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[Despatch Abstract.]

Fortnightly Narrative.

Regarding the appointment of a Special Assistant to the collector of Tirunelveli under section 25 of the Famine Code, and also additional Clerk on Rs. 50 and an Accountant on Rs. 35 recommended for the collector's office in the — of the S^t for the period ending 31st March 1897, and empowering the Board of Revenue to sanction, subject to confirmation by Govt., the appointment of special revenue inspectors required for

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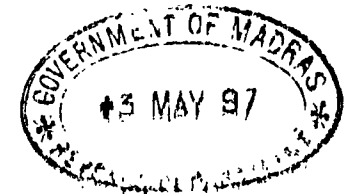
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APRIL.

Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Kurnool district for the period ending 31st March 1897.

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

RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

• READ—the following fortnightly narrative for the Kurnool district during the period ending 31st March 1897:—

STATE OF

Rainfall and

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

	Inches.
Rainfall in rain-registering stations...	
" up to the period from 1st April 1896...	14
Average rainfall expected in the period...	16.03
" " up to the period from 1st April...	10
There was a fall of 1.62 inches of rain in March...	27.35
about a month's supply. The...	
3 purposes, though difficult...	

There was a fall of 1.62 inches of rain in Markapur, and the tank at that place received about a month's supply. The water-supply was generally sufficient for drinking purposes, though diminishing in parts of the western and south-eastern sections. Special measures are being taken for the relief of the people suffering from want of drinking water.		16.05
		10
		27.35

Agricultural operations.

There were scarcely any agricultural operations except in canal villages and under wells. The standing crops under the canal and wells are in moderate condition. There are no other crops worth mentioning.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture slightly revived in parts of the eastern section in consequence of the recent rains, but was not procurable in the other sections, except here and there in the canal villages. Fodder continued to be sufficient in the north, central and eastern sections: it was available to a small extent throughout the Nandyal and Sirvel taluks of the south central section, and insufficient elsewhere except in the canal villages. The use of hill grass is reported to have been gradually discontinued except in villages bordering on the Nallamalas. Cattle were growing weaker in the western and south central sections. Rinderpest continued to prevail in the central section.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

PRICES of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st of March 1891.

of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st of March 1901.									
Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cambu.		Remarks.
	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	
Pattikonda ..	9-18	9-18	..	..	12-87 (W) 13-39 (Y) 14-42 (W and Y).	12-87 (W) 13-39 (Y) 14-42 (W and Y)	11-28	11-28	Prices are rising in cholam in the Kurnool town and elsewhere stationary.
Pyápali ..	8-64	8-64	..	..	14-04 (W) 14-04 (Y) 15-07 (W) 15-07 (Y)	13-18 (W) and Y) 15-07 (W) and Y)	11-28	11-28	
Kurnool ..	8-58	8-58	15-48	15-48	16-44 (W) 15-75 (Y) 15-07 (W) 15-75 (Y)	13-18 (W) and Y) 15-07 (W) and Y)	11-28	11-25	
Nandikotkur ..	8-58	8-58	..	..	16-44 (W) 15-75 (Y) 15-07 (W) 14-38 (Y)	16-44 (W) 15-75 (Y) 15-07 (W) 14-72 (Y)	..	..	
Atmakúra ..	10-01	10-01	..	..	13-70 (W) 15-07 (Y) 14-11 (W and Y)	13-70 (W) 15-07 (Y) 13-43 (W and Y)	10-00	10-00	
Naudyal ..	9-29	9-29	16-77	16-77	12-64 (Y) 12-87 (W and Y) 14-22 (Y)	12-64 (Y) 12-33 (W and Y) 14-22 (Y)	..	..	
Kálava ..	9-29	9-29	15-48	15-48	14-20 (W) 14-18 (Y)	13-99 (W) 14-02 (Y)	13-05	13-05	
Koilkuntla ..	9-96	9-96	15-00	15-00	..	..	11-60	11-60	
Owk ..	9-96	9-96	15-00	15-00	..	..	..	..	
Allagadda ..	8-58	8-58	14-19	14-19	..	..	13-05	13-05	
Giddalore ..	8-71	8-71	15-00	15-00	..	..	13-77	13-05	
Markapur ..	9-96	9-96	18-00	16-50	..	..	..	..	
Average ..	9-23	9-23	15-61	15-43	14-20 (W) 14-18 (Y)	13-99 (W) 14-02 (Y)	11-99	11-82	

Activity of trade.—Trade was moderately active and grain freely sold in most of the markets. *Imports.*—Wheat was imported from Nandikotkúr into the Kurnool town, whence

Imports.—Cholam was imported from Nandikotkūr into the Kurnool town, whence it was exported to Yemmiganūru in the Bellary district and to Bombay.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

During the fortnight the District Medical and Sanitary officer inspected nearly all the works in the Head Assistant Collector's charge and his opinion of the state of the health of the labourers is embodied in the statement given below:—

State of health.

Health of the labourers in different parts of the district.		State of health.
Work.		
Komorole and Betameherla	...	Fair on the whole. Several women look anæmic and ill-fed. Children suffer from congested eye-lids owing to dirty habits and the nature of the work on which they are employed.
Alamur (near Panyam)	...	Tolerably good.
Gullasingavaram (near Owk)	...	Satisfactory on the whole. Children suffer to some extent from congested lids. Some women appear anæmic and ill-fed.
Owk	...	Fair. Some of the women look anæmic and tired, but the women of the labouring classes in this district have a dull and unhealthy appearance as a rule. Children suffer from congested lids.
Ramapuram (near Owk)	...	Fairly healthy.
Koilkuntla	...	Do.
Allagadda	...	Fairly good. Some of the women are anæmic and languid in appearance, but this is their normal condition and not due to privation.
Allagadda	...	Fair.

Alāmur (near Allagadda) ... Fair.
The District Medical and Sanitary officer appears to have been on the whole satisfied with the arrangements made at the kitchens, but he advised certain improvements to be effected in that at Betamcherla and steps to carry out his recommendations are being taken.

I visited the works in the neighbourhood of Owk, and those at Alamur near Panyam, Betamcherla, Komorole, Goneganola, and Varakur near Kodumur. The health of the workers struck me as being pretty good, except on the Betamcherla and Komorole works, where the wages earned have hardly ever risen above the C class. The Executive Engineer has in accordance with the Board's recent instructions directed his subordinates to place in the B class for the present all persons coming to work.

At the Ramapuram work near Owk there had been a large influx of workers just before my inspection, with the result that a number were not supplied with tools: this defect the supervisor in charge promised to remedy at once. There is no doubt that the labourers on this work were being treated with undue leniency. All were in the A class, and, as a rule, were earning the full wages of that class, many of them were finishing their tasks by 1 P.M. or 2 P.M.; the breaking of the metal into sufficiently small cubes was not being insisted on. The Superintending Engineer, who has recently been to the place, has, I understand, since had the workers placed in the B class and ordered that the tasks should be more thoroughly performed. At Alamur I found Mr. Ghose in charge of the work, and under his guidance everything was going on well. A strike occurred on the Goneganola work during the fortnight, but by the time I reached the spot all fear of further trouble was at an end. There had been a good deal of delay in making payments, chiefly owing to the remissness of the paymaster, whose removal I have ordered; and the coolies imagining, apparently, that the overseer was to blame, threatened to beat him and refused to work. The overseer accuses the paymaster and certain influential persons of the village of having set up the labourers against him, but there is no evidence to prove this and he cannot point out the ringleaders of the mob of persons who threatened him. He himself does not appear to have treated the people who resorted to the work as well as he should.

The Head Assistant Collector was unable to do much in the way of inspecting works owing to his being engaged first of all in managing the work near Panyam, and afterwards in arranging for opening new works to the south of Owk.

The Pyápalí Deputy Collector inspected the Goneganola work and reports that a death from fever took place among the coolies. He did not inspect the other works, but till he is relieved of his ordinary duties, as already recommended, it will be impossible for him to attend thoroughly to matters connected with the famine.

In villages.—The condition of the people in the North-Central and Eastern sections still continued to be generally good. A few cases of destitution having been reported among the Chentsus of the Cumbum and Nandikotkur taluks, the Divisional officers concerned were instructed to make careful enquiries as to their state and to afford them relief immediately, if required; further information on the subject is awaited.

Western section.—New works were opened during the fortnight at Katarkonda, Mulagundam and Ternakal in the Pattikonda taluk. Relief was about to be offered on roads in the hilly country to the east of Pyápalí and at Laddagiri in the Ramallakot taluk, a place between Kodumur and Veldurti. Distress is, according to the Deputy Collector, beginning to make itself felt in the tract of country lying between Belagal to the north of Kodumur and Penchikalapad on the road between Kodumur and Kurnool and in the Pyápalí firka. The Local Fund Engineer is arranging to open a work near Nagalapuram to relieve the former locality and I am just proceeding to the latter myself.

In the villages between Kodumur and Goneganola I found the people in fairly good condition. All those who were accustomed to do cooly were attending the two relief works on the Kodumur-Yemiganur road, the numbers on which have risen to some 4,500 in all. The village heads unanimously declared that there was no necessity for the present to give gratuitous relief.

South-Central section.—New works were opened during the fortnight at Chagalmari (embanking the canal) and Kalavatala to the south of Owk. Mr. Ghose would have opened works at Akumalla and Itikala, had he not been compelled to defer

operations pending the receipt of tools. He will, however, have them in progress very soon, I anticipate, and meanwhile his efforts at Kalavatala seem to have been successful.

I hoped that new works would have been opened by the Public Works Department at Mutyalpad, Nossam, and between Mayalur and Vuyyalavada, and I had in fact heard from the Executive Engineer that Overseers were on their way to those places, but something appears to have come in the way.

The condition of the people in the various places I passed through was said to be moderately good and no cases of destitution came to my notice in spite of careful enquiries. I took the opportunity while near Owk of making a short excursion into the hill country to the west and visiting Kunukuntla, Uppalapad, Zunutula; in these villages there are splendid wells, and the surrounding lands were covered with crops—an extraordinary contrast to the country below—and the people appeared to be in fair circumstances.

Banginapalli state.—In my last narrative written on the 19th ultimo, I alluded to having on that day interviewed the Nawab and extracted a promise from him to open relief works in certain localities. He has since written to me to procure some tools for him, and from an article dated 22nd ultimo, that appeared in the "Madras Mail" of 24th idem, it appears that he had publicly announced his intention of offering relief.

Relief for weavers.—The Deputy Collector reports the number of weavers relieved at the Kodumur centre to be 894, and at the Pattikonda centre to be 190. It also appears that a few have lately taken advances of yarn from the Pyápalí Deputy Tahsildar. At Maddikera none have yet come forward. The weavers of Kurnool are supposed to be gradually coming round, and some families applied for relief just before the close of the fortnight. The Board's orders on the scheme submitted for the Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks are awaited. The weavers are at present unwilling to send their children to be fed at kitchens; none consented at Kodumur, though I offered to appoint cooks of their own caste and to make all arrangements for privacy that they might suggest.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from want of food were reported. Small-pox prevailed slightly in parts; the public health was otherwise good.

Remarks.—The two Stock Inspectors who were sent to this district for employment as Circle Inspectors were posted to the tract defined by the Sanitary Commissioner (*vide* B.P., No. 195 of 1897), and enquiries are being made by them as laid down in sections 75 to 78 of the Code to ascertain the exact nature and extent to which gratuitous relief is needed at present. This staff is of course insufficient and I am trying to obtain the services of some Stock Inspectors recently thrown out of employment and of some Salt Sub-Inspectors for similar posts.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

On works.—In what taluks open, and comparison of numbers—

Taluka.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Koilkuntla	4,728	7,246
Sirvel	2,686	3,571
Pattikonda	6,298	7,443
Nandyal	1,950	2,791
Total ...	15,662	21,051

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluka.	Number relieved at kitchens.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Koilkuntla	235	359
Pattikonda	363	530
Sirvel	139	193
Nandyal	178	241
Total ...	915	1,323

Private charity—Nil.

INSPECTIONS OF THE COLLECTOR AND THE DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

Taluk and places visited.—I spent five days at head-quarters, and the remainder of the fortnight in camp visiting the following villages: Owk, Cherlapalli, Kunukuntla, Uppalapad, Zunutula, Ramapuram, Gullasingavaram, Banganapalli, Alamur, Betamcherla, Gorimanikonda, Komorole, Kodumur, Varukur, Vemagode, Hendrikh-iravadi, Gonegandla, Penchikalapad and Nagalapuram.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp throughout the fortnight, but able to move about very little, as he was in charge of the works near Panyam up to 22nd ultimo, and then had to proceed to Owk to make arrangements for the starting of the three works to the south of that place that I had asked him to attend to personally. He inspected the following:—

Betamcherla works, Alamur works near Panyam, Gullasingavaram works, Owk works and Kalavatala.

The Deputy Collector of Pyapali was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following villages: Dhone, Maddikera, Gosuvanpalle, Chintalapalli, Kocheruvu, Kamapurkuntla, Kamalapuram, Peddamalkapuram, Pendekal, Kapatralla, Gonegandla works, Kodumur, Venkatagiri, Mamuguntla, Gorantla, Erradoddi, Anugonda, Pusaloor, Ulsala, Basavapuram, Remata, Mallapuram, Munagala, Gudur, Gundrevula, Brahmanadoddi, Polukal, Erragondla, Palukadoddi, Kundapuram, Padoddi, Kottakota, Vidzur and Tandrapad.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector, Nandikotkur, made no tour during the fortnight as the Acting Deputy Collector was called back to Kurnool in connection with the weavers' relief, and the Permanent Deputy Collector who took charge on the 24th ultimo was also detained on the same account.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum inspected the following places:—Sanipalli, Kankanalapalli, Nedagi, Endarivaripallam, Iokatapuravaram, Hasanapuram, Cumbupad, Dupad, Ellampalli and Gollapalli.

GENERAL REMARKS.

(a) My work in connection with the famine is daily increasing, and the time for submitting from the Collector's office the different important reports for the past official year is approaching. I fear that I shall soon be unable to discharge properly both my ordinary and special duties, and therefore beg to request that I may be relieved of the former by the appointment of a Special Assistant, under section 25 of the Code. In this connection, I suggest the appointment for famine duty of a clerk on Rs. 50 and of an accountant on Rs. 35; this establishment appears to have been sanctioned for the Cuddapah district.

(b) I request sanction for the appointment of a special Revenue Inspector for loans work in the Sirvel taluk. It will be seen from the accompanying table that the amount applied for is large. The Tahsildar and Divisional officer are of opinion that good progress cannot be made in this business unless the existing staff is augmented.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

Taluka.	Other purposes.										Total.									
	Repair and construction of wells.					Cattle and seed grain.					Purchase of fodder.					Total.				
	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications pending.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications pending.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications pending.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications pending.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pattikonda	29	6,235	29	4,065	158	47,640	73	7,120	73	7,120	500	66,205	102	13,355	102	11,185	658	1,13,845	29	5
Bamalakot	7	1,750	29	950	38	11,550	1	250	1	250	13	1,240	8	2,000	8	1,200	51	12,390	..	2
Nandikotkur	1	250	6	250	5	810	3	450	3	450	3	300	4	700	4	700	8	1,110	..	1
Nandyal	1	200	1	75	35	10,475	11	1,200	7	875	10	1,170	12	1,400	8	950	45	11,645	..	1
Koilkuntla	12	2,290	10	1,890	20	6,390	..	..	..	..	5	480	12	2,290	10	1,890	25	6,870	..	10
Sirvel	19	3,450	80	19,495	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	14,070	19	3,450	19	3,450	112	33,565	..	18
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	550	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	901	1,79,975	29	36
Total	69	14,175	65	10,680	338	96,510	88	9,020	84	8,695	563	83,465	157	23,195	149	19,375	901	1,79,975	29	36
Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.					Cattle and seed grain.					Total.					Total.				
	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications pending.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications pending.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications pending.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.	Applications pending.	Applications accepted.	Loans disbursed.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Pattikonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bamalakot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sirvel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1	200	..	..	1	100	62	6,340	..	..	1	100	62	6,340	..	..	..	..	..	..

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READ—also the following letter from E. A. ELWIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp Dhone, 7th April 1897, T. Dis. No. 455:—

In continuation of what I have said in my fortnightly narrative for the period ending 31st ultimo under "condition of people in villages—south central section", I have the honour to report that I have just heard from the Head Assistant Collector that road work is being offered at Nossam and Mayalur. The people of those parts are stated to have been unwilling to join the works till after 3rd instant (Telugu New Year's day), and this seems to be the reason why no daily work sheets have reached me up to date.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Rain fell in the eastern section of the district, and did some good by improving pasture in that tract. Water-supply is deficient in the western and south central sections, which form the main portion of the affected area; and special measures are being taken to improve the sources of drinking water available to the lower classes who suffer most from want of it. In the affected tracts there are hardly any agricultural operations in progress, and there are no standing crops worth mentioning except under the canal and wells. Pasture is not procurable except in the canal villages, and the supply of fodder is insufficient in Pattikonda, Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks.

Cattle are reported to be growing weaker in these taluks. Hill grass, which was hitherto being used as fodder, is now available only in villages bordering on the Nallamalas.

3. Prices were generally stationary except in Koilkuntla and Sirvel where they rose slightly during the fortnight. Trade was active and the markets well supplied.

4. The condition of the people was on the whole fair. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected all the works in Koilkuntla, Sirvel and Nandyal and found the workers in fair, but not good, condition. Some of the women were anaemic which Surgeon-Major Patch considers to be their normal condition and not due to privation. The women generally on all works in November and December were bright and cheerful. Children on some of the works were suffering from congested eyelids owing, it is said, to dirty habits and the nature of the work on which they were employed. The kitchen arrangements were found by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to be on the whole satisfactory, and steps have been taken to carry out certain improvements suggested by him. The numbers on works rose from 15,662 to 21,051 or 35 per cent., the largest increase, 53 per cent., being in Koilkuntla. Five works have been opened during the fortnight, and two more would have been opened but for want of tools. Government is requested to ask the Chief Engineer to arrange for an adequate supply of tools in the district. Three other works were to have been opened, and the Executive Engineer told the Collector that the overseers were "on their way to these places," but the Collector adds, significantly, that "something appears to have come in the way," which is not without precedent in Kurnool. The kitchen inmates also increased by 44 per cent., but, as already remarked in B.P., No. 270 of 1897, the number is not proportionate to the number of workers, amounting to only 6 per cent. The Collector reports, without remark, the statement made by the village headmen on the Koduru-Yemmiganuru road that there is at present no necessity for gratuitous relief there. It is clear that relief-workers are sharing their wages with their dependants, and the Collector's attention is therefore drawn to the fact that wages paid to a relief-worker are calculated at a rate sufficient for himself alone, no provision being made for his dependants who should be otherwise relieved. The grant of gratuitous relief entails trouble on village officers, whose opinion as to the necessity for the same is of little value. The necessary inquiries preliminary to the grant of village relief are being made; the Collector should push on with this matter and start gratuitous relief operations in villages as early as possible.

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5. The Chentsus of Cumbum and Nandikotkur taluks are reported to be beginning to suffer, and the Collector has ordered the grant of relief to them if it be found on inquiry to be necessary. The inhabitants of the hill villages of Koilkuntla taluk were found by the Collector in fair circumstances.

6. Weavers' relief operations are being conducted in the Pattikonda taluk; and the weavers of the Kurnool town, who held back until now, are reported to be gradually coming round. The Collector should lose no time in offering relief to these weavers on the terms granted in Adoni, which they are reported to be willing to accept. The Collector has been directed by the Board in its Proceedings No. 303 of 1897 to introduce, with some modifications, his scheme for the relief of weavers in Koilkuntla and Sirvel, pending the submission of a revised scheme.

7. The Board begs to support the request of the Collector for a Special Assistant to help him, and requests that the Special Assistant already sanctioned for the district in G.O., No. 630, dated 16th November 1896, may now be appointed. The additional clerks required for the Collector's office should also be sanctioned. The Collector's request for the appointment of an additional Revenue Inspector in Sirvel for loans work may apparently be sanctioned by the Board under the spirit of paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 216 of 1897, which empowers the Board to sanction the entertainment of Tahsildars for the purpose. The Collector will report whether a Tahsildar would not be of more service than a Revenue Inspector, and whether he wants any help in Pattikonda taluk. Meanwhile, the Revenue Inspector may be entertained if the Collector considers him sufficient.

8. The Collector and his Head Assistant have been doing good work in this fortnight; the latter officer would have done more work had he not been supervising works, which was more the duty of the Public Works Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Amulya
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Kurnool.
" Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.
" " Collectors of other affected districts.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

Revenue Secretariat,
30th April 1897.



No. 10.

My dear Elwin,

Government observes that the numbers on relief in Kurnool are rising rapidly and thinks that it would be advisable that a Special Assistant under S. 25 of the Code should be appointed to enable you to give your undivided attention to famine matters. It is proposed to appoint Pope your Special Assistant giving him Head Assistant's pay. I am to ask if you would like this done. Please let me have your reply as early as possible.

Your application for a Special Dy. Collector for Peapalle and a Special Dy. Tahsildar for Pattikonda is under consideration and will be disposed of directly

Yours
(Sd) C. Stokes

To E. A. Elwin Esq.
As: C. Secy of Kurnool.

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S. S. 87.

My dear Campbell,
Please see Horner's
remark at page 4 of the fortnightly
narrative embodied in the enclosed
Col. In connection with this, Mr.
Grose has remarked that he believes
that in many cases where it has
been reported that tools are ready,
they are not really so and enquires
whether they are ready in Coimbatore.
Will you please ascertain and
let me know.

Yours sincerely
(Sd). C. Stokes.

C No. 3604

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

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My dear Stokes,

With reference to the suggestion in the accompanying files that Pope should be appointed Special Revenue Assistant to Elwin in turn, His Excellency proposes to appoint Pope accordingly.

With your kindly ask Price to do what is necessary in the matter, explaining him how it stands. I enclose also a letter from Elwin, in which he says that Pope will suit him, which might go round with the Minister of Appointment, Yours sincerely,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Madras
12th May 1897.



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My Dear Sir
Pope has been working satisfactorily since I took charge of the District. There has been a great deal in camp during the past 2 months, there found him very useful in attending to various office matters that there is not had time to look into myself on account of famine work. He appears to take interest in the District, & to have

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picked up a fair amount of information about it. He is, I consider, quite good enough to make a Spl Assistant of, but as he knows the locality ^{as} ~~has~~ already acquainted himself to a certain extent with the routine work of the District he would do as well, if not better than, any other man of the same standing for the post of Spl Assistant under Govt.

The Finance Code.
Yours sincerely
Secretary

by a better man
 should be replaced. His attention
 has also been drawn to the
~~general~~ complaints as to want
 of tools at many of the works.
 4. A Spl Dy Collector ^{for} P. G. Falle
 will be appointed immediately
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Drafts and such on the
 paper to C. I. after the order
 has been sanctioned.

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 FOR ORDERS.

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 Nothing more need be done
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G. O. No 331 of 14th May 1897.

The Govt sanctions the
 appointment of a Spl Asst
 Dist Collector of Kurnool under
 Section 25 of the Code. The
 additional clerk on Rs 50 and
 accountant on Rs 35 recommended
 for the Collector's office are also
 sanctioned.

2. The Board of Revenue is em-
 powered to sanction subject to
 confirmation by Govt, the ~~sanction~~
~~Board~~ appointment of special
 Revenue Inspectors required for
 the speedy disposal of loans
 applications.

3. The attention of the Chief Engineer
 will be drawn to the remarks in
 para 4 of the R.P.

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REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 331, 14th May 1897.

MAY.

Fortnightly Narrative.

Sanctioning the appointment of a Special Assistant to the Collector of Karnool under section 25 of the Famine Code, and also an additional clerk on Rs. 50 and an accountant on Rs 35 recommended for the Collector's office in the — of the district for the period ending 31st March 1897, and empowering the Board of Revenue to sanction, subject to confirmation by Government, the appointment of special revenue inspector required for the speedy disposal of loans applications.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 23rd April 1897, No. 311:—
Read—the following fortnightly narrative for the Kurnool district during the period ending 31st March 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply—

Rainfall in rain-registering stations	Inches.
" up to the period from 1st April 1896	14
Average rainfall expected in the period	16.05
" up to the period from 1st April	10
"	27.35

There was a fall of 1.62 inches of rain in Markapur, and the tank at that place received about a month's supply. The water-supply was generally sufficient for drinking purposes, though diminishing in parts of the western and south central sections. Special measures are being taken for the relief of the Panchamas who are suffering from want of drinking water.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops.—The water-supply was generally insufficient for irrigation purposes, except in canal villages and under wells. There were scarcely any agricultural operations going on except in the eastern section, where paddy, wheat, ragi, cotton and castor were being harvested with a fair outturn. The standing crops under the canal and wells are in moderate condition. There are no other crops worth mentioning.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture slightly revived in parts of the eastern section in consequence of the recent rains, but was not procurable in the other sections, except here and there in the canal villages. Fodder continued to be sufficient in the north, central and eastern sections: it was available to a small extent throughout the Nandyal and Sirvel taluks of the south central section, and insufficient elsewhere except in the canal villages. The use of hill grass is reported to have been gradually discontinued except in villages bordering on the Nallamalas. Cattle were growing weaker in the western and south central sections. Rinderpest continued to prevail in the central section.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.
PRICES of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 31st of March 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cambu.		Remarks.
	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	
Pattikonda	9-18	9-18	..	..	12-87 (W) 13-39 (Y) 14-42 (W) and Y.	12-87 (W) 13-39 (Y) 14-42 (W) and Y.	11-28	11-28	Prices are rising in cholam in the Kurnool town and elsewhere stationary.
Pyapali	8-64	8-64	..	..	14-04 (W) 15-07 (Y) 15-07 (W) and Y.	13-18 (W) 15-07 (Y) 15-07 (W) and Y.	11-28	11-28	
Kurnool	8-58	8-58	..	..	15-07 (Y) 16-44 (W) 15-75 (Y) 15-07 (W)	16-44 (W) 15-75 (Y) 15-07 (W) 14-72 (Y)	11-87	11-25	
Nandikotkur	10-01	10-01	..	..	14-38 (Y) 13-70 (W) 15-07 (Y)	13-70 (W) 15-07 (Y) 13-43 (W) and Y.	..	..	
Atmakuru	9-29	9-29	16-77	16-77	14-11 (W) and Y.	13-43 (W) 12-64 (Y)	13-05	13-05	
Nandyal	9-29	9-29	15-48	15-48	13-43 (W) 12-64 (Y)	13-43 (W) 12-64 (Y)	11-60	11-60	
Kalava	9-96	9-96	15-00	15-00	12-87 (W) and Y.	12-87 (W) and Y.	..	..	
Koilkuntla	9-96	9-96	14-19	14-19	14-22 (Y)	14-22 (Y)	13-05	13-05	
Owk	8-58	8-58	15-00	15-00	..	..	13-77	13-05	
Allagadda	8-71	8-71	18-00	16-50	14-20 (W) 14-18 (Y)	13-99 (W) 14-02 (Y)	11-99	11-82	
Giddalore	9-96	9-96	15-61	15-43	..	..	..	..	
Markapur	9-23	9-23	15-61	15-43	..	..	..	..	
Average	9-23	9-23	15-61	15-43	..	..	..	..	

Activity of trade.—Trade was moderately active and grain freely sold in most of the markets.

Imports.—Cholam was imported from Nandikotkur into the Kurnool town, whence it was exported to Yemmiganuru in the Bellary district and to Bombay.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

During the fortnight the District Medical and Sanitary officer inspected nearly all the works in the Head Assistant Collector's charge and his opinion of the state of the health of the labourers is embodied in the statement given below:—

Work.	State of health.
Komorole and Betamcherla	Fair on the whole. Several women look anæmic and ill-fed. Children suffer from congested eye-lids owing to dirty habits and the nature of the work on which they are employed.
Alamur (near Panyam)	Tolerably good.
Gullasingavaram (near Owk)	Satisfactory on the whole. Children suffer to some extent from congested lids. Some women appear anæmic and ill-fed.
Owk	Fair. Some of the women look anæmic and tired, but the women of the labouring classes in this district have a dull and unhealthy appearance as a rule. Children suffer from congested lids.
Ramapuram (near Owk)	Fairly healthy.
Koilkuntla	Do.
Allagadda	Fairly good. Some of the women are anæmic and languid in appearance, but this is their normal condition and not due to privation.
Alamur (near Allagadda)	Fair.

The District Medical and Sanitary officer appears to have been on the whole satisfied with the arrangements made at the kitchens, but he advised certain improvements to be effected in that at Betamcherla and steps to carry out his recommendations are being taken.

I visited the works in the neighbourhood of Owk, and those at Alamur near Panyam, Betamcherla, Komorole, Goneganola, and Varakur near Kodumur. The health of the workers struck me as being pretty good, except on the Betamcherla and Komorole works, where the wages earned have hardly ever risen above the C class. The Executive Engineer has in accordance with the Board's recent instructions directed his subordinates to place in the B class for the present all persons coming to work.

At the Ramapuram work near Owk there had been a large influx of workers just before my inspection, with the result that a number were not supplied with tools: this defect the supervisor in charge promised to remedy at once. There is no doubt that the labourers on this work were being treated with undue leniency. All were in the A class, and, as a rule, were earning the full wages of that class, many of them were finishing their tasks by 1 p.m. or 2 p.m.; the breaking of the metal into sufficiently small cubes was not being insisted on. The Superintending Engineer, who has recently been to the place, has, I understand, since had the workers placed in the B class and ordered that the tasks should be more thoroughly performed. At Alamur I found Mr. Ghose in charge of the work, and under his guidance everything was going on well. A strike occurred on the Goneganola work during the fortnight, but by the time I reached the spot all fear of further trouble was at an end. There had been a good deal of delay in making payments, chiefly owing to the remissness of the paymaster, whose removal I have ordered; and the coolies imagining, apparently, that the overseer was to blame, threatened to beat him and refused to work. The overseer accuses the paymaster and certain influential persons of the village of having set up the labourers against him, but there is no evidence to prove this and he cannot point out the ringleaders of the mob of persons who threatened him. He himself does not appear to have treated the people who resorted to the work as well as he should.

The Head Assistant Collector was unable to do much in the way of inspecting works owing to his being engaged first of all in managing the work near Panyam, and afterwards in arranging for opening new works to the south of Owk.

The Pyápali Deputy Collector inspected the Goneganola work and reports that a death from fever took place among the coolies. He did not inspect the other works, but till he is relieved of his ordinary duties, as already recommended, it will be impossible for him to attend thoroughly to matters connected with the famine.

In villages.—The condition of the people in the North-Central and Eastern sections still continued to be generally good. A few cases of destitution having been reported among the Chentsus of the Cumbum and Nandikotkur taluks, the Divisional officers concerned were instructed to make careful enquiries as to their state and to afford them relief immediately, if required; further information on the subject is awaited.

Western section.—New works were opened during the fortnight at Katarkonda, Mulagundam and Ternakal in the Pattikonda taluk. Relief was about to be offered on roads in the hilly country to the east of Pyápali and at Laddagiri in the Ramallakot taluk, a place between Kodumur and Veldurti. Distress is, according to the Deputy Collector, beginning to make itself felt in the tract of country lying between Belagal to the north of Kodumur and Panchikalapad on the road between Kodumur and Kurnool and in the Pyápali firka. The Local Fund Engineer is arranging to open a work near Nagalapuram to relieve the former locality and I am just proceeding to the latter myself.

In the villages between Kodumur and Goneganola I found the people in fairly good condition. All those who were accustomed to do cooly were attending the two relief works on the Kodumur-Yemiganur road, the numbers on which have risen to some 4,500 in all. The village heads unanimously declared that there was no necessity for the present to give gratuitous relief.

South-Central section.—New works were opened during the fortnight at Chagalmarri (embanking the canal) and Kalavatala to the south of Owk. Mr. Ghose would have opened works at Akumalla and Itikala, had he not been compelled to defer

operations pending the receipt of tools. He will, however, have them in progress very soon, I anticipate, and meanwhile his efforts at Kalavatala seem to have been successful.

I hoped that new works would have been opened by the Public Works Department at Mutyalpad, Nossam, and between Mayalur and Vuyyalavada, and I had in fact heard from the Executive Engineer that Overseers were on their way to those places, but something appears to have come in the way.

The condition of the people in the various places I passed through was said to be moderately good and no cases of destitution came to my notice in spite of careful enquiries. I took the opportunity while near Owk of making a short excursion into the hill country to the west and visiting Kunukuntla, Uppalapad, Zunutula; in these villages there are splendid wells, and the surrounding lands were covered with crops—an extraordinary contrast to the country below—and the people appeared to be in fair circumstances.

Banganapalli state.—In my last narrative written on the 19th ultimo, I alluded to having on that day interviewed the Nawab and extracted a promise from him to open relief works in certain localities. He has since written to me to procure some tools for him, and from an article dated 22nd ultimo, that appeared in the "Madras Mail" of 24th idem, it appears that he had publicly announced his intention of offering relief.

Relief for weavers.—The Deputy Collector reports the number of weavers relieved at the Kodumur centre to be 894, and at the Pattikonda centre to be 190. It also appears that a few have lately taken advances of yarn from the Pyápali Deputy Tahsildar. At Maddikera none have yet come forward. The weavers of Kurnool are supposed to be gradually coming round, and some families applied for relief just before the close of the fortnight. The Board's orders on the scheme submitted for the Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks are awaited. The weavers are at present unwilling to send their children to be fed at kitchens; none consented at Kodumur, though I offered to appoint cooks of their own caste and to make all arrangements for privacy that they might suggest.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from want of food were reported. Small-pox prevailed slightly in parts; the public health was otherwise good.

Remarks.—The two Stock Inspectors who were sent to this district for employment as Circle Inspectors were posted to the tract defined by the Sanitary Commissioner (*vide* B.P., No. 195 of 1897), and enquiries are being made by them as laid down in sections 75 to 78 of the Code to ascertain the exact nature and extent to which gratuitous relief is needed at present. This staff is of course insufficient and I am trying to obtain the services of some Stock Inspectors recently thrown out of employment and of some Salt Sub-Inspectors for similar posts.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

On works.—In what taluks open, and comparison of numbers—

Taluku.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Koilkuntla	4,728	7,246
Sirvel	2,686	3,571
Pattikonda	6,298	7,443
Nandyal	1,950	2,791
Total	15,662	21,051

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluku.	Number relieved at kitchens.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Koilkuntla	235	359
Pattikonda	363	530
Sirvel	139	193
Nandyal	178	241
Total	915	1,323

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Private charity—Nil.

INSPECTIONS OF THE COLLECTOR AND THE DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

Taluk and places visited.—I spent five days at head-quarters, and the remainder of the fortnight in camp visiting the following villages: Owk, Cherlapalli, Kunukuntla, Uppalapad, Zunutula, Ramapuram, Gullasingavaram, Banganapalli, Alamur, Betamcherla, Gorimanikonda, Komorole, Kodumur, Varukur, Vemagode, Hendrikharavadi, Gonegandla, Penchikalapad and Nagalapuram.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp throughout the fortnight, but able to move about very little, as he was in charge of the works near Panyam up to 22nd ultimo, and then had to proceed to Owk to make arrangements for the starting of the three works to the south of that place that I had asked him to attend to personally. He inspected the following:—

Betamcherla works, Alamur works near Panyam, Gullasingavaram works, Owk works and Kalavatala.

The Deputy Collector of Pyápali was on tour throughout the fortnight and visited the following villages: Dhone, Maddikera, Gosuvanpalle, Chintalapalli, Kocheruvu, Kamapurkuntla, Kamalapuram, Peddamalkapuram, Pendekal, Kapatralla, Gonegandla works, Kodumur, Venkatagiri, Mamuguntla, Gorantla, Erradoddi, Annagonda, Pusaloor, Ulsala, Basavapuram, Remata, Mallapuram, Munagala, Gudur, Gundrevula, Brahmanadoddi, Polukal, Erragondla, Palukadoddi, Kundapuram, Padoddi, Kottakota, Vidzur and Tandrapad.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector, Nandikotkur, made no tour during the fortnight as the Acting Deputy Collector was called back to Kurnool in connection with the weavers' relief, and the Permanent Deputy Collector who took charge on the 24th ultimo was also detained on the same account.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum inspected the following places:—Sanipalli, Kankanalipalli, Nedagi, Endarivaripallam, Iokatapuravaram, Hasanapuram, Cumbumpad, Dupad, Ellampalli and Gollapalli.

GENERAL REMARKS.

(a) My work in connection with the famine is daily increasing, and the time for submitting from the Collector's office the different important reports for the past official year is approaching. I fear that I shall soon be unable to discharge properly both my ordinary and special duties, and therefore beg to request that I may be relieved of the former by the appointment of a Special Assistant, under section 25 of the Code. In this connection, I suggest the appointment for famine duty of a clerk on Rs. 50 and of an accountant on Rs. 35; this establishment appears to have been sanctioned for the Cuddapah district.

(b) I request sanction for the appointment of a special Revenue Inspector for loans work in the Sirvel taluk. It will be seen from the accompanying table that the amount applied for is large. The Tahsildar and Divisional officer are of opinion that good progress cannot be made in this business unless the existing staff is augmented.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

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No. 331, REVENUE, 14TH MAY 1897.

Read—also the following letter from E. A. ELWIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Famine Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp Dhone, 7th April 1897, T. Dis. No. 455 :—

In continuation of what I have said in my fortnightly narrative for the period ending 31st ultimo under "condition of people in villages—south central section", I have the honour to report that I have just heard from the Head Assistant Collector that road work is being offered at Nossam and Mayalur. The people of those parts are stated to have been unwilling to join the works till after 3rd instant (Telugu New Year's day), and this seems to be the reason why no daily work sheets have reached me up to date.

Resolution—dated 23rd April 1897, No. 311.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Rain fell in the eastern section of the district, and did some good by improving pasture in that tract. Water-supply is deficient in the western and south central sections, which form the main portion of the affected area; and special measures are being taken to improve the sources of drinking water available to the lower classes who suffer most from want of it. In the affected tracts there are hardly any agricultural operations in progress, and there are no standing crops worth mentioning except under the canal and wells. Pasture is not procurable except in the canal villages, and the supply of fodder is insufficient in Pattikonda, Koilkuntla and Sirvel taluks.

Cattle are reported to be growing weaker in these taluks. Hill grass, which was hitherto being used as fodder, is now available only in villages bordering on the Nallamalas.

3. Prices were generally stationary except in Koilkuntla and Sirvel where they rose slightly during the fortnight. Trade was active and the markets well supplied.

4. The condition of the people was on the whole fair. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected all the works in Koilkuntla, Sirvel and Nandyal and found the workers in fair, but not good, condition. Some of the women were anæmic which Surgeon-Major Patch considers to be their normal condition and not due to privation. The women generally on all works in November and December were bright and cheerful. Children on some of the works were suffering from congested eyelids owing, it is said, to dirty habits and the nature of the work on which they were employed. The kitchen arrangements were found by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to be on the whole satisfactory, and steps have been taken to carry out certain improvements suggested by him. The numbers on works rose from 15,662 to 21,051 or 35 per cent., the largest increase, 53 per cent., being in Koilkuntla. Five works have been opened during the fortnight, and two more would have been opened but for want of tools. Government is requested to ask the Chief Engineer to arrange for an adequate supply of tools in the district. Three other works were to have been opened, and the Executive Engineer told the Collector that the overseers were "on their way to these places," but the Collector adds, significantly, that "something appears to have come in the way," which is not without precedent in Kurnool. The kitchen inmates also increased by 44 per cent., but, as already remarked in B.P., No. 270 of 1897, the number is not proportionate to the number of workers, amounting to only 6 per cent. The Collector reports, without remark, the statement made by the village headmen on the Koduru-Yemmiganuru road that there is at present no necessity for gratuitous relief there. It is clear that relief-workers are sharing their wages with their dependants, and the Collector's attention is therefore drawn to the fact that wages paid to a relief-worker are calculated at a rate sufficient for himself alone, no provision being made for his dependants who should be otherwise relieved. The grant of gratuitous relief entails trouble on village officers, whose opinion as to the necessity for the same is of little value. The necessary inquiries preliminary to the grant of village relief are being made; the Collector should push on with this matter and start gratuitous relief operations in villages as early as possible.

5. The Chentsus of Cumbum and Nandikotkur taluks are reported to be beginning to suffer, and the Collector has ordered the grant of relief to them if it be found on inquiry to be necessary. The inhabitants of the hill villages of Koilkuntla taluk were found by the Collector in fair circumstances.

6. Weavers' relief operations are being conducted in the Pattikonda taluk; and the weavers of the Kurnool town, who held back until now, are reported to be gradually coming round. The Collector should lose no time in offering relief to these weavers on the terms granted in Adóni, which they are reported to be willing to accept. The Collector has been directed by the Board in its Proceedings No. 303 of 1897 to introduce, with some modifications, his scheme for the relief of weavers in Koilkuntla and Sirvel, pending the submission of a revised scheme.

7. The Board begs to support the request of the Collector for a Special Assistant to help him, and requests that the Special Assistant already sanctioned for the district in G.O., No. 630, dated 16th November 1896, may now be appointed. The additional clerks required for the Collector's office should also be sanctioned. The Collector's request for the appointment of an additional Revenue Inspector in Sirvel for loans work may apparently be sanctioned by the Board under the spirit of paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 216 of 1897, which empowers the Board to sanction the entertainment of Tahsildars for the purpose. The Collector will report whether a Tahsildar would not be of more service than a Revenue Inspector, and whether he wants any help in Pattikonda taluk. Meanwhile, the Revenue Inspector may be entertained if the Collector considers him sufficient.

8. The Collector and his Head Assistant have been doing good work in this fortnight; the latter officer would have done more work had he not been supervising works, which was more the duty of the Public Works Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Kurnool.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.
" " Collectors of other affected districts.

ORDER—No. 331, Revenue, dated 14th May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The Government sanctions the appointment of a Special Assistant to the Collector of Kurnool under section 25 of

the Code. The additional clerk on Rs. 50 and accountant on Rs. 35 recommended for the Collector's office are also sanctioned.

2. The Board of Revenue is empowered to sanction, subject to confirmation by Government, the appointment of special revenue inspectors required for the speedy disposal of loans applications.

3. The attention of the Chief Engineer will be drawn to the remarks in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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

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

" Financial Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Public Works Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Public Department.

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