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No. 358A.—Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th December 1876, No. 3,328 :—

THE Board submit to Government the returns of prices and rainfall and the reports of relief for the distressed districts for the week ending Saturday, the 23rd instant. The detailed returns of works are submitted in original, and, those of last week not having yet been returned from the Government Office, no comparison of details is possible. The Kurnool and Kistna reports are telegraphic and imperfect.

2. *Prices.*—Returns from three taluqs in Cuddapah, three of Nellore, and one of Chingleput are wanting. The prices given in the abstract are the averages of the remaining taluqs.* The Kistna prices of the four principal grains are the lowest.

3. *Rice.*—Prices have fallen very slightly in Nellore and Bellary, but have risen elsewhere, especially in Chingleput and North Arcot.

4. *Cholum.*—Prices have fallen fractionally in Coimbatore. Elsewhere they are either stationary or rising slightly. The apparent rise in Madura is due to the quotation of last week including some inferior descriptions as explained in last week's report.

5. *Raggi.*—Prices may be said to be stationary in Coimbatore, but have risen elsewhere. The rise is trifling except in Nellore (12·5 per cent.) and Madura (8 per cent.)

6. *Cumboo* was stationary in Bellary and there was a slight fall in Nellore and Kurnool. Elsewhere prices have risen; in Chingleput to the extent of nine per cent. Generally speaking, all prices show continued tendency to rise.

7. *Rainfall.*—There was no rain during the week in any district except Madura, where partial rain fell. In Melur Taluq 1·7, in Madura 1·25, in Tirumangalum 0·75, and in Dindigul 0·65 inches were registered. None fell in the other taluqs. The rainfall has not affected prices in the districts.

8. *Relief.*—The amount of grants sanctioned by the Board and Government for relief works up to the 22nd December was Rupees 27,16,429. The accounts rendered as to appropriation for works sanctioned for execution are still very imperfect, and a comparision of the totals is useless. The Board will briefly review the returns received from each district as regards appropriation and outlay on works.

9. *Bellary.*—Detailed returns of works are furnished only for ten taluqs. In Bellary and Dharmaveram specific estimates for appropriations for works appear not to have been made, which is a grave irregularity to be at once put a stop to. The district returns are evidently not accurately prepared. Large outlay during the week appears against several works on which no coolies were employed on the 23rd instant, and many works are included on which no outlay was incurred within the week. These works may in both cases be completed, but the Collector's attention is called to the instruction that the proper way to show outlay on completed works is to include it in the "total outlay in the taluq since the commencement of distress." There are three works in the Bellary Taluq on which more than Rupees 30,000 have

Outlay to the End of the Week.	Rs.
Bellary Taluq	3,73,325
Dharmaveram	43,449

* Hence some slight discrepancies between the average prices now entered for the 16th December and those given in the Board's last abstract. There were some slight errors in calculation of averages in the Bellary return.

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been spent without estimate. Of works for which estimate has been made, only two in the Raidrug Taluq are to cost Rupees 50,000 or upwards. The outlay on relief works during the week amounted to Rupees 2,10,166, and up to the week on works entered in the return Rs. 9,90,075, and all works Rupees 10,25,283;* from grants up to date Rupees 14,16,000.

* The outlay in Adoni from 1st to 16th December not included. It has not yet been reported.

10. *Kurnool.*—The outlay in last week was stated for six taluqs only (Cumbum and Markapur excluded) as Rupees 1,5[illegible], and up to the week Rupees 5,74,157. The outlay in the week under report is given as Rupees 1,23,693 for all taluqs except Koilkuntla. The outlay in this may be assumed to be at least as great as in the week ending 16th instant. The Board, therefore, enter the outlay in the week at Rupees 1,56,000, and up to the week Rupees 7,30,000 (the latter does not include outlay in Cumbum and Markapur for previous weeks). The Board doubt whether the Collector is right in stating that Koilkuntla alone is excluded in the present statement. Mr. Davidson is requested to endeavour to introduce some system and accuracy into these reports, to which Government attach great importance. The grants to 22nd instant aggregated Rupees 3,21,000, considerably less than the sum spent.

11. *Cuddapah.*—The Collector has repeated last week's figures for Madanapalli and Pulivendla Taluqs. The totals for the district up to the week are, therefore, exclusive of the week's outlay in those taluqs. The Board resolve to add outlay for these taluqs at the same rate as last week, which will certainly be within the mark. So corrected, the outlay in the week will be Rupees 75,256, up to the week on works entered Rupees 2,92,474, and up to the week on all relief works Rupees 3,06,233. The grant to 22nd instant was Rupees 4,20,000. Specific estimates for works have not been sanctioned for any taluq except Proddatur. There are no works in this taluq for which 30,000 Rupees or more have been sanctioned, nor is there any work in the district on which a like sum has been spent.

	Rs.
Madanapalli....	9,449
Pulivendla	2,176

12. *Nellore.*—In this district detailed sanctions have not always been given, but there is no work entered as costing more than Rupees 30,000, or on which that sum has been spent. The outlay in the week was Rupees 16,358, and up to the week Rupees 82,947.

13. *North Arcot.*—Here detailed sanctions, aggregating Rupees 68,728, have been made against sums placed at the Collector's disposal—Rupees 26,450. The outlay to date is Rupees 32,290. Further funds will be granted in separate Proceedings. The outlay in the week was Rupees 11,[illegible]58. There are no works of such magnitude as to require the sanction of the Government of India.

14. In *Chingleput* also specific appropriations have been made, and there are no large works. The sanctioned works amount to Rupees 62,275 out of a grant of Rupees 1,08,500. Outlay during the week Rupees 7,145, and up to the week Rupees 17,807. Attention is called to the remark of the Range Officer as to the work in Trivellore quoted in the margin.

"I find that the willingness to work is more nominal than real. As far as I can see, the same people work at this as they would at any other time."

15. *Salem.*—The appropriations amount to Rupees 66,837 out of a grant of Rupees 96,000. There are large numbers of minor works especially in the sub-division, and no large works. The outlay in the week was Rupees 8,472, and the total outlay Rupees 20,229. In *Coimbatore* also the works are small, and the outlay in the week and up to it Rupees 4,543 and Rupees 12,704. The appropriations are Rupees 26,510 out of Rupees 1,00,000 granted.

16. In *Madura*—grant Rupees 40,47[illegible] works costing Rupees 86,795 have been sanctioned for execution, but many are not commenced. The outlay in the week was Rupees 1,872 only, and up to the week Rupees 6,571. There are no large works, but a considerable number of irrigation repairs.

17. *Numbers employed.*—The marginal table shows the total numbers employed according to the last and present returns. There has been increase in all districts except Coimbatore. The decrease in this district is unexplained. The total increase is 179,144, or 27½ per cent. The total numbers on relief works were on the 23rd instant almost exactly 834,000.

	16th December.	23rd December.	Increase or Decrease.
Nellore ...	31,920	37,268	+ 5,348
Bellary ...	266,352	344,446	+ 78,094
Cuddapah...	102,340	134,805	+ 32,465
Kurnool ...	203,497	239,662	+ 36,165
North Arcot.	15,822	28,369	+ 12,547
Chingleput..	8,844	10,905	+ 2,061
Salem ...	11,492	23,850	+ 12,358
Coimbatore..	11,278	9,280	— 1,998
Madura ...	2,708	4,812	+ 2,104
Total...	654,253	833,397	+ 179,144

18. *Distribution.*—The following statement shows the distribution as regards sex and age of the coolies employed in each district as particulars are available:—

	Percentage of		
	Men.	Women.	Children.
Bellary	38·0	46·7	15·3
Cuddapah	41·7	44·6	13·7
Nellore	45·0	41·6	13·4
North Arcot	39·9	40·7	19·4
Chingleput	57·1	34·7	8·2
Salem	39·9	47·1	13·0
Coimbatore	39·3	53·4	7·3
Madura	29·9	49·6	20·5

19. Chingleput and Nellore have still a very high proportion of adult males. The low proportion of men in Madura and the high proportion of children in that district and North Arcot demand explanation. The Collectors will report the cause.

20. *Rates of Wages.*—The present returns give more information as to the rates of wages than was available last week, when particulars were given only for North Arcot, Coimbatore, and Kurnool. For North Arcot and Kurnool the information was wanting, but the Board presume that there has been no change since last week. The Board will notice the rates in each district as compared with prices ruling. It is unnecessary to analyse the wages given to maistries, kolkars, and head coolies, to whom special wages, varying a good deal, but higher than the maximum fixed by Government, are given.

21. *Bellary.*—Grain wages appear to prevail only in the Bellary Taluq, where they are as follows :—

		lbs.
Man	1 (Bellary s	2·21
Woman	¾ „	1·65
Child	½ „	1·10

The rates are, therefore, in excess of t[illegible]owed by Government.

The money-wages ruling in six [illegible] taluqs are reported. In Dharmaveram, Hindupur, Hospett, and Raidrug the w[illegible]e—men 2 annas, women 1 anna and 6 pies, and children 1 anna. In Hurpunhulli [illegible]adgalli the rates for men are from 2 annas to 5 and 6 annas, for women 1 anna and 6 pies, and for children 6 pies to 1 anna. The rates above 2 annas paid to men are probably for head coolies and the like. The Collector will report on the subject and be careful to see that the information for all taluqs is given in next return. The following are the quantities of rice which the ordinary money-wages will purchase at the average price of the district :—

	A.	P.	lbs.
Men	2	0	1·84
Women	1	6	1·38
Children	1	0	·92

The money-wages are thus high, but lower than those paid in grain in Bellary Taluq.

22. *Cuddapah.*—Information is given for six taluqs only. The rates vary greatly. In Budwail, Jammalamadugu, and Cuddapah an ordinary cooly gets 2 annas, a woman 1 anna and 3 pies, and a boy 6 or 9 pies. In Pulivendla men get from 1 anna to 4 annas, but the rates in excess of 2 annas seem to be for head coolies ; women from 1 anna to 1 anna and 6 pies, and boys from 3 pies to 1 anna. In Proddatur ordinary coolies get from 9 pies to 1 anna and 3 pies (sex and age are not discriminated) and head coolies only 2 annas. Grain-payments are made in this taluq—head coolies ¾ seer (1·55 lbs.), 2nd coolies ⅝ seer (1·29 lbs.), and 3rd coolies ½ seer (1·03 lbs). It is possible that these gradations may be for men, women, and children. In Pullumpett ordinary men coolies get 1 anna and 9 pies and 2 annas, women 1 anna and 3 pies, boys 9 pies, and girls 6 pies. So great diversity in the rates as seems to prevail in this district is not advisable, and the Collector's attention is called to the necessity of regulating them on some system. In future returns the wages of maistries, rangers, and supervising coolies should be distinctly discriminated. On the whole, however, wages have been kept pretty low in Cuddapah, and hence perhaps the reason why the numbers employed have not increased so rapidly as in Bellary and Kurnool. At the average price of the district 2 annas, which is the maximum rate for an ordinary cooly, will purchase 1·66 lbs, and 1 anna and 9 pies 1·45 lbs.

23. For *Nellore* rates of wages are not given. The Collector says they will be reported next week.

24. *Chingleput.*—The rates of wages in three taluqs (Trivellore, Chingleput, and Ponnari) are reported. They are 2 annas for a man, 1 anna and 6 pies for a woman, and 1 anna and 3 pies for children except in Chingleput, where the rate is 1 anna.

These rates will, at the prices ruling in the taluqs, purchase the following quantities of rice :—

——	Chingleput.	Trivellore.	Ponnari.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Men	2·16	1·94	1·94
Women	[illegible]8	1·46	1·46
Children	[illegible]8	1·21	1·21

The Chingleput price quotation on which the calculation is based, is a little doubtful, but the rates in the district are somewhat high.

25. In *Salem* the rates are two annas for a man, 1½ annas for a woman, and 1 anna for a child. At the average prices of the district these rates will purchase 1·74, 1·30, and 0·87 lbs. of rice.

26. In *Coimbatore* the rate for a man is throughout 2 annas, for a woman 1 anna and 6 pies in Pulladum and Udumalpetta and 1 anna and 4 pies in Caroor and Erode, and for children 1 anna everywhere. At the average prices of the district these rates will purchase of rice—

A.	P.	lbs.
2	0	1·88
1	6	1·42
1	4	1·25
1	0	·94

These rates are high at present prices.

27. The *Madura* wages are reported only for the Tirumangalum Taluq. They are—for men 2 annas, 1 anna and 9 pies, and 1 anna and 6 pies ; for women 1 anna and 6 pies and 1 anna and 3 pies ; and for children 1 anna, 9 pies, 6 pies, and 3 pies. The coolies can buy of rice at these rates the following quantities :—

Men.	Women.	Children.
lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
1·73	1·29	·91
1·52	1·06	·69
1·29	...	·46
...	...	·23

These wages are not too high.

28. *Gratuitious Relief.*—The number of persons in receipt of this form of relief is no less than 46,071. There has been a large increase in Cuddapah, Bellary, and Chingleput, but a satisfactory decrease in Madura owing probably to the recipients being drafted to the relief works. The numbers in other districts are small. The

	16th Dec. Rs.	23rd Dec. Rs.
Cuddapah	3,308	15,815
Bellary	12,816	23,800
Chingleput	654	2,492
Total...	16,778	42,107

Collectors of Cuddapah and Bellary will be called upon to explain the great increase which has taken place in those districts. In Bellary 8,130 out of the whole number are in the Hindupur Taluq against 1,161 o[n] the 16th December. In Cuddapah 15,016 of 15,815 fed are in the Voilpad Taluq [t]here in the previous week there were only 2,596. The increase in Chingleput i[s] great part due to the establishment of the relief camps in the Sydapet Taluq o[n] outskirts of Madras. The proportion of

	Percentage.		
	Men.	Women.	C
Chingleput...	18·5	32·4	
Bellary ...	14·0	25·5	
Cuddapah...	44·0	43·7	

men, women, and children gratuitously relieved in the three districts is shown in the margin. There is evidently something wrong in Cuddapah. The necessity for gratuitous relief cannot be confined to a single taluq, and the high proportion of men and women shows that there is a want of discrimination in the admission of applicants. The cost of gratuitous relief during the week was Rupees 12,554, and up to the week Rupees 26,501. The increase in this kind of relief is not satisfactory.

29. The total outlay in the Presidency since the commencement of distress to the 23rd December, excluding special establishments and purchase of grain, was, as far as it can be ascertained at present, as follows:—

	In the Week ending 23rd December.	Up to the end of Week.
	Rs.	Rs.
On relief works	4,91,570	22,34,064
On gratuitous relief	12,554	26,501
Total ...	5,04,124	22,60,565

30. A memorandum of the grants sanctioned for relief works, &c., by the Board and Government up to the 28th instant is enclosed. The total is Rupees 32,31,429.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 2.—*Report of Relief in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Week ending Saturday, the 23rd December* 1876.

District.	Grants of funds sanctioned for relief works to 22nd December 1876.	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.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.					
Kistna	35,000	Not completely given.	Not given.		Not reported.	76	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	38
Nellore	1,53,000		16,358	82,947	‡ 82,947	.....	.....	16,759	15,503	5,006	37,268	450
Cuddapah...	4,20,000		75,256	2,92,474	3,06,233	2,717	1,917	56,262	60,1[illegible]	[illegible]5		15,815
Bellary	14,16,000		2,10,166	9,90,075	10,25,283	20,780	9,148	130,967	160,671	[illegible]	344,446	23,800
Kurnool †	3,21,000		* 1,56,000	7,30,000	7,30,000	1,103	738	Not given.			239,662	1,710
Chingleput	1,08,500	62,275	7,145	17,807	17,807	1,100	618	6,228	3,778	899	10,905	2,492
North Arcot	26,450	68,728	11,758	32,290	32,290	39	... ..	11,341	11,553	5,474	28,369	.....
Madura	40,479	86,795	1,872	6,571	6,571	642	63	1,438	2,385	989	4,812	1,350
Coimbatore	1,00,000	26,510	4,543	12,704	12,704	.....	.....	3,652	4,953	675	9,280	.....
Salem	96,000	66,837	8,472	20,229	20,229	44	44	9,506	11,241	3,103	23,850	416
Total ...	27,16,429	.....	4,91,570	21,85,097	22,34,064	26,501	.....	.....	.....	.....	833,397	46,071

* See paragraph of Board's Proceedings.
† The figures reported for Kurnool are exclusive of those of Koilkuntla. For this taluq the totals for last week have been added.
‡ Repeated from previous column.

No. 1.—Average Number of Government Seers of 80 Tolahs of Grains per Rupee and Rainfall in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Week ending Saturday, the 23rd December 1876.

Districts.	Rice, 2nd Sort.			Cholum.			Raggy.			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.
																		IN.	IN.	IN.
Kistna	8·34	Not given.	20·24	9·91	...	28·05	9·56	...	30·49	10·08	...	31·26	7·28	...	10·78					Not given.	
Nellore	6·89	6·80	16·70	8·87	8·90	29·10	8·51	9·71	31·52	8·90	8·80	30·00	7·35	7·40	12·44					9·81	33·99
Cuddapah	6·47	6·78	15·97	7·14	7·50	25·35	7·64	8·06	26·40	7·61	8·04	26·53	5·95	6·17	12·64	8·55	9·03	24·59	...	7·44	27·36
Bellary	7·16	* 7·00	[illegible]	8·06	8·06	26·14	9·00	9·12	[illegible]	9·06	9·06	28·00	7·00	7·00	13·67	8·06	8·06	26·00	...	8·24	25·58
Kurnool	6·10	6·27	14·91	7·39	7·60	28·49	7·24	8·71	[illegible]	7·36	7·60	23·01	6·32	6·73	14·51	7·15	8·35	22·99	...	Not given.	
Chingleput... ...	7·81	* 8·95	16·13	7·9	...	23·04	9·16	10·14	22·67	10·06	11·46	22·44	5·82	5·82	10·08	9·29	9·98	18·97	...	19·97	44·25
North Arcot ...	6·90	7·70	15·30	8·30	8·80	21·40	8·40	9·30	22·40	8·30	9·10	21·10	6·60	6·20	11·20	10·30	10·70	20·30	...	18·00	36·40
Madura	6·58	6·93	14·42	8·91	12·35	35·23	9·68	10·45	34·39	9·92	10·20	33·90	5·16	6·40	10·40	9·70	9·88	24·81	0·92	17·73	31·02
Coimbatore ...	7·33	7·56	13·40	9·02	8·83	22·72	10·61	10·64	28·63	12·14	12·77	28·97	6·27	6·52	11·30	8·61	8·63	23·05	...	17·37	24·11
Salem	6·78	7·10	13·98	7·78	8·22	22·85	8·07	8·55	22·80	8·05	8·60	21·93	5·10	5·31	10·10	9·02	9·03	23·15	...	16·15	30·50

Talukwar Statement of Report of Relief in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Week ending Saturday, the 23rd December 1876.

District.	Taluq.	Grants of funds sanctioned for Relief Works up to 22nd December 1876.	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.	
			Rs.										
Chingleput ...	Madrantakum ...	.....	3,500	43	43	43	19	19	150	41	26	217	186
	Conjeveram ...	.....	6,775	830	3,636	3,636	490	98	1,767	836	10	2,613	531
	Chingleput ...	.....	5,000	668	1,387	1,387	83	...	537	349	521	1,407	334
	Triveilore	.....	15,000	1,281	1,731	1,731	3	1	1,397	879	157	2,433	2
	Sydapet	.....	17,000	2,229	3,030	3,034	496	496	1,479	1,146	167	2,792	1,412
	Ponnery	.....	15,000	2,994	7,976	7,976	9	4	898	527	18	1,443	27
	Total ...	1,08,500	62,275	7,1[illegible]	17,807	17,807	1,100	618	6,228	3,778	899	10,905	2,492
Bellary	Pennakonda	.....	Not given.	5,6[illegible]	33,359	† 33,359	Not given.	855	13,627	15,841	6,402	35,870	1,691
	Alur	.....		18,59[illegible]	61,690	† 61,690		5	11,330	11,996	4,876	28,202	17
	Adony...	.....		39,162	* 65,162	† 65,162		1,103	26,417	28,772	11,222	66,411	3,924
	Gooty	.....		17,270	54,402	† 54,402		224	8,339	[illegible]	3,716	24,362	268
	Bellary	.....		49,648	3,73,306	3,73,306		19	25,576	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9
	Dharmavaram ...	.....		15,553	43,348	68,573		[illegible]	2,733	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	156
	Hindupur	.....	25,200	7,034	34,703	34,703	10,261	3,837	8,421	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8,130
	Hospett	.....	90,426	7,366	55,372	55,364	2,616	594	5,246	8,840	1,924	16,010	2,977
	Kaloroog	.....	66,465	5,358	35,448	35,448	...	...	2,967	3,019	1,522	7,508	...
	Hadgally	.....	65,076	7,000	54,084	54,084	1,781	470	3,682	6,795	1,401	11,878	1,201
	Anantapur	.....	44,679	6,576	21,315	21,315	236	20	5,917	5,942	2,816	13,575	61
	Hurpunhully	.....	71,744	6,155	51,189	51,189	‡3,556	500	2,985	3,840	951	7,776	1,407
	Tadpatry	.....	21,774	4,933	21,774	21,774	593	345	2,925	3,727	1,956	8,608	...
	Madaksera	.....	12,782	11,851	38,785	53,895	886	655	4,927	8,004	2,758	15,689	2,175
	Kudlighi	.....	1,75,688	7,956	46,019	46,019	561	410	6,775	10,247	2,328	19,350	1,784
	Total ...	14,16,000	5,78,834	2,10,166	9,90,075	10,25,283	20,780	9,148	1,30,967	1,60,671	52,808	3,44,446	23,800
Cuddapah ...	Polivendla	.....	.....	2,176	13,408	§ 14,139	...	...	1,984	2,978	914	5,876	...
	Madanapalli	.....	.....	9,449	62,137	62,137	319	40	7,759	7,587	2,358	17,704	229
	Budwail	.....	.....	509	4,478	§ 4,495	...	...	1,037	930	185	2,152	...
	Sidhout	.....	.....	1,630	7,758	7,758	...	...	1,462	1,625	319	3,406	...
	Voilpaud	.....	.....	15,014	59,557	59,557	2,097	1,716	11,002	10,571	2,182	23,755	15,016
	Royachoty	.....	.....	13,903	27,756	28,473	* 130	105	5,283	5,505	2,941	13,729	368
	Proddatur	.....	36,325	3,399	10,260	10,260	...	...	3,899	4,131	1,538	9,568	...

* The outlay up to the week is not reported. In last week's return the amount spent up to November was given at Rupees 26,000, and this is now added to the sum reported as spent within the week.

† Figures not given by Collector. Assumed from the previous column.

‡ Establishment charges included.

§ Miscellaneous expenditure for the purchase of grain and cost of carriage for obtaining tools are stated to be included in these items.

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Taluqwar Statement of Report of Relief in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Week ending Saturday, the 23rd December 1876.

District.	Taluq.	Grants of Funds sanctioned for Relief Works up to 22nd December 1876.	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.	
Cuddapah (Contd.)	Pullampett	.....	.....	2,215	9,299	* 2,466	...	...	2,064	2,507	349	4,920	...
	Kadiri	.....	.....	16,867	49,720	* 57,289	147	42	9,384	12,005	4,518	25,907	139
	Jammalamadagu ...	.....	.....	3,951	16,649	16,649	24	14	3,867	3,956	776	8,599	63
	Cuddapah	.....	.....	6,143	31,452	36,030	...	...	8,521	8,307	2,361	19,189	...
	Total ...	4,20,000	86,825	75,256	2,92,474	3,06,253	2,717	1,917	56,263	60,102	18,441	1,34,806	15,815
North Arcot...	Chittoor	.....	6,954	1,870	6,498	6,498	...	...	1,162			2,419	...
	Chandragherry ...	.....	1,569	195	875	875	39	...	191				...
	Palmanair	.....	10,715	882	5,894	5,894	...	...	946				...
	Cudiattum	.....	3,000	449	941	941	...	...	270				...
	Vellore	.....	29,200	2,375	9,118	9,118	...	...	1,607	3,001	1,051	5,659	...
	Arcot	.....	8,450	2,185	2,862	2,862	...	...	6,375	6,281	3,145	15,801	...
	Wallajah	.....	8,500	4,316	6,100	6,100	...	...	790	445	845	1,580	...
	Punganur Division ...	.....	400	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	26,450	68,728	1,758	32,290	32,290	39	...	11,341	11,554	5,474	28,369	...
Salem	Salem	.....	17,000	2,022	3,546	3,546	6	6	3,186	3,821	663	7,120	30
	Namcul	.....	10,[illegible]	678	749	749	20	20	2,645	1,743	519	4,907	216
	Trichengode	.....	[illegible],000	1,133	1,348	1,348	12	12	893	1,724	751	3,368	120
	Uttengari	.....	2,430	215	365	365	5	5	176	227	83	486	49
	Darampuri	.....	11,830	1,905	5,611	5,611	1	1	1,016	1,372	283	2,571	1
	Oossur...	.....	6,957	1,177	4,420	4,420	...	...	862	1,453	409	2,704	...
	Kistnagiri	.....	7,500	1,342	4,190	4,190	...	...	778	1,521	445	2,744	...
	Total ...	96,000	66,887	8,472	20,229	20,229	44	44	9,506	11,241	3,103	23,850	416
Madura	Madura	.....	44,443	130	307	307	...	...	51	100	31	182	...
	Tirumangalam ...	.....	4,992	505	544	544	2	2	93	75	28	196	...
	Pulney	.....	32,776	524	4,497	4,497	429	Not given.	655	1,308	547	2,510	955
	Melur	.....	3,164	394	611	611	...	...	266	334	279	879	...
	Dindigul	.....	1,420	319	612	612	211	61	373	568	104	1,045	395
	Total ...	40,479	86,795	1,873	6,571	6,571	642	63	1,438	2,385	989	4,812	1,350
Nellore.	Gudur	.....	4,100	2,092	5,929				2,124	2,645	798	5,567	
	Rapur	.....	4,000	731	5,295				1,380	585	226	2,191	
	Nellore	.....	.....	182	2,827				123	375	50	548	
	Atmakur	.....	.....	1,800	17,725				1,832	1,671	323	3,826	
	Kavali	.....	.....	1,693	8,266				1,739	1,722	692	4,153	
	Udayagiri	.....	27,000	5,218	18,441				3,066	2,703	973	6,742	
	Kandukur	.....	.....	1,040	11,769				5,271	4,483	1,464	11,218	
	Kanigiri	.....	.....	1,744	4,708				193	159	...	352	
	Ongole.					Not given.	Not given.	Not given.					Particulars not given.
	Addanki Division ...	.....	1,000	314	1,073				260	304	86	650	
	Darsi do. ...	.....	2,000	684	1,024				122	75	53	250	
	Naidupet do. ...	.....	15,000	860	5,890				649	781	341	1,771	
	Total...	1,58,000	[illegible],130	16,358	82,947	...	...	...	16,759	15,503	5,006	37,268	450
Coimbatore ...	Erode	.....	4,300	1,585	5,660	5,660	...	...	1,102	1,110	25	2,237	...
	Pulladum	.....	8,010	1,650	3,886	3,886	...	...	1,101	1,932	465	3,498	...
	Caroor	.....	1,800	62	62	62	...	...	97	177	27	301	...
	Udumulpetta	.....	12,400	1,236	3,096	3,096	...	...	1,352	1,734	158	3,244	...
	Total ...	1,00,000	26,510	4,543	12,704	12,704	...	...	3,652	4,953	675	9,280	...

* Miscellaneous expenditure for the purchase of grain and cost of carriage for obtaining tools are stated to be included in these items.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
29th December 1876.

(Signed) [illegible]ES,
Secretary.

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Memorandum of Sums sanctioned by Government and by the Board of Revenue for Famine Relief Works up to 28th December 1876 *with Expenditure up to 23rd December* 1876.

Districts.	Amount sanctioned.	Amount spent up to 23rd December 1876 as reported by Collectors.	
		On Relief Works.	Gratuitous Relief.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Kistna	35,000	Not reported.	76
2. Nellore	1,53,000	82,947	...
3. Cuddapah	5,20,000	3,06,233	2,717
4. Bellary	18,16,000	10,25,283	20,780
5. Kurnool	3,21,000	7,30,000	1,103
6. Chingleput	1,08,500	17,807	1,100
7. North Arcot	26,450	32,290	39
8. Madura	40,479	6,571	642
9. Coimbatore	1,00,000	12,704	...
10. Salem	96,000	20,229	44
11. Tanjore	10,000	...	...
12. Trichinopoly	5,000	...	...
Total ...	32,31,429	22,34,064	26,501

Chepauk,
29th December 1876.

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

No. 358B. Order thereon, 17th January 1877, No. 164A.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Govt. of [illegible] Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c.

Dated January, 17th.

Rect.

JANUARY.
Nos. 358A-353B.

Prices, Rainfall, and Relief of Distress in certain Districts.—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting returns of—for the week ending 23rd December 1876.

Memo of Sums sanctioned by Govt and by the Board of Revenue for Famine Relief works up to 28th Dec 1876 & the Expenditure up to 23rd Dec/76

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Districts	Amount sanctioned	Amount spent up to 23 Dec/76 as reported by Collectors On Relief works	Gratuitous Relief
	Rs	Rs	Rs.
1 Kistna	35,000	Not reported	76
2 Nellore	153000	82947	"
3 Cuddapah	520000	306233	2717
4 Bellary	1816000	1025283	20780
5 Kurnool	321000	730000	1103
6 Chingleput	108500	17807	1100
7 North Arcot	26450	32290	39
8 Madura	40479	6571	642
9 Coimbatore	100000	12704	"
10 Salem	96000	20229	44
11 Tanjore	10000	"	
12 Trichinopoly	5000	"	
Total	3231429	2234064	26501

Revenue Board Office
Chepauk
29th December 1876

H Elsden
Ag. Secretary

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Average number of Government Seers of 80 Tolahs of grains per Rupee and Rain-fall in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the week ending Saturday the 23rd December 1876.

Districts	Rice 2nd Sort			Cholum			Ragi			Cumboo or Pazza			Wheat			Horsegram			Rain-fall		
	All dates of return	Last week's return	Price on same date last year	All dates of return	Last week's return	Price on same date last year	All dates of return	Last week's return	Price on same date last year	All dates of return	Last week's return	Price on same date last year	All dates of return	Last week's return	Price on same date last year	All dates 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 date for the year
																				Inches	
Kistna	8.31	Not given	20.24	9.91	Not given	28.05	9.56	Not given	30.49	10.08	Not given	31.26	7.28	Not given	10.78	12.17	Not given	23.24	"	Not given	
Nellore	6.89	6.80	16.70	8.87	8.90	29.10	8.51	9.71	31.52	8.90	8.80	30.01	7.35	7.40	12.44	8.70	9.60	22.85	"	9.81	33.99
Cuddapah	6.47	6.78	15.07	7.14	7.50	25.35	7.64	8.06	26.40	7.61	8.04	26.53	5.95	6.17	12.64	8.55	9.03	24.59	"	7.44	27.36
Bellary	7.16	7.00	14.33	8.06	8.06	26.14	9.00	9.12	29.37	9.06	9.06	28.00	7.00	7.00	13.67	8.06	8.06	26.00	"	8.24	25.58
Kurnool	6.10	6.27	14.91	7.39	7.60	28.49	7.24	8.71	25.95	7.86	7.60	28.01	6.32	6.73	14.57	7.15	8.35	22.99	"	Not given	
Chingleput	7.81	8.95	16.06	7.92	Not given	23.04	9.16	10.14	22.67	10.06	11.46	22.44	5.82	5.82	10.08	9.29	9.98	18.97	"	19.97	44.25
N. Arcot	6.90	7.70	15.00	8.30	8.80	21.40	8.40	9.30	22.40	8.30	9.10	21.10	6.00	6.20	11.20	10.30	10.70	20.30	"	18.00	36.40
Madura	6.58	6.93	15.42	8.91	12.35	35.23	9.68	10.45	34.33	9.92	10.20	33.90	6.16	6.40	10.40	9.70	9.88	24.81	0.72	17.73	31.02
Coimbatore	7.33	7.56	13.40	9.02	8.83	22.72	10.61	10.44	28.63	12.14	12.77	28.97	6.27	6.52	11.30	8.61	8.63	23.15	"	17.37	24.11
Salem	6.78	7.10	13.98	7.78	8.22	22.85	8.07	8.55	22.81	8.05	8.60	21.93	5.10	5.31	12.10	9.02	9.03	23.15	"	16.15	30.30

Revenue Board Office
Madras
29th December 1876.

A. Stokes
Acting Secretary

Report of Relief in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency for the week ending Saturday the 23rd December 1876.

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District	Grants & Loans — sanctioned for — relief works up to 22nd December 1876	Probable cost of works in connexion for their execution	Outlay on works in progress	Total outlay since the commencement of distress		Gratuitous relief	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	Remarks
			In the week	To the end of the week	On relief works			Men	Women	Children	Total		
Kistna	35.000		Not given	Not Reported		76	26	"	"	"	"	38	
Nellore	153.000		16.358	82.947	82.947 (C)			16.759	15.503	5.006	37.268	450	
Cuddapah	4.20.000		75.256	2.92.474	3.06.233	2.717	1.917	56.262	60.102	18.441	1.34.805	15.815	
Bellary	14.16.000		210.166	9.90.075	10.25.283	20.780	9.148	130.967	160.671	52.808	344446	23.800	
Kurnool	B 3.21.000	Not completed by given	A 156.000	730.000	7.30.000	1103	738	Not given			239.662	1710	
Chingleput	108.500	62.275	7145	17.807	17.807	1100	618	6228	3778	899	10.905	2492	
N Arcot	26450	68.728	11.758	32.290	32.290	39	7	11.341	11.553	5.474	28.369	"	
Madura	40479	86795	1872	6.571	6.571	642	63	1438	2385	989	4.812	1350	
Coimbatore	100.000	26510	4543	12.704	12.704	"	"	3652	4953	675	9.280	"	
Salem	96.000	66837	8.472	20.229	20.229	44	44	9.506	11.241	3.103	23.850	416	
Total	27.16.429		491.570	2185.097	2234.064						833.397	46.071	

A. See para of Board's Proceedings.
B. The figures reported for Kurnool are exclusive of those of Koil Kuntla for this
C. Repeated from previous column. week ending.

Revenue Board Office
Madras
29th December 1876.

H. Elliott
Acting Secretary

Talugwar statement of report of relief in certa
week ending Saturday the 23rd December 18

			Grants & Loans remunerative for re-lief works up to 22nd December 1876	Probable cost of works or annu-remunerative for that occasion	Outlay on work in progress	
District	Talug				In the week	To the end of the week
Shinglepet	Kadumrantakum	3500	43	43		
	Conjeveram	6775	830	3636		
	Chingleput	5000	668	1387		
	Trinethore	15000	1281	1731		
	Sydapet	17000	2229	3034		
	Ponnery	15000	2094	7976		
	Total	108500	62275	7145	17807	
Ballary	Pennakonda		5668	33359		
	Alur		18596	61690		
	Adony		39162	* 65162		
	Gooty		17270	54402		
	Ballary		49648	373325		
	Shamarayam		15563	43448		
	Hindupur	25200	7024	34703		
	Hospett	90426	7366	55372		
	Raidrug	66465	5358	35448		
	Hadgally	65076	7000	54082		
	Anantapore	44679	6576	21315		
	Harpunhally	71744	6155	51189		
	Tadpatry	21774	4983	21774		
	Headakeserra	12782	11851	38785		
	Kindlighi	175688	7956	46019		
		1416000	572884	210166	990075	

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Ⓓ Establishment charges included

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1387	83	.	537	349	521	1407	334
1731	3	1	1397	879	157	2433	2
3034	496	496	1479	1146	167	2792	1412
7976	9	4	898	527	18	1443	27
17807	1100	618	6228	3778	899	10905	2492
53359 +		855	13627	15841	6402	35870	1691
61690 +		5	11330	11996	4876	28202	17
65162 +		1103	26417	28772	11222	66411	3924
54402 +		224	8339	12307	3716	24362	268
373306	19	19	25576	25442	3794	54812	9
63573	271	111	2733	5375	2760	10868	156
34703	10261	8807	8421	10524	4582	23527	8130
55364	2616	594	5246	8840	1924	16010	2977
35448	"	"	2967	3019	1522	7508	"
54084	1781	470	3682	6795	1401	11878	1201
21315	236	20	5017	5942	2616	13575	61
51189 Ⓓ	3556	500	2985	3840	954	7776	1407
21774	593	345	2925	3727	1956	8608	"
53895	886	655	4927	8004	2758	15687	2175
46019	561	410	6775	10247	2328	19350	1784
1025283	20780	9148	130967	160671	52808	344446	23850

Nil figures

Pay up to the work is not reported. In last week's return the amount spent up to December was given at Rs 26.000 and this is now added to the sum reported as spent within the week

not given by Collector. Assumed from the previous column

	Palmerola			2776	13408	× 14139	"	"	1984	2978	914	5871	"
	Madanapally			9449	62187	319	40	7759	7587	2358	17704	229
	Bondmull			509	4478	× 4495	"	"	1037	930	185	2152	"
	Sidhout			1630	7755	7758	"	"	1462	1625	319	3406	"
	Veitpand			15014	59557	59557	2097	1716	11002	10571	2182	23755	15016
Cuddapah	Rayachoty			13903	27752	28473	130	105	5283	5505	2941	13729	368
	Pradatur			3399	10260	10260	"	"	3899	4131	1538	9568	"
	Pullampett		36325			× 9466	"	"	2064	2507	349	4920	"
	Rajampett			2215	9299	× 57289	147	42	9384	12005	4518	25907	139
	Jammalamadgu			16867	49720	16649	24	14	3867	3956	776	8599	63
	Cuddapah			3951	16649	36030	"	"	8521	8307	2361	19189	"
		Total	42000	36325	75256	29247	306253	2717	1917	56262	60102	18441	134805	15815
	Chittur		6954	1370	6498	6498	"	"	1162	734	523	2419	"
	Chandragherry		1509	185	875	875	39	"	191	119	91	401	"
	Palmanair		10715	882	5894	5894	"	"	946	704	319	1969	"
North Arcot	Gudiattam		3000	449	941	941	"	"	270	270	"	840	"
	Vellore		29200	2375	9118	9118	"	"	1607	3001	1051	5659	"
	Arcot		8450	2185	2862	2862	"	"	6375	6281	3145	15801	"
	Wallajah		8500	4310	6100	6100	"	"	790	445	345	1580	"
	Punganur Division		400	2	2	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
		Total	26450	68728	11758	32290	32290	39	"	11341	11554	5474	28369	"

× Miscellaneous expenditure for the purchase of grain and cost of carriage for obtaining tools are stated to be included in these items.

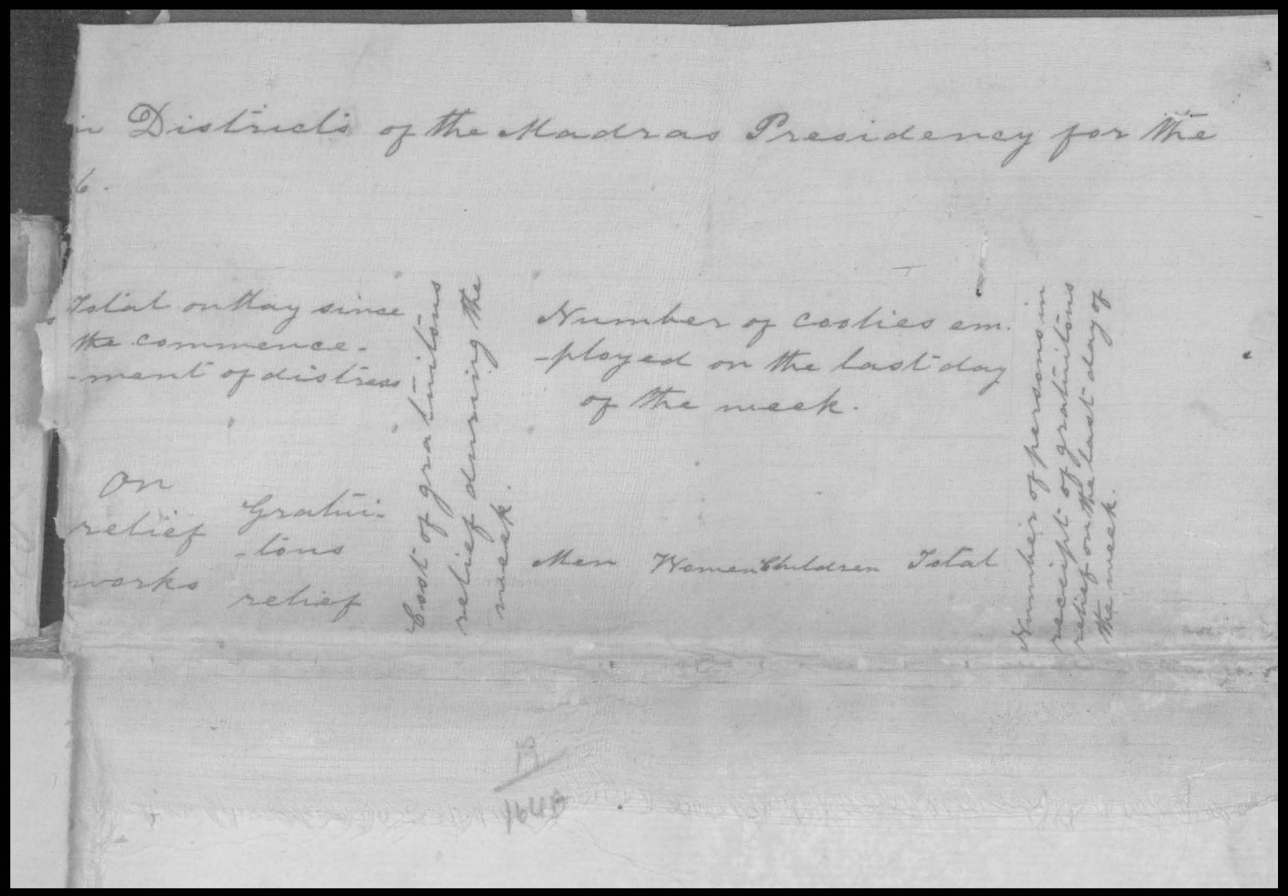
	Salem		17.600	2.022	3546	3546	6	6	3136	3321	663	7120	30
	Namcal		10.220	678	749	749	20	20	2645	1.743	519	4907	216
	Trichengode		10.300	1133	1348	1348	12	12	893	1724	751	3368	120
	Cattingari		2430	215	365	365	5	5	176	227	33	436	49
Salem	Darampuri		11.830	1.905	5.611	5611	1	1	1016	1272	283	2571	1
	Possur		6.957	1177	4420	4420	"	"	862	1433	409	2704	"
	Kishnagini		7500	1342	4.190	4190	"		778	1.521	445	2744	"
	Total	96.000	66.837	8472	20.229	20229	44	44	9506	11.241	3.103	23.850	416
	Madura		44.443	130	307	307	"	"	61	100	31	182	"
	Timmangalam		4992	505	544	544	2	2	93	75	28	196	"
Madura	Pulney		32776	524	4497	4497	429	Natgiri	655	1308	547	2510	955
	Dindigul		3164	394	611	611	"	"	266	334	279	879	"
	Dindigul		1420	319	612	612	211	61	373	568	104	1045	395
	Total	40.479	86.795	1872	6571	6571	642	63	1438	2385	989	4812	1350
	Gudur		4100	2092	5929				2124	2645	798	5567	
	Rapur		4000	731	5295				1380	585	226	2191	
	Nellor		"	182	2827				123	375	50	548	
	Atmakur		"	1800	17725				1832	1671	323	3826	
Nellor	Kavali		"	1693	8266				1739	1722	692	4153	
	Udayagini		27000	5218	18441				3066	2703	973	6742	
	Kandukur		"	1040	11769				5271	4483	1464	11.218	
	Kanigiri		"	1744	4708				193	159	"	352	
	Cuncole												
	Addanki District		1.000	314	1073				260	304	86	650	
	Darsi . do		2.000	684	1024				122	75	53	250	
	Naidupett. do		15,000	860	5890				649	781	341	1771	
	Total	153.000	53.100	16.358	82947				16759	15813	5.006	37.268	450

Not given — Not given — Not given — Vacinations not given

	Carode	4300	1585	5660	5660	"	"	1102	1110	25	2237	"
	Pulladum	8010	1660	3886	3886	"	"	1101	1932	465	3498	"
Coimbatore	Carur	1800	62	62	62	"	"	97	177	27	301	"
	Idumulpettu	12400	1236	3096	3096	"	"	1352	1734	158	3244	"
	Total	1.00000	26510	4543	12704	12704	"	"	3.65	24953	675	9280

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Total outlay since the commencement of distress			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.
On relief works	Gratuitous relief	Cost of gratuitous relief during the week.	Men	Women	Children	Total

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The Board submit to Government the returns of prices and rainfall and the reports of relief for the districts for the week ending Saturday the 23rd instant. The detailed returns of works are submitted in original; and those of last week not having yet been returned from the Government offices. A comparison of details is impossible. The returns received are imperfect.

2. Prices — Returns from three talugs in Cuddapah, three of Nellore and one of Chingleput are awaiting. The prices given in the abstract are the averages of the remaining talugs. Here some slight discrepancies between average prices now entered for the 16th December and those given in the Board's last abstract. There were some slight errors in calculation of averages in the Bellary returns. The district

prices of the four principal grains are the lowest.

Rice. Prices have fallen very slightly in Chingleput, and Bellary but have risen elsewhere. Especially in Chingleput and S. Arcot Cholam. Prices have fallen fractionally in Coimbatore. Elsewhere they are either stationary or rising slightly. The apparent rise in Madura is due to the quotation of last week including some inferior descriptions as explained in last week's report.

Ragi. Prices may be said to be stationary in Coimbatore, but have risen elsewhere. The rise is trifling, except in a recent (12.0 per cent) and Madura (8 per cent).

Cumbu. was stationary in Bellary, and there was a slight fall in Salem and Tinnevel. Elsewhere prices have risen; in Chingleput to the extent of 9 per cent. Generally speaking all prices show continued tendency to rise

3. Rainfall - There was no rain during the week in any district except Madura where partial rain fell. In the Melur taluq 1.70, in Madura 1.25, in Tirumangalam 0.75, and in Dindigul 0.65 inches were registered. None fell in the other taluqs. The rainfall has not affected prices in the district.

4. Relief - The amount of grants sanctioned by the Board and Government for relief works up to the 22nd December was Rupees 27,16,429. The accounts rendered as to appropriation for works sanctioned for execution are still very imperfect, and a comparison of the totals is useless. The Board will briefly review the returns received from each district as regards appropriation and outlay on works.

Bellary

Bellary - Detailed returns of works are furnished only for ten taluqs. In Bellary and Dharmaveram specific estimates or appropriations for works appear not to have been made, which is a grave irregularity to be at once put a stop to. The District returns are evidently not accurately prepared. Large outlay during the week appears against several works on which no coolies were employed on the 23rd instant, and many works are included on which no outlay was incurred within the week. These works may in both cases be completed, but the Collector's attention is called to the instruction that the proper way to show outlay on completed works is to include it in the total outlay in the taluq since the commencement of distress. There are three works in the Bellary Taluq on which

Outlay to the end of the week
Bellary Taluq - 3,73,325
Dharmaveram 43,449

more than Rupees 30000 have been spent without estimates. Of works for which estimate has been made only two in the Raidrug taluk are to cost Rs 30000 or upwards. The outlay on relief works during the week amounted to Rs 2,10,166 and up to the week on works entered in the return Rs = pees 9,90,075, and on all works Rupees 10,25,283; from grants up to date Rupees 14,16,000.

* The outlay in Adoni from 1st to 16th Oct. not included. It has not yet been reported

Kurnool. - The outlay in last week was stated for 6 taluks only (Adoni excluded) as Rupees 1,52,897, and up to the week Rs 6,74,157. The outlay in the week under report is given as Rupees 123,693 for all taluks except Koilkuntla. The outlay in this taluk may be assumed to be at least as great as in the week ending 16th instant. The Board therefore enter the outlay in the week as Rs 150,000, and up to the week Rs 7,30,000 (the latter does not include outlay in Cumbum and Markapur for previous weeks). The Board doubt whether the Collector is right in stating that Koilkuntla alone

is excluded in the present statement. Mr. Davidson is requested to endeavour to introduce some system and accuracy into these reports, to which Government attach great importance. The grants to 22nd Instant aggregated Rupees 3,21,000 considerably less than the sum spent.

Cuddapah. The Collector has repeated last week's figures for Madanapalli and Pulivendla talukas. The totals for the district up to the week are therefore exclusive of the week's outlay in those talukas. The Board resolve to add outlay for these talugs at the same rate as last week, which will certainly lie within the mark. So corrected, the outlay in the week will be Rupees 75,206, up to the week on works entered Rupees 2,92,474 and up to the week on all relief works Rupees 3,06,233. The grant to 22nd Instant was Rupees 4,20,000. Specific estimates

	Rs
Madanapalli	9449
Pulivendla	2,176

for works have not been sanctioned for any taluk except Proddatturu. There are no works in this taluk for which 30,000 Rupees or more have been sanctioned, nor is there any work on the district on which a like sum has been spent.

Nellore. In this district detailed sanctions have not always been given, but there is no work entered as costing more than Rupees 30000 or

in which that sum has been
spent. The outlay in the week
was Rupees 16,358 and upto
the week Rupees 82,947.

North Arcot. Here detailed
sanctions aggregating Rupees 68728
have been made against a num
placed at the Collectors' disposal
Rupees 26,450. The outlay to date
is Rupees 32,290. Further funds
will be granted in separate Pro-
-ceedings. The outlay in the
week was Rupees 11,758. There
are no works of such magnitude
as

as to require the sanction of
the Government of India.

In Chingleput also specific
appropriations have been made
and there are no large works.
The sanctioned works amount
to Rs 62,275 out of a grant
of Rs 100000. Outlay during the
week Rs 7,145, and upto the
week Rs 17,807. Attention is
called to the remark of the Range
Officer as to the work
in Trivellore* quoted
in the margin.

Salem. The appro-
-priations amount to
Rupees

* I find that the willingness to work is more nominal than real — As far as I can see the same people work at this as they would at any other time —

Rupees 66,837 out of a grant of Rupees 96000 —

There are large numbers of minor works, especially in the Sub division, and no large works. The outlay in the week was Rupees 8472, and the total outlay Rupees 20229.

In Coimbatore also the works are small and the outlay in the week and upto it Rupees 4,543 and Rupees 12704.

The appropriations are Rupees 26570 out of Rupees 100000 granted.

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In Madura — Grant Rupees 40479, works costing Rs 86795 have been sanctioned for execution, but many are not yet commenced. The outlay in the week was Rupees 1872 only, and up to the week Rupees 6571. There are no large works, but a considerable number of irrigation repairs.

5. Numbers employed. The marginal table shows the total numbers employed according to the last and present returns. There has been increase in all districts except Coimbatore. The decrease in this district is unexplained. The total increase is 179144.

	16th Decr	23rd Decr	Increase or decrease
Kistna & Nellore	31920	37268	+ 5348
Bellary	266352	344446	+ 78094
Cuddapah	102340	134805	+ 32465
Kurnool	203497	239662	+ 36165
North Arcot	15822	28369	+ 12547
Chingleput	8844	10905	+ 2061
Salem	11492	23850	+ 12358
Coimbatore	11278	9280	— 1998
Madura	2708	4812	+ 2104
~~622303~~	~~796128~~	~~+ 173790~~	
654253	833397	179144	

The total numbers on relief works were on the 23rd instant almost exactly 834000, the Kistna district from which reports have not been received being excluded.

Distribution. The following statement shows the distribution as regards sex and age of the coolies employed in each district, so far as particulars are

are available:-

	Percentage of		
	Men	Women	Children
Bellary	38·0	46·7	15·3
Cuddapah	41·7	44·6	13·7
Nellore	45·0	41·6	13·4
North Arcot	39·9	40·7	19·4
Chingleput	57·1	34·7	8·2
Salem	39·9	47·1	13·0
Coimbatore	39·3	53·4	7·3
Madura	29·9	49·6	20·5

Chingleput and Nellore have still a very high proportion of adult males. The low proportion of men in Madura and the high proportion of children in that district and North Arcot demand explanation. The Collector will report the cause.

6. Rates of wages. The present reports give more information as to the rates of wages than was available last week, when particulars were given only for North Arcot, Coimbatore and Kurnool. For North Arcot and Kurnool the information is now wanting but the Board presume that there has been no change since last week. The Board will notice the rates in each district as compared with prices ruling. It is unnecessary to analyse the wages given to maistries, Kolkars, Head coolies

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to whom special wages, varying a good deal, but higher than the maximum fixed by Government, are given.

Bellary. Grain wages appear to prevail only in the Bellary Taluq, where they are as follows.

		Measure
Man.	1 (Bellary?) Measure	2·21
Woman.	3/4 " "	1·65.
Child	1/2 " "	1·10.

The rates are therefore in excess of those allowed by Government.

The money wages ruling in six other talaks are reported. In Dharmavaram, Hindupur, Hospett, and Raidrug, the wages are Men 2 annas, women 1 anna 6 pice, children 1 anna. In Gurpunhelli and Hudgalli the rates for men are from 2 annas to 6 annas; for women 1 anna to pice, and for children 6 pice to 1 anna. The rates above 2 annas paid to men are probably for head coolies and the like. The Collector will report on the subject and be careful to see that the information for all talaks is given in next return. The following are the quantities of rice which the ordinary money wages will purchase at the average price of the district.

		Lbs.
Men	2·0	1·84
Women	1·6	1·38
Children	1·0	·92

Do they really get this amount? Grain prices are Wheat The money wages are thus high, but lower Millet Bazar than those paid in grain in Bellary taluq rates

Cuddapah

Cuddapah. Information is given for 6 taluks only. The rates vary greatly. In Badwail, Jammalamaduga, and Cuddapah, an ordinary coolie gets 2 annas, a woman 1 anna 3 pice, & a boy 6 or 9 pice. In Pulivendala men get from 1 anna to 4 annas, but the rates in excess of 2 annas seem to be for head coolies; women from 1 anna to 1 anna 6 pice, & boys from 3 pice to 1 anna. In Proddatur ordinary coolies get from 9 pice to 1 anna 3 pice (sex and age are not discriminated), and head coolies only 2 annas. Grain payments are made in this taluk, Head Coolies 3/4 Cwt (1·55 lbs), & 3rd coolies 5/8 Cwt (1·29 lbs), & 3rd coolies 1/2 Cwt (1·03 lbs). It is possible that these gradations may be for men, women, and children. In Pullampett ordinary men coolies get 1 anna 9 pice & 2 annas, women 1 Anna 3 pice, and boys 9 pice, and girls 6 pice. So great diversity in the rates as seems to prevail in this district is not advisable, and the Collector's attention is called to the necessity of regulating them on some system. In future returns the wages of maistries, gangers and supervising coolies should be distinctly discriminated. On the whole however wages have been kept pretty low in Cuddapah, and hence perhaps the reason why the numbers employed have not increased so rapidly as in Bellary and Kurnool. At the average price of the district, 2 annas which is the maximum rate for an ordinary coolie will purchase. 1·66 lbs; and 1 anna 9 pies, 1·45 lbs

For Nellore rates of wages are not given. The Collector says. they will be reported next week.

Chingleput. The rates of wages in 3 (Tiruvellore, Chingleput and Ponneri) are 2 annas for a man, 1 annas 6 pies for a woman and 1 anna 3 pies for children, except in Chingleput where the rate is 1 anna. These rates will at the prices ruling in the taluqs purchase the following quantities of rice

	Chingleput	Tiruvellore	Ponneri
	lbs	lbs	lbs
Men	2·16.	1·94.	1·94
Women	1·78	1·46	1·46
Children	1·18.	1·21.	1·21.

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The Chingleput price statistics on which this calculation is based is a little doubtful, but the rates in the district are somewhat high

In Salem the rates are two annas for a man, 1½ annas for a woman and 1 annas for a child. At the average prices of the district these rates will purchase 1·74, 1·30 & 0·87 lbs of rice.

In Coimbatore the rate for a man is throughout 2 annas, for a woman 1 anna 6 pies. in Palladam & Udumalpetta, and 1 anna 4 pies - in Carur and Erode; and for Children 1 anna everywhere. At the average prices of the district these rates will purchase, of rice,

	lbs
2 annas	1·88.
1 as 6 pies	1·42
1 as 4 pies	1·25
1 anna.	·94

These rates are high at present prices.

The Tinnevelly wages are reported only for the Irrumbuvalum taluq. They are for men 2 annas 1 annum 9 pies and 1 anna 6 pies; for women 1 anna 6 pies and 1 anna 3 pies and for children 1 as 9 pies, 6 pies and 3 pies. The Coolies can buy of rice at these rates the following quantities:—

Men	Women.	Children
lbs	lbs	
1·73	1·29	·91
1·52	1·06	·69
1·29		·48
		·23

These wages are not too high.

7. Gratuitous relief. The numbers of persons in receipt of this form of relief is no less than 46071. There has been a large increase in Cuddapah, Bellary & Chingleput, but a satisfactory decrease in Madura, owing probably to the recipients being drafted to the relief works. The numbers in other districts are small - The Collectors of Cuddapah & Bellary will be called upon to explain the great increase which has taken place in those districts.

	16th Dec.	23rd Dec.
Cuddapah	3308	15815
Bellary	12816	23800
Chingleput	654	2492
	16778	43107

In Bellary 8130 out of the whole number are in the Hindupur taluq against 1161 on the 16th December - In Cuddapah 15016 of 15815 fed are in the Vollpaud taluq where in the previous week there were only 2596. The increase in Chingleput is in great

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great part due to the establishment of the relief camps in the Sydapett taluk on the outskirts of Madras.

The proportion of men women & children gratuitously relieved in the three districts is shown in the margin. There is evidently something wrong in Cuddapah. The necessity for gratuitous relief cannot be confined to a single taluk and the high proportion of men & women shows that there is a want of discrimination in the admission of applicants. The cost of gratuitous relief during the week was Rs 12554, & up to the week Rs 25,358. The increase in this kind of relief is not satisfactory.

Percentage	men	women	Children
Chingleput	18·5	32·4	49·1
Bellary	14·0	25·5	60·5
Cuddapah	44·0	43·7	12·3

8. The total outlay in the Presidency since the Commencement of distress to the 23d Dec. excluding Special Establishments & purchase of grain, was as far as it can be ascertained at present as follows.

	for the week ending 23d Dec. Rs.	up to the end of the week Rs
On relief works	491570	2234064
On gratuitous relief	12554	26,501
	5,04,124	22 60,565

outlay in Madras, South & Coast Canal 1/29/164A

9. A memorandum of the grants sanctioned for relief works by the Board and Government up to the 28th Instant is enclosed. The total is Rs. 32,31,429.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. Elliot
Actg Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government R. D.

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The Secretary
Dublin Castle

17 January 1877

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