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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th March 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 567. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th March 1877, No. 1,028 :—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th February 1877, No. 189 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward the relief reports and the returns of prices and rainfall for the week ending the 17th February 1877, with the following explanatory remarks.

2. *Statement No.* 1.—On the whole the prices of all grains except horse-gram rose slightly as shown in the margin. The rise and fall of prices in most of the taluqs is so small that they call for no particular remark. The rise of the price of rice in Koilkuntla and of other staple grains in Markapur is however comparatively great, and the taluq officers concerned have not explained the causes. As regards the prices in Markapur, I have called for a report* from Mr. Farmer. No rain fell during the week.

AVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT.

Grains.	17th February.	10th February.
Rice	6·76	6·82
Cholum	7·89	8·21
Raggy	8·96	9·05
Cumboo	8·71	8·85
Wheat	6·59	6·63
Horse-gram	7·81	7·81

3. The number of works sanctioned for execution in each taluq, those in progress and completed are shown in the annexed table :—

Taluqs.	Number of Works Sanctioned.	Number of Works in Progress.	Number of Works Completed.
Ramalkota	3	15	...
Nandikotkur...	8	11	...
Patticonda	6	5	...
Koilkuntla	6	8	1
Nundial	4	23	...
Sirwell	3	11	1
Cumbum	5	15	1
Markapur	1	7	4
Total ...	13	95	7

The probable cost of the works is not shown in this statement with reference to the Board's remarks contained in paragraph [illegible] of their Proceedings, dated 5th February 1877.

The completed works are the following:—

1. Deepening the bed of the Owk tank and raising the bund in the taluq of Koilkuntla.
2. Road from Chagalmurry to Prodattu in Sirwell.
3. Filling in cess-pools in Cumbum Town.

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[*] NOTE.—Mr. Farmer's report is just received and copy of it is enclosed.
(Signed) C. A. BIRD,
Additional Sub-Collector,
for Acting Collector.

4. Filling ditches in Ganapavaram in Markapur Taluq.
5. Improvements in Markapur.
6. Removing silt from the wells at Thippaiyapaliem in Markapur Taluq.
7. Do. do. do. at Gumayapalli in do. do.

No. 1 work was completed at a cost of Rupees 19,218. This work was sanctioned by the Collector in anticipation of the receipt of an estimate from the District Engineer, which has not as yet been received.

No. 2 was completed at a cost of Rupees 1,512. This work was sanctioned by the Honorable D. Arbuthnott. No estimate has been received yet from the District Engineer.

No. 3 work was sanctioned by the Honorable D. Arbuthnott and was completed at a cost of Rupees 21,411. No estimate has been received in this case also.

Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 are minor works executed in Markapur Taluq at an aggregate cost of Rupees 1,385. These works were sanctioned by the Honorable D. Arbuthnott.

4. A Taluqwar abstract is enclosed to show the outlay on works in the week and up to the end of the week, as also the number of persons employed on works and those gratuitously relieved.

5. The grants made up to the 17th February 1877 amounted to Rs. 21,21,000.

6. The outlay during the week under report amounted to Rupees 1,17,641 against Rupees 1,59,239 in the previous week. The decrease in the outlay is chiefly owing to decreased numbers of coolies in works during the week. The total outlay on relief works since the commencement of distress amounts to Rupees 23,60,576.

7. *Numbers on Relief Works.*—The numbers employed in each taluq as contrasted with those reported for the previous week are given below. On the whole there was a decrease of 24,435 which is satisfactory, and is attributed chiefly to the effectual weeding of those persons who are not in absolute need, partly to the desertion of those who were unwilling to do task-work, and partly to desertion on account of the outbreak of cholera in a few places :—

Taluqs.	10th February.	17th February.	Difference.
Ramalkota	50,368	47,226	— 3,142
Nandikotkur...	8,907	8,448	— 459
Patticonda	26,519	25,578	— 941
Koilkuntla	37,229	29,552	— 7,677
Nundial...	23,457	20,643	— 2,814
Sirwell	17,282	16,354	— 928
Cumbum	56,468	47,534	— 8,934
Markapur	18,504	18,964	— 460
Total	2,38,734	2,14,299	— 24,435

8. The following table shows the percentage of coolies distinguished as to sex and age in the taluqs lying to the east and west of the Nallamallais as contrasted for the weeks ending 10th and 17th February :—

		Men.	Women.	Children.
Cumbum and Markapur.	10th February	38	48	14
	17th do.	43	44	13
Rest of the district. ...	10th do.	47	42	11
...	17th do.	37	49	14

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9. The money wages paid throughout the district, Cumbum included, were uniform.*

* Man...	2 Annas.
Woman	1 Anna 4 Pies.
Child	10 Pies.

No grain wages were issued anywhere in the district except in Patticonda, Cumbum and Markapur. In Patticonda, they were stopped during the latter part of the week. As to the necessity for continuing grain wages at Cumbum and Markapur, I am awaiting Mr. Farmer's report.

Mr. Farmer informs me that the entry of 1 Anna rate for a child in the Cumbum Return was an error, and that only 10 Pies were paid to each child. The new rates of wages ordered in G.O., dated 31st January, No. 329, Financial Department, were not introduced during the week under report.

10 The following table shows the quantities of rice which the sanctioned money rates would purchase in each taluq calculated at the rates given in the Taluq Price Returns :—

Taluqs.	Man at 2 Annas.	Woman at 1 Anna 4 Pies.	Child at 10 Pies.
	LBS.	LBS.	LBS.
Ramalkota	1·51	1·01	·63
Nandikotkur	1·69	1·13	·71
Patticonda	1·75	1·16	·73
Koilkuntla	1·65	1·10	·69
Cumbum	1·65	1·10	·69
Markapur	2·06	1·37	·86
Nundial	1·60	1·07	·67
Sirwell	1·60	1·07	·67

The above table evidently shows that the money rates purchased more than the prescribed rations of rice in the cases of men and women. As regards children—*vide* my remarks in paragraph 10 of the report for the week ending 3rd February 1877.

11. *Gratuitous Relief.*—The number of persons in receipt of this form of relief in each taluq is compared below with that of the previous week. On the whole there was an increase of 459 in the week which was chiefly in Koilkuntla, Nundial and Cumbum.

Taluqs.	1th February.	17th February.	Difference.
Ramalkota	...	...	...
Nandikotkur...	659	663	+ 4
Patticonda	169	154	— 15
Koilkuntla	186	377	+ 191
Nundial	560	795	+ 235
Sirwell	241	316	+ 75
Cumbum	802	1,041	+ 239
Markapur	950	680	— 270
Total ...	3,567	4,026	+ 459

12. The percentage of men and women and children receiving gratuitous relief is noted below:—

	10th February.	17th February.
Men...	32	33
Women	43	41
Children	25	26

13. The cost of gratuitous relief during the week was Rupees 1,398, of which Rupees 873 was in money and Rupees 525 in grain. The cost per head on an average came to 5½ Annas for the week. The entire cost on account of gratuitous relief since the commencement of distress is Rupees 12,814.

14. The return of establishments and map * of the district showing the works in progress, called for in Board's Proceedings of 8th January last, No. 64, and 12th December 1876, No. 315, respectively, are herewith submitted.

* Already despatched.

ENCLOURE No. 1.

From H. R. FARMER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, Kurnool, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, date Tudimilla, 21st February 1877, No. 500-A.

As directed in your letter No. 423, datd 17th February 1877, I have the honor to report, by return of post, that I believe the Taluq Rturns are correct.

2. Grain is almost always considerably heaper in Markapur than in Cumbum. There is a considerable crop of raggy just ready to be c in Markapur, probably four times as much as in Cumbum. Markapur is nearer to Goontoor, rom which place grain is imported to both taluqs. Carriage is very difficult to procure in Markour, and so the more favorable neighboring markets cannot be fully availed of. Money is dear in Markapur than in Cumbum. These causes generally tend to make grain cheaper in Marapur than elsewhere.

3. The downward prices are owing to inreased importation, and to the facts that much rice at Cumbum has been thrown into the maret, and that a good crop of raggy is being cut in Markapur taluq.

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(Signed C. A. BIRD,
Additional Sub-Collector,
for Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

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Irrigation	1,270	16,252
Miscellaneous ...	5,456	1,15,944
Total ...	1,17,676	23,61,557

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(True Copi d Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th March 1877.

No. 568. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1877, No. 1,124.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Taluqwar Abstract of Relief in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the week ending Saturday, the 17th February, 1877.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.								
Kurnool.	Pattikonda ...	......	.....	d 10,253	d 1,75,190	1,75,190	1,121	34	9,143	13,083	3,352	25,578	45	107	2	154
	Koilkuntla ...	......	.....	14,470	3,23,789	3,23,789	1,194	220	11,485	14,379	3,688	29,552	120	177	80	377
	Sirwell ...	......	.....	10,303	1,68,056	1,68,056	605	138	5,714	8,121	2,519	16,354	103	136	77	316
	Nundial ...	......	.....	12,736	3,45,638	3,45,638	1,773	273	7,185	9,995	3,463	20,643	330	378	87	795
	Cumbum ...	......	.....	25,683	3,52,378	3,52,378	2,114	253	20,624	21,404	5,506	47,534	409	294	338	1,041
	Markapur ...	......	.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,140	251	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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	Ramalkota ...	......	.....	25,351	7,69,439	7,69,439	16	.....	17,551	22,249	7,426	47,226	...	...	...	...
	Total...	21,21,000	......	1,17,613	23,60,835	23,60,835	12,814	1,398	82,762	101,567	29,970	214,299	1,337	1,664	1,025	4,026
Kistna.	Baputla ...	......	65,000	1,849	16,854	17,174 e8,322	440	Not given	1,320	790	18	2,158	122	173	126	421
	Bezwada ...	......	10,000	267	6,410	6,410 e4,243	481	13	352	358	86	796	6	2	1	9
	Nandigama ...	......	......	......	......	......	7	......	......	......	......	......	...	...	...	...
	Palnad ...	......	......	......	......	......	1	......	......	......	......	......	...	...	...	...
	Total...	75,000	75,000	2,107	23,264	36,149	929	13	1,672	1,148	134	2,954	128	175	127	430

d. Exclusive of cost of gratuitous relief.

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Enclosures II.

Submitting relief reports of Kurnool and Kistna Districts for week ending 17th February, 1877.

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Memo

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Govt. of (1877) Madras.

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&c., &c., &c.

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	Koilkuntla ...	......	....	14,470	3,23,789	3,23,789	1,194	220	11,485	14,379	3,688	9,552	120	177	80	377
	Sirwell ...	......	....	10,303	1,68,056	1,68,056	605	138	5,714	8,121	2,519	6,354	103	136	77	316
	Nundial ...	......	....	12,736	3,45,638	3,45,638	1,773	273	7,185	9,995	3,463	0,643	330	378	87	795
	Cumbum ...	......	....	25,683	3,52,378	3,52,378	2,114	253	20,624	21,404	5,506	,534	409	294	338	1,041
	Markapur ...	......	....	13,768	1,13,098	1,13,098	2.140	251	7,971	7,882	3,111	1,964	171	245	264	680
	Nandikotkur ...	......	....	5,079	1,13,247	1,13,247	3,851	229	3,089	4,454	905	8,448	159	327	177	663
	Ramalkota ...	......	....	25,351	7,69,439	7,69,439	16	....	17,551	22,249	7,426	7,226	...	..	..	...
	otal...	21,21,000	......	1,17,643	23,60,835	23,60,835	12,814	1,398	82,762	101,567	29,970	24,299	1,337	1,664	1,025	4,026
Kistna.	Baputla ...	......	65,000	1,840	16,854	17,174 e8,322	440	Not given	1,320	790	48	2,158	122	173	126	421
	Bezwada ...	......	10,000	267	6,410	6,410 e4,243	481	13	352	358	86	796	6	2	1	9
	Nandigama ...	......	......	......	......	......	7	......	......	......	......	......	...	...	...	...
	Palnad ...	......	......	......	......	......	1	......	......	......	......	......	...	...	...	...
	otal...	75,000	75,000	2,107	23,264	36,149	929	13	1,672	1,148	134	2,954	128	175	127	430

d. Exclusive of cost of gratuitous relief.
e. Paid for rice, &c., supplied to Range Officer.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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Enclosures II.

Submitting relief reports of Kurnool and Kistna Districts for week ending 17th February, 1877.

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21st February 1877.

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From
The Ag. Head Asst. Collector
Kurnool.

To
The Acting Collector of
Kurnool.

Sir,

As directed in your letter No. 422 dated 17th Feb: 1877, I have the honor to report by return of post that I believe the Taluq returns are correct.

2. Grain is almost always considerably cheaper in Markapur than in Cumbum. There is a considerable crop of ragi just ready to be cut in Markapur, probably 4 times as much as in Cumbum. Markapur is nearer to Guntoor from which place grain is imported to both Taluqs. Carriage is very difficult to procure in Markapur and so the more favorable neighbouring markets cannot be fully availed of. Money is dearer in

Markapur

Markapur than in Cumbum. These causes generally tend to make grain cheaper in Markapur than elsewhere.

3 The downward prices are owing to increased importation, and to the facts that much rice at Cumbum has been thrown into the Market and that a good crop of ragi is being cut in Markapur Taluq.

I have &ca

Sd H. R. Farmer

As Hd Asstt Collector

(True copy)

Sd C. A. Bird

Addl Sub Collector

for

Acting Collector

(True copy)

W Ellis

Secretary

Exd SC

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Enclosure in Board's
Proceedings to the
Asst. Secretary to
Govt. Rev. Dept.
dated 5 March/77.

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Kurnool
Collector's Office
26th February 1877.

No. 189

From
The Acting Collector
Kurnool

To
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Relief Reports and the returns of prices and rainfall for the week ending the 17th February 1877, with the following explanatory remarks.

2. Statement No. 1. - On the whole the prices of all grains except horsegram rose slightly

as shown in the margin. The rise and fall of prices in most of the taluqs is so small that they call for no particular remark. The rise of the price of rice in Koilkuntla and of other staple grains in Markapur is however comparatively great and the Taluq officers concerned have not explained the cause. As regards the prices in Markapur, I have called for a report* from Mr. Farmer. No rain fell during the week.

Average of the District		
Grains	17th February	10th February
Rice - - - - -	6.76	6.82
Cholum - - -	7.89	8.21
Ragi - - - -	8.96	9.05
Cumboo - - -	8.71	8.85
Wheat - - - -	6.59	6.63
Horsegram - - -	7.81	7.81

*Note — Mr. Farmer's report is just received and a copy of it is enclosed
(Sd) C. A. Bird
Addl. Sub Collr.
for actg Collector

3. The number of works sanctioned for execution in

Cumbum.

12. The percentage of men, women and children receiving gratuitous relief is noted below.

	10th February.	17th February
Men. . . .	32.	33.
Women	43	41
Children	25.	26.

13. The cost of gratuitous relief during the week was Rs 1398 of which Rs 873 was in money and Rs 525 in grain. The cost per head on an average came to 5½ annas for the week. The entire cost on account of gratuitous relief since the commencement of distress is Rs 12814.

14. The return* of Establishments and map of the District showing the works in progress, called for in Board's Proceedings of 8th January last No 64 and 12th December 1876 No 315 respectively, are herewith submitted.

*already despatched

I have etc

Signed C. A. Bird
Addl Sub Collector
for actg Collector.

True Copy,

H. Ewens
Secretary

Enclosure in
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
dated 5th March 1877
to
The Addl. Secy.
to Govt. P.W.D.

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Copy of Kurnool
Collr. letter of 26 Feby
forwarding Relief
Report for week
ending 17 Feby 77

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each Taluq, those in progress and completed are shewn in the annexed table.

Taluqs	No. of works sanctioned	No. of works in progress	No. of works completed
Ramalcota---	30	15	"
Nandikotkur---	18	11	"
Pattikonda---	16	5	"
Koilkuntla-	16	8	1
Nundial---	34	23	"
Sirvell---	33	11	1
Cumbum---	25	15	1
Markapur---	11	7	4
	183	95	7

The probable cost of the works is not shewn in this statement with reference to the Board's remarks contained in para 4 of their Proceedings

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ary 1877.

The completed works are
the following:-

1. Deepening the bed of
the Ouk Tank and raising
the bund in the Taluk of
Koilkuntla.

2. Road from Chagal=
marry to Proddathur in
Sirvell

3. Filling in cesspools
in Cumbum Town.

4. Filling ditches
in Ganapavaram in Marka=
pur Taluq.

5. Improvements in
Markapur.

6. Removing silt
from the wells at Hippaiya
=palem in Markapur Taluq.

7. —Do— Do do.
Gormayapalli in Marka=
pur Taluk.

No 1 work was completed
at a cost of Rupees 19,218.
This work was sanctioned by
the Collector in anticipation
of the receipt of an estimate
from the District Engineer,
which has not as yet been
received.

No 2 was completed
at a cost of Rs 1512. This
work was sanctioned by the
Honorable D. Arbuthnott.
No estimate has been received
yet from the District Engineer.

No 3 work

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No. 3 work was sanctioned by the Honorable D. Arbuthnott and was completed at a cost of Rupees 21,411. No estimate has been received in this case also.

Nos. 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 are minor works executed in Markapur Taluq at an aggregate cost of Rs 1385. These works were sanctioned by the Honorable D- Arbuthnott.

4. A Taluk war abstract is enclosed to show the outlay on works in the week and up to the end of

of

of the week as also the number of persons employed on works and those gratuitously relieved.

5. The grants made up to the 17th February 1877 amounted to Rs 21,21,000

6. The outlay during the week under report amounted to Rs 1,17,641 against Rs 1,59,239 in the previous week. The decrease in the outlay is chiefly owing to decreased numbers of coolies on works during the week. The total outlay on relief works since the commencement of distress amounts to Rs 23,60,576

Numbers

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7. Numbers on relief works —

The numbers employed in each taluq as contrasted with those reported for the previous week are given in the margin.

Taluq	10th February	17th February	Difference
Ramalcota	50368	47226	-3142
Nandicotkur	8907	8448	-459
Pattikonda	26519	25578	-941
Koilkuntla	37229	29552	-7677
Nundial	23457	20643	-2814
Sirvell	17282	16354	-928
Cumbum	56468	47534	-8934
Markapur	18504	18964	+460
Total	238,734	214,299	-24,435

On the whole there was a decrease of 24,435 which is satisfactory and is attributed chiefly to the effectual weeding off of those persons who are not in absolute need partly to the desertion of those who were unwilling to do taskwork and partly to desertion on account of the outbreak of cholera in a few places.

8. The following table shows the percentage of coolies distinguished as to sex and age in the Taluqs lying to the East and West of the Nallamallais as contrasted for the weeks ending 10th and 17th February.

		Men.	Women.	Children
Cumbum and Markapur	10th February	38	48	14.
	17th February	43.	44.	13.
Rest of the District	10th February	47	42	11
	17th February	37	49	14.

9. The money wages paid throughout the District, Cumbum included were uniform.×

× Man 2 annas
Woman 1 anna 4 pies
Child 10 pies.

No grain wages were issued anywhere in the District except in Pattikonda, Cumbum and Markapur. In Pattikonda, they were stopped during the latter part of the week. As to the necessity for continuing grain wages at Cumbum and Markapur I am awaiting Mr Farmer's report.

Mr Farmer informs me that the entry of one Anna rate for a child in the Cumbum return was an error and that only 10 pies were paid to each child. The new rates of wages ordered in G.O. 31st January No 329, Financial Department, were not introduced during the week under report.

Sd

10. The following Table shows the quantities of rice which the sanctioned money rates would purchase in each Taluq calculated at the rates given in the Taluq Price returns.

Taluks	Man at 2 annas	Woman at anna 1 pies 4	Child at 10 pies
	lbs	lbs	lbs
Ramalcota	1.51	1.01	.63
Nandikotkur	1.69	1.13	.71
Pattikonda	1.75	1.16	.73
Koilkuntla	1.65	1.10	.69
Cumbum	1.65	1.10	.69
Markapur	2.06	1.37	.86
Nundial	1.60	1.07	.67
Sirwell	1.60	1.07	.67

The above table evidently shows that the money rates purchased more than the prescribed rations of rice in the cases of men and women. As regards children, vide my remarks in para 10 of the Report for the week ending 3rd February 1877.

11. Gratuitous Relief. The number of persons in receipt of this form of relief in each Taluq is compared in the margin with that for the previous week. On the whole there was an increase of 459 in the week which was chiefly in Koilkuntla, Nandial and Cumbum

Taluqs	10th February	17th February	Difference
Ramalcota			
Nandikotkur	659	663	+ 4
Pattikonda	169	154	− 15
Koilkuntla	186	377	+ 191
Nandial	560	795	+ 235
Sirwell	241	316	+ 75
Cumbum	802	1041	+ 239
Markapur	950	680	− 270
	3567	4026	+ 459

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Read letter from the Collector of Kurnool dated 26th Feb. 1877 No. 109.

Read also return of prices
zeo from Collector [illegible] dated 22nd February 1877.

Read also relief reports from Kistna Dists dated 20th February 1877.

The detailed relief reports for the Kurnool and Kistna Districts for the 17th February will be submitted to Government in continuation of Boards Proceedings dated 23rd February 1877 No.—

The letter from the Collector of Kurnool above read gives an analysis of the statistics for that District. In Kistna the price of rice was stationary every where except in Bapatla and Nandigama where there was a rise of 8 per cent. Cholum was generally stationary but rose in Repalli and the Palnad. Ragi rose in Guntur and Bezwada. In Kurnool rice rose in Koilkuntla and Ramalkota and fell slightly in Nandikotkur and Nundial. Ragi also fell in Nundial and Sirwell, but the price of this grain as well as of Cholum and Cumboo rose heavily in Markapur. The cause obviously is is the hardening of prices in the Kistna noticed in previous reports. It is said however that there is a heavy crop of ragi ready to be cut in Marka-pur. The letter from the Head Assistant regarding prices in Cumbum and Marka-[illegible] limited supply only by the returns forwarded.

In the Kistna District the clearance of the Commamur, Ellore and main Canals are said to have been undertaken as relief works on the authority of a telegram from Government, but the numbers employed and outlay are not reported. The main Canal clearance estimated to cost Rupees 10,000 is the only one of importance.

Kurnool. The outlay was Rupees 117,643 as already reported by telegraph. The classification of outlay is as follows:—

	In the week.	Up to the week.
Roads	110,950	2,229,361
Irrigation	1,270	16,252
Miscellaneous	5,456	115,944
	117,676	2,361,557

The number of works in progress is 95. The following shows the numbers on relief

work

works by taluks as compared with the previous report

	10th Feby.	17th Feby.		Per cent of Population
Patti Kunda	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ramalacottah	50368	47226	-3142	32.3
Nandikotkoor	8907	8448	-459	8.3
Nundial	23457	20643	-2814	19.2
Sirvell	17282	16354	-928	23.0
Coilkuntla	37229	29552	-7677	20.4
Cumbum	56468	47534	-8934	38.6
Markapore	18504	18964	+460	20.5
	238734	214299	-24435	22.3

The decrease in ~~Coimbatore~~ Cumbum is attributed to weeding of the gangs and repugnance to task work; that in Nundial to task work and in Ramalacotta to weeding; and the large decrease in Koilkuntla to weeding only. These per centages of of present numbers to population are shewn in the last Column of the above table.

Money wages at 2as, 1a 4p and 10p were paid throughout the District except in parts of Cumbum and Markapur where grain wages were still paid. There is no necessity for such payment so far as quoted prices show.

The numbers in receipt of gratuitous relief increased from 3567 to 4026 There were no marked Changes, in any of the Taluks. The Cost is said to have averaged 5½ annas a week for each person relieved. The outlay on gratuitous relief was Rs 1398.

A Map of the District accompanies.

(True Extract)

H Ellis

Secretary

To

The Additional Secretary to Government Rd, with 7 Original Statements and 1 Map to be returned and Copy of Kurnool Collr's letter and enclosure & Also Taluk wise Abstract

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