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Fortnightly narrative.

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Godavari district for period
ending 25th February 1897.

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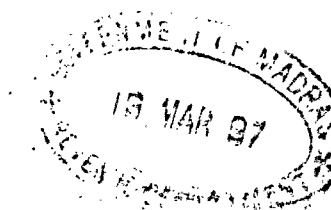
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Special Assistant Agents Division Godavari.

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District of Godavari From 11-2-97 To 25-2-97.

Fortnightly Narrative.

State of Country.	Bhadrachalam	Harvest Completed. Results already reported.
	Polavaram	Do - bastor plants standing poor.
Crops.	Yellavaram	There are good tobacco and Dumba gardens.
	Chodavaram	Tobacco and Castor plants are flourishing.
	Bhadrachalam	Sufficient.
	Polavaram	Do.
	Yellavaram	Deficient.
	Chodavaram	Barely sufficient.
	Bhadrachalam	Deficient in the interior villages for drinking purposes. The people have to go a long way for water and there can only get it in small quantities.
Water-supply.	Polavaram	Sufficient for drinking purposes; inadequate for agricultural purposes.
	Yellavaram	Many villagers have to go along way and get water for drinking.
	Chodavaram	Do.
	Bhadrachalam	Podus are being cut for next year's cultivation.
	Polavaram	Nil.
	Yellavaram	Nil.
Agricultural operations.	Chodavaram	Podus are being cut.
	Bhadrachalam	In good Condition.
	Polavaram	Generally in good Condition, but cattle diseases prevail in some places.
	Yellavaram	There are cattle diseases in Datcharti Muttas.
	Chodavaram	In fair Condition.
General Remarks on above subjects.	The Deputy Tahsildar of Yellavaram reports there was no rain during the fortnight. Elsewhere the rain that fell between the 17th & 21st has somewhat improved prospects. In Bhadrachalam the outbreak of Jjha flowers can now be worked forward with more confidence. In Polavaram the difficulty of getting drinking water has been diminished. The rain also was good for roots of all kinds. At Bhadrachalam itself over 1 inch and a half of rain fell. The amounts at other places are unknown.	

Condition of People.	There are not many works going on at present in the Division. Where there are such the Condition of the people employed is satisfactory.
On Works.	
In Villages.	The jungle people are living on roots - chiefly the root of the black wood tree - toddy &c and a little grain. To get some annas so as to buy grain the Royas sell firewood, leaves, jungle grass &c. Their Condition is fairly good.
Mortality.	Nil.
Sickness.	Fevers are prevalent.
Remarks.	There should be no anxiety about the people of Chodavaram and Yellavaram Divisions. The jungles there are splendid and the hill people should certainly be able to live on the produce. In Chodavaram there is ample work available for those who want it and there is easy communication with Rajahmundry which tends to keep prices steady. As for Bhadrachalam please vide the separate report which has been called for.

Relief Measures.	Done in the fortnight under report.
Relief works—In what Taluks open.	
Poor Houses—In what places and the numbers at each.	
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 has been opened since at Kolamigudem in Bhadrachalam Taluk close to Chinnampeta. It was opened on the 3rd March. The work proposed was a road to Lachigudem more cutting through the jungle. Only 29 people (Royas) came the first day but on hearing the wages they shouldered their axes and went off. No one has come up to date (6th). I intend to keep the work open a week or 10 days. It will then be closed and a full report sent.

Grain supply.

Private trade active or not; whether in Rice or dry staple food-grain.

Private trade is on the whole active both in rice and cholam. But at Durnagudem and Bhadrachalam large quantities of cholam cannot be bought.

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

Nil.

Known or estimated stock in Taluks.

Bhadrachalam 10 puttees rice, 2 puttees cholam.
Durnagudem 15 " 3 "
Zellavaram 50 Candies.
Elsewhere brought in as required from plain taluqs.**State of Markets.**

Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.

Rice.	Cholam.	Ragi.	Cumboo.	Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at	Remarks.
Bhadrachalam 10 1/4 in Bhadrachalam 18 in Durnagudem 20 in Zellavaram 16 -	16	18				Addition of 1/2 in Zellavaram Division	
Zellavaram 10 14	14	16					
Bhadrachalam 9 10	-	-					

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

Special Assistant

Taluks or places visited by the Collector during the fortnight.

Waddigudem, Kunavaram, Murrum, Gouridevipeta, Bhadrachalam.

The delay in submitting this is due to the fact that two of the narratives were not received by me till I got to Kolanigudem on the 3rd of March.

(sd) J. W. Hughes
Spl. Asst. Agent.

Dis ^{av} ~~the~~ ⁸⁷⁷ ~~ver~~ of 97 dated 13.3.97.
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Forwarded; The total failure of the fresh relief work opened at Kolanigudem in the Bhadrachalam range of that taluq up to date seems to indicate that famine relief works are not required. The work is being kept open a little longer to give everyone in want of food and employment a chance of coming to it, but there is no likelihood of their doing so. If the Sppa flower crop turns out to be a fair one and this now seems likely. I am glad to see the Special Assistant Agent who is now in the Kolanigudem Range informs me despatchedly that he will open a fresh relief work there also, if on inquiry of the village headmen and others he thinks there is the least chance of such a work succeeding. as however he informs me at the same time that what distress there is is most severe in the northern part of the Bhadrachalam Range and prices are there higher I don't think such a work if he opens one will succeed in attracting labourers.

He has been directed to keep the Kolungudem
test relief work open until the 12th instant
at any rate and then only to close it if
there appears to be no longer any danger
of the Oppa flower crop proving a failure

Camp Sharmavaram } (sd) F. A. Brodie
11-3-97

Collector

~~Revenue~~

for Collector.

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To

The Secretary to Commissioner of
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Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

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Proceedings, 24th March 1897, No. 245.

MARCH.

Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Gódvári district for period ending 25th February 1897.

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

READ—the following fortnightly narrative of the Special Assistant Agent's Division, Gódvári, from 11th February to 25th February 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Crops—Bhadráchalam.—Harvest completed. Results already reported. *Polavaram.*—Harvest castor plants standing; poor. *Yellavaram.*—There are good tobacco and dumpa gardens. *Chódavaramu.*—Tobacco and castor plants are flourishing. *Fodder—Bhadráchalam.*—Sufficient. *Polavaram.*—Sufficient. *Yellavaram.*—Deficient. *Chódavaramu.*—Barely sufficient.

Water-supply—Bhadráchalam.—Deficient in the interior villages for drinking purposes. The people have to go a long way for water and there can only get it in small quantities. *Polavaram.*—Sufficient for drinking purposes; inadequate for agricultural purposes. *Yellavaram.*—Many villagers have to go a long way and get water for drinking purposes. *Chódavaramu.*—Many villagers have to go a long way and get water for drinking purposes.

Agricultural Operations—Bhadráchalam.—Podus are being cut for next year's cultivation. *Polavaram.*—Nil. *Yellavaram.*—Nil. *Chódavaramu.*—Podus are being cut.

Cattle—Bhadráchalam.—In good condition. *Polavaram.*—Generally in good condition, but cattle diseases prevail in some places. *Yellavaram.*—There are cattle diseases in Dutcharti Mutta. *Chódavaramu.*—In fair condition.

General remarks on above subjects.—The Deputy Tahsildar of Yellavaram reports there was no rain during the fortnight. Elsewhere the rain that fell between the 17th and 21st has somewhat improved prospects. In Bhadráchalam the outturn of Ippa flowers can now be looked forward to with more confidence. In Polavaram the difficulty of getting drinking water has been diminished. The rain also was good for roots of all kinds. At Bhadráchalam itself over one inch and a half of rain fell. The amounts at other places are unknown.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE.

On works.—There are not many works going on at present in the division. Where there are such, the condition of the people employed is satisfactory.

In villages.—The jungle people are living on roots—chiefly the root of the black wood tree—, toddy, &c., and a little grain. To get some annas so as to buy grain, the Koyas sell firewood, leaves, jungle grass, &c. Their condition is fairly good.

Mortality.—Nil.

Sickness.—Fever are prevalent.

Remarks.—There should be no anxiety about the people of Chódavaramu and Yellavaram divisions. The jungles there are splendid and the hill people should certainly be able to live on the produce. In Polavaram there is ample work available for those who want it and there is easy communication with Rajahmundry which tends to keep prices steady. As for Bhadráchalam, please vide the separate report which has been called for.

RELIEF MEASURES.

Relief works.—None in the fortnight under report.

Remarks.—A test-relief work has been opened since at Kolanugudem in Bhadráchalam taluk close to Chinnampeta. It was opened on the 3rd March. The work proposed was a road to Lachigudem mere cutting through the jungle. Only twenty-nine people (Koyas) came the first day, but on hearing the wages they shouldered their axes and went off. No one has come since up to date (6th). I intend to keep the work open a week or ten days. It will then be closed and a full report sent.

GRAIN SUPPLY.

Private trade active or not; whether in rice or dry staple food-grain.—Private trade is, on the whole, active both in rice and cholom. But at Dumagudem and Bhadráchalam large quantities of cholom cannot be bought.

State of the imports by rail or sea of rice or other staple food-grain.—Nil.

Known or estimated stock in taluks.—Bhadráchalam—10 putties rice, 2 putties cholom. Dumagudem—15 putties rice, 3 putties cholom. Yellavaram—50 candies. Elsewhere brought in as required from plain taluks.

STATE OF MARKETS.

Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.

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RESOLUTION—dated 24th March 1897, No. 245.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rains that fell between the 17th and 21st February have improved prospects in Bhadrachalam, although, in the interior villages, the water-supply is still deficient for drinking purposes.

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6. The report is not prepared in the prescribed form (*vide* form K, appendix II to the Famine Code), printed copies of which were supplied to the Collector with B.P., dated 10th February 1897, No. 1026.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

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

Wrd. Shaik Karim.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
„ the Collector of Gódvári.

• Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 246, Revenue, dated 13th April 1897.

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(Signed)

G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
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„ the Local and Municipal Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
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„ the Accountant-General.

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