

# Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2204

DATED 1st May

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recommending report from the Coll<sup>y</sup> of  
Gadawari on the condition of the Bhadrachalam  
& some other taluqs & on the yield of it & a  
flower in the first mentioned taluq.

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To Mr. Div  $\frac{16}{5-a-a}$  of 97 Godavari Special  
Assistant Agents' Office  
Camp Maroonmilla 18-4-97

From

J. W. Hughes Esq.

Special Assistant Collector  
Godavari

To

The Collector Godavari District

Sir

In continuation of my  
in Comd 266  
26-4-97  
Div No  $\frac{349}{5-a-a}$  of 1897 dated 12-3-1897,  
May B.

I have the honor to report  
that I am now in a position  
to give a reliable estimate  
of the Appa flowers: On the  
average throughout the Bhadrachalam  
Taluk the crop may be taken as  
half the usual outturn. This  
will

will in my opinion be sufficient to pull the people through till the rains, for whereas in ordinary years when the crop is good there is a great waste of the flowers in this year the Koyas are carefully looking after the produce of each tree and this economy should balance the deficiency. The state of the crop therefore has relieved me from considerable anxiety for I have come to the conclusion as already reported that when the rains come in addition to the work of bamboo cutting which will afford employment to the hill men, the Koyas will be able to obtain an abundant supply of roots from the jungle

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2 This is the opinion which I have formed after very careful enquiry among the Koyas and it is too the opinion of the Tahsildar. But I feel bound to mention that Mr Ward who in Prob 42 of 19-1-97 is spoken of as fully enjoying the confidence of the Koyas does not agree. He says that during the monsoon no fruits of any description can be obtained and no roots of any description. This practically means of course that all those who are not fortunate enough to get work will starve. Under any circumstances of course it will be necessary for us to be on the look out constantly for the Koyas at the best of times

line from hand to mouth.  
For the present they have tumbli  
fruit which is getting exhausted  
and by the way it was a bumper  
crop wholly unexpected and  
most useful; — They have tamarinds,  
they <sup>pound</sup> ~~pour~~ the seeds into  
"Umbali" for food and barter the  
fruit for Cholam; they have  
various roots such as hamra  
and jirra, thumpala and the rain  
which fell recently on the  
23<sup>d</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March has been most  
useful in bringing them out.  
They have various kinds of beans  
such as brodi thuralu and  
finally they have the Sppa  
flowers which they are busily  
engaged in collecting and  
drying

drying in the sun. Most  
part will be used as food,  
any surplus that may remain  
will be <sup>beaten down</sup> sold to the Akkari  
Contractors for cholam. The  
recent rains has benefited  
the crop.

Should there be, later  
on towards the end of May or in  
any subsequent month, real <sup>indication</sup>  
of any distress, test works may again  
be started but I do ~~not~~ now  
anticipate that there will be  
any such necessity. I have  
ordered the Tahsildar and his  
Subordinates to be constantly  
touring through the interior  
so that they may keep me  
thoroughly informed. On being  
satisfied as to the state  
of the Sppa crop I left —  
Bhadrachalam Taluk on the  
29<sup>th</sup>

29<sup>th</sup> March and ~~and~~ now  
travelling through Chodavaram  
Division

I have to  
(Ld) J. W. Hughes

Special Assistant

(True copy) Agent

Dir No. 1231 7/1897  
dated 8-6-97

Submitted.

2. It is much to be regretted that  
there is still uncertainty as to  
the future in Bhadrachalam  
and that the Special Assistant  
Agent is not in accord with  
Mr. Ward and Mr. Cain of Durgam.  
Of the three I am personally inclined  
to think him the most reliable  
guide for he has now been for  
about 6 weeks in the Taluk.

Gone over the whole of it from Madduram  
to Durgam along the Gadavari  
and from Lachigudem to  
Chintur along the foot of  
the hills and his information is  
he says based upon what the  
Koyis themselves have told him.  
He and the Tahsildar

agree that the Taluk is now safe till  
the rains set in and that after that  
there is no cause for anxiety. Mr. Ward  
who I believe said originally there would  
be distress requiring relief from Jan-  
-uary till the rains, <sup>now</sup> writes to the Madras  
Mail or Famine Committee which is  
much the same thing that the people  
can carry on till June till June  
i.e. the rains, but then will have  
nothing till October. Mr. Caine goes  
further and says the Koyis are <sup>now</sup> suf-  
-fering wherein he differs from both  
but the Special Assistant informs  
me that he has not visited any of  
the interior villages and so must  
be basing his information upon  
what he is told by Koyis who go to  
see him and as these know that  
he is giving relief they naturally  
draw the most harrowing picture  
they can of their sufferings with a  
view.

view to exciting his compassion and securing some of his charity for themselves.

2. The manner in which the Koyis boycotted the relief works does not look like acute distress at present and one of the reasons given by Mr. Caine at the time in a private letter to me was that the riverside sowcars were in great measure responsible as they did their best to dissuade the Koyis from going near them by offering them

better wages themselves by timber cutting and timber hauling and bandy driving &c. There can be no doubt they did so and that this had some effect for it is significant that three times more timber including bamboos is coming down the river this year than usual.

3. As Mr. Ward and Mr. Hughes are

are agreed that the Taluk is safe till June, we may I think safely accept this fact; as regards the future (that is after June) I have written to Messrs Caine and Ward asking the former if he can suggest any feasible means of relieving distress other than gratuitous relief for he says the Koyis won't come to relief works and the latter in addition his reasons for asserting the Koyis will starve as soon as the rains set in. Personally I have been under the impression that all danger would be at an end with the setting in of the monsoon not <sup>only</sup> because jungle vegetation will at once revive but also because the Koyis will then have little difficulty in getting the riverside sowcars to finance them through the cultivation season on the

on the usual terms — a cent per cent mortgage or thereabouts on the crop raised.

4. I am now on my way to Rampa and if the replies I receive from Messrs Ward and Cain make me think

there is good reason to believe them, will go on to Bhadrachalam, though this must necessarily throw my other work back and cause much inconvenience at this time of year.

The state of things too may become critical in May in parts of the Rajahmundry and Poddapur taluks.

They are not so at present, I am thankful to say but the ice we are standing on is not so thick as I should like it to be. A few more thunder showers at fairly regular intervals would be a great boon as in that quarter it would secure the summer gingelly that

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a good many ryots have put down and keep the cattle going as regards pasture.

Polavaram  
8th March 1897

(sd) V. A. Brodie  
Collector

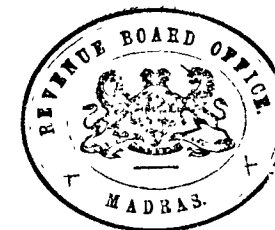
(sd) A. C. Woodhouse  
for Collector

To the Secretary to the Commissions  
Revenue Settlement, Land Records and  
Agriculture.

(True copy)

L. J. Srinivasan  
Secretary.

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(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1897.

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Collector, Godavari dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 1897 2000  
Dis. 16/S-a-a.  
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Submitted for the information of  
Government.

2. The collector will be requested to report  
more definitely about the condition of  
Rajahmundry and Piddapur taluks at  
an early date.

This is the first intimation the Board  
has received of any anxiety for this part  
of the district.

(True extract)

R. B. Simonsen

To the Secretary, Govt. Revenue  
Department  
Collector of Godavari

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