00	10·29	9·86	20·59	..	0·04	..
Madura	7·73	7·15	15·22	†12·73	27	35·10	11·84	10·68	34·10	11·07	10·67	32·97	5·85	5·90	10·47	12·02	11·82	25·30	0·02	0·02	0·07
Tinnevelly	8·57	7·70	13·49	9·29	8·58	28·81	14·15	11·32	31·74	12·57	11·30	25·76	5·45	5·98	7·58	10·76	9·16	18·44	0·02	0·02	..
Coimbatore	7·31	7·22	12·23	9·24	9·01	20·06	9·91	9·48	22·28	11·35	10·66	23·70	4·58	4·80	9·50	10·62	9·82	23·10	..	..	..
Salem	7·60	7·02	14·05	9·84	8·37	22·55	10·32	8·35	22·99	10·32	8·48	24·08	5·83	5·57	10·41	9·81	9·19	22·94	..	..	..

* Reports from Proddattur, Vedpaud, Kadiri, Perlair, and Cumalapuram, not received.

† Inferior Cholum.

No. 2.—Report of Relief in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Week ending Saturday the 20th January 1877.

Districts.	Grants of Funds sanctioned for Relief Works up to 20th January 1877.	Probable Cost of Works, or Sum sanctioned for their execution.	Outlay on Works in progress.		Total 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.								
Kistna	35,000	35,000	998	12,523	17,223	243	116	1,673	918	113	2,704	100	176	446	722
Nellore	1,53,000	1,94,900	36,009	2,15,824	2,15,824	4,363	1,083	24,768	25,310	9,235	59,313	..	..	..	7,956
Cuddapah	13,20,000	..	1,37,407	7,31,494	7,64,010	1,605	307	85,361	95,316	29,873	210,550	615	527	277	1,419
Bellary	28,16,000	14,14,834	2,17,729	17,24,379	20,91,846	1,13,429	16,120	135,724	107,847	50,228	353,799	5,745	8,949	24,507	39,201
....	11,21,000	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	16,77,969	5,769	1,304	117,655	134,463	45,723	297,841	1,074	1,204	551	2,829
Chingleput	1,35,365	1,45,540	9,492	54,822	54	[illegible]	782	5,837	2,581	748	10,166	690	1,205	2,113	4,008
North Arcot	1,85,450	1,69,288	12,165	78,722	75,[illegible]	[illegible]	..	9,617	9,346	4,060	23,023	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly	5,000	1,200	320	594	594	..	..	146	336	202	684	..	..	..	..
Madura	93,748	1,14,070	1,993	18,098	19,800	1,073	110	2,124	3,181	253	5,558	50	76	463	589
Tinnevelly	23,000	11,945	592	726	726	105	76	821	220	25	1,066	174	71	38	283
Coimbatore	1,00,000	1,09,858	14,514	42,352	45,476	24	20	8,613	15,216	3,582	27,411	25	29	60	114
Salem	1,01,000	1,86,430	13,353	73,173	75,204	6,900	3,234	10,148	11,478	1,845	23,471	2,136	3,548	1,507	7,191
Total ..	60,88,563	59,20,591	6,69,575	46,31,903	50,42,216	1,40,763	23,152	402,487	467,212	145,887	1,015,586	..	..	..	64,312

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REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 5th.

Read.

G.O., 5th February 1877, No. 830.

FEBRUARY

Nos. 152-153.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 285.

Famine Relief Report.—Reporting Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting for information the—for the week ending 20th January 1877, and requesting Collector of Chingleput to explain with reference to the high rates of wages paid in the Sydapett Taluq.

STATEMENT showing the Expenditure on Relief Works up to 20th January 1877 in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency.

Districts.	Road Works.		Irrigation Works.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	
	In the Week.	Up to the Week.	In the Week.	Up to the Week.	In the Week.	Up to the Week.	In the Week.	Up to the Week.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Kistna	...	...	998	12,523	...	...	998	12,523
Nellore	27,989	1,62,280	402	12,389	7,618	41,155	36,009	2,15,824
Cuddapah	1,14,122	6,05,531	7,716	45,276	15,569	80,687	1,37,407	7,31,494
Bellary	1,92,247	14,54,179	15,181	1,22,946	10,292	1,47,254	2,17,720	17,24,379
Kurnool	2,22,118	16,03,684	855	26,442	2,030	49,070	2,25,003	16,79,196
Chingleput	5,089	26,145	1,537	2,606	2,866	26,071	9,492	54,822
North Arcot ...	8,234	47,268	1,050	10,171	2,881	21,283	12,165	78,722
Trichinopoly ...	...	...	...	...	320	594	320	594
Madura	1,383	11,395	411	5,142	199	1,561	1,993	18,098
Tinnevelly	...	...	290	402	302	324	592	726
Coimbatore ...	9,975	28,474	1,397	3,608	3,142	10,270	14,514	42,352
Salem	4,160	23,612	1,617	6,384	7,576	43,177	13,353	73,173
Total ...	5,85,317	39,62,568	31,454	2,47,889	52,795	4,21,446	6,69,566	46,31,903

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. F. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, dated 5th February 1877, No. 530.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Collector of Chingleput will be called on for immediate explanation of the high rate of wages paid in the Sydapett Taluq.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Depart
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 26 January 1877

The relief reports for the week ending 20 January 1877 will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The reports from Kistna, Kurnool and Coimbatore are telegraphic, and those due from Trichinopoly and Tinnevelly have not been received. Reports of Kistna, Bellary, Chingleput and North Arcot accompanied my. The attention of Collectors of other Districts is called to the orders requiring the submission of relief reports with their weekly reports.

3. Prices and Rainfall. The price of rice has fallen in every District, especially in Cuddapah

Chingleput, a North east
and Madura, where it is
cheaper by half a seer per
rupee or about 6 per cent. Cho-
-lum has also fallen in every
district except Madura;
and Ragi in all except Vizag
and Nellore where the price
is stationary. The fall in
the price of this grain is nearly
25 per cent in Salem District.
Cumbu was stationary
in Nellore, but has fallen
every where else. The fall
of prices is most remarkable
in the Salem District.
It is due every where pro-
-bably to the largest security
as it is being completed and
to importation.

4. There has been rain in
8 Districts, Viz. Kistna, Nellore,

Kurnool, Chingleput & Madura. The
quantity has been small and the
fall partial. In Nellore an inch
fell in Kanigiri & showers in Kapur
& Venkatagiri and a tenth of inch
was registered in the ~~in the~~ adjoining
taluq of Ponneri in Chingleput. In
Madura .16 inch fell in Ramnad. In
Kurnool and Kistna the fall has
averaged 3/10 and 1/2 an inch.

5. The prices in Penkonda and Madak
-sira of the Bellary District have
not been reported but the Board
are informed that a remarkable
fall has taken place there owing
to active importation from
Coimbatore & Malabar through
Mysore. In their report for the
6th Instant the Board noticed
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a sharp rise of price in Coimbatore which was probably due to this demand for export.

6. Grant & outlay. The grants made to the 20th January amounted to Rs 60,88,563 and the outlay on relief works and gratuitous relief is reported as Rs 5160521. The outlay during the week on relief works was Rs 6,73,070 and to the end of the week Rs 5018780. The grants have been exceeded in Nellore and Kurnool and further grants will be made in separate Proceedings

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Cuddapah. The Kadiri figures for the 13th January are re-=peated in extenso. The num-=bers have decreased in Royach-=oti, Jammala-=mudugu, and Voilpaud; but increased in all other Taluqs. The increase in Yada-=napalli which amounts to 14 per cent is very unsa-=tisfactory. In that Taluq the number on relief works is now 29.8 per cent of the population according to the last census.

	13th Jany.	20th Jany.	
Proddatur	9021	14695	+5674
Jammalamadugu	14082	12789	-1293
Pulivendula	22591	25870	+3279
Cuddapah	9753	12744	+2991
Badvail	6663	9415	+2752
Sidhout	6180	6431	+257
Pullampeta	7844	8718	+874
Kadiri	39074	39074	"
Royachoti	17068	13907	-3161
Yadanapalli	35010	40295	+5285
Voilpaud	27099	26612	-1219
	195185	210550	+15365

Bellary. The taluq figures

to the end of January on roads, irrigation works and miscellaneous improvements. All minor works (which are chiefly water supply works) have been classed under the last head. The figures are as follows.

Less received.

	Roads Rs	Irrigation Rs	Miscellaneous Rs	Total Rs
	"	15460	"	15460
Kistna	"	15460	"	15460
Nellore	162280	12389	44155	215824
Cuddapah	605531	45276	80687	731494
Bellary	1301308	114870	121257	1537369
Chingleput	26145	2606	26071	54822
N. arcot	47268	10171	21283	78722
Madura	113955	5742	1561	18098
Salem	23612	6384	43177	73173
	2177539	212238	335185	2724962

Taluqs wanting

8. Numbers on relief works.

The

The totals for each district are compared in the margin with those for 13th January.

	13th	20th	
Kistna	12552	27044	+14492
Nellore	59061	59313	+ 252
Cuddapah	195385	210550	+15165
Bellary	356704	353799	- 2905
Kurnool	319774	298110	-21664
Chingleput	17859	19482	- 1623
N. Arcot	21264	23023	+1759
Tinnevelly*	359	359	"
Madura	5157	5558	+ 401
Tunnevelly*	2113	2113	"
Coimbatore	18368	27411	+9043
Salem	9698	23471	+13773
	1000924	1016577	+15653

* Last weeks figures entered

The increase is 15653 only and is chiefly due to the Southern districts, a large decrease in Kurnool (which the Board hope will be explained when the detailed report arrives) being counterbalanced by an

Adoni	63931	64655	+ 724
Alur	32186	38258	+6072
Gooty	23997	26766	+1169
Tadpatri	11999	12976	+977
Anantapur	22588	19827	-2761
Dharmavaram	24542	15468	-9074
Penkonda	10551	17388	+6837
Hindupur	20856	6354	-14502
Madakasira	18076	15752	-2324
Raidrug	8014	7868	-146
Bellary	53219	53219	"
Hospett	16669	16502	-167
Kudligi	22309	20479	+2170
Hadgalli	17855	18604	+749
Harpanhalli	7912	15283	+7371
	356704	353799	-2905

are compared in the margin. Those for Bellary Taluk are repeated from last report but no explanation is given. There has been an increase in the western taluks and in Alur, which has suffered most in the District as regards loss of Crop; a considerable increase in Penkonda, but a great falling off in Hindupur. The numbers on relief works and in receipt of gratuitous relief in this taluk for five weeks past are noted below.

	Relief works	Gratuitous relief
20th January	6354	17352
13th "	20856	18686
6th "	42880	17755
30th December	38756	10158
23rd "	23527	8130

They do not indicate that the falling off

off in number of Coolies is due to increase of Gratuitous relief. The Collector will report on the decline in numbers.

The Chingleput figures show some increase in Conjeevaram Trivellore and Chingleput, but a great fall in Tanjore (perhaps due to the rainfall slight as it was). In N. Arcot the increase occurs in Arcot Taluk. The Madura report Calls for no remark. In the Salem district, the Salem, Namkul, Tiruchengode, and Erbanjarai Coolies have come back in some numbers; and there has also been increase in Dharmapuri.

9 Rates of wages. Nellore wages have been reduced in Gudur, and in no taluk in the district is more than 2 as. now paid to an ordinary Cooly. In Cuddapah no change has yet been made. The rates for six talukes of Bellary are not reported; in the others there is no change except in Dharmavaram where the advances grain and money scale has been started. The price of rice in the talukes

The Board know that some grants have been made for the Adoni taluk which has not hitherto been ranked as distressed. The Collector will explain

change is according to rule. The 2 annas 6 pice rate is still paid in the Said a pett taluq of Chingleput. The Collector will explain why it has not been reduced. He has been ordered to reduce the rate several times. In the other districts there is no change calling for notice except the Dharmavaram taluq above noticed; there is no taluq in the districts from which detailed returns have been received, in which payments in kind are required under the rules. Returns from the Bunnoor district and from two of the worst talukis in Cuddapah are hereafter wanting.

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11. Gratuitous relief. The total numbers are compared by districts in the margin. The increase is almost entirely made up in Nellore and Salem. The Board

	13th Jany.	20th Jany.	
Tinnevelly	168	722	554
Nellore	6420	7956	1536
Cuddapah	1003	1419	416
Bellary	39522	39201	- 321
Kurnool	3819	2829	- 990
Chingleput	3066	4008	+ 942
Madura	185	589	+ 404
Coimbatore	8	114	+ 106
Salem	2780	7191	+ 4411
	56971	64029	+ 7058

Board fear that too much gratuit-
-tous relief is afforded in Salem
and are in correspondence with the
Collector as to the system. There
has been a slight decrease in Bellary.
Half the whole number in that dis-
-trict are in the Hindupur Taluq but
the Board are not aware why this is.
A report on the subject is awaited

12. The following table shows the
percentage distribution of men, women
and children gratuitously fed.

	13 January			20 January.		
	Men	Women	Children	Men	Women	Children
Cuddapah --	34·7	36·3	29·0	43·3	37·2	19·5
Bellary --	12·7	20·3	67·0	14·7	22·8	62·5
Chingleput --	16·7	31·3	52·0	17·2	30·1	52·7
Madura	29·7	38·9	31·4	8·5	12·9	78·6
Salem	29·1	48·6	22·3	29·7	49·4	20·9

There is thus a great change in Ma-
-dura the cause of which should be
reported

reported; in the other districts no im-
-portant change appears.

13. The outlay on gratuitous relief
during the week is reported to have
been Rs. 23079 and the total outlay
to 20th January as follows.

Relief works.	50.18,780.
Gratuitous relief.	141.741
	5160.521

14 A memorandum showing grants
sanctioned to date is enclosed. The
total is Rs. 61,33563

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Secretary.

To

The Additional Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department

with original reports & the returns
5 statements and 5 maps.

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J. No 83.
Proceedings of the
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Dated 26 January 1877.
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(Held subsequently)

Submitting for
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Weekly report for week ending 20 January 1877

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