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Famine Relief.

No. 275B. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd February 1877, No. 818 :—

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3. *Rainfall.*—The rainfall in Kurnul is reported to have averaged 0·80 inch. There was a general fall over the Nellore District, north of the Pennair, ranging from 2 inch at Nellore itself to 1·15 inch at Kavalli. This rain will be useful to improve the watersupply and the prospects of the cattle. In Kurnul [illegible] there has been 0·10 inch rain in Markapur. In Coimbatore there was half an inch in Palgaut and a shower at Coimbatore, and in Tirunelvelly slight rain in Ottapidarum and Nanguneri.

4. *Gross Outturn.*—The grants to the 17th instant were [illegible] against which, according to the reports, the total outlay has been Rs. [illegible]. In Kurnool and Coimbatore the great bulk has been expended, and Rupees [illegible] will have to be placed at the Collector's disposal. The Board, however, would observe with reference to these returns of outlay, that owing to the way in which the information is collected they are necessarily incomplete and inaccurate, that the errors are always on the side of [illegible] and that they have now probably accumulated to the extent of four or five lacs. The [illegible] accounts and to keep future returns [illegible] ordered will enable the Board to supply the necessary correction and to

nearer the truth. The outlay on relief work during the week was Rupees 4,81,478, and the following is the classification so far as particulars can be had :—

	In the Week.	Up to the Week.
	Rs.	Rs.
Roads	3,14,526	36,45,805
Irrigation Works	10,901	2,70,609
Miscellaneous	32,411	3,88,762
Total ...	3,03,837	43,09,376

6. *Numbers on Relief Works.*—The numbers again show a considerable decrease as is apparent from the following figures :—

	9th February.	17th February.	
Kistna	3,564	3,014	— 550
Nellore	57,006	54,949	— 2,057
Cuddapah	87,760	80,589	— 7,171
Bellary	414,218	397,709	— 16,509
Kurnool	235,734	211,290	— 24,445
Chingleput	12,776	12,595	— 181
North Arcot	24,524	18,510	— 6,014
Trichinopoly	247	236	— 11
Madura	7,892	7,359	— 33
Tinnevelly	1,438	1,114	— 324
Coimbatore	31,793	29,162	— 1,631
Salem	30,564	30,430	— 2,734
	1,08,124	762,375	109,108

7. Besides the 3 classes shown in the Coded Districts and Kurnool amount to 98,750 on the 17th instant. Besides the 3 classes shown at all there were 19,102 coolies at work on the Red Hills Road to which considerable numbers have been transferred from the Nellore Harbour works. There has not been much change in any taluq of that district except [illegible] noted in the margin, and for these [illegible] appears to be the explanation. The increase in Attur, however, appears to be [illegible] and the decrease in the other cases to [illegible] the usual [illegible]

8. The [illegible] figures according to taluqs is as follows :—

	9th February.	17th February.	
Adoni	87,078	87,985	+ 733
Alur	54,760	48,703	— 6,057
Gooty	29,962	28,189	— 1,773
Tadpatri	13,331	11,175	— 1,656
Anantapur	16,015	8,997	— 7,018
Dharmavaram	9,940	5,561	— 4,379
Pennakonda	5,830	3,829	— 2,001
Hindupur	4,919	1,783	— 3,136
Madakasira	24,690	18,687	— 6,003
Rayadrug	3,059	7,990	+ 4,931
Bellary	49,257	49,266	+ 9
Hospett	19,445	20,250*	+ 805
Kudligi	16,419	16,139	— 280
Hadgalli	11,662	6,600	— 5,062
Harpanhalli	8,473	7,622	— 851
Total ...	344,840	307,500	— 37,340

* Includes 3,076 in Sandur State.

9. In Adoni the enormous numbers still continue, but in Alur a reduction of 6,057 has been effected. In all taluqs there has been decrease except Rayadrug, Bellary and Hospett. In the latter taluq it is partly nominal owing to the inclusion of figures for Sandur (3,076), which have hitherto been omitted altogether. In Anantapur, Madakasira, and Hadgalli the decrease is very great. In the first-named taluq it seems to be due to desire of work.

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11. *Rates of Wages.*—The new scale ordered in G.O., 31st January 1877, No. 129, had not yet begun to take effect. The [illegible] was completed, and, as was promised to be settled before it could be practically applied by these instructions were given in G.O., dated 12th February 1877, No. 339. The only [illegible] where the new rates appear to have been acted upon the Clutteon Taluq of North Arcot, where [illegible] were 1 anna 6 pies, 1 anna 3 pies, and 81 pies. The price of second sort rice having been [illegible] per rupee, the rates appear to be in accordance with Scale II in the Government Order quoted. The Collector of Coimbatore was awaiting instructions on the points above referred to. None of the other reports mention the new scale, and it is apparent that these [illegible] have not yet been fully introduced.

In Salem [illegible] [illegible] all actual work in the charge of the [illegible] been issued on this subject. It will, [illegible] scale, and the rule must be counted [illegible]

The decrease is thus mainly in the four sub-division taluqs, where the numbers have fallen in a month from 119,051 to 29,589 or 75 per cent. The fall in the present week is very great. The report of the Collector's visit to the sub-division must be awaited for full explanation of the causes. The increase in Rudwall does not surprise the Board. Parts of the taluq, which is a poor one, have suffered very heavily, and the present number is only 0·3 per cent. of the population.

8. *Bellary.*—The following are the taluq details :—

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Adoni	87,078	87,985	+ 733
Alur	54,760	48,703	— 6,057
Gooty	29,962	28,189	— 1,773
Tadpatri	13,331	11,175	— 1,656
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Gratuitous Relief.—The numbers are compared below by districts:—

	16th February.	17th February.	
Kistna	61	400	+ 339
Nellore	5,906	9,926	+ 4,020
Cuddapah	17,733	1,733	
Bellary	14,381	10,014	— 4,372
Kurnool	3,767	4,226	+ 459
Chingleput	4,119	3,795	— 324
North Arcot	324	619	+ 295
Madura	567	197	— 370
Tinnevelly	71	93	+ 22
Coimbatore	1,809	1,573	— 236
Salem	4,530	3,493	— 1,037
Total	53,868	35,288	— 1,645

There is a small increase on the whole, however, would have been greater but for an decrease in the Nellore District. Cholera has now spread over nearly the whole district, and it is strongly that there were no deaths from it to all. The Board are watching a report from the Collector with the administration of this form of relief. The Collector is satisfied that the relief is being brought within due bounds. The Collector thinks that the numbers, but the Collector thinks that [illegible] system of some kind must be again resorted to. [illegible] Chingleput, Madura, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, and North Arcot have as yet been reported on the subject before the Board. The cholera in Coimbatore is still in Udumalpettah, but the Collector's [illegible] The [illegible] of cholera in Coimbatore is still in Udumalpettah, but the Collector's reports are awaited.

Memo

Please enter a copy of the
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd Feb. 1877.

The usual reports for the week ending 17th February are herewith submitted for the information of Government.

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3. *Rainfall.*—The rainfall in Kistna is reported to have averaged 30 inches. There was a general fall over the Nellore District, much in the Penner varying from one inch at Nellore itself to 4·5 inches at Kavalu. The rain will do much to improve the water supply and the prospects of the cattle. In Kurnool also there has been a big increase in Markapur. In Coimbatore there was half an inch in Collegal, and a shower at Coimbatore, and in Tinnevelly slight rain in Ottapidaram and Nanguneri.

4. *Grants and outlay.*—The grants in the 11th January were Rs. 8,67,761 against which, according to the report of the 18th January, Rs. 72,7,162 in Kurnool and Coimbatore the grant has been exceeded and further funds will have to be placed at the Collector's disposal. The Board however would observe, with reference to these returns of outlay that, owing to the way in which the rates are calculated, they are necessarily incomplete and inaccurate, that the coolies are daily on the rise of others and that they have very probably accumulated to a considerable extent since the last return. The Collectors accounts of outlay which have been ordered will enable the Board to apply the necessary correction and to keep future returns up to date. The outlay on relief works during the week was Rupees

4,41,178, and the following is the classification so far as particulars can be had :—

	In the week.	Up to the week.
Roads	3,14,525	36,48,305
Irrigation works	19,301	2,50,389
Miscellaneous	33,411	3,88,763
	3,67,237	42,87,476

5. *Numbers on relief rolls.*—The numbers again show a considerable decrease as is apparent from the following statement :—

	Number relieved.		
	1,3,74	1,0,74	— 653
	67,000	63,000	— 3,967
	112,700	95,250	— 17,450
	166,923	108,500	— 58,423
	248,774	214,500	— 34,274
	18,770	18,606	— 164
	21,618	17,591	— 4,027
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11. *Gratuitous relief.*—The numbers are compared below by districts:—

District.	10th Feb.	17th Feb.	
Salem	41	430	+ 389
Coimbatore	6,603	6,025	- 578
Coimbatore	1,723	1,723	
Madura	14,180	10,018	- 4,162
Tinnevelly	3,601	4,025	+ 424
Tinnevelly	4,010	4,005	- 5
North Arcot	524	419	- 105
South Arcot	347	197	- 150
Trichinopoly	11	94	+ 83
Tanjore	1,309	1,574	+ 265
Kistna	3,530	3,454	- 76
	36,035	32,515	- 3,520

There is a small increase on the whole, which however would have been greater, but for an increase in the Madura District. Gratuitous relief is now spread over nearly the whole district, but it is strange that there is none in Udayagiri, the most poverty-stricken taluq of all. The Board are awaiting a report from the Collector as to the administration of this form of relief. The further increase in Bellary is satisfactory, and shows that the ryots is being brought more due hearts. The scarcity is severe in Salem but liberally reduced the numbers, but the Collector thinks that the rescue afforded is insufficient, and that a village system of some kind must be again introduced. A report on the subject is called for by the Board. The delays in North Arcot have as yet been largely started. The publication is still in Coimbatore as still in Udumalpettai, but the Collector's report called for on the point has not come to hand.

The cost of gratuitous relief during the week was Rs. 14,821, and the total to the 17th inst. Rs. 92,060 and Rs. 2,27,718 respectively.

12. The present rates for the first page, as soon between the Land Improvement Act of 1871 on the one hand, and the Agriculturists Relief Act on the other. The following parti

Name.	Rate.	Number.	Amount.

The question of the Board's control over these contracts will in future [illegible] as to [illegible] as already ordered.

13. Returns of establishments employed have come from 6 districts as shown below:—

	Relief.		Payment of wages.		Account.		Total.	
	Number.	Monthly Pay.	Number.	Monthly Pay.	Number.	Monthly Pay.	Number.	Monthly Pay.
Bellary		76		83		76		83
Kurnool	1,030	27,630 (a)	219	5,097	81	1,643	1,330	32,506
Cuddapah	869	15,663 (b)	30	439	61	278	961	17,380
Nellore		Estimates not received to date						
Trichinopoly	50	1,077 (c)	3	14	3	57	56	1,148
Coimbatore	18	177	3	14	1	41	22	232
Chingleput	40	1,187 (d)	7	57	1	15	48	1,259
	2,007	45,944	262	5,704	147	2,110	2,416	53,758

(a) Exclusive of 30 European officers and Deputy Collectors drawing Rs. 6,760, and three Assistant Engineers drawing Rs. 750.
(b) Exclusive of European officers and Deputy Collectors drawing Rs. 7,067.
(c) Exclusive of one Assistant Collector and Tahsildar.
(d) Including one Special European officer (Survey Department) drawing Rs. 425.

The Board *hope* that the returns from all districts will be complete by next week.

14. The usual memorandum showing grants sanctioned by the Board on the 22nd instant accompanies. The total is Rs. 80,90,700.

(True extract.)

(Signed) H. L. STOKES,
Secretary.

Proceedings to Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with original reports and three telegrams and 6 pages to be returned, &c., &c.

Copy to Kistna, Nellore, Bellary, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore and Salem.

No. 2.

Extra Report on the Male Prisoners of the Workhouse Established for the week ending Saturday 11th February 1877.

Number of Prisoners in Workhouse on the last day of the week.				Number of persons in receipt of Institutions Relief on the last day of the week.			
Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
429	...	...	...	3,014	...	...	...

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Secretary.

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No. 4

Prices current of Country Produce in Market Square Hexham on the Market Day preceding each Quarter Day, the 17th February, 1877

Wheat per Bushel		Barley per Bushel		Oats per Bushel		Potatoes per Bushel		Hay per Load		Straw per Load		Butter per lb.		Eggs per Dozen		Fowls per Pair		Beans per Bushel	
s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
6	0	4	6	2	6	2	0	3	10	1	10	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	0
6	0	4	6	2	6	2	0	3	10	1	10	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	0
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(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Hexham Farmers' Club.

Hexham, 17th February, 1877.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
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No. 2.

Memorandum of public Works proposed by Government and by Board of Revenue for Durrung Relief Works up to 22nd February 1877, and expenditure up to 17th February, 1877.

Districts	Amount sanctioned	Total outlay made on the commencement of Distress up to 17th February 1877.	
		On Relief Works	Gratuitous Relief
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Guntur	75,000	69,028	829
Nellore	1,61,000	3,77,039	39,106
Cuddapah	1,13,700	1,06,949	2,886
Bellary	3,53,000	2,78,650	30,930
Kurnool	1,00,000	1,10,858	12,250
Chingleput	1,00,000	44,013	4,956
North Arcot	1,50,000	1,36,326	4,016
South Arcot	1,00,000	Not received	
Tanjore	10,000		
Trichinopoly	1,00,000	2,822	50
Madura	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,000
Tinnevelly	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,000
Coimbatore	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,000
Salem	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,000
Malabar	1,00,000	Not received	
	18,62,700	15,35,685	1,99,023

F. No. 883.

Revenue [1877] Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

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Enclosures 4.

Secretary

Requesting for the information of Government a Detail Report for the week ending 17th February 1877.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1919.

Samut answers for the week ending 15th February are received and submitted for the information of Government.

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3. *Rainfall.*—The rainfall in Kistna is reported to have averaged 86 inches. There was a general fall over the Nellore District south of the Pennar varying from one inch at Nellore itself to 2·15 inches at Kavali. This rain with no touch to improve the water-supply and the prospects of the early crop. In Kurnool also there has been 0·15 inches rain in Markapur. In Coimbatore there was hail on each on College, and in showers at Coimbatore, and in Tinnevelly slight rain in Ottapidaram and Nanguneri.

4. *Crops and prices.*—The grants to the 27th January were Rs. 66 lakhs against which, according to the reports, the total area harvested was 75·76 lakhs of Kurnool, and Coimbatore the grant has been exceeded and further grants will have to be placed at the Collector's disposal. The Board however would reserve its opinion to these returns of outlay. That owing to the way in which the information is collected they are necessarily incomplete and inaccurate, that the errors are always on the side of defect and that they have now practically accumulated to more than four lakhs. This delay in the accounts of outlay which have been observed will enable the Board to apply the necessary corrections and to keep future returns nearer the truth. The outlay on other works during the week was likewise

was a bad one and the ryots cannot have preserved large stocks. Grain is being imported by rail from Madras, and private enterprize appears to be sufficient to maintain supplies. The Madras Railway runs through the Talaks of Cuddalore, Vellore, Arcot, and Chengalpat, the south-west line dividing the district into two nearly equal portions, while the north-west line runs along the north-east boundary. Roads are exceptionally good.

Population.—The population of the district, according to class and occupation, is shown below. The people in the district belong, as a rule, to poorer classes, but the cultivation, especially in the south and centre, are not ill off: there are very few landlords who have the means to assist their tenants. The Zemindar of Kalastri is well disposed but not wealthy, and the Zemindar of Kaveiruggur is in financial difficulties. The Zemindar of Panguntu is poor, but he has exhibited praiseworthy desire to help his people, and has sought a loan from Government to enable him to repair the irrigation works in his estate and afford employment to those who need it. The loan has been granted and the works are in progress under the Collector's supervision. The Zemindar of Kangundi has the power, but not the will, to relieve his ryots. Fortunately, distress is not severe in that estate.

Population classified according to caste:—

Hindus:			
	Brahmins	...	58,094
	Kshatriyas	...	27,082
	Chettiés	...	32,550
	Others	...	18,12,599
			19,27,225
Mahomedans	...	...	36,741
Europeans	...	...	343
Eurasians	...	...	676
Others	...	...	293
		Total	20,15,278

Male adult population classified according to professions:—

Learned Professions	20,493
Domestic	84,267
Commercial	23,080
Agricultural	329,765
Industrial	36,196
Labourers	120,078
Property-holders	14,649
Non-producers	6,213
Others	3,435
Total	625,676

Emigration.—Notwithstanding, doubtless, the measures taken place, a few individuals appear to have left for Ceylon from Cuddalore and Wandiwash, but other work now started will prevent further emigration. About 2,000 went from Pungunur to some of the neighbouring Talaks of Chingleput, where rice works had been opened, but some of them appear to have returned when rice work were started in their own district.

does not surprise the Board. Parts of the taluk which is a poor one have suffered very heavily, and the present number is only 0·5 per cent. of the population.

8. *Delivery.*—The following are the taluk details:—

Adoni	88,753	87,385	—	768
Alur	81,906	90,583	—	8,677
Cumbum	95,062	89,139	—	5,923
Gudiyatta	12,893	11,172	—	1,721
Ammiyapur	18,011	8,997	—	9,014
Dharmavaram	9,790	5,342	—	4,448
Penukonda	8,889	6,489	—	2,400
Hindupur	4,090	1,793	—	2,297
Madakasira	22,000	13,467	—	8,533
Gooty	7,887	343	—	7,544
Bellary	42,911	49,736	+	6,825
Hospet	73,151	80,276*	+	7,125
Harpanhalli	24,813	19,430	—	5,383
Hadagalli	31,063	25,000	—	6,063
Hagaribommanhalli	8,879	7,952	—	927
Total	460,301	407,302	—	69,999

* Including 2,953 in Sandur State.

In Adoni the enormous numbers still continue, but in Alur a reduction of 8,677 has been effected. In all talugs there has been decrease except Raidrug, Bellary and Hospete. In the latter taluq it is partly notional owing to the inclusion of figures for Sandur (3,075) which have hitherto been omitted altogether. In Ahmavaram, Madakeera and Hadagalli the decrease is very great. In the last-named taluq it seems to be due to cessation of works.

9. The decrease in *Kurnool* is ascribed in the Collector's telegram to weeding and the enforcement of tankwork. In North Arcot the decline is in the Vellore and Arcot taluqs, and in Salem numbers have decreased in Attur from 5,678 to 705, and in Dharampuri from 7,980 to 3,800, but have increased in Salem and Tiruchengode from 8,349 and 4,396 to 10,864 and 6,136 respectively. The falling off in Attur is doubtless due to the restriction of the test-work to the works which are then nearly finished. The figures in the other instances do not call for particular remark.

10. *Rates of wages.*—The new scale ordered in G. O., 31st January, 1877, No. 329, has not yet begun to take effect. The scale is a complicated one, and several points have to be settled before it could be practically applied. On these instructions were given in G. O., 14th February, 1877, No. ——. The only place where the new rates appear to have been started was the Chittoor taluq of North Arcot, where the classes were 7 annas, 6 annas, 4 annas, and 3 annas. The rate of 3 annas, having been 3 seers per rupee, therefore appears to be in accordance with Scale II in the G. O. quoted. The Collector of Cuddapah was awaiting instructions on the points there referred to. None of the other districts adopted the new scale, and it is doubtful how far the 7 annas, 6 annas, 4 annas, and 3 annas scale had not, even yet, been abandoned. In Salem, however, rates ranging from 3 annas to 6 annas were reported to be the highest rates paid in that district. In Coimbatore some lighter rates were reported, but a relief work in the drainage of the Cauvery was in progress. In Tanjore separate orders had been issued on this subject. It will the Board think take at least a fortnight to receive the new scale and the rates must be inserted from the respective Collectors in G. O., 14th February, 1877, No. ——.

13. Returns of establishments employed have come from 6 districts as shown below:—

	Total.		Payment of wages.		Accounts.		Total.	
	Number.	Monthly Pay.	Number.	Monthly Pay.	Number.	Monthly Pay.	Number.	Monthly Pay.
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Bellary	1,042	17,650(a)	213	5,962	61	1,416	1,316	25,028
Kurnool	988	18,485(b)	33	853	61	772	534	17,258
Salem		(Vide return sent with report for 1904)					113	5,674
Madura	39	1,077(c)	1	12	2	37	43	1,218
Tinnevelly	15	312	2	16	4	47	30	196
Coimbatore	40	1,275(d)	1	7			43	1,211

a. Includes eight European officers and Deputy Collectors drawing Rs. 2,762, and two Assistant Engineers drawing Rs. 700.
b. Includes 11 European officers and Deputy Collectors drawing Rs. 1,667.
c. Includes Special Assistant Collector for relief duty.
d. Includes one Special European officer for Survey Department drawing Rs. 450.

The Board hope that the returns from all districts will be complete by next week.

14. The usual memorandum showing grants sanctioned by the Board to the 22nd instant accompanies. The total is Rs. 80,99,261.

(True Extract)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Proceedings of Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with original reports and their enclosures and 6 maps to be returned.

Copy to Kistna, Nellore, Bellary, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore and Salem.

No. 2

Report showing the relative Efficiency of the Bishops Stortford Company for the week ending Saturday, 17th February, 1877.

Number of names on Roll at the beginning of the week.	Number of Members who have paid their Contributions in full.	Number of Members who have paid their Contributions in part.	Number of Members who have not paid their Contributions.	Number of Members who have been absent from Parade during the week.	Number of Members who have been present at Parade during the week.	Number of Members who have been present at Parade for the whole week.	Number of Members who have been present at Parade for the whole week.	Number of Members who have been present at Parade for the whole week.	Number of Members who have been present at Parade for the whole week.

Number of persons in possession of Contributions paid on the last day of the week.

Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Secretary.

Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company, on the 30th day of June, 1877

F. No. 866.

Revenue [1877] Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

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Enclosures 4.

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	1845.	1846.	
Flour	35,624	32,114	— 550
Wheat	5,726	32,949	— 2,852
Rockfish	11,769	8,389	— 3,380
Celery	344,363	307,529	— 36,834
Beans	28,434	24,298	— 4,136
Onions	12,779	12,585	— 194
Chairs	2,524	1,879	— 645
Corn Meal	627	536	— 91
Cheese	1,882	1,629	— 253
Shingles	1,338	1,114	— 224
Lime	23,739	22,052	— 1,687
Corn	39,457	36,133	— 3,324
Potatoes	566,23	439,445	— 126,785

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Notice of the closing of
Queen street Cemetery to
Interments after the 1st
January 1857.
Board of Health
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Enclosures to Board's Proceedings, dated
1877, to the
Additional Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

No. 1.

Average number of Government Servants
&c. Treated per Annum at different Centres
and Rate report for the week ending
[illegible]

No. 1.

Average Number of Government Seers of Sir Toda's per Rupee of different Grains and Rainfall in certain Districts of the Madras Presidency, for the Week ending Saturday, the [illegible] 1877.

Districts.	Rice, Ind Sorts.			Cholam.			Ragi.			Cumbu or Sazza.			Wheat			Horsegram.			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 for the same date for three years.
																			Inches.	Inches.	Inches.

	2156	3356	800	7120	"	"	"	"	
	2427	5268	2037	10232	"	"	"	"	
	6062	3953	1220	8837	"	"	"	"	
	2258	2655	696	5609	"	"	"	"	
	3590	4358	809	8353	"	"	"	"	
48	2460	5207	913	9830	42	33	25	100	
52	506	570	122	1257	84	161	23	268	
	1736	702	1291	2809	300	270	280	820	
	1203	2192	872	4267	68	102	32	160	
64	1006	484	243	3419	49	54	77	257	
52	3702	8715	2297	18257	27	36	47	108	
204	21037	28092	10680	77809	538	933	1538	4723	
84	1102	1262	1139	20,93	1	22	45	12	184
192	596	667	592	4165	24	294	716	1244	
108	735	574	214	1870	184	137	442	773	
10	795	525	42	1365	4	4	*	12	
360	2277	1373	204	2854	305	350	748	1603	
2	1026	914	-	3465	107	30	100	137	
220	5898	5245	1263	12550	895	704	2125	4084	
	1242	664	524	2430	-	-	-	-	
96	341	310	85	736	-	-	-	-	
	683	585	109	1377					
	1061	100	-	2061					
52	824	242	781	4797	60	58	52	170	
160	2063	950	126	2443	98	218	109	425	
	1397	823	634	2854	-	-	-	-	
	2418	1252	284	4954	-	-	-	-	
6	2901	3265	922	7088	14	4	-	18	
	19	7	-	26	-	-	-	-	
28	1015	570	429	2042	-	-	-	-	
252	12644	3184	2249	18279	602	294	340	1236	



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Statistics of the Counties of Alabama for the year ending December 31st 1877.

| Counties | Number of Acres of Land assessed | Number of Acres of Land cultivated | Number of Acres of Land not cultivated | Number of Acres of Land sold for Taxes during the year | Number of Acres of Land redeemed during the year | Number of Acres of Land sold to the State during the year | Number of Acres of Land bought in by the State during the year | Number of Acres of Land now owned by the State | Number of Acres of Land sold by the State during the year | Number of Acres of Land redeemed