

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 158

DATED 12th March

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording R&P passing orders on the
fortnightly narrative of the D^y of the Special
Assistant Agent, Godavari, for the period
from 16th to 31st Jan^y 1897

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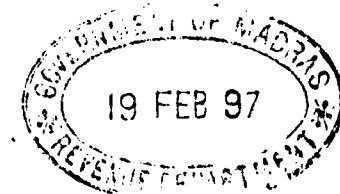
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Revenue (1897) Department.

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Shotton. Mr. Gure. &c.
His Excellency the Governor. Mr. P. S. C. S.



From
The Board of Revenue
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SUBJECT.

Mr. Hughes seems to be incapable - I think
the C.M. reported that he was not the man
for agency charge -

Some D.P.R.
Some L.M. Dept. Madras, the Collector, from which it
appears that he thinks well of Mr. Hughes,
and is anxious to keep him. He seems to
consider Mr. Hughes may
be equal to the work that
is likely to fall upon him.

Submitting to Government,
with remarks, - for the Bhadra.
Chalain Taluk in Goolavani
District.

If the C.M. is satisfied with Mr. Hughes,
his opinion may be accepted. I
don't like the idea of these Kops expiring
work so partially - If they continue to do so
it may be necessary to adopt some
special measures, provided if they want work,
can hardly let them die.

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C No. 1519.

From

Shri M. N. S. S. S.

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

With reference to the Hon.
Mr. Bliss's note of the 17th
instant about the possible
refusal of ^{the} Kayas of Badrachellam
to accept work at famine
rates of wages. The H.M. suggests
that special measures should be
taken if they should persist in
their refusal.

~~The last report~~

I do not think there is
any thing before us with
regard to issuing special
orders about the Kayas.

JS
22/3/97

JS
24/3/97

Circ. to Hon. Mr. Bliss. In ^{RS} 20-3-97

information. 1/25/2/97.

See - The responsibility
if things go wrong, is not
mine

JS
26/3/97

Therms.
1/25/4/97.

C. 20/3/97. C. 26/3/97.
R. 25/3/97. R. 26/3/97.

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

READ—the following paper:—

Fortnightly Narrative of the Special Assistant Agent, Gódvári, from 16th January 1897 to 31st January 1897 based on the information received up to the end of 25th January 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Water-supply—Bhadráchalam.—Sufficient for drinking purposes in the river-side villages. In the interior, the hill people are getting water by sinking wells in the beds of the *vagus*.

Polavaram.—Water in the wells is sufficient for drinking purposes. There is scarcity of water-supply in hill villages.

Chodavaram.—Sufficient.

Yellavaram.—*Vide* separate communication.

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS—*Bhadráchalam.*—*Manjonna* fields are being cut down.

Polavaram.—Nil.

Chodavaram.—Tobacco plantations are being completed in all the river-side villages. They are thriving well. Dry crops are being cut down.

Yellavaram.—Nil.

Crops—Bhadráchalam.—Harvest of (*manjonna*) cholum and pulses is in progress.

Polavaram.—Paddy is harvested already; its yield is 4 annas. Cholum is being harvested. Green gram, red gram and horse-gram and castor plants are being harvested. They may yield from 4 to 12 anna crop.

Chodavaram.—Cholum is harvested. All sorts of gram totally failed. Castor plants are prospering.

Yellavaram.—Wet paddy failed in almost all villages. The yield of cholum and horse-gram was below four *vissams*. Green and black gram also failed. The average yield of oil-seeds is four *vissams*. Tobacco and *dumpa* gardens good.

Fodder—Bhadráchalam.—Sufficient.

Polavaram.—Cholum stalks and hay are available.

Chodavaram.—Hardly sufficient.

Yellavaram.—Not procurable in many villages.

CONDITION OF CATTLE—*Bhadráchalam.*—Cattle diseases are prevalent in some villages.

Polavaram.—Cattle disease called "*kinka*" is prevalent here and there.

Chodavaram.—No cattle disease. But the cattle are suffering for want of water in some villages.

Yellavaram.—Cattle diseases are still prevailing in some villages.

General Remarks on above subjects.—The standing dry crops may yield a little. The condition of cattle is moderate. There is cattle disease here and there. ✓

Camp Kollapure
7-3-97

My dear Sir
This is perhaps to tell
you that I have received the following
deputi. official from Kuyes from
Bhadra Chelam taluk

Camp Kollapure
11-3-97

Dear Mr. Birdi

I started the relief works
yesterday here. 29 Koras turned
up at 3.30 p.m. with a clerk from
Mr. Cain stating that they wanted
work but as soon as I had informed
them of the rate of wages they all
shouldered their axes and went off
to their homes. They evidently came

to the
6th March 1897

My dear Sir

This is just a line to acknowledge
the receipt of your dated 1st April and to say
that before replying definitely I would like to
know what further instructions you think
and also whether you had any more power. We
are a small party, having only a few hundred and
that we had heard of your had at the beginning
of last month was the first. When we had of any
chances and I was not heard of the having
had any behind it since. In a letter I had from
you dated 11th 21st I had from Bhadrachalam the
understanding of the fact as I am assuming the
condition. I have been written to the same with
of course telling him that I had no power &
am also writing to the same in this reply and
will immediately ask him to give power if he
thought our work was good. He had said our work
was well and let you know as in that case
I will power to the same.

Personally I shall be sorry to lose him as he now
knows something about the Agency
and is a good officer but of course
I should be the last to wish to keep
him if there is any danger of his
breaking down.

I am however earnestly hoping that these
scarcely days will not entail any extra work on
him and I am glad to be able to say that I shall not
be surprised to hear that no cooler has come
to the test relief work he is opening. This at least
is the opinion of the Assistant Engineer
up there and of the Police Inspector. Hughes
himself informed me in his letter of the 24th
ult. that he had postponed opening the work
because every one told him no one would come
before the Buddhist festival (18th 22nd) and because
he was holding the fair at handi on the 26th
which was sure to be attended by a crowd of
Koyas & Nyaols and so gives him an opportunity
of explaining things to the people and
finding out from them themselves how things
really are. He adds that everything depends
upon the 2nd year (harvest) flower crop. If it
is fair there will probably be no need for relief
works and what it is likely to be would
probably be known here in a few days about the time
from the traders that I see that the crop is likely

to be over the average in the Central Province is
and I hoped that the same will be the case in
Bhadrachalam. In his last letter he promised
me a letter on the 4th 21st but I have not yet
when I get it if it mentions his ^{name} had any
more news I will write to you at once.

Yours sincerely
Cecil Beaman

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

(1) *On works.*—No works.(2) *In villages—Bhadrachalam.*—The Koyas are living on *kondajonna* produce lately harvested and by selling firewood.*Polavaram.*—Koyas and Reddies are living by selling.*Chodavaram.*—Hill people are living on sama, cumbu, &c., and on hill produce, roots, &c.*Yellavaram.*—Some people are living on roots, &c., and some by selling firewood, &c.*Mortality.*—None.*Sickness.*—Fever is prevalent here and there.*Remarks.*—Condition of the people is not bad. ✓*Relief Measures—Relief works.*—Test relief works will be started in Bhadrachalam taluk during next month.*State of Markets.*—Prices of principal food-grains at chief markets in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.

						Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.
Bhadrachalam	...	...	...	...	...	10 and 12	16	16
Polavaram	...	...	...	...	...	10	20	16
Chodavaram	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...
Yellavaram	...	...	...	...	...	10	16	16

Activity of Trade—Grain-supply—Bhadrachalam.—Trade in rice is not as active as in last fortnight, as no sufficient rice-boats are coming from Rajahmundry. Trade in dry staple food-grains is moderate.*Polavaram.*—Trade in rice, ragi and cholum is fairly active.*Chodavaram.*—Only rice and condiments are brought from Rajahmundry.*Yellavaram.*—Rice, &c., is brought from Yellavaram and sold.*Imports by rail or sea of rice or other staple food-grain.*—Nil.

FOOD-SUPPLIES AND STATE OF MARKETS.

Known or estimated stock in taluks—Bhadrachalam.—Sixty-eight putties of rice and ten putties of cholum in the important villages of Bhadrachalam, Dumagudem, Gouri-devipeta, Waddagudem and Kunnavaram.*Polavaram.*—No stock, but imported from plains.*Chodavaram.*—Nil.*Yellavaram.*—About fifty putties.

INSPECTIONS—TALUKS OR PLACES VISITED DURING THE FORTNIGHT.

Rayapalli, Ramavaram, Kota, Addatigela, Jaddangi, Duppulapalem, Mohanapuram, &c., villages in Yellavaram division.

Endorsement by V. A. BRODIE, Esq., Collector of Gódvári, dated Rajahmundry, 6th February 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 4048.

Forwarded. Mr. Hughes has been ordered to proceed to Bhadrachalam and see personally to the opening of test relief works. I hope to hear shortly from him regarding the actual condition of affairs, and if his report is such as to render this course advisable will myself proceed to Bhadrachalam.

RESOLUTION—dated 11th February 1897, No. 126.

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2. Up to the present time, the Special Assistant has not succeeded in furnishing the Board with a clear and full report on the state of his charge. The Collector will be requested to see that a report of the character prescribed in section 13 of the Famine Code is prepared and submitted at an early date. The narrative now submitted bears very little evidence of being based on personal inspection, and is far too vague to be of much value. It is even doubtful if it was revised by the Special Assistant Collector. Such phrases as "the condition of cattle is moderate," and "Koyas and Reddis are living by selling" can hardly have come from his pen. Even as regards prices, the data given are not clear. They do not agree with the latest information furnished in the Collector's weekly season reports, an abstract of which is given below, so far as prices are concerned. The weekly season reports give no quotation for ragi at Bhadrachalam. At that station there has been a sharp fall in the price of cholum, but the grain is still dear there.

PRICES in the Agency tracts of the Gódvári district in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.

Week ending	Rice.			Cholum.		
	Polavaram.	Chodavaram.	Bhadrachalam.	Polavaram.	Chodavaram.	Bhadrachalam.
January 16th	10 0	9 0	9 9	15 4	17 3	12 5
" 30th	10 0	9 0	11 0	19 2	17 3	14 6
February 6th	10 0	9 0	11 0	15 4	19 2	14 6

3. The Board trusts that when Mr. Hughes again reaches Bhadrachalam, he will lose no time in starting the relief works which so long as a month ago he reported would be required by the end of January. It is imperative that the relief, if required at all, should be offered promptly, and it must also be adapted to the capacity of the people. Whether Mr. Hughes will be able to go to Bhadrachalam seems to be doubtful. According to the latest information he is under treatment at Rajahmundry for jungle fever. The Collector, however, has promised to go to Bhadrachalam himself.

(True Copy and Extract.)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Gódvári.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records
and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

Printed February 17th.

Proceedings, 11th Feb. 1897, No. 126.

Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Govern-
ment, with remarks, — for the Bhadrachalam
taluk in Gódavari district.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings passing orders on the — of the division of the Special
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Mortality.—None.

Sickness.—Fever is prevalent here and there.

Remarks.—Condition of the people is not bad.

Relief Measures—Relief works.—Test relief works will be started in Bhadráchalam taluk during next month.

FOOD-SUPPLIES AND STATE OF MARKETS.

Prices of principal food-grains at chief markets in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.

		Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.
		10 and 12	16	16
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(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Gódvári.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 158, Revenue, dated 12th March 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).

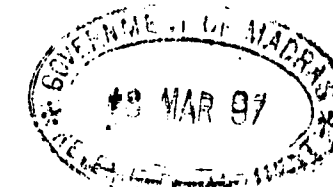
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Submitting with remarks
the Special Assistant
Agents fortnightly narra
ture of famine relief
for the 1st fortnight
of February 97.

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Form No. XVI.

Special Assistant Agents' Division.
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Vide Sections 43 and 44.

District of Godavari From 1-2-97 To 15-2-97.
based on the information received up to 10-2-97.
Fortnightly Narrative.

Bhadrachalam
State of Country.

Polavaram Division

Crops.

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Maunajonna (i.e.) Cholum fields and pulses yielded an 8 anna crop.

Cholum harvested, outturn is 8 annas. The outturn of green, red and horse gram is 8, 12 & 4 annas respectively. Standing crop is Castor plant.

Cholum and pulses are being harvested. Tobacco and Castor plants are prospering.

Wet paddy failed in almost all the villages. Cholum yielded less than a 4 anna crop in many rented villages and 4 annas and more in native villages.

Green and black gram also failed. Oil seeds yielded a 4 anna crop and less.

Tobacco and Dumba gardens, good.

Ground for arumney cultural purposes.

In some places it is hardly sufficient for drinking purposes and in other places people are fetching water from 5 or 6 miles.

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There are cattle diseases in some of the interior villages.

Cattle diseases called "Kinka" and Epizootic aptha are prevalent in some villages.

No cattle diseases; but cattle are suffering for want of water in some villages and so their condition is not good.

Polavaram cattle diseases are still prevailing in some villages.

General Remarks on above subjects.

Condition of People.	
On Works.	Some people other than Koyas are engaged by the Coals Company at Ratoogampalli in Bhadrachalam Taluk. Condition of people generally good. Coolies were wanted for the mining work at Perakonda but refused to come for less than 6 annas a day.
In Villages.	Some of the Koyas are living on the produce of Kondajonna lately harvested and some are engaged in harvesting manjonna. Crop of the rich ryots for grain wages per day and by selling firewood and ^{roots} etc. Koyas and Keldies are living by selling firewood and minor forest produce.
Mortality.	Hill people are living on sama, Camba, and hill produce and roots, etc. Yellavaram - Some people are living on roots, etc. others live by selling firewood etc. and consuming toddy.
Sickness.	Fever is prevalent in Palavaram, Chodavaram and Yellavaram Divisions.
Remarks.	Condition of the people is not bad.

Relief Measures.	
Relief works—In what Taluks open.	None at present.
Pos. a. houses—In what places the numbers at each.	Nil.
Village relief—Number of villages in each Taluk for which reports of — have been received.	
Number of cases of death from want of food with brief note of circumstances if possible.	
REMARKS.	A test relief work will be started on the 3 rd proximo in Bhadrachalam Taluk. Arrangements are being made to start the work.

Bhadrachalam. Trade in rice and dry staple food grains is moderate.
 Grain supply. Polavaram. Trade in rice, ragi & cholam is fairly active. Grain is brought to this place by boats by the local merchants.
 Private trade active or not; whether in Rice or dry staple food-grain. Chodavaram. Only rice and condiments are brought from Gokavaram and Rajahmundry.
 Yellavaram. Sufficient supplies are brought from Gokavaram and sold.

State the imports by Rail or Sea of Rice or other staple food-grain.

Nil.

Bhadrachalam. 45 putties of rice, 13 putties of cholam and 14 putties of ragi in the villages of Durgam Cheruvu, Bhadrachalam, Nellipaka etc.
 Known or estimated stock in Taluks. Polavaram. No stock; but imported from plains.
 Chodavaram. Nil.
 Yellavaram. About 60 putties.

State of Markets.

Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.

Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at	Remarks.
		Durgam Cheruvu Bhadrachalam	
		Addatigela	

Rice.	Cholam.	Ragi.	Cumboo.
Bhadrachalam 1089	16 420	16	"
Polavaram 10	16	16	"
Chodavaram 9	"	"	"
Yellavaram 10	16	16	20

N.B.—The Collector will enter names of markets quoted above in the columns headed "rising," "falling," "stationary."

Taluk or places visited by the Collector during the fortnight ending the 15th.

Addatigela, Jaddangi, thence enroute to Bhadrachalam.

Report could not be sent earlier as I was in transit from 15-2-97 to 22-2-97 coming up the river from Rajahmundry. The reports of the Tahsildar of Bhadrachalam and the Dy. Tahsildar Yellavaram were received by me at Bhadrachalam only the day before yesterday.

(Sd) J.W. Hughes

Special Assistant Agent.

Forwarded.

Order complete.

In a private letter the Sheriff Agent informs me that he had reached Bhadrachalam going by boat to Kunnawaram and thence by land and things from the enquiries he had made enroute were not so very bad. In Rekapelli the Koyas and others are getting employment in cutting bamboos and beyond they were getting work in the Selaya villages on the river side or making about 2 annas a day by bringing fire wood for sale. He does not mention it in his letter but I fancy too many have gone to Baster where they can get work as timber cutters for in a forest case lately decided by the Sub Magistrate, I observed that out of 21 Koya defendants, 19 were said to be absent felling timber in Baster, so that the case was gone on with against only 2 who were both fined, so far as I recollect Rs 5 each and paid their fines. He must have reached Bhadrachalam before the 24th (Intach) Ultimo, as he writes on that day but says he proposes to start the datehi-gudem road only tomorrow (3rd March) and adds "The reason for this delay is that from what I hear there are very hazy notions current about the relief works. I

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G.O. ... of Koyas and ryots and I can then
explain to them personally and thoroughly
all about the works and learn their views.
He does not say whether the Sahildar and
local Dy. Res. officer attempted to make a
start or not, though I instructed him to order
the Sahildar to do so, if distress was pressing
in anticipation of his arrival. Presumably
they did not or did so and failed to get labourers.
He adds "The chief source of anxiety is the
Ippa flower Crop. If they turn out well, the
Koyas will manage to exist on them for
2 or 3 months. Mr. Ward, whom I met at
Dumagadem, fears they will be a failure. The
next week or so will decide the matter. I think
myself that the rain which has fallen the last
10 days (about 2 inches fell altogether at Bha-
drachelau) should bring them on." In this he
agrees with the Rev. Mr. Bain of Dumagadem
who has also told me that practically
there will be no necessity for relief
measures if the Ippa flower Crop is a fair
one. I sincerely hope it will be. He promises
to let me have a demi official on the 4th of
March about the result of his test relief
work and I will wire the Board on its receipt.

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