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READ—the following paper:—

From V. A. BRODIE, Esq., Government Agent, Gódávari, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 6th July 1896, Ref. No. 348-Agency.

I have the honour to submit herewith in original my Special Assistant Agent's report on the administration of this district during the official year 1895-96 together with the usual statements and Agency map that accompanied it. As additions had to be made to Statements I, II, V and VI, fresh statements have been substituted for them and the touring made by me in the Agency has been duly marked in the map.

2. As Mr. Spencer, the Special Assistant Agent, drew up the report before he left on the 29th April last on privilege leave for three months and as it is complete in itself, I have not thought it necessary to recast it. I merely pass my remarks where I consider they are called for.

3. Before I commence my remarks, I must explain the cause of my short touring in the Agency. I visited the Bhadráchalam Agency in October 1895, but spent only twelve days on that trip, intending to do the jamabandi of that taluk myself and return *viâ* Chódavaramu in the year under report. At the time, I could not spend more time in the Agency as I had to hurry back in order to make a thorough inspection of the state of the crops in the western delta where I was on tour from the time I left the Agency till within a few days of the Christmas holidays. I had accordingly planned an extensive tour in the Agency in February and March last, but was prevented from carrying it out and compelled to transfer the duty of doing the jamabandi to my Special Assistant in consequence of Mrs. Brodie being attacked by typhoid fever at Rajahmundry in the beginning of February when I was engaged on the jamabandi of that taluk. My Special Assistant, however, visited almost every part of the whole of the Gódávari Agency.

4. Mr. Spencer's report on the mid-stream boundary in the bed of the Gódávari was, in May last, submitted by me to the Board, who passed its resolution, Mis. No. 2895, dated the 25th ultimo, and submitted the same to Government for orders.

5. It was a happy coincidence that no changes occurred during the year in the offices of the Government Agent, his Special Assistant Agent, of the Bhadráchalam Tahsildar and the Deputy Tahsildars of Polavaram and Chódavaramu divisions. Three different officers had charge of the remaining Agency division of Yellavaram. The first of them died of fever and the second fell sick and has gone on long leave.

6. In G.O., No. 393, dated 26th February 1896, the difficulty of procuring water for domestic purposes at Polavaram, if the Special Assistant Agent's office and residence were constructed on the top of the hill, which was the only place that could be selected for the purpose, was considered by Government a strong objection, and before selecting another place for his head-quarters, it wanted time to see how the Gódávari Coal Company's operations will turn out, as, if they prove successful, it will possibly be advisable to have a European magistrate near the mines. In this connection I beg to state that Mr. Happell, in submitting his proposals for the re-distribution of the Gódávari Agency tracts, selected Purushottapatnam as the head-quarters of the Special Assistant Agent.

In paragraph 14 of his letter, dated 31st March 1889, No. A, embodied in G.O., No. 1628, Judicial, dated 23rd October 1890, he writes thus:—

"For the new head-quarters I think Purushottapatnam offers most advantages. It is on the east bank of the Gódávari opposite to Polavaram and connected with it by a good ferry. It affords good building sites outside the flood embankment, and is quite open and healthy, though close to the foot of the hills. From it Chódavaramu, in the heart of Rampa, can be reached in one march by a road practicable for carts. Such remote muttahs as Nedunur and Valamur can be reached in one or two marches from points on the river easily accessible by boat. For 25 miles above Purushottapatnam, the river is broad and deep and its navigation, except during heavy freshes, easy."

This selection was supported by the Board of Revenue and finally approved of by Government in paragraph 4 of Government Order quoted above. But subsequently, at the instance of Mr. Gillman, the Special Assistant Agent, who preferred Polavaram to Purushottapatnam for his head-quarters, Mr. Higgens, the then Government Agent, recommended the change, which was accordingly approved of in G.O., No. 708, Judicial, dated 5th April 1893. Mr. Spencer says that the difficulty of procuring water at Polavaram can be overcome by sinking a well in the low ground at the foot of the hill on which it is proposed to build his house and that there are also other means of arranging for a water-supply. In that case Polavaram may continue to be the head-quarters of the Special Assistant Agent, and his residence and office may be built on the top of the hill as already proposed. To locate the Special Assistant Agent so that he may be within reach of Rampa, the seat of disturbance, has always been the chief consideration in selecting his head-quarters. This view is, I think, quite correct, and the Special Assistant Agent should not therefore be located near the coal mines. I beg to add that it is also absolutely necessary that he should have his head-quarters in the Agency in order that he may always be accessible to the people. If the water difficulty can be overcome as Mr. Spencer proposes, there can be no objection to continue Polavaram as the Special Assistant Agent's head-quarters.

7. The last reference made by Government on the subject of building the Deputy Tahsildar's office at Polavaram was replied to in the last month, and I trust that Government will soon direct the Public Works Department to prepare plans and estimates for the same, as, after the opening of the Sub-Treasury under G.O., No. 3705, Revenue, dated 12th September 1895, much inconvenience, not to mention want of security, is being felt as the rented building in which the office is now located is quite unsuitable. I agree with the Special Assistant Agent in proposing the addition of a shroff and a Rs. 15 gumastah to the Deputy Tahsildar's establishment at Polavaram, as the work in that division has enormously increased.

8. Of the three important festivals that are annually celebrated in the Agency, viz., (1) Sreeramanavami or Rama Kalyanam festival at Bhadráchalam, (2) Sivaratri festival at Pata Pattisam, and (3) Sivaratri festival at Taduvoy, the first one occurred twice over in the year under report on 4th April 1895 and 23rd March 1896 and this accounts for the non-occurrence of this festival in the official year 1893–94: *vide* paragraph 26 of the Special Assistant Agent's report for that year, embodied in G.O., No. 2168, Judicial, dated 6th September 1894. A lump allotment of Rs. 900 per annum has been sanctioned in G.O., No. 939, Financial, dated 29th November 1895, for sanitary arrangements to be made at the three festivals above alluded to. These festivals appear to have been well attended last time and it was fortunate that no epidemic broke out.

The weekly market of Rampa is now for the first time removed to Chódavaramu, where the Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment have settled, the buildings intended for their residence as also for the office being complete.

9. The figures against the Second-class Magistrate of Chódavaramu in columns 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18 of Statement V needed correction, as it was shown that two cases with three persons were received in that Court by commitment and that he committed two cases with two persons, whereas only one case with one person was received here from his Court by commitment. This correction and the insertion of my Court's figures in Statement V have caused corresponding alterations in the total figures.

The figures of my Court have been inserted also in Statement VI and the totals have been accordingly altered.

No criminal appeals were filed in my Court in the year under report, and this shows that the people were well satisfied with Mr. Spencer's decisions in criminal cases. Of the eight criminal cases that I had to dispose of, there were four cases of murder, in one of which the accused was sentenced to transportation for life, in the second the prisoner was acquitted, in the third the evidence adduced was just sufficient to convict the prisoner of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, he being sentenced to five (5) years' rigorous imprisonment, and in the fourth and last, which was a case in which the younger brother of the Kondamodalu Muttadar was charged with the murder of a Kammara on the charge of being a sorcerer, I convicted all the five accused of the less heinous offence of culpable homicide not amounting to murder and sentenced three of them to undergo imprisonment and the other two, who were small boys of about ten or eleven, to whipping. The brother of the Mokhasadar has preferred an appeal to the High Court which is now pending.

On the whole, the disposal of Judicial work, both Civil and Criminal, is very satisfactory.

10. The dispensary at Polavaram continues to be prosperous. The Chódavaramu division is perhaps the most unhealthy in the Gódávari Agency, and fever being the chief complaint, there should be an abundant supply of quinine to the dispensary at Chódavaramu. It was, however, found at Mr. Spencer's inspection of the dispensary in January last that there was only one ounce of quinine remaining.

11. The calf depôt at Polavaram, which was started under G.O., No. 198, Judicial, dated 26th January 1891, having proved a failure, Mr. Spencer closed it, but Mr. Hughes, being of opinion that it produced no good results as the hospital assistant who had to supervise the depôt was not receiving instructions on the subject from the district medical and sanitary officer, gave orders to start the depôt again and requested the district medical and sanitary officer to give the necessary instructions. As suggested by Mr. Hughes, I would like to see what results another year's trial produces before abolishing the depôt altogether.

The decrease in the number of vaccine operations was due to the many changes among the Agency vaccinators, and owing to the lymph despatched from the calf depôt at Polavaram being indifferent there was a fall in the percentage of successful operations in the year under report.

12. The increase both in the number of pupils on the rolls and in their average daily attendance is a token of the steady progress of education in the Agency. Moreover, as the Agency pupils are being rewarded from the current year, this should give them encouragement and tend to further progress in this respect.

The lower secondary school at Bhadráchalam continues to be prosperous. The boys' school at Polavaram has reached the standard of a lower secondary school. In G.O., R. No. 648, Judicial, dated 6th April 1896, it is stated that the draft rules defining the powers of the Agency officers in regard to the appointment of schoolmasters will be considered in the Educational department. No final orders have yet been received on the subject.

13. Almost the whole of the allotment of Rs. 18,000 sanctioned for Agency civil works has been spent during the year under report, the principal works in progress being—

(1) Blasting and levelling work in the Gurrupuzhari ghât in the Bhadráchalam Agency;
(2) Chódavaramu-Geddada road in the Chódavaramu division;
(3) Timmapuram-Ramavaram road in the Yellavaram division; and
(4) Kannapuram-Polavaram road in the Polavaram division.

14. The Special Assistant Agent seems to hint that there will be an increase in the opium revenue if the renters are allowed to sell $3\frac{1}{2}$ tolas per rupee to genuine hillmen and only 3 tolas to other consumers. I do not agree with him. Any small increase in revenue that might be gained is not worth the risk of possible disturbances.

15. With the exception of a paltry case of assault against a constable who was eventually dismissed from the force there were no complaints against the police in the year under report. The question of the transfer of the police station from Kota to Ramavaram is pending now with the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, who says that he will give his opinion about it after personal inspection of the locality.

16. Both the cases referred to in paragraph 51 of the Special Assistant Agent's administration report for 1894–95, embodied in G.O., No. 2033, Judicial, dated 1st October 1895, are reported not to be boundary disputes.

The report regarding the disputed boundary between Cherla and Bhadráchalam was submitted to Government in the Political Department with this office Dis. No. 102 —Agency, dated 23rd May 1896, for orders.

17. The question of admission of the cattle of Telagas to free grazing in the Polavaram reserves has been recently submitted to Government through the Board of Revenue for orders.

18. Mr. Hughes, the present Special Assistant Agent, brings to notice that the subordinate officers drew before 31st March last money for the payment of work that was being done in connection with Agency works subsequent to the official year. This is of course wrong, but this is the first time I hear of it. I shall issue stringent orders for the future.

19. In my last year's report I requested of Government the favour of extending to this Agency the special rates of travelling allowance sanctioned for the Ganjám and Vizagapatam Agencies in article 1258 of the Civil Service Regulations. A reference was made on the subject and the information submitted in reply was ordered to be recorded in G.O., R. No. 847, Judicial, dated 15th May 1896, but my original request remains unanswered and I solicit orders for the same. There seems to be no good ground for according the Agency establishments in this district less favourable treatment than such establishments receive in the adjoining districts.

20. The Agency attender, being the only menial servant connected with the Agency department in my office, has had hard work to do and has to accompany the Agent every time he goes on Agency tour, as there is no other servant with whom he can arrange to go alternately. The attender's pay is only Rs. 8 a month and I recommend that it may be increased to Rs. 10.

21. On the occasion of my visit to Bhadráchalam I visited the coal mines, when the state of affairs was fully explained to me by the Engineer in charge, Mr. Thompson. At that time the position of affairs did not, I gathered, look very hopeful as the original discovery in the river bed had practically given out. The manager was, however, busily engaged on experimental borings clear of the river where water would always be a difficulty, and I am glad to say that I am now informed that he has struck a fair seam at no great depth. Should this prove more continuous (and there seems to be every prospect that it will) than the previous discovery and easy to work, the prospects of the Company should be excellent. In any case it deserves success for its persevering efforts, even if it does not obtain it. I trust, however, that a successful career is before it, for I need not say success in this enterprise will prove of inestimable advantage to the district in general and Bhadráchalam taluk in particular. The Company has also commenced mining for graphite in the Bhadráchalam taluk, and this mineral has also been discovered in the Chódavaramu division of the Agency. Whether it will pay to work or not still remains undecided, but for the sake of the Agency I trust it will. I will only add that the fact that in all these years no attempt has been made to prove the capabilities of the hills in the Rampa division and in the adjoining Golgonda Agency of Vizagapatam as a field for the cultivation of tea and coffee is to me inexplicable. Both ought to thrive and pay handsomely, as labour is abundant and communication with the coast—not now very difficult—could easily be improved were it worth while. In this connection I request that Government will be pleased to sanction my purchasing some coffee and tea seed with a view to its distribution for experimental cultivation amongst some of the more intelligent of the muttadars. They are not likely to make good

planters, so if the plants thrive under their management, it will be pretty positive proof that the climate is suitable, and the fact will, I hope, only have to be published to attract European and professional enterprise. Rs. 100 spent on this object would, I think, be money well spent and I would ask for sanction to spend this amount for this purpose.

Enclosure.

From C. G. SPENCER, Esq., Special Assistant Agent, Gódávari, to the Government Agent, Gódávari, dated 17th June 1896, Dis. No. 821-S.A.A.

I have the honour to submit the administration report of the Gódávari Agency for 1895–96, with the usual accompaniments.

2. *Administrative Charges and Touring.*—The office of Special Assistant Agent has been held by me without interruption throughout the year. I have spent 196 days or 6½ months on tour, out of which eight days were occupied in conducting lanka sales and office work for the Head Assistant Collector and the Head Quarters Deputy Collector outside my division.

My touring, which extended to every portion of the Agency except the north of Rampa and Rékapalle (both visited last year), is marked on the enclosed map. In the course of my touring I gave opportunities to all classes of inhabitants, especially to the Rampa muttadars, to make their grievances known, if they had any. The people of the remote but considerable mutta of Guditeru met me at Ramavaram, a village at the foot of the ghât which bounds their country on the south.

The last month of the year would have found me at head-quarters but for a telegram which reached me in Yellavaram division near the eastern confines of the district calling on me to meet the representative of His Highness the Nizam's Government on the 9th of March at Kunavaram to lay down the mid-stream boundary approved by the Government of India in the bed of the river Gódávari.

3. The same officers whose names were mentioned in last year's report continued to hold the offices of Tahsildar of Bhadráchalam and Deputy Tahsildars of Polavaram and Chódavaramu. Only in Yellavaram division there were changes. M.R.Ry. K. Butchanna died of fever on June 10th, 1895. For some time the post was vacant and then on 28th July 1895 it was filled by M.R.Ry. Peddada Subbarayudu, but not for long, for the place did not suit him, his health also began to fail, and he went on long leave on 22nd November 1895. From December 20th to the end of the official year M.R.Ry. P. Hanumantha Row, Naib Tahsildar of Bhadráchalam, held the vacant office. These constant changes account for the small amount of touring—only seventy-seven days—done in Yellavaram division. I have strictly enjoined the Acting Deputy Tahsildar to visit the interior of his charge—a duty which his two predecessors, dreading the notorious feverishness of the locality, neglected almost entirely. Of the others, the Tahsildar of Bhadráchalam spent 128 days in camp, the Deputy Tahsildar of Polavaram 136 days, and the Deputy Tahsildar of Chódavaramu 167 days.

The year has been a remarkably uneventful one, and therefore all that has occurred deserving any notice may be set down in few words.

I think some mention must be made of the Kondamodalu murder case as being the principal criminal case that was tried in the year. In last December, a day after I left Kondamodalu on my way down the river in my boat from Bhadráchalam taluk, a Kammara man, ignorantly supposed to have practised sorcery, was put to death at Kondamodalu in a very cruel manner. The body was disposed of by night by being dropped, with a stone attached, out of a boat into a rocky hole called "Penala Gondi", abounding in crocodiles, near the deepest part of the Gódávari. The crime derived additional importance from the fact that the chief offender was the younger brother of the Mokhasadar of Kondamodalu. After the death of Lingareddi, the former Mokhasadar in 1894, the estate was registered in the name of Ramireddi, his elder nephew, but both brothers have been jointly managing the affairs of the estate. The younger brother who was concerned in the above crime was known to be rather a drunkard, and though no bidders came forward last year to purchase arrack shop at Kondamodalu I have some reason for suspecting that Mohwa arrack has been occasionally transported illicitly from Bhadráchalam taluk and consumed in that village.

I committed the muttadar's brother Lakshmanareddi and four of his accomplices to the Sessions Court, where you, distrusting the ill-sustained plea of *alibi*, convicted the accused of culpable homicide not amounting to murder and sentenced three of them to two years' imprisonment and Lakshmanareddi to a fine of Rs. 5,000 in addition. After the death of their kinsman the Kammara community living in Kondamodalu, frightened by threats of vengeance if the matter were reported to the authorities, took refuge in the jungle by night and fled 20 miles over the hills down to the police station at Devpatnam, but beyond this the affair did not cause any excitement or disturbance among the hill tribes.

4. By G.O., No. 393, Judicial, dated 26th February 1896, the Special Assistant Agent has been permitted until further orders to make Rajahmundry his head-quarters. I understood from this that the intention to erect a residence and office for the Special Assistant at Polavaram has been temporarily abandoned on account of the distance of the selected site from the existing sources of water-supply.

From a personal knowledge of the locality I am inclined to think that the difficulty of procuring water is not so serious an objection as it has been made to appear, because if a well were to be sunk in the low ground at the foot of the hill on which the bungalow was proposed to be built, water would almost certainly be found at a little depth.

In any case there would be no great difficulty in getting daily supplies of drinking-water from the Zamindar's well which contains plenty of water of a good quality, and for other purposes water might be brought from a less distance, such as from the hill stream flowing beside the hill.

Owing to the want of buildings at Polavaram, the Special Assistant Agent has for the last four years had to live in a mud house without doors or windows, and when I represented in 1893 the advantages that Rajahmundry possessed as head-quarters station both on account of its central position and its direct means of communication by road with Rampa and Yellavaram Agency, besides being a day nearer than Polavaram in respect of postal correspondence with the eastern half of the Agency and with the Government Agent's office, Mr. Wynne, in his letter, Ex.-C. No. 4, dated 29th September 1893, remarked that he was surprised that the suggestion that Rajahmundry should be selected as my head-quarters should be made and that the object with which the appointment of Special Assistant Agent was created would in the main be defeated by such an arrangement. Perhaps he was thinking of the remark in paragraph 13 of Mr. Happell's letter, No. A, dated 31st March 1889, printed in G.O., No. 1628, Judicial, dated 23rd October 1890, to the effect that parties and witnesses would much rather go to jail than follow the Principal Assistant Agent's camp beyond Gokavaram. Mr. Sullivan, in his minute on the settlement of the Rampa muttas after the fituri, made a similar observation regarding the objection of hillmen to venture into the Courts on the plains. Witnesses do come now to Rajahmundry when my Court is held there during the four monsoon months, though I cannot say that the difficulty of procuring their attendance there has been entirely overcome. Yet by regular touring and by posting cases for trial as far as possible in the locality with which they are connected I think that the objection may be reduced to a minimum.

5. Although the building of a residence and office for the Special Assistant Agent may be postponed for a time by allowing him to make Rajahmundry his head-quarters where accommodation is more easily obtainable, yet I think the day can be no longer put off when a cutcherry will have to be built for the Deputy Tahsildar, now that a sub-treasury has been opened at Polavaram. I have therefore addressed you separately for the purpose of getting estimates prepared by the Public Works Department.

6. The appointment of an additional Revenue Inspector for Polavaram division was sanctioned in G.O., Mis. No. 359, dated 27th January 1896, but the person selected did not join his post before the close of the official year.

A sub-treasury was opened at Polavaram on 2nd December under orders of Government contained in G.O., No. 3705, Revenue, dated 12th September 1895. As the ordinary routine work of the office was before sufficient to fully occupy the time of the establishment owing to the steady increase of work in all branches in this division during recent years, I think that the accumulation of considerable arrears will become almost unavoidable unless this short-handed office be reinforced by the addition of a shroff and a 15-rupees gumasta for the opening of new registers, preparation of new returns, and all other extra work that the opening of a sub-treasury involves.

7. The estate of Veeravaram, a piece of self-acquired property belonging to the late Raja of Pithápuram which devolved by will to his supposed minor son, became separated from the rest of the zamindari as a result of the District Court's decree in the Pithápuram case, and the management of it has been since undertaken at your orders by the Deputy Tahsildar of Chódavaramu under my supervision, as the three villages composing the estate lie within the Chódavaramu division.

8. *Season and Health.*—The season was decidedly favourable, and the health of the people above the average owing to the general absence of epidemic diseases. Good crops of cholum were reaped, and paddy, thanks to timely rains, was raised in many fields usually planted with dry crops. The yield of tamarinds—an important item in the produce of hill villages—was also good in Polavaram and other divisions—Yellavaram and Chódavaramu. The recorded rainfall was about 8 inches above the average in Bhadráchalam and about 4 inches below the average in Polavaram. In Yellavaram division the rainfall was about 34 inches less than that recorded in last year, while in Chódavaramu division it was about 4 inches less than in last year. These two latter not being rain-guage stations previous to 1893–94, the average for a number of years is not available.

I have selected new sites for the new rain-gauge pillars about to be built at Bhadráchalam and Addatigela, the positions in which the rain-gauges are now placed being too sheltered. A rain-gauge pillar at Chódavaramu was erected according to the standard dimensions within the year, and accurate statistics may in future be expected, seeing that the rainfall register has been kept by a gumasta of the Deputy Tahsildar's office since the transfer from Indukuripeta took place.

9. In Bhadráchalam taluk and Polavaram division an excess both of births and deaths over last year's figures occurred.

In spite of the year being generally healthy there were more deaths attributed to fevers in the two above divisions, in Polavaram the figures being as much as 1,172 against 886 in last year. This, the Deputy Tahsildar accounts for, as due to improved registration—an explanation that I consider to be partly correct. In Chódavaramu division there is a decrease both in births and deaths when compared with last year, while in Yellavaram division there is an increase, which, the Deputy Tahsildar says, is due to correct preparation of the returns.

10. In Bhadráchalam taluk and Polavaram division, where the birth and death registers are kept by paid curnams, considerable pains have been taken to improve the accuracy of vital statistics by the Tahsildar, Deputy Tahsildar and the Revenue Inspectors frequently checking the figures and punishing those curnams in whose work errors have been most frequently found. In Rampa, however, the registration work depends under Mr. Gillman's scheme upon the gratuitous assistance of muttadars and their agents and upon the notes kept by schoolmasters out of school hours. When it is remembered that the schoolmasters are often on leave without a substitute being procurable and that the headmen of hill villages frequently omit for some reason or other to give information of deaths or births that have occurred in their villages each week when they attend the weekly market at Rampa or Addatigela, it is easy to understand that the system of registration in this part of the district is very far from perfect. Yet better results can hardly be expected from work that is not paid for, and the present system is certainly an improvement on the almost total absence of registration that existed before 1893.

11. From Bhadráchalam only 19 deaths of cattle from cattle diseases were reported against 73 in the previous year and 99 in 1893–94. In Polavaram 374 deaths were entered under the head of anthrax, 66 attributed to wild animals, 16 to snake-bite and 165 to natural causes. In Chódavaramu division there were no cattle diseases. In Yellavaram division there were 134 deaths of cattle caused by wild beasts.

12. *Fairs and Festivals.*—My suggestion that the allotment for sanitary arrangements to be made at the three festivals that are annually celebrated in the Agency should be re-distributed more equally was approved in G.O., No. 939, dated 29th November 1895, Financial, and accordingly out of a grant of Rs. 900 I apportioned Rs. 600 for the Bhadráchalam Sreeramanavami festival and Rs. 300 for the two festivals at Pattesam and Taduvoy in Polavaram division. The numbers of people estimated to have been present at each of the two last-named festivals on February 11th were 20,000 and 10,000 respectively. At Bhadráchalam 10,000 persons attended on 4th April 1895 and four following days and 8,000 persons on March 23rd of 1896.

From April 1st the Rampa market was at my order, with the general consent of the people, held at Chódavaramu, which is distant only one mile from the former village.

13 *Judicial Work, Criminal.*—The number of cases for trial in the Agency Magistrates' Courts during the year was 496 and of these 10 remained undisposed of at its close, as may be seen from statement V. There were no calendar cases or appeals left pending in my court. The Polavaram Sub-Magistrate by a creditable effort succeeded in clearing his file. The increase from 224 to 274 in the number of cases for trial in that court is due to 63 more prosecutions for nuisance being instituted in this year than in last year. The disposal in the Chódavaramu Court has also improved of late, since you took notice of the Sub-Magistrate's procrastination in one or two particular instances. The decrease in the number of cases tried by the Naib Tahsildar-Magistrate is due to the absence of that officer on private leave without a substitute for about a month and to the fact that M.R.Ry. Ch. Venkatramaiah, who occupied the office during 1896, was not invested with magisterial powers.

14. *Civil—Statement VI.*—A comparison with last year's statement will show an improvement in the work of most of the courts. I have succeeded in reducing the number of original suits pending in my court at the close of the official year from 16 to 6. The Deputy Tahsildar of Polavaram, with 183 suits instituted against 181 in 1894–95, has a pendency of 9 instead of 36. The Chódavaramu District Munsif has left no suits pending, while the Yellavaram officer has left 6 against 4 in last year.

15. *Dispensaries—Statement VII.*—The post of hospital assistant of the Polavaram dispensary was a second time rendered vacant by death of the occupant. The dispensary is now in the charge of a Brahmin who last year held the appointment of hospital assistant in the Special Assistant Agent's office. The attendance of patients has increased during the year from 3,172 to 4,017.

At my inspection of the Chódavaramu dispensary in January I found only about one ounce of quinine remaining in stock. I was informed that the indent for fever medicines submitted from this dispensary situated in an extremely malarious country was cut down in some higher office. At the same time the dispensary was amply supplied with many drugs for which a use is rarely or never found.

If the annual returns of diseases treated were taken as a guide for the supply of indents, there ought to be no room for such mistakes. In this Agency fevers and skin diseases are the most common complaints.

16. *Vaccination—Statement No. VIII.*—The fall in the percentage of successful operations during the year under report is due to the prohibition of arm-to-arm vaccination in Bhadráchalam taluk, where the process had hitherto been practised with much success, and to the deterioration of lymph despatched from the Polavaram calf depôt. I have kept this institution under my special supervision, but the results have been so disappointing that I doubt the advisability of continuing it any longer. It was originally opened with the object of effecting a saving in the cost of lymph and of decreasing the distance from which lymph had to be obtained. In estimating how far a calf depôt at Polavaram can continue these two advantages, the fact must be lost sight of that all lymph has to be distributed to Agency vaccinators by means of the post, and that with the exception of the Polavaram vaccinator, all the Agency vaccinators can receive plates of lymph by post more directly and rapidly from Rajahmundry than from Polavaram; and time is of great importance considering the rapidity with which lymph becomes useless in the hot weather. The cost of maintaining the calf depôt is Rs. 30 per mensem; but to this must be added half the pay of a probationary vaccinator on Rs. 12 who can only operate half as many cases as other vaccinators owing to more than half of his time being occupied at head-quarters in supervision of the depôt. At the Rajahmundry municipal calf depôt lymph can be obtained at a cost of Rs. 2 per plate, but the slightly greater cost of lymph so obtained is more than compensated by the fact that its quality is almost invariably good. Whereas if the operation at the Polavaram depôt, which is on a smaller scale than the municipal depôt at Rajahmundry, happens to prove a failure in any single week, the consequence is that the work of all the Agency vaccinators is brought to a standstill until fresh lymph is obtained from Rajahmundry and a fresh calf successfully inoculated. Pending your orders I have closed the Polavaram calf depôt and ordered weekly supplies of lymph to be sent from Rajahmundry.

The total number of cases operated during the year was 3,909 against 4,139 of last year which included 148 cases vaccinated by the Deputy Inspector himself. The percentage of successful operations also fell from 86·52 to 77·7, and this is due to the reasons given above. There were many changes among the vaccinators during the year. The post of Chódavaramu was held by three persons and the posts of Yellavaram, Jangareddigudem and the probationer at Polavaram were each held by two persons. Ramakristnayya, Rampa vaccinator, operated no cases in the months of January, February and March. The post of Jangareddigudem vaccinator was vacant for a month for want of a substitute when the permanent man was on leave. All these causes also contributed to the decrease in the number of operations made.

17. The investigation into the conduct of S. Subbarayudu, the Chódavaramu vaccinator, alluded to in last year's report, resulted in his dismissal on 7th September 1895 for falsification of his registers. The substitute appointed to take his place, named Surabhi Ramakristnayya, is reported to have absented himself without leave for some time and to have omitted to send in any returns for December and January. I shall deal with the vaccinator as he deserves as soon as his explanation is received.

18. *Education—Statement No. IX.*—The following figures exhibit the progress made in primary education during the year under report:—

	1895.	1896.
Number of pupils on the rolls on 31st March	1,710	1,946
Average daily attendance	1,185	1,344
Number of aboriginal pupils according to the figures printed in G.O., No. 2033-J., dated 1st October 1895 ..	253	152
Correct figures since furnished	188	
Number of girl pupils	22	11
	15	

The schools at Pochavaram, Peda Arukur, Chokkinapalli, Narasapuram, Mohanapuram and Tudigunta have, on account of poor attendance, been transferred to Kamaishpalem, Gaurideripeta, Gundala, Yetapaka, Rayapalli and Koyyalagudem respectively.

A new school was opened at Pudipalli, a river-side village in Chódavaramu division, and at my inspection in January I found it in a flourishing state. New schools were also opened at Pydipaka and Ballipadu in Polavaram division. There are four Koya pupils in the former. The school at Chódavaramu, which was supplied with a peon to secure the attendance of boys, has nevertheless fallen very low, and I am intending to transfer it to Bandapalli, where the muttadar has started a well attended school on the unaided results system. I have already recommended

the transfer of the peon to the school at Gútála in Polavaram division. The Director of Public Instruction sanctioned this year Rs. 323 for prizes for primary schools in this Agency. This sum has already been spent in the purchase of books, cloths, &c., some of which I have distributed in a few schools to boys who passed the inspecting officers' examination for grants and others who have shown the most regular attendance in the year. The distribution of prizes in the more remote schools that I cannot conveniently visit at present will be left to the Tahsildar of Bhadráchalam and the Deputy Tahsildars. As this is the first time for many years that pupils in Agency primary schools have been rewarded for doing well, I have every hope that it will have the effect of improving the attendance in the coming year.

Rs. 400 were also sanctioned for the purchase of furniture and class books and the amount has been spent.

The following sums were also sanctioned for the construction and repair of school buildings during the year:—

(1) *Construction.*

	Rs.
Gundala school	120
Gaurideripeta	120
Gútála	487
Jilugumilli	433
Nellipudy	140
Lagaragi	140
Gontuvanipalem	140
Indukuripeta	140

(2) *Repairs.*

	Rs.
Nellipaka	30
Gollagudem	15
Kunavaram	45
Waddigudem	80
Addatigela	50
Jaddangi	61
Chódavaramu	57
Purushottapatnam	25
Devipatnam	19

19. *Secondary Schools.*—The number of boys on the rolls at the Bhadráchalam lower secondary school has risen from 76 at the close of last official year to 98 on 31st March 1896, and to accommodate the increasing numbers an extension to the school building has been lately constructed by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs. 2,610 and a latrine added (*vide* G.O., No. 2382 W., dated 26th September 1895). Sanction was given in G.O., No. 142, dated 12th March 1896, Educational, to the continuance of the present scale of fees, which is less than that approved for backward localities in general, for another period of three years till the close of the year 1897.

The rules called for by Government in the ultimate sentence of paragraph 5 of their order, No. 2033-J, dated 1st October 1895, were submitted to you with this office Dis. No. 1218, dated 27th August 1895, and no final orders have been received yet.

20. *Girls' Schools.*—An assistant on Rs. 9 has been sanctioned for the Bhadráchalam girls' school. I have addressed the Sub-Assistant Inspector of Girls' Schools on the subject of raising the standard of the school from lower to upper primary, as the pupils of this promising institution are, as matters now stand, debarred by the rules from appearing for the Upper Primary examination either as pupil or private candidates.

21. *Public Works.*—The allotment for road works in 1895–96 was Rs. 18,000 from Provincial funds, out of which Rs. 17,991–12–0 were spent within the year and Rs. 8–4–0 allowed to lapse. Rs. 1,300 were also allotted from the Road fund, Bhadráchalam, and spent. In Bhadráchalam taluk the main item of expenditure was Rs. 1,500 spent on blasting and levelling work in the Gurrapuzhari ghât. As there are no coolies in the Agency to understand that kind of work, the contract was given to one of the contractors on the Gódávari Coal Company's works.

The Murumur-Narakonda road was completed and a saving of Rs. 150 (Road fund) effected. This saving was added to an amount of Rs. 300, Road fund, Bhadráchalam, *plus* Rs. 200 Provincial funds. Rs. 500 sanctioned for cutting a path round the Kumaraswamygudem hill, and thereby the latter track was widened and a useful short cut thus opened for bandies, carts and foot passengers between the larger river-side villages of that taluk.

In Chódavaramu division a large culvert was completed on the Chódavaramu-Geddada road at a cost of Rs. 2,455 and other miscellaneous work done to a value of Rs. 1,086–8–6. With an expenditure of less than Rs. 1,000 more, this difficult section of four miles in length will be converted into a pucka road, and the construction of two bridges, costing between Rs. 15,000 and Rs. 20,000 each, will have been obviated by means of this divesion from the old track. Rs. 458–7–6 were spent in clearing jungle and levelling work on a part of the track between Maredumilli and Boodulur.

In Yellavaram division the Timmapuram-Addatigela road has been pushed on as far as Rayapalli. Repairs were executed to the Timmapuram-Addatigela section and to the Jaddangi-Bornagudem road.

In completing the last portion of the Kannapuram-Polavaram road at the Polavaram end a difficulty arose regarding the compensation to be paid for the zemindari land occupied. Eventually it was thought best to abandon the course chosen at the beginning of the year and passing through some wet fields and a palmyra tope in favour of a deviation of almost equal length through land of less value but on a higher level.

Rest-houses were constructed during the year at Maredimilli in Chódavaramu division and at Jeelugumilli in Polavaram division. I have applied separately for sanction for another year's trial of three road maistries on Rs. 20 temporarily appointed at the beginning of 1895-96 under G.O., No. 758-R, Financial, dated 13th August 1895.

22. *Sanitation.*—New wells were commenced at Addatigela, Kimmur and Marripalem in Yellavaram division and Lakkavaram and Khasinagaram in Bhadráchalam taluk. Well sunk last year at Yedugurallapalli was completed in this year and repairs and improvements were carried out to the wells at Aukampalem, Mulagalampalli, Mysanagudem, Itikalakunta and Kannapuram in Polavaram division.

In Polavaram division 110 persons were prosecuted under the Towns Nuisances Act.

23. *Abkári.*—At the sale of arrack shops in Polavaram division there was keen competition and a consequent increase of revenue to the extent of Rs. 1,205. A decrease, however, occurred in Bhadráchalam taluk and Yellavaram division, the want of competition in the latter division being chiefly due to the rule prohibiting the manufacture of rice arrack introduced last year and mentioned in the administration report of 1894-95 and to the greater cost of toddy arrack.

In Board's Proceedings, No. 358, dated 2nd August 1895, Separate Revenue, a uniform system of kists was approved and introduced into the three Deputy Tahsildars' divisions, there having previously been a difference in the dates of the kists in different parts of the Agency without any apparent reason.

The Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkári Revenue has proposed to introduce the tree-tax system into several large villages in Polavaram division inhabited by a mixed population of Telagas and Koyas, and I have separately reported on the inadvisability of accepting his suggestion.

Statement XII will be found to contain all the necessary information as to the demand and collection of revenue under the head of Abkári.

24. *Opium—Statement No. XIII.*—The decrease under this head of revenue in all the divisions of the Agency is due to the same causes detailed in last year's administration report, namely, want of competition among the bidders at opium sales induced by the greater wholesale prices of opium owing to the monopoly enjoyed by the Rajahmundry importers (Marwaries).

The license of the Devipatnam opium renter was cancelled for breach of the rule that opium must be sold at 3½ tolas a rupee. I am informed that in the Vizagapatam Agency this rule is only made applicable to hillmen who purchase opium, and if renters here were allowed to sell at 3 tolas a rupee to other consumers, much better prices would be obtained for most of the shops. I do not, however, understand how the distinction is observed in Vizagapatam without the risk of fraud being frequently practised on the genuine hillmen.

25. *Police.*—I tried and convicted one constable of Addatigela station of assault and simple hurt committed on an old woman of Papampeta in Yellavaram division and he has subsequently been dismissed from the force. I heard no other complaints against the police.

The question has arisen whether the Kota police station should be abolished or removed owing to the failure to obtain water by sinking a well within the stockade. I have reported on the subject, but the Superintendent of Police did not agree with my suggestion to transfer the station to Ramavaram—a course once advocated with good reasons for the same by Mr. Happell in paragraph 26 of his letter No. A, dated 31st March 1889, printed in G.O., No. 1628, Judicial, dated 23rd October 1890. The question will now have to be decided once for all before any more money is spent in the vain search for water in the vicinity of Kota.

26. *Disturbances.*—None.

27. *Boundary Disputes.*—The Ramacherlagudem-Jangareddigudem boundary case was fought out by the estates of Lakkavaram and Borrampalem in the District Court with the result that my award was confirmed.

I successfully defended my decision in the Bandivarigudem-Jilugumilli boundary case about which the Borrampalem proprietrix sued Government in the District Court. The eight miles of disputed boundary between Cherla and Bhadráchalam alluded to in last year's administration report were gone over by me in last December. As the Central Provinces Government could not spare the services of an officer to meet me and jointly settle the line, I made an independent inquiry and collected all the available evidence on both sides, and I have since reported for approval the boundary line which in my opinion ought to be adopted as correct.

Concerning the Madras-Hyderabad boundary in the bed of the Gódávari river I have already mentioned that I met the representative of the Central Provinces Government in March, and no further details on this special subject seem to be called for in a general report of the year's progress.

28. *Forests.*—Government orders were passed on 26th September 1895—G.O., No. 654, Revenue, dated 26th September 1895, Forest No. 264—upon the joint report about over reservation in Polavaram division submitted last year by the District Forest-officer and me. I have had to address you again about one point, viz., the admission of cattle of Telagas to free grazing in the Polavaram reserves. I have had to call the attention of the District Forest-officer to his discontinuance of the practice of sending through this office all orders affecting the administration of Agency forest—sa practice upon the importance of which Government twice laid great stress in G.O., No. 877, Revenue, dated 17th December 1894, Forest No. 343, printed in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 1, Land Revenue, dated 8th January 1895, and G.O., No. 108, Revenue, dated 10th February 1894, Forest No. 30, printed in Board's Proceedings, No. 119, Forest, dated 21st February 1894.

29. *Destruction of Wild Beasts.*—Statement XV shows the rewards granted for the destruction of wild animals during the year. Eight tigers, 44 panthers and 4 bears were killed; 6 men and 505 cattle fell victims as against 11 and 388 in the previous year.

With your permission steps were taken to prosecute in the Joint Magistrate's Court a certain man who produced five panthers' skins, that he had bought from other shikaries, together with false certificates to the effect that he had shot the animals himself and thus obtained rewards for their destruction. He was, however, discharged by the Joint Magistrate on the ground that there was insufficient proof that the skins purchased and those for which rewards were obtained were the same. With respect to one of the skins the accused had made an admission which was recorded by the Deputy Tahsildar of Yellavaram before criminal proceedings were instituted. It is a pity that the prosecution failed, because there is every inducement to shikaries to produce for reward skins of animals killed in the Central Provinces, Bustar, or the His Highness the Nizam's dominions, which adjoin the Gódávari Agency for a great distance on the western side and where the rewards given for the destruction of wild animals are much smaller. A person minded to practice such fraud would probably find little difficulty in persuading some dishonest curnam or zemindar's agent to give him certificate that the animal was killed in Madras territory in return for a portion of the anticipated reward.

30. *Miscellaneous.*—Prospecting licenses have been granted to Messrs. Stuart, Hall and others to prospect for graphite at Perakonda in Rékapalle range, and the Board has in its order, Mis. No. 1138, Land Revenue, dated 7th March 1896, recommended the grant of a prospecting license to C. B. Simpson, Esq., to prospect for plumbago at Yerramattala in Choppakonda mutta, Rampa. The quality of the ore at the former place is a superior to that discovered at the latter.

There were no changes among the muttadars during the year.

The Zemindar of Polavaram, who has been studying for some years at Madras, has passed his B.A. examination. This estate by careful management has been much improved since the days of his lawless ancestors.

The elephant Lakshmi purchased last year gave birth to a young one on the morning of the 15th August 1895, but I regret to state the offspring died fifteen days afterwards in spite of the fact that every care was taken and every attempt made to keep it alive.

(*a*) Submitted to the Government Agent. The above report is a fair copy of the draft made by Mr. Spencer with a few additions of figures, &c., here and there made by me. Having taken charge of this division on the 1st May 1896, a month after the close of the official year, I know nothing about last year's administration of the Agency.

(*b*) *Paragraph* 16 *of the report.*—I have given orders to start the depôt and at the same time requested the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Rajahmundry, to instruct the Hospital Assistant, Polavaram dispensary, to supervise the depôt as promised by him in his letter No. 427, dated 28th November 1892, printed in G.O., No. 198 J., dated 26th January 1893. The Hospital Assistant does not seem to have ever supervised the depôt, apparently for want of instructions from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. Since the head-quarters of my office have been transferred to Rajahmundry until further orders, it is no longer possible for me to supervise the depôt personally. I hope it will turn out good work under the supervision of the above professional officer and therefore consider that it might be tried for another year more before orders are passed abolishing it altogether.

(*c*) The services of Surabhi Ramakristnayya have been since dispensed with by me as he failed to render the explanation called for within the time allowed.

(*d*) In paragraph 51 of the last year's administration report reference was made to two boundary disputes. With reference to your order No. 322-Agency, dated 22nd October 1895, the circumstances of the two cases were reported to you and orders on the subject were received. As for the first case concerning Polavaram and Vangalapudi estates, I see no reason to apprehend any breach of the peace and consequently have taken no steps. The cases are not really boundary disputes. Into the second case inquiry is now being held and is posted to 29th June 1896.

(*e*) With regard to paragraph 4 of Mr. Spencer's report, I should like to add that a report has been called for by Government as to the suitability of Rajahmundry as the Special Assistant Agent's head-quarters—the report to be sent in early in 1897. Discussion of the subject for the present therefore seems unnecessary.

(*f*) There is one other subject which deserves notice. The subordinate officers last year appear to have forgotten that there was any necessity to complete and pay for the works sanctioned within the official year. The money, it is true, was drawn before the 31st March, but in some cases the works were scarcely begun and for many I have the greatest difficulty in obtaining vouchers even at this date.

Enclosures.

I.—Statement showing the changes in the administration staff during the year 1895–96 in the Gódávari Agency.

Office.	Name of the officer.	Period during which in charge. From	Period during which in charge. To	Whether the charge was in addition to other duty.
1	2	3	4	5
Government Agent .. Special Assistant Agent.	V. A. Brodie, Esq. .. C. G. Spencer, Esq. ..	1st April 1895.. 1st ,, ,, ..	31st March 1896. 31st ,, ,,	17th to 23rd of July 1895—in charge of Head-quarters Deputy Collector's office; 26th July 1895—conducted sales of certain lankas of the Head Assistant Collector's Division at Tallapúdy.

II.—Statement of tours made by the officers in the Gódávari Agency during the year 1895–96.

Name of officer.	Number of tour.	Dates of each tour. From	Dates of each tour. To	Period spent on each tour.	Locality in which tour made.	Remarks.
					(1) *Bhadráchalam Taluk.*	
V. A. Brodie, Esq., Government Agent, Gódávari District.	1st ..	20th October 1895 ..	31st October 1895 ..	12 days..	Visited Isunur, Bhadráchalam, Dummagudem, Polipaka, Kunnavaram, Kondepudi, Waddigudem and Rachagompalle.	
					(2) *Polavaram Division.*	
					Visited Polavaram.	
					Bhadráchalam Taluk.	
C. G. Spencer, Esq., Special Assistant Agent.	1st ..	1st April 1895 ..	16th May ,, ..	46 days..	Visited Kunavaram, Murumur, Bhadráchalam, Yedugurallapalli, Narakonda, Bandiveru and Gouridarpeta.	To conduct jamabandi and inspect road works.
					Polavaram Division.	
					Visited Kannapuram, Buttayagudem, Mulagalampalli and Pusigapadu.	To conduct jamabandi and inspect road works.
	2nd ..	26th May 1895 ..	9th July ,, ..	15 days..	Visited Tekuru, Sirivaka and Papikonda..	General inspection.
	3rd ..	11th June ,, ..	....	1 day ..	Polavaram to Rajahmundry	For annual halt during rains.
	4th ..	17th July ,, ..	23rd July 1895 ..	7 days..	Rajahmundry to Cocanada	To dispose of the Head-quarters Deputy Collector's office work during the Deputy Collector's absence at Madras and returns to head-quarters after relief by permanent incumbent.
	5th ..	26th July ,, ..	....	1 day ..	Rajahmundry to Tallapudi and return same day.	To conduct the sale of lankas relating to the Head Assistant Collector's Division.
	6th ..	1st October 1895 ..	17th October 1895 ..	17 days..	Visited Polavaram, Kannapuram and Buttayagudem.	General tour of inspection and inspection of road works.
	7th ..	22nd ,, ,, ..	....	1 day ..	Rajahmundry to Polavaram	Return to head-quarters after stay for the rains at Rajahmundry.
					Bhadrachalam Taluk.	
	8th ..	12th November 1895.	15th December 1895.	34 days..	Visited Pochavaram, Chokkanapalli, Kunnavaram, Rachagompalli, Gundala, Bhadráchalam and Danmugudem.	To conduct the Primary examination of the Bhadráchalam board and to dispose of several civil and criminal cases and inspection.

II.—Statement of tours made by the officers in the Gódávari Agency during the year 1895-96—*cont.*

Name of officer.	Number of tour.	Dates of each tour. From	Dates of each tour. To	Locality in which tour made.	Period spent on each tour.	Remarks.
				Bhadráchalam Taluk—cont.		
C. G. Spencer, Esq., Special Assistant Agent—*cont.*	..	....	....	Visited Parnagala and Mulakanapalli ..	..	To settle boundary dispute between Bhadráchalam and Cherla.
				Visited Nallamilli and Arlagudem		General inspection.
				Visited Bandireon, Muru-muru and Waddigudem.	..	To meet Conservator of Forests and to dispose of a forest case.
				Polavaram Division.		
				Visited Kondamadalur		Return to head-quarters.
				Chódavaramu Division.		
	9th ..	18th January 1896..	31st March 1896 ..	Visited Devipatnam	74 days ..	To hold trial in Kondamodalu murder case.
				Visited Velagapalli, Chódavaramu, Mugurumilli and Geddada.		General inspection of road works, schools, &c.
				Yellavaram Division.		
				Visited Kota, Ramavaram, Dammukonda, Rayapalli, Addatigelu, Timmapuram, Joddangi and Rajavommangi.		Meeting muttadars and conducting the jamabandi of Yellavaram division.
				Chódavaramu Division.		
				Visited Purushottapatnam and Kondamadalu.		To meet the representative of His Highness the Nizam's Government on Gódávari river boundary commission.
				Bhadráchalam Taluk.		
				Visited Isumur, Waddigudem, Kunnavaram, Polipaka and Bhadráchalam.		
				Nizam's Dominions.		
				Visited Katkur, Amavaram, Burugampadu and Chinteralu.		
			Total ..		208 days.	

III.—Statement of Rainfall recorded during the year 1895-96 and in the preceding year in the Gódávari Agency.

Taluk or division.	Name of station.	Average of previous years.	1894-95.	1895-96.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Bhadráchalam taluk ..	Bhadráchalam ..	44·17	42·53	52·12	Average of ten years.
Polavaram division ..	Polavaram ..	45·64	43·08	41·28	,, of four ,,
Chódavaramu do. ..	Chódavaramu ..	91·39	45·73	40·39	Previous to 1892-93 there was no rain-gauge at Chódavaramu.
Yellavaram do. ..	Timmapuram ..	26·32 (1894-95.)	26·32	60·75	A rain-gauge has been temporarily set up at Timmapuram, the temporary headquarters station of the Deputy Tahsildar. Steps are being taken to construct a masonry pillar at Addatigela for fixing the rain-gauge there.

IV.—Statement showing Births and Deaths during the year 1895-96 and in the preceding year in the Gódávari Agency.

Taluk or division.		Population according to the Census of Feb. 1891. Males.	Females.	Total.	Rate per mille, 1894-95. Males.	Females.	Total.	Rate per mille, 1895-96. Males.	Females.	Total.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bhadráchalam taluk ..	Births	21,657	20,679	42,336	17	15	32	18	17	35
	Deaths				11	10	21	14	13	27
Polavaram division	Births	26,161	25,074	51,235	11·4	10·4	21·8	14·6	15·8	30·4
	Deaths				9·7	9·4	19·1	12·5	12·5	25·0
Chódavaramu do.	Births	10,376	9,999	20,375	13·8	14·1	27·9	7·6	5·5	13·1
	Deaths				8·5	8·3	16·8	6·4	5·1	11·5
Yellavaram do.	Births	12,224	11,853	24,077	369 / 15·3	360 / 14·9	730 / 30·2	15·9	15·5	31·4
	Deaths				288 / 11·9	234 / 9·7	522 / 21·6	13·1	13·5	26·6

V.—Statistics of Criminal Justice for the Gódávari Agency for the year 1895–96.

Name of Court.	Trials or inquiries.																Appeals.									
	Cases.								Persons.								Cases.					Persons.				
	Pending on 31st March 1895.	Received during the year.	Received by commitment.	Total.	Committed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Pending on 31st March 1895.	Received during the year.	Received by commitment.	Total.	Convicted.	Committed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Pending on 31st March 1895.	Received during the year.	Total.	Disposed of.	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Pending on 31st March 1895.	Received during the year.	Total.	Disposed of.	Pending on 31st March 1896.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1. Government Agent ..	4	..	4	8	..	8	8	..	4	..	8	12	7	..	5	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Special Assistant Agent.	1	11	..	12	1	11	12	..	1	32	..	33	12	5	16	33	..	1	11	12	12	..	1	21	22	22	..
3. Bhadráchalam Tahsildar, 2nd-class Magistrate.	4	67	..	71	1	67	68	3	4	118	..	122	30	1	85	116	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Bhadráchalam Naib Tahsildar, 2nd-class Magistrate.	..	20	..	20	..	18	18	2	..	39	..	39	9	..	28	37	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Second-class Magistrate, Polavaram Division.	1	273	..	274	..	274	274	..	2	531	..	533	142	..	391	533	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Second-class Magistrate, Chódavaramu Division.	13	35	..	48	1	46	47	* 1	38	69	..	107	24	1	79	104	* 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Second-class Magistrate, Yellavaram Division.	12	57	..	69	1	65	66	3	27	163	..	190	40	1	135	176	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	35	463	4	502	4	489	493	9	76	952	8	1,036	264	8	739	1,011	25	1	11	12	12	..	1	21	22	22	..
Compare 1894–95 ..	16	471	3	490	8	451	459	31	59	1,021	5	1,085	255	18	740	1,013	72	3	7	10	9	1	3	20	23	22	1

* Since disposed of.

VI.—Statistics of Civil Justice for the Gódávari Agency for the year 1895–96.

Name of Court.	Original Suits.								Appeal Suits.								Remarks.
	Pending on 31st March 1896.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or on reference.	Total.	Disposed of.	Transferred to other courts.	Total.	Remaining on 31st March 1896.	Pending on 31st March 1895.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or on reference.	Total.	Disposed of.	Transferred to other courts.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1896.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1. Government Agent	1	4	..	5	2	..	2	3	2	4	..	6	6	..	6	..	
2. Special Assistant Agent	16	23	1	40	33	1	34	6	1	12	..	13	11	..	11	2	
3. Bhadráchalam District Munsif ..	7	75	..	82	72	1	73	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
4. Polavaram do. ..	36	165	3	204	191	1	195	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
5. Chódavaramu do. ..	12	21	..	33	33	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
6. Yellavaram do. ..	4	33	..	37	31	..	31	* 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	* One filed in February and five in March 1896.
Total ..	76	321	4	401	365	3	368	33	3	16	..	19	17	..	17	2	
Compare 1894–95 ..	60	343	8	411	334	2	336	75	2	4	..	6	5	..	5	1	

VII.—Statement showing the work of the Agency Hospitals and Dispensaries during the year 1895–96.

Name of institution.	From what funds maintained.	Description of building.	Date when opened.	Number of patients treated in 1895–96.	
				In.	Out.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Bhadráchalam dispensary	Imperial funds	The building belongs to Government. It is built of brick and has a tiled roof. It consists of three rooms with a verandah all round. Three pucca wards with thatched roofs—one for police, a second for male patients and a third for female patients—have been constructed. There are also a tiled kitchen, a latrine and bath-room close to the dispensary for the use of the in-patients. There is also a well in the compound which contains brackish water. The wire fence around the dispensary has been reconstructed.	1st October 1882	97	3,271
2. Polavaram dispensary	Imperial funds assisted by an annual contribution of Rs. 250 from the Zamindar of Polavaram.	Rented brick building with tiled roof. The Government building is almost completed.	6th November 1891	..	4,017
3. Yeleswaram	Local funds	Brick building with tiled roof	Not known	..	248
4. Gokavaram	Do.	Thatched house	11th June 1887	..	11
5. Chódavaramu	Provincial funds	A wattle and daub thatched building constructed by Government.	22nd February 1894	..	1,422

VIII.—Statement showing the strength and cost of Vaccine establishment and the number of operations performed by them in the Gódávari Agency during 1895–96.

Name of the Taluk or Division.	Deputy Inspector.		Deputy Inspector's peon.		First-class Vaccinator.		Second-class Vaccinator.		Probationer.		Total cost of vaccine establishment including travelling allowance and contingencies.	Number of cases vaccinated.	Number of successful cases.	Percentage of successful cases to total number vaccinated.	Per-entage of cases verified.	Average cost of each successful case.
	Number.	Pay per mensem.	Number.	Pay per mensem.	Number.	Pay per mensem.	Number.	Pay per mensem.	Number.	Pay per mensem.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs. A. P.					Rs A. P.
Rajahmundry range *	1	70	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	454 1 6	..	..	..	..	..
Bhadráchalam taluk	..	..	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	..	395 6 4	1,170	815	69·6	94·7	0 7 9
Rékapalle vaccinator working in Polavaram division also	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 13 0	259	108	41·7	23·6	0 1 9
Polavaram division probationary vaccinator in charge of calf depôt ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	155 4 0	542	451	83·2	43·2	0 5 6
Jangareddigudem (Rékapalle vaccinator)	..	..	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	..	162 8 11	706	543	76·9	60·2	0 4 9
Chódavaramu division	..	..	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	..	263 15 0	402	303	75·4	44·8	0 13 11
Yellavaram division	..	..	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	..	346 0 0	830	820	98·8	78·8	0 6 9
Calf depôt charges at Polavaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	375 13 1	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1	70	1	7	4	72	..	..	1	12	† 2,164 13 10	3,909	3,040	77·7	68·1	0 11 4
Excluding the pay of the Deputy Inspector and calf depôt charges ..	..	..	..	..	4	72	..	..	1	12	1,334 15 3	3,909	3,040	77·7	68·1	0 7 3
Compare 1894–95 ..	1	70	1	7	4	72	‡ 1	‡ 10	1	12	1,493 0 3	4,135	8,578	86·52	..	0 6 8

* In last year the Deputy Inspector also operated on 148 cases.

‡ The Kannapur Local Fund Vaccinator shown in last year's return was withdrawn by the district board.

	Rs. A. P.
† Total charges as per Treasury account	2,191 10 6
Less—	
Amount drawn for calf depôt charges and recredited to chitta by this office	26 12 8
	2,164 13 10

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IX.—Statement showing the statistics of the Agency Schools in the Godavari Agency during the year 1895–96.

Name of taluk or division.	Number and class of schools.	Teachers employed and their salaries. Number. Trained.	Total.	Amount of salary per mensem.	Number of pupils on rolls on 31st March 1896. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average daily attendance. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Number of pupils belonging to the aboriginal classes on 31st March 1896. Boys.	Girls.	Number of schools inspected. Officers of the Educational Department. Superintendent of Hill Schools. Number of schools visited.	Visits paid.	Sub-Assistant Inspector of Schools. Number of schools visited.	Visits paid.	Assistant Inspector of Schools. Number of schools visited.	Visits paid.	Inspector of Schools. Number of schools visited.	Visits paid.	By Agency Officers. Government Agent.	Special Assistant Agent.	Tahsildar.	Revenue Inspector.	Number of pupils examined for result grants.	Number of pupils found qualified for result grants.	Receipts. Result grants.	Fees.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14								15		16		17	18	19	20
				Rs. A. P.																							Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Bhadrachalam taluk.	1 Government Lower Secondary school, Bhadrachalam.	2	6	1,770 0 0	98	..	98	76	..	76	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	231 14 6
	1 Church Mission Society's Lower Secondary school, Dommugudem.	3	7	914 0 0	127	1	128	103	1	104	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	71	41	279 8 0	108 10 6
	11 Government salary-result schools for boys.	6	13	1,626 0 0	234	9	243	184	7	191	1	..	10	10	..	..	10	10	..	..	..	6	9	9	120	79	203 0 0	..
	1 Government salary result school for girls.	1	3	324 0 0	..	60	60	..	57	57	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	48	10	34 8 0	..
	4 Aided schools for boys.	..	4	372 0 0	53	7	60	41	5	46	3	..	4	4	..	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	23	160 0 0	13 0 0
	1 Do. for girls.	1	3	258 8 0	..	49	49	..	50	50	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	21	20	130 12 0	..
	4 Unaided schools ..	1	5	276 0 0	59	30	89	38	19	57	12 Koyas.	6 Koyas.	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	14	41	5,535 8 0	571	156	727	442	139	581	16	6	20	20	2	2	16	16	..	..	..	10	9	9	292	173	807 12 0	353 9 0
Polavaram division.	13 Government salary result schools.	4	18	1,716 0 0	394	60	454	280	46	326	4	..	11	11	10	10	..	..	2	2	..	4	5	1	244	113	324 4 0	..
	1 Government night school for boys.	..	1	48 0 0	19	..	19	13	..	13	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	12	2	8 8 0	..
	1 Government Lower Secondary school for girls.	..	4	384 0 0	..	63	63	..	37	37	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	18	103 8 0	..
	2 Aided result schools for boys.	..	2	..	33	3	36	24	2	26	..	..	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	3	9 0 0	..
	Total ..	4	25	2,148 0 0	446	126	572	317	85	402	4 Koyas.	..	15	15	14	14	..	..	3	3	..	4	5	1	312	136	445 4 0	..

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Name of taluk or division.	Number and class of schools.	Teachers employed and their salaries. Number. Trained.	Total.	Amount of salary per mensem.	Number of pupils on rolls on 31st March 1896. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average daily attendance. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Number of pupils belonging to the aboriginal classes on 31st March 1896. Boys.	Girls	Number of schools inspected. Officers of the Educational Department. Superintendent of Hill Schools. Number of schools visited.	Visits paid.	Sub-Assistant Inspector of Schools. Number of schools visited.	Visits paid.	Assistant Inspector of Schools. Number of schools visited.	Visits paid.	Inspector of Schools. Number of schools visited.	Visits paid.	By Agency Officers. Government Agent.	Special Assistant Agent.	Tahsildar.	Revenue Inspector.	Number of pupils examined for result grants.	Number of pupils found qualified for result grants.	Receipts. Result grants.	Fees.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14								15		16		17	18	19	20
				Rs. A. P.																							Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Yellavaram division.	14 Government salary-result schools for boys.	4	14	2,040 0 0	316	22	338	172	8	180	21	..	14	33	11	11	..	..	1	1	..	7	..	..	132	81	140 12 0	..
	1 Government salary-result night school for boys.	..	1	48 0 0	21	..	21	14	..	14	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	5 0 0	..
	Total ..	4	15	2,088 0 0	337	22	359	186	8	194	23	..	15	34	12	12	..	..	1	1	..	7	..	..	134	83	145 12 0	..
Chodavaram division.	10 Government salary-result schools for boys.	5	10	1,260 0 0	208	35	243	121	17	138	76	5	10	38	5	5	..	..	6	6	..	6	..	..	99	57	106 0 0	..
	2 Unaided schools for boys.	..	2	84 0 0	45	..	45	29	..	29	33	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	5	12	1,344 0 0	253	35	288	150	17	167	109	5	12	40	5	5	..	..	6	6	..	6	..	..	99	57	106 0 0	..
	Grand Total ..	27	93	11,115 8 0	1,607	339	1,946	1095	249	1,344	152	11	62	109	33	33	16	16	10	10	..	27	14	10	837	449	1,504 12 0	353 9 0
	64 1894–95 ..	27	88	10,216 8 6	1,396	314	1,710	965	220	1,185	253	22	33 / 25	93 / 90	57	57	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	..	918	600	455 5 8	356 12 6

188 boys and 15 girls—correct number of aboriginal pupils for 1894–95—*vide* this office Dis. No. 338, dated 7th March 1896.

1895–96.	Boys.	Girls.
Koyas in the Senior Superintendent's Division	20	6
Koyas in the Junior Superintendent's Division	80	1
Reddies do. do.	52	4
Total ..	152	11

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X.—Statement showing the progress of New Works and Repairs costing Rs. 250 and upwards in the Gódávari Agency during the year 1895–96.

Name of the taluk or division.	Description of work.	Account of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure. From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new work).	Expenditure. In the year under report.	Remarks on progress.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	New Works—Communications.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Bhadráchalam taluk ..	1. Construction of Chinturu-Kunduluru road ..	200 0 0	222 8 6	919 13 0	222 8 6	Rs. 22–8–6 were sanctioned from miscellaneous grant.
	2. Extending the Menrumuru-Narakonda road ..	R 500 0 0	350 0 0	1,402 0 0	350 0 0	Rs. 150 were transferred to No. 4.
	3. Constructing a road from Kothajinnelagudem to Singavaram.	R 500 0 0	500 0 0	..	500 0 0	
	4. Making a good foot-path over the hill near Kumaraswamigudem.	R 300 0 0	450 0 0 200 0 0	..	650 0 0	Rs. 200 were allotted from Civil Works—Miscellaneous grant and Rs. 150 were transferred from work 2.
	Total ..	1,500 0 0	1,722 8 6	2,321 13 0	1,722 8 6	
Polavaram division	1. Constructing a road from Kannapuram to Polavaram.	800 0 0	800 0 0	5,795 0 0	800 0 0	Rs. 450 were expended for cutting side drains and clearing jungle to a length of 472 yards. Rs. 350 were expended towards the construction of a slab drain
	2. Extending the Prakkilanka-Jangareddigudem road towards Jilugumalli.	300 0 0	300 0 0	..	300 0 0	Clearing jungle and cutting side drains for two miles.
	Total ..	1,100 0 0	1,100 0 0	5,795 0 0	1,100 0 0	
Chodavaram division ..	1. Constructing culverts, &c., on the new road between Chodavaram and Geddada.	1,000 0 0	2,455 0 0	5,396 13 9	2,455 0 0	
	2. Making a good bandy track from Maredimilli to Gurrapujhari ghât *viâ* Valamur.	2,000 0 0	1,086 8 6	..	1,086 8 6	Four miles, Rs. 270 a mile.
	3. Making a good bandy track from Maredimilli to Bodulur.	1,000 0 0	458 7 6	..	458 7 6	Ten miles, Rs. 46 a mile.
	4. Bandy track from Purushottpatnam to meet the Chodavaram-Gokavaram road.	1,000 0 0	..	..	..	Transferred to upkeep of Devipatnam-Chodavaram road under Repairs—Communications.
	Total ..	5,000 0 0	4,000 0 0	5,396 13 9	4,000 0 0	

X.—Statement showing the progress of New Works and Repairs costing Rs. 250 and upwards in the Gódávari Agency during the year 1895–96—*cont.*

Name of the taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure. From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new work).	Expenditure. In the year under report.	Remarks on progress.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	New Works—Communications—cont.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Yellavaram division ..	1. Extending Timmapuram-Addatigela road ..	500 0 0	500 0 0	3,878 0 0	500 0 0	
	2. Addatigela-Rayapalli road	2,000 0 0	2,000 0 0	....	2,000 0 0	
	Total ..	2,500 0 0	2,500 0 0	3,878 0 0	2,500 0 0	
	Total, New Works—Communications ..	10,100 0 0	9,322 8 6	17,391 10 9	9,322 8 6	
	New Works—Buildings.					
Bhadráchalam taluk ..	1. Sinking a well at Lakkavaram	300 0 0	300 0 0	....	300 0 0	
	2. Completion of the well at Yedugurallapalli ..	150 0 0	150 0 0	R 250 0 0	150 0 0	
	Total ..	450 0 0	450 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	
Polavaram division ..	1. Constructing a rest-house at Jeelugumilli	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	....	1,000 0 0	
Chodavaram division ..	1. Constructing a rest-house at Maredimilli	300 0 0	252 8 0	....	252 8 0	The balance was transferred to upkeep of Gokavaram-Chodavaram road under Repairs—Communications.
Yellavaram division ..	1. Sinking a well at Marripalem	300 0 0	300 0 0	....	300 0 0	
	2. Do. at Addatigela	300 0 0	450 0 0	....	450 0 0	Rs. 150 were allotted from Civil Works Grant—Miscellaneous.
	Total ..	600 0 0	750 0 0	....	750 0 0	
	Total, New Works—Buildings ..	2,350 0 0	2,452 8 0	250 0 0	2,452 8 0	
	Repairs—Communications.					
Bhadráchalam taluk ..	1. Repairing the road between Kunavaram and Parnasala.	1,000 0 0	....	....	....	Transferred to work No. 2. Improving the road between Lakkavaram and Gurrapujhari ghaut.
	2. Improving the road between Lakkavaram and Gurrapujhari ghaut.	500 0 0	1,500 0 0	....	1,500 0 0	Rs. 1,000 were transferred from workNo. 1.
	Total ..	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0	....	1,500 0 0	

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Name of the taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure. From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new work).	Expenditure. In the year under report.	Remarks on progress.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Repairs—Communications—cont.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Polavaram division ..	Repairing the Parimpudi-Jangareddigudem road ..	600 0 0	600 0 0	..	600 0 0	This contribution was paid to the Local Fund Department to maintain the road.
Chodavaram division ..	1. Upkeep of Devipatnam-Chodavaram road	..	1,000 0 0	..	1,000 0 0	
	2. Upkeep of Ghokavaram-Chodavaram road	700 0 0	768 15 1	..	768 15 1	
	Total ..	700 0 0	1,768 15 1	..	1,768 15 1	
Yellavaram division ..	Repairing the road from Bornagudem to Jaddangi ..	800 0 0	800 0 0	..	800 0 0	
	Total, Repairs—Communications ..	3,600 0 0	4,668 15 1	..	4,668 15 1	
	Repairs—Buildings.					
Bhadráchalam taluk ..	Repairing the rest-house at Abhicherla	100 0 0	40 0 0	..	40 0 0	The balance Rs. 60 was transferred to the two works next following.
	Repairing the compound fence of Kundalum bungalow.	..	30 0 0	..	30 0 0	
	Repairing the compound fence of Lakkavaram bungalow.	..	30 0 0	..	30 0 0	
	Total ..	100 0 0	100 0 0	..	100 0 0	
	Total, Repairs—Buildings ..	100 0 0	100 0 0	..	100 0 0	
	Miscellaneous—Communications.					
Bhadráchalam taluk ..	Gravelling the Waddigudem village road	..	170 0 0	..	170 0 0	
	Gravelling the Dummagudem village road	..	200 0 0	..	200 0 0	
	Purchase of tools	..	100 0 0	..	100 0 0	
	Total ..	..	470 0 0	..	470 0 0	

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Name of the taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure. From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new work).	Expenditure. In the year under report.	Remarks on progress.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Miscellaneous—Communications—cont.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Polavaram division ..	1. Pay of road maistry	..	193 15 9	..	193 15 9	
	2. Cost of a book on building and road making	..	5 15 0	..	5 15 0	
	3. Cost of drawing instruments	..	3 15 3	..	3 15 3	
	4. Repairing the Polavaram village road	..	147 9 0	..	147 9 0	
	Total ..	..	351 7 0	..	351 7 0	
Chodavaram division ..	1. Wooden bridge between Marrivada and Bhímavaram on Chodavaram Kota road.	..	26 0 0	..	26 0 0	
	2. Wooden tunnel with masonry works near Chodavaram Police Station on Chodavaram-Gokavaram road.	..	25 0 0	..	25 0 0	
	3. Pay of road maistry	..	167 1 2	..	167 1 2	
	Total ..	..	218 1 2	..	218 1 2	
Yellavaram division ..	Pay of road maistry	..	231 7 9	..	231 7 9	
	Total, Miscellaneous—Communications ..	1,500 0 0	1,270 15 11	..	1,270 15 11	
	Miscellaneous Buildings and Sanitation.					
Polavaram division ..	1. Re-thatching and improving Buttayagudem bungalow.	..	125 0 0	..	125 0 0	
	2. Whitewashing Buttayagudem bungalow	..	8 12 0	..	8 12 0	
	3. Constructing a parapet wall for the well at Ankampalem.	..	100 0 0	..	100 0 0	
	4. Building a platform to a well at Mulagalampalli ..	..	50 0 0	..	50 0 0	Rs. 50 were contributed by the villagers in addition.
	5. Building a platform to a well at Mysanagudem ..	..	50 0 0	..	50 0 0	
	Total ..	..	333 12 0	..	333 12 0	

X.—Statement showing the progress of New Works and Repairs costing Rs. 250 and upwards in the Gódávari Agency during the year 1895–96—*cont.*

Name of the taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure. From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new work).	Expenditure. In the year under report.	Remarks on progress.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Miscellaneous—Buildings and Sanitation—cont.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Chodavaram division ..	1. Stockade at Chodavaram round office building ..	..	40 0 0	..	40 0 0	
	2. Stockade at Chodavaram round establishment quarters.	..	100 0 0	..	100 0 0	
	3. Whitewashing Chodavaram bungalow	..	8 12 0	..	8 12 0	
	Total ..	..	148 12 0	..	148 12 0	
Yellavaram division ..	1. Whitewashing the Timmapuram bungalow	..	50 0 0	..	50 0 0	
	2. Do. Addatigela bungalow	..	8 12 0	..	8 12 0	
	3. Constructing a well at Kimmuru for the use of Panchama population.	..	150 0 0	..	150 0 0	
	Total ..	..	208 12 0	..	208 12 0	
	Total, Miscellaneous—Buildings and Sanitation ..	800 0 0	691 4 0	..	691 4 0	
	Supervision.					
Bhadráchalam taluk ..	Sinking a well at Kasinagaram	..	200 0 0	..	200 0 0	
Polavaram division ..	Construction of a parapet wall to the well at Itakayalakunta.	..	100 0 0	..	100 0 0	
	Construction of a parapet wall to the well at Kannapuram.	..	100 0 0	..	100 0 0	
	Total ..	..	200 0 0	..	200 0 0	
Chodavaram	Pay of the rest-house watcher	..	9 0 6	..	9 0 6	
	Stockade round peons' lines at Chodavaram	..	60 0 0	..	60 0 0	
	For tarring all wood work of the Chodavaram Deputy Tahsildar's office, record-room, gumastas' and peons' lines to preserve from the action of white-ants	..	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	
	Construction of a window to the dispensary at Chodavaram.	..	5 8 0	..	5 8 0	
	Total ..	..	84 8 6	..	84 8 6	

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Name of the taluk or division.	Description of work.	Amount of original allotment for the year.	Final allotment for the year.	Expenditure. From the commencement of the work up to the close of the preceding year (for new work).	Expenditure. In the year under report.	Remarks on progress.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Supervision—cont.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Yellavaram division ..	Stokade round office buildings at Addatigela	..	285 0 0	..	285 0 0	
	Cutting tamarind trees near office buildings at Addatigela.	..	16 0 0	..	16 0 0	
	Total ..	..	301 0 0	..	301 0 0	
	Total, Supervision ..	850 0 0	785 8 6	..	785 8 6	
	Abstract.					
	New Works—					
	Communications	10,100 0 0	9,322 8 6	17,391 10 9	9,322 8 6	
	Buildings	2,350 0 0	2,802 8 0	250 0 0	2,802 8 0	
	Repairs—					
	Communications	3,600 0 0	5,717 7 9	..	5,717 7 9	
	Buildings	100 0 0	1,449 3 9	..	1,449 3 9	
	Miscellaneous grant	3,150 0 0				
	Total ..	19,300 0 0	19,291 12 0	17,641 10 9	19,291 12 0	
	Amount allowed to lapse ..	..	8 4 0	..	8 4 0	
		19,300 0 0	19,300 0 0	..	19,300 0 0	Of this Rs. 1,300 were allotted from the road fund Bhadráchalam and these items are marked with the letter "R" in the statement.

(Signed) J. W. HUGHES,
Special Assistant Agent.

X-(*a*).—Statement showing the Receipts and Charges of Special Local Funds in the Bhadrá-chalam taluk of the Gódávari district for the official year 1895–96.

Items.	Amount.	Total.	Remarks.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Balance on 1st April 1895	2,416 4 5	2,416 4 5	
Cesses on land	817 0 0		
Collections on rents of ferries	744 14 11		
Collections on account of emoluments to be paid to Patwaries, Patels and Taliars	4,791 1 2		
Miscellaneous receipts as shown in column of remarks	*1 12 0		
Total, including balance ..	..	8,771 0 6	
Expenditure.			
Presidency establishment	23 0 0		
Collector's office establishment	11 14 0		
Proportionate pay and contribution to the Local Fund Audit establishment	3 5 0		
Scavenging establishment	144 0 0		
Payment to village officers	4,832 2 4		
Expenses incurred in connection with the construction and repair of roads in Bhadráchalam taluk	1,300 0 0		
Travelling allowance	0 3 8		
Printing charges	0 4 0		
Miscellaneous charges as shown in column of remarks	0 4 0		
		6,315 1 0	
Balance on 31st March 1896 ..	..	2,455 15 6	

*Fines under Nuisance Act.

Certified that the figures in this statement have been compared with those in the Treasury account and have been found to agree.

(Signed) S. VENKATARAMA DAS,
Deputy Collector.

(Signed) V. A. BRODIE,
Collector.

XI.—Statement showing the details of the new works undertaken for the improvement of sanitation in the Gódávari Agency during the year 1895–96.

Name of taluk or division.	Improvement of water-supply.						Total expenditure.	Conservancy of towns and improvement of village-site.					
	New tanks dug.		New wells sunk.		Existing sources of supply repaired or otherwise improved.			Name of town or	Conservancy.		Expenditure on		
	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.	Number of works.	Cost.		Village dealt with.	Hands employed.	Cost.	Laying out streets and drains.	Water-supply.	Other improvements.
				Rs.		Rs.	Rs.				Rs. A. P.		
Bhadráchalam taluk ..	..	..	3	650	..	..	650	Waddigudem	..	..	170 0 0	..	..
Polavaram division ..	..	..	..	..	5	400	400	Dumagudem	..	..	200 0 0	..	..
Chódavaramu „ ..						*Nil*		Polavaram	..	..	147 9 0	..	..
Yellavaram „ ..	..	..	3	900	..	..	900	....	..	..	..	..	..
Total, 1895–96 ..	..	..	6	1,500	5	400	1,950	....	..	..	517 9 0	..	..
Compare, 1894–95 ..	..	..	2	457	7	547	1,004	....	..	..	850 0 0	..	..

(Signed) J. W. HUGHES,
Special Assistant Agent.

XII.—Statement showing the Abkári Revenue of the Gódávari Agency for the year 1895–96.

Name of taluk or division.	System.	Name of the farm rented.	Amount of rent.	Number of shops: At the beginning of the year.	Number of shops: Newly opened during the year.	Number of shops: Total.	Demand: Arrear.	Demand: Current.	Collection: Arrear.	Collection: Current.	Remission.	Balance: Arrear.	Balance: Current.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Rs. A. P.			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Bhadráchalam taluk.	Rangewar rental for river side.	Bhadráchalam ..	4,291 10 8	18	..	18	..	4,291 10 8	..	4,291 10 8	..	..	..
		Dumagudem ..	3,703 5 4	6	..	6	..	3,703 5 4	..	3,703 5 4	..	..	..
		Waddigudem ..	1,106 10 8	8	..	8	..	1,106 10 8	..	1,106 10 8	..	..	..
	Arrack tax at 2 annas per head for villages in the interior.	Koya and Reddi villages	736 14 0	..	..	..	..	736 14 0	..	736 14 0	..	..	..
		Total ..	9,838 8 8	32	..	32	..	9,838 8 8	..	9,838 8 8	..	..	..
Polavaram division ..	Villagewar ..	..	4,648 10 0	112	..	112	*726 4 6	4,648 10 0	726 4 6	4,648 10 0	..	..	..
Chódavaramu „ ..	Do. ..	..	4,553 0 0	58	1	59	..	4,553 0 0	..	3,389 0 0	..	..	†1,164 0 0
Yellavaram „ ..	Do. ..	..	3,544 4 0	58	..	58	1,846 10 0	3,544 4 0	1,846 10 0	3,410 12 0	..	..	‡ 133 8 0
		Total ..	22,584 6 8	260	1	261	2,572 14 6	22,584 6 8	2,572 14 6	21,286 14 8	..	..	1,297 8 0
		Compare, 1894–95.	25,345 8 8	312	1	313	2,887 8 10	25,345 8 8	2,160 1 4	22,891 14 2	607 3 6	120 4 0	1,726 6 0

	Rs. A. P.
* Arrear as shown in last year's return	727 4 6
Demanded in 1895–96	1 0 0
Hence the difference ..	726 4 6
† Since collected	90 0 0
In deposit	1,074 0 0

‡ Since collected.

(Signed) J. W. HUGHES,
Special Assistant Agent.

XIII.—Statement showing the Opium Revenue of the Gódávari Agency during the year 1895–96.

Name of taluk or division.	Number of shops: Sold by auction.	Number of shops: Let on fixed license fees.	Selling price to consumers.	Consumption in pounds: 1894–95.	Consumption in pounds: 1895–96.	Rents and license fees.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Lb. Tolas.	Lb. Tolas.	Rs. A. P.	Sold to: Licensed vendors. / People. / Total.
Bhadráchalam taluk	6	..	3½ tolas per rupee ..	637 13½	558 38	527 0 0	52 35 / 506 3 / 558 38
Polavaram division	8	..	Do. ..	544 19	518 21½	660 8 0	85 8 / 433 13½ / 518 21½
Chódavaramu „	8	..	Do. ..	300 0	259 0	554 0 0	.. / 259 0 / 259 0
Yellavaram „	14	..	Do. ..	2,665 17	1,543 14	1,991 0 0	469 3 / 1,074 11 / 1,543 14
Total, 1895–96 ..	* 36	..	....	....	2,879 33½	3,732 8 0	
Compare, 1894–95 ..	* 39	..	3½ tolas a rupee ..	4,147 9½	....	4,106 0 0	

* Kondamodalu, Marrinada and Musurumilli—These shops were abolished as the people did not want them.

(Signed) J. W. HUGHES,
Special Assistant Agent.

XIV.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection and Balance of all sources of Revenue in the Gódávari Agency, 1895–96.

Items.	Demand.			Collection.			Remission.	Balance.		
	Arrear.	Current.	Total.	Arrear.	Current.	Total.		Arrear.	Current.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
I. Land Revenue—										
1. Permanently settled ..	..	35,055 11 10	35,055 11 10	..	34,729 7 0	34,729 7 0	..	..	326 4 10	(a) 326 4 10
2. Land Revenue Miscellaneous including cesses.	(b)1,463 10 0	38,808 6 4	40,272 0 4	1,457 10 0	37,617 4 4	39,074 14 4	6 0 0	..	1,191 2 0	1,191 2 0
3. Quit-rent on service inams										
4. Miscellaneous Revenue fines	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,463 10 0	73,864 2 2	75,327 12 2	1,457 10 0	72,346 11 4	73,804 5 4	6 0 0	..	1,517 6 10	1,517 6 10
II. Abkári including license fees.	(c) 2,572 14 6	22,734 6 8	25,307 5 2	2,296 2 6	21,436 14 8	23,733 1 2	276 12 0	..	1,297 8 0	(d)1,297 8 0
III. Village cess	*Vide* item I (2). This has been shown against it.									
IV. Opium	348 4 0	3,732 8 0	4,080 12 0	339 8 0	2,980 0 0	3,319 8 0	8 12 0	..	752 8 0	(d) 752 8 0
V. Ferries	(e) 186 0 0	1,417 6 4	1,603 6 4	186 0 0	1,229 0 1	1,415 0 1	..	..	188 6 3	188 6 3
VI. School road and Dâk funds ..	..	817 0 0	817 0 0	..	817 0 0	817 0 0	..	..	..	..
VII. Stamps	..	6,899 11 0	6,899 11 0	..	6,899 11 0	6,899 11 0	..	..	..	..
VIII. Forests	75 4 0	30,237 2 5	30,312 6 5	75 4 0	30,222 0 3	30,297 4 3	..	..	15 2 2	15 2 2
Total ..	3,182 6 6	65,838 2 5	69,020 8 11	2,896 14 6	63,584 10 0	66,481 8 6	285 8 0	..	2,253 8 5	2,253 8 5
Grand Total ..	4,646 0 6	1,39,702 4 7	1,44,348 5 1	4,354 8 6	1,35,931 5 4	1,40,285 13 10	291 8 0	..	3,770 15 3	3,770 15 3
Compare, 1894–95 ..	9,392 12 5	1,41,388 15 0	1,50,781 14 5	8,654 13 11	1,37,006 0 1	1,45,660 14 0	608 14 6	129 0 0	4,383 8 6	4,512 8 6

	Rs.	A.	P.
(a) Since collected	326	4	0
(b) Land Revenue	1,382	10	0
Quit-rent on service inams ..	24	3	0
Village cess	56	13	0
Total ..	1,463	10	0

(c) The arrear demand of Polavaram was reduced by Re. 1 as this was demanded in 1895–96 and so the amount does not tally with last year's return.
(d) In deposit. To be adjusted.
(e) Rs. 51–8–0 shown in last year's return. The increase is in Polavaram division.

(Signed) J. W. HUGHES,
Special Assistant Agent.

XV.—Statement showing the number of wild animals killed in the Gódávari Agency and the rewards granted during the year 1895–96.

Officer granting the reward.	Tigers.		Panthers.		Bears.		Hyænas.		Total.		Number killed by wild animals.		Remarks.
	Number killed.	Amount of reward.	Number killed.	Amount of reward.	Number killed.	Amount of reward.	Number killed.	Amount of reward.	Number killed.	Amount of reward.	Persons.	Cattle.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.			
Special Assistant Agent—													
1. Bhadráchalam taluk ..	2	110	14	222	2	10	..	..	18	342	1	289	..
2. Polavaram division ..	2	105	1	20	..	..	..	..	3	125	3	82	..
3. Chódavaramu „ ..	4	220	16	268	1	5	..	..	21	493	..	..	..
4. Yellavaram „ ..	..	..	13	241	1	5	..	..	14	246	2	134	..
Total, 1895–96 ..	8	435	44	751	4	20	..	..	56	1,206	6	505	..
Compare, 1894–95 ..	17	1,070	54	1,014	9	41	..	..	80	2,125	11	388	..

(Signed) J. W. HUGHES,
Special Assistant Agent.

Order—No. 1422, Judicial, dated 1st September 1896.

The year 1895–96 was again uneventful in the Gódávari Agency. There were no disturbances; the season was favourable; the health of the people was, on the whole, good, and the administration appears to have been satisfactorily conducted.

2. The Special Assistant Agent's touring was again thoroughly done, and he traversed the greater part of his charge. The shortness of the period spent by the Agent in the Agency tracts is explained in paragraph 3 of his letter.

3. The question whether the Special Assistant Agent's head-quarters should be located at Polavaram or elsewhere will be decided on receipt of the report called for in G.O., No. 393, Judicial, dated 27th February 1896.

4. Orders have been issued for the preparation of estimates for the construction of an office for the Deputy Tahsildar of Polavaram (G.O., No. 1298, Judicial, dated 13th August 1896).

5. The disposal of Criminal and Civil Judicial work was satisfactory and calls for no remarks.

6. The attendance at the hospitals and dispensaries was, on the whole, well maintained. The attention of the Surgeon-General will be drawn to the fact that the institution at Polavaram is again without a Medical Officer in charge, and to the allegations that the supply of quinine in the Chódavaramu dispensary was inadequate and that the stock of medicines in that institution comprises many drugs for which a use is rarely or never found.

7. The decrease in the number of cases of vaccination and in the percentage of successful operations is matter for regret. It is reported to be due to many changes among the vaccinators, and to the inferior quality of the lymph supplied from the vaccine depôt at Polavaram. If the statement in paragraph 16 of the Special Assistant Agent's report,—that preserved lymph can be sent by post from Rajahmundry to all stations, except Polavaram, quicker than it can from Polavaram itself—be correct, the retention of the depôt at that place appears to be of doubtful utility, as the quality of the lymph prepared there is unlikely to be superior to that obtained from Rajahmundry. The Government will, however, offer no objection to the continuance of the experiment for another year if on consideration of these remarks the Agent thinks it desirable.

8. The registration of vital statistics appears to need more care in Chódavaramu., where the figures given are obviously grossly incorrect. The circumstances explained in paragraph 10 of the Special Assistant's report no doubt hamper accurate registration, but they do not adequately account for a decrease, when compared with the preceding year, in the numbers of both births and deaths recorded.

9. Education progressed somewhat, the number of pupils on the rolls of the schools and their daily average attendance having risen. It should be reported whether any definite cause for the continued decrease in the numbers of girls and of boys of aboriginal tribes who were under tuition can be assigned. The numbers of pupils found qualified for result grants and of schools inspected by the subordinate officers of the Educational department fell heavily, and the decline should be explained. The attention of the Educational department will be called to the subject of the rules to define the powers of Agency officers in the matter of the appointment of schoolmasters referred to in paragraph 12 of the Agent's letter.

10. The allotment for public works is reported to have been almost entirely spent within the year, but it appears from paragraph 18 of the Agent's letter that money was paid before the close of the year for work which was not at the time completed. This practice should immediately be stopped, and no work of any kind should be paid for until it is certified to be complete. The smallness of the annual allotments for public works has enabled but little progress to be made in opening up the country in recent years, but should the proposals for the establishment of a local board in the Agency which are now under consideration bear fruit, it should be possible to effect a considerable improvement in this important matter.

11. The Government of India has recently sanctioned the extension to the Gódávari Agency of the special rates of travelling allowance referred to in paragraph 19 of the Agent's letter.

12. The Government is glad to learn of the probability of the success of the prospecting for coal and graphite which is being conducted in the Bhadráchalam and Chódavaramu taluks. The Agent's proposal to spend Rs. 100 in experimenting with tea and coffee seeds is sanctioned. The results should be noticed in due course.

13. The proposal in paragraph 7 of the Agent's letter, to entertain an additional shroff and gumastah in the Polavaram Deputy Tahsildar's office, and the request in paragraph 20, that the pay of the Agency attender should be raised, should form the subject of separate communications.

14. Paragraphs 4, 14, 16 and 17 of the Agent's report and paragraphs 23 and 27 of the Special Assistant's report will be dealt with in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Government Agent, Gódávari.
" Agent to the Governor, Ganjám.
" " " Vizagapatam.
" Revenue Department.
" Educational Department (with reference to paragraph 9.)
" Financial Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Surgeon-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Accountant-General.

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No remarks are ~~called~~ called for on para 14 of the Agents report and paras 23 & 24 of the Spl Asst Report which relate to the subjects dealt with by the F.A.

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