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for the narrative for the Gaddapal sub div.
for the period ending 30. Octob^r/96.

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SUBJECT.

What was the in last report
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after they have been written. I think
the H. P. to be to make arrange-
-ments in the office whereby all
last reports, the be submitted to
be without going to the Commission
the after the last. They may be
approved by the Land Rev. Member.

Fortnightly Narrative. Sub-
-mitting to Government
with remarks, — for the
Cuddalore Subdivision
for the period ending 30th October 96

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The Board has been
informed of the
above and the
same has been
forwarded to the
Board of Revenue
for their consideration.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 30TH Nov. 1896, No. 375.

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

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Cuddapah Sub-division for the period ending 30th October 1896:—

STATE OF COUNTRY.

WATER-SUPPLY—Kadiri.—Tanks are almost dry; channels are flowing very slightly and supply in wells is decreasing.

Ráyachóti.—Nil in tanks. Channels are flowing moderately and supply in wells is diminishing. It is enough for drinking purposes.

Vayalpad.—Supply in tanks is not sufficient for wet cultivation. Water in doruvu wells has gone down.

Madanapalle.—A few tanks have supply from two to fifteen days. Drinking water is generally available. Wells may fail in parts should there be no rain.

Agricultural operations—Kadiri.—Harvesting ragi and cumbu. Baling water for paddy and chillies. Ploughing lands under wells for ragi, cholam and korra.

Ráyachóti.—Baling water for paddy and sugarcane under wells and river-channels.

Vayalpad.—Baling water for crops.

Madanapalle.—Harvesting cumbu and ragi under wells and in fields in parts. Baling water for paddy, sugarcane, ragi and betel.

CROPS—Kadiri.—Paddy under tanks and channels is withering. In cases in which irrigation is supplemented by wells it is in good condition. The crop is said to be two months old, and requires water for two months more. Ragi, cumbu and cholam are being harvested. Outturn of ragi eight annas; cumbu and cholam yielded four annas in parts.

Ráyachóti.—Paddy under wells and river-channels is suffering from want of sufficient water. Ragi and cholam harvested. Outturn very poor. Cumbu is said to be thorough failure. The other standing crops—castor, horse-gram, indigo and cotton—are drying up; cotton being worst of the lot.

Vayalpad.—Almost all the dry crops are withering. The names of crops, however, have not been reported. Paddy and betel under wells are fair.

Madanapalle.—The standing crops are ragi, cumbu, paddy, &c. Ragi on dry lands has completely failed in parts of Cusba, Kothakota and Burakoilkota firkas. In other places, though the crop is green, it has very few or no ears. Paddy under wells and tanks is in a fair condition, but the crop in parts is suffering from want of water. Ragi and cumbu have been harvested, the outturn being 8 to 4 annas.

FODDER—Kadiri.—Green grass is not at all available. Ragi and cumbu stalks cannot be had in considerable quantities.

Ráyachóti.—Fodder is available at present, but not sufficient. It cannot be had for sale in parts. Cumbu stalks are available with stock owners, but will not last for more than two or three months. Pasture is becoming scarce. Herds of cattle are being driven to the Palkonda.

Vayalpad.—Fodder is sufficient for the present, but it is not likely to last long.

Madanapalle.—Grass is available in parts. It is getting dried up for want of rain. Fodder can be had for three months more, if the cattle have to depend solely upon fodder.

Cattle.—Generally good. They are just beginning to feel insufficiency of food. No cattle disease.

General Remarks.—The Tahsildar of Ráyachóti notes that the condition of crops has created great anxiety among the people, and if there is no rainfall within the next fortnight, the sight will be disastrous, and that Malas, Madigas and other cooly classes are in need of labour, there being no agricultural operations to afford employment. It is reported from Váyalpád that poor ryots have resorted to cooly work for want of labour in fields. The Tahsildar of Madanapalle states that the standing crops will surely fail if there should be no rain in a week's time.

Condition of people.—No works have yet been started. The condition of the people is good.

Mortality.—Normal.

Sickness.—Fever in parts of Madanapalle and Váyalpád taluks.

Remarks.—The Tahsildar of Ráyachóti notes that the condition of the poor classes is becoming worse, that their general complaint is the dearness of provisions, that some do manual labour and go a begging and that they find that their earnings are not enough to procure sufficient quantity of grain. He adds that they are generally healthy at present.

Relief measures.—Nil.

Remarks.—The Tahsildars have been directed to send up minor irrigation estimates for works in the affected tracts.

GRAIN SUPPLY.

Kadiri.—Private trade is active.

Ráyachóti.—Private trade in paddy, ragi, jonna and cumbu is becoming scarce.

Váyalpád.—Though the export of food-grains recently reported has stopped, yet the fall in prices has not been appreciable.

Madanapalle.—Private trade is active. The ryot population are withholding their stocks. Rice and dry staple food-grains are sold freely by merchants both retail and wholesale.

Known or estimated stock in taluk—Kadiri.—All sorts of grain between 5,000 and 6,000 putties.

Ráyachóti.—Ryots keep small quantities for private use. Traders purchase from selling ryots.

Váyalpád.—There is a sufficient stock of food-grains, but the exact quantity is not known. The Tahsildar has persuaded the merchants not to export their grains, but to sell locally. They have consented to it.

Madanapalle.—The richer classes have stock for six months, the ordinary ryots for about three months and some of the poorer classes for about fifteen days.

State of market.—Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.

Taluk.	Seers per rupee.			
	Rice, second sort.	Cholam.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Kadiri	9-96	18-96	21-00	17-40
Ráyachóti	10-79	18-96	21-00	18-85
Váyalpád	10-79	15-80	21-00	17-42
Madanapalle	9-54	18-96	18-75	17-40

Import by rail of rice or other staple food-grains—Kadiri and Váyalpád.—Nil.

Madanapalle.—No imports by rail. Ragi is imported from Mysore Province and rice is taken away from this taluk to the Mysore Province and Punganur zemindari of North Arcot district by the grain merchants from the main division of this district.

Taluks and places visited by the Divisional Officer during the fortnight.—None inspected by me, as I am in charge of the district and in the main division.

Cuddapah Sub-Collector's office, (Signed) SYED KADAR PADSHA,
4th November 1896. for Sub-Collector.

Ref. on C. No. 1639-Tour.

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras. The condition of Ráyachóti taluk is causing anxiety and the rest of the sub-division also calls for careful watching at present. A Deputy Collector has been appointed for general duty in this district. If he is to be placed in charge of the sub-division, he will, as soon as he joins, be directed to inspect Ráyachóti and submit a detailed report on the situation there. Meanwhile arrangements are being made to start minor irrigation works to give employment to labourers in need of work.

(Signed) A. T. FORBES,
Ag. Collector.

14th November 1896.

RESOLUTION—dated 30th November 1896, No. 375.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. In its order, No. 615, Revenue, dated 12th November 1896, the Government directed that test works should be opened in the sub-division taluks of Cuddapah; but, as yet, owing to the fact that the division has been left without any one in charge for so long, the Board is not in possession of much reliable information regarding it. The condition of all parts of the division was evidently very precarious when the report read above was written, and in Ráyachóti, decidedly bad.

Prices in seers per rupee.

Food-grain.	October 31st.	November 14th.	November 21st.
Rice	10-4	9-2	9-2
Ragi	20-9	16-1	15-9
Cholam	18-2	13-2	13-0
Cumbu	18-7	14-0	14-3

3. Prices have recently risen very sharply in the division, as shown on the margin, but the recent rainfall has probably greatly altered the state of the country, though unless there be some relief from such high prices, the sufferings of the poorer classes must increase.

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Secretary.

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

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