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(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

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Russellkonda	8.00	10.00	9.00	11.00	15.94	17.35	11.50	36.00	Price of raw rice is falling in eleven stations and stationary in one. Ragi is stationary in two stations and falling elsewhere.
Surada	7.86	9.19	9.25	10.50	13.81	17.06	11.50	36.00	
Aska	7.22	7.95	8.50	10.05	8.99	15.67	11.00	31.00	
Purushottapuram	8.00	9.00	8.50	9.50	17.00	17.00	11.00	35.00	
Chatrapur	7.50	8.00	8.50	9.00	10.50	11.50	10.50	27.00	
Berhampur	7.50	9.00	9.00	10.00	11.90	14.87	12.00	31.00	
Ichchhapuram	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.50	12.60	14.40	11.00	24.00	
Sompeta	8.66	9.45	8.66	9.45	13.50	13.50	13.50	36.00	
Parlakimedi	9.25	..	11.22	..	14.95	15.60	13.50	39.00	
Tekkali	9.00	..	9.60	..	12.65	17.75	12.00	36.00	
Narasannapeta	9.37	..	9.75	..	12.50	15.00	14.00	36.00	
Chicacole	7.68	..	8.20	..	13.31	14.20	11.00	32.00	
Total ..	98.54	71.59	109.18	79.00	157.56	183.90	142.00	399.00	
Average ..	8.21	8.95	9.09	9.87	13.13	15.32	11.88	33.25	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is not very active. Two hundred and seventy cart-loads of paddy are reported to have been imported from Nayagarh into Berpur side. Paddy and rice are still being imported in limited quantities from Puri.

Exports and imports of food-grains by rail and by sea are as follow:—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By rail	1,623	8,342
By sea	...	1,766

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—All the works have been closed.

In villages.—The condition of people in villages is generally good. Cooly classes find work in the fields. A few emaciated persons are being fed at the Koitakhadi kitchen in the Peddakimedi estate.

The following remittances are reported from emigrants to Burmah through the Post offices noted below:—

	RS.
Jalmur	360
Kotabommali	1,460
Kasibugga	1,489
Total	3,309

Sickness and mortality.—Fever and small-pox are generally prevalent.

Cholera deaths—

Goomsur division	98
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Total ... 225

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Total	2,185	...

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluka.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Russellkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Surada	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aska	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Bodogodo	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peddakimedi	..	..	140	32	..	..	..	..
Berhampur	..	..	46	..	..	..	491	..
Sompéta	..	..	19	..	..	..	263	..
Jochhápúram	..	..	..	..	..	..	172	..
Ganjám	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..
Parushóttapuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	657	..
Tekkali	..	..	55	..	..	..	380	..
Narasannapéta	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Parlakimedi	..	..	229	..	..	..	..	..
Chicacole	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	489	32	..	..	2,004	..

Taluka.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.					
			Number of persons relieved		Number of cloths manufactured			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.		
Russellkonda	..	..	..	..	591	2,380		
Suradā	1	..	..	..	..	..		
Aska	..	..	49	..	9	11,020		
Bodogodo	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Peddakimedi	96	..	..	..	135	2,597		
Berhampur	53	..	172	..	212	15,291		
Sompéta	29	..	1,048	20	408	37,065		
Ichchhāpuram	17	..	..	..	..	2,811		
Ganjām	143	..	..	..	111	6,841		
Purushōttapuram	63	..	317	44	810	12,938		
Tekkali	..	..	100	15	148	21,059		
Narasannapéta	..	..	..	..	..	6,531		
Parlakimedi	..	..	380	12	446	10,164		
Chicacole	..	..	..	..	4	3,253		
Total ..	402	..	2,066	91	2,874	131,954		

Private charity.—No organized private charity at work. Some gentlemen at Aska are feeding between 20 and 30 helpless people daily. It is reported that in Pattupur a private gentleman has of late undertaken to feed about 100 people a day for a month.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.—The Principal Assistant Collector has visited six villages; the Senior Assistant Collector one village; the General Deputy Collector, Goomsur, eleven villages; and the Head-quarters Deputy Collector seventeen villages in their respective divisions. I have visited Kasibugga, Pata Tekkali, Tekkali and Parlákimedi.

There is nothing important to record. The Koitakhandi kitchen has been closed, and all relief operations are now at an end; it merely remains to collect a few cloths from defaulting weavers. The audit of famine expenditure is progressing, but it will still take some time before all items are finally adjusted.

Prices continue to fall slightly, and a considerable fall in the price of rice may be looked for at a very early date. Light paddy is being harvested, and yields a good crop, and heavy paddy everywhere is very promising, except in parts of Atagada, Suradá and Chikati where considerable damage has been caused by grasshoppers. Private charity has now resumed its ordinary course.

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RESOLUTION—No. 714, dated 17th November 1897.

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H. Wilson
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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Miscellaneous.

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Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.
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" the Local and Municipal Department.
" the Accountant-General.

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