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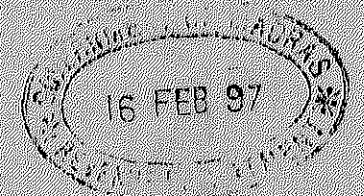
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SUBJECT.

Affected Districts in the
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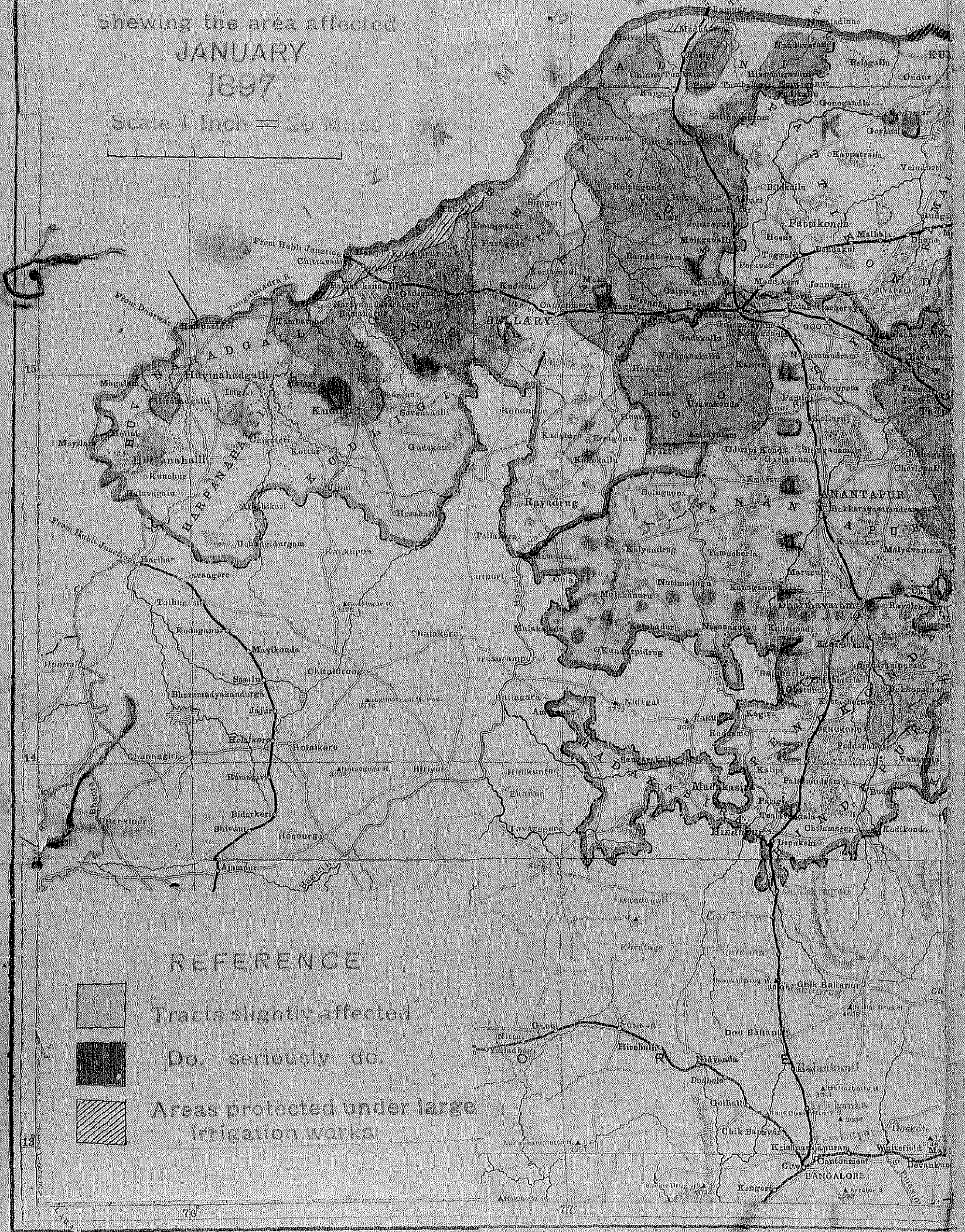
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MAP OF Part of the MADRAS PRESIDENCY

Shewing the area affected
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REFERENCE

- Tracts slightly affected
- Do. seriously do.
- Areas protected under large irrigation works

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

RESOLUTION—dated 10th February 1897, No. 123-

The following letter will be despatched to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, Calcutta.

"I am directed to submit herewith the Board's monthly report on the affected area in this Presidency, prepared in accordance with section 48 (VI) of the Madras Famine Code. Two copies of the map prepared as directed in rule VII are also enclosed."

2. Copy will be submitted for the information of Government, with 2 copies of the special map prepared in the Survey office.

(True Extract.)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with 2 copies of map.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner, with a copy of map.
„ to all Collectors.

Exd. C. M. Thambusawmy.

MONTHLY FAMINE STATEMENT

For the period ending Saturday evening the 30th January 1897.

Districts.	Area.	Population in thousands.	Affected area.	Estimated population of column 4.	Numbers on relief works on the last day of the period.		
					Class A.	Class B.	Class C.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Decan.	SQ. MLS.		SQ. MLS.				
Kurnool	7,514	818	981	182,713	..	1,043	2,577
Bellary	5,976	900	3,713	606,335	..	22,844	193
Anantapur	4,886	709	3,468	466,582	..	818	1,039
Cuddapah	8,731	1,272	1,667	284,482	..	1,735	445
Total	27,106	3,699	9,829	1,440,112	..	26,440	4,254

Districts.	Numbers on relief works on the last day of the period—cont.		Numbers on gratuitous relief.	Prices of principal food-grains in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.			
	Class D.	Total.		Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Decan.							
Kurnool	..	3,620	263	9-4	15-1	16-2	12-7
Bellary	..	23,037	2,551	9-3	13-8	16-9	..
Anantapur	..	116	166	9-4	13-6	16-6	13-4
Cuddapah	..	57	6,925	9-3	14-5	17-8	16-8
Total	173	30,867	10,205				

Remarks.—The area to be considered affected during January showed a small increase, with a corresponding increase in the population affected. The area more particularly affected is shown on the map, and the whole lies within the four Decan districts. During the month there has been no improvement in the outlook, and the fate of the late-sown crops has now become hopeless in the affected area. The labouring classes still find some employment in gathering cotton, and removing the straw of the withering crops, as well as on the cultivation of land that is protected by irrigation from wells and, in parts of Kurnool and Cuddapah, of that under the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal. The prospect for the cattle continues to grow worse. Pasturage in the most affected parts is practically non-existent and fodder very scarce and dear. The people have resorted largely to the forest reserves for cutting grass, which has been allowed free, and numbers of cattle have been driven off to the jungles and to Mysore for grazing.

2. Prices have again begun to rise, and, unless there be great relief in the pressure to the north, must be expected to continue to rise until the next south-west monsoon sets in. The districts to the south are not likely to be able to spare much surplus, for though there will be a fair late crop, it is not likely to be a large one, having been sown very late, and the early sown crops suffered severely from drought and yielded poorly. The prices given in statement A are those which were reported on January 30th, and since then the rates have risen again. In the districts referred to, cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*) is the staple food-grain of most of the people of the parts affected, and the normal price of that grain is about thirty seers per rupee.

3. The markets appear to be well-supplied at present, and the traders no longer hold up their stocks. Trade is, however, excessively dull both so far as transfers of grain within the Presidency, and as to exports northwards beyond its limits. Comparative figures, so far as available, are given for the affected districts in the following table for the two periods of four weeks ending January 2nd and January 30th, respectively:—

Districts.	Railway.	December 1896.		January 1897.	
		Receipts.	Despatches.	Receipts.	Despatches.
Kurnool	Southern Maharatta Railway	MDS. 2,410	MDS. 5,233	MDS. 704	MDS. 1,469
Bellary	Southern Maharatta Railway	11,100	1,913	5,367	1,092
	Madras Railway	8,786	11,283	6,523	5,536
Anantapur	Southern Maharatta Railway	3,911	3,976	537	3,210
	South Indian Railway	103	↑	131	↑
	Madras Railway	4,963	4,415	6,057	808
Cuddapah	South Indian Railway	1,696	↑	984	↑
	Madras Railway	13,523	15,364	5,742	11,612

* For two weeks only.

† Not reported.

4. The people in the affected area are reported to be generally in good condition, but in parts of the Kurnool and Bellary districts, the Sanitary Commissioner has reported that the number of those who are seeking relief, whose condition is poor or bad, is considerable, and that the scale of wages prescribed in the Code is inadequate in the circumstances. Relief is being offered to the people in the form of employment on works, which are for the most part road works and, to such of their dependants, as will accept it, as well as to a few other destitute persons, in the form of cooked food at kitchens. Besides this relief has been granted to large numbers of weavers at their own trade. The numbers of these weavers have, unfortunately, to be included under column 11 of statement A together with the numbers relieved gratuitously. The weavers relieved on January 30th numbered in Bellary 743 and in Cuddapah 6,801. This form of relief is in no sense gratuitous, as the wages of C class are only paid to the weavers on the production of regularly tasked manufactured articles.

5. In addition to the 41,072 persons directly relieved by the State, a considerable number is employed by the ryots on carrying out land improvements, either by the aid of State loans or from their own resources. The amounts of the loans granted and disbursed up to January 30th, in the affected taluks of the districts concerned, are summarised below. Applications for loans of this class have been pouring in in parts of Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur and special arrangements are being made and extra staff appointed to dispose of them promptly. So far the progress made has been fairly satisfactory in Anantapur only.

Districts.	Land Improvement Loans.								Number of wells.	
	For wells.				For other purposes.					
	Accepted.		Disbursed.		Accepted.		Disbursed.		Under construction or repair.	Completed.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
Kurnool	11	Rs. 1,565	8	Rs. 1,315	12	Rs. 1,500	10	Rs. 1,475	36	..
Bellary	9	1,575	5	450	150	17,920	80	8,410	1	1
Anantapur	482	55,367	399	40,619	204	30,725	70	9,620	241	23
Cuddapah	19	1,375	9	763	..	..	..	..	4	..
Total	512	59,832	421	43,147	372	50,245	160	19,505	282	24

Note.—The figures here given relate to affected areas, not to whole districts as in statement B, column 11.

6. The number of persons resorting to the relief works has been increasing during the last few weeks at the rate of about 6,000 a week and it must be accepted that the rate of increase may rapidly become greater. The greatest increase has so far taken place in Bellary, but in Anantapur and Kurnool also during the last week, there has been a material rise owing chiefly to the opening of new works. In Cuddapah, the numbers remain almost stationary, but it is in this district that the number of weavers relieved at their trade is largest. More works, however, appear to be required in that district.

The mortality returns for December 1896 give the following results:—

Districts.	Number of deaths reported			
	During December.		From October to December.	
	1896.	Average, 1894-96.	1896.	Average, 1894-96.
Kurnool	1,193	1,532	3,753	4,366
Bellary	1,444	1,409	4,330	4,171
Anantapur	1,027	1,044	3,478	3,020
Cuddapah	2,425	2,685	6,179	7,693

So far the mortality returns show little or no practical result as having followed the present high prices, but during the last two months of the period there has been an increased number of deaths reported from some of the more affected taluks.

The state of parts of the Northern Circars, to which allusion was made in paragraph 12 of the last report, underwent no change during January, but it has become apparent that relief may be required in the Bhadrachalam taluk of Godavari, which adjoins Bustar in the Central Provinces. In Ganjam, a test relief work has recently been opened which has attracted labourers, and the Collector has considered it necessary to allow of the grant of money doles to some destitute poor. Orders have, however, been issued that the latter must be relieved at kitchens as laid down in section 64 of the Code, or, in the case of caste objections to the acceptance of cooked food, by grain doles under section 83. Money doles have been prohibited.

MONTHLY Famine Statement B for the period ending Saturday evening the 30th January 1897.

Districts.	Maximum number for whom relief is estimated to be required in the case of serious famine.	Numbers for whom relief was provided in programme of relief works.			Maximum number for whom relief can be provided by works remaining in programme on date of report.	
		Date of programme.	On large works.	Others.	On large works.	Others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Deccan.</i>						
Kurnool	163,000	18th May 1896.	196,041	87,368	195,571	87,039
Bellary	180,000	Do.	324,615	29,883	315,335	29,488
Anantapur	141,800	6th July 1896.	143,224	84,567	142,842	34,445
Cuddapah	233,800	22nd May "	203,779	110,170	201,670	109,945
Total ..	738,600		869,659	261,993	855,474	260,917

Districts.	Expenditure since April 1st up to the latest day for which figures are available.	Advances given — April 1st up to the end of the month — under		Revenue suspended beyond the current official year.	
		Rupees omitting 000s.		Rupees omitting 000s.	
	Date up to which expenditure is known.	On relief works.	On gratuitous relief.	Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.
	8	9	10	11	12
					13
<i>Deccan.</i>					
Kurnool	30th Jan. 1897.	rs. 22	rs. 1	rs. 3	rs. ..
Bellary	Do.	79	3	9	2
Anantapur	Do.	4	† ..	57	1
Cuddapah	Do.	17	† ..	1	..
Total ..		122	4	70	3

† Not reported.
* Accurate figures not yet available, but authority not to enforce the collection of instalments that fell due in December and January, pending report and orders, has been given to Collectors.

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