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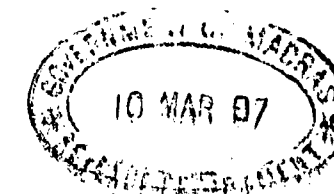
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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGR.), 26TH FEB. 1897, No. 167.

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

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1. Párvatipuram ..	10-86	10-86	18-36	18-00	18-20	17-50	There is a smart rise in rice at Sálúr for which there seems little reason as the Jeypore trade is still vigorous and paddy is no dearer than it was above ghâts. Ragi has risen 1 seer at the same place and a similar amount at Palkonda and Anakápalle and Yellamanchili. There is less trade in this grain than in rice.
2. Sálúr ..	11-07	9-84	17-28	16-20	17-50	15-75	
3. Palkonda ..	9-60	9-60	17-17	16-16	21-78	21-78	
4. Gujapatnagar ..	9-84	9-84	17-76	17-76	15-84	15-84	
5. Chipurupalle ..	9-02	9-43	15-84	15-84	17-28	17-28	
6. Vizianagram ..	9-26	9-04	16-16	16-16	15-84	15-34	
7. Vizagapatam ..	9-94	9-25	15-65	15-65	14-85	14-65	
8. Chídavaram ..	9-00	9-50	19-11	19-11	18-48	18-48	
9. Anakápalle ..	10-00	9-50	17-29	16-38	..	..	
10. Yellamanchili ..	9-50	9-50	17-29	16-38	17-82	17-82	
11. Narasapatnam ..	10-34	9-87	18-48	18-48	..	..	
Average ..	9-85	9-65	17-30	16-92	17-51	17-16	

Activity of trade.—Trade is on the whole active.

Imports, by rail 20,409 maunds; by sea 3,293 maunds and by road from Jeypore, 6,012 cart-loads for the fortnight ending 13th February 1897.

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RESOLUTION—dated 26th February 1897, No. 167.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The recent showers which have fallen in parts of the district have for the time being relieved anxiety regarding the water supplies. They should also improve the outlook for the cattle and as to the crops, under wells chiefly, that are still on the ground.

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The people, however, notwithstanding high prices, do not appear to be in need of relief; and such casual paupers as exist are being relieved by private charity. Prices of the staple grains are still considerably lower than in Gaujám, and, judging from experience there, they can still rise by two seers before serious anxiety need be felt, and meanwhile the situation is being carefully watched.

(True Copy and Extract.)

P. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ Collector of Vizagapatam.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

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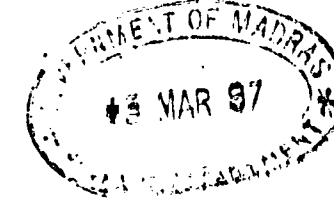
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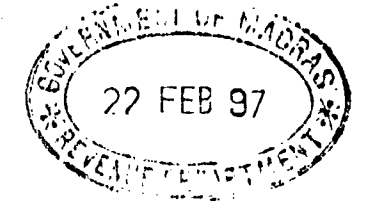
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Fortnightly Narrative for the *Vizagapatam District* during the period
ending *15* of *February* 189*7*.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.

(Note rainfall, if any, as compared with average expected in and up to the period; also supply of water for irrigation and for drinking purposes).

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General remarks on above subjects:—

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(* The price of 2nd sort rice should always be given, as well as quotations for the other principal food-grains on the market at different stations; in the remark column should be noted whether and where prices are rising or falling.)

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi		Cumbu		REMARKS.
	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	
Parvathipuram	10.86	10.86	18.36	18.00	18.20	17.50	There is a smart rise in
Saluru	11.07	9.84	17.28	16.20	17.50	15.75	rice at Saluru for which
Palaconda	9.60	9.60	17.17	16.16	21.78	21.78	there seems little reason as the
Gujapatinagarum	9.84	9.84	17.76	17.76	15.84	15.84	Jeypur trade is still vigorous
Cherpunipalle	9.02	9.43	15.84	15.84	17.28	17.28	and paddy is no dearer
Vizianagrum	9.26	9.04	16.16	16.16	15.84	15.34	than it was above ghauts.
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Chodavaram	9.00	9.50	17.11	17.11	18.48	18.48	the same place and a similar
Anakapalle	10.00	9.50	17.29	16.38	-	-	amount at Palaconda and
Ellamanchili	9.50	9.50	17.29	16.38	-	-	Anakapalli and Ellamanchili.
Karsipatam	10.34	9.87	18.48	18.48	17.82	17.82	There is less trade in this grain
							than in rice.
Average ..	9.85	9.65	17.30	16.92	17.51	17.16	

Activity of trade.	Trade is on the whole active.
(1) Private trade active or not; whether in rice or dry staple food-grains	
(2) State the imports by rail or sea; of rice or other staple food-grain	By rail 20609 maunds for the fortnight ending 13 th February 1897. By sea 3298 maunds for the fortnight ending 13 th February 1897. By road from Jeypur 6042 Cart loads for the fortnight ending 13 th February 1897.

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ON WORKS.—In what taluks open, and comparison of numbers.

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for Boardman
for collector

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Dr J. B. Braidwood
for collector

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	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.			
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21						
Golconda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Sarasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Brungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.										Cattle and seed-grain.										Total.			
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23	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39							
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(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,
Secretary.

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

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

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