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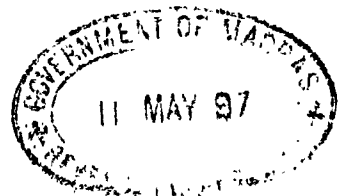
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Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Cuddapah district for the period ending 15th April 1897.

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

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Cuddapah district for the period ending 15th April 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Swater-supply—Eastern section.—There was no rainfall during the fortnight. All the tanks in Badvel and Sidhout are reported to be dry, whereas in Pullampet taluk there is water ranging from one-fourth to one-third supply in ten tanks. The Sagilérú is dry except in a portion of Badvel taluk and some of the wells. The Penner and Cheyyérú have ceased to flow. The Pullanger and Ganjaner are slightly flowing. No difficulty is felt for water for drinking and irrigation purposes anywhere except in portions of Badvel taluk wells which do not contain sufficient water for irrigation purposes. This section gives no cause for anxiety. *Northern Section.*—There was slight drizzling in three or four villages of Chennur firka. Water for drinking purposes is sufficient but it is defective for irrigation purposes except canal appears to have been closed and the supply in river and spring channels is reported to be diminishing. There was no rainfall during the fortnight. According to the reports from villages that reached the Tahsildar of Proddatur during the fortnight, it appears that there was no measurable quantity of rain in any of the villages during the previous fortnight. The Tahsildar of Proddatur reports that there was no improvement in any way owing to the drizzling above referred to. This, however, does not appear to be accurate. The rain that fell freshened up everything—was lying in pools on the road near Peddasettipalli. This rain must do good. Spring water is flowing near Ketavaram in the Kundu. In other places traversed by it, it is dry. The river Penner is dry. Three river channels contain scanty supplies and the tanks. Some of the ayakat lands are now being irrigated by wells. Good drinking water is reported to be not available in six villages and deficient in three villages. Fresh water wells were recently sunk in three of these villages for the use of the Malas and Madigas. In some of the villages of Jammalamadugu taluk, it has to be brought from long distances. In Pulivendla it is deficient in two villages. *Southern Section.*—There was a rainfall of 0.16 and 0.5 cents in Kadiri and Vayalpad respectively during the fortnight. In Kadiri, out of 452 tanks, 13 tanks have small supplies. Seven channels are flowing less than half a foot deep. Water for the present is sufficient for drinking and irrigation purposes in wells except in a very few villages. In Ráyachóti all the tanks have run dry. A few river and spring

channels contain water for irrigation purposes. In Vayalpad and Madanapalle river channels are flowing slightly and drinking water is procured in many villages from irrigation wells.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops—Eastern Section.—In Badvel lands under wells are being cultivated with indigo. Tobacco and onions under wells are being irrigated and cholam and ragi are being thrashed. The sowing of indigo and gingelly and the thrashing of ragi, cholam and korra are going on. In Pullampet, lands are being prepared for sowing indigo and gingelly and tobacco is being weeded and ragi is being harvested. The condition of standing crops, viz., tobacco, turmeric, cotton, paddy, ragi, cholam and korra are in good condition. In Pullampet taluk, the extent of standing crops under wells and channels is reported to be 2,324 and 2,423 with an estimated outturn ranging from 4 to 12 annas while the extent of harvested crops is 15,772 and 5,470 under wells and channels respectively with an outturn ranging from 4 to 16 annas. *Northern Section.*—In Cuddapah taluk ryots are harvesting ragi, cotton, kusuma and castor-oil seeds, sowing indigo, korra and cholam under wells, weeding paddy and cholam, baling water from wells and deepening river and spring channels. The standing crops are cotton, ragi, indigo, korra and cholam. The crops under wells and channels are in good condition and the extent covered by them is 5,562 acres and 27,809 acres respectively. In Proddatur, the agricultural operations that are going on are watering jonna, korra and indigo under wells and ploughing lands for next season, while in Jammalamadugu some are engaged in cotton cleaning. In Pulivendla taluk, cholam, korra, tobacco and gingelly are being watered and lands are being prepared for sowing yellow cholam. The standing crops in Proddatur, viz., palupu jonna, korra, paddy, indigo and bariga under wells are in good condition. In Jammalamadugu, korra, gingelly and bariga under wells and betel are the standing crops. These are estimated to yield an outturn of 8 annas. The extent of standing crops under wells and channels is 1,803 and 4,781 acres respectively, and the estimated outturn is reported to range from 8 to 12 annas. In Pulivendla, cholam, korra, tobacco and gingelly are the standing crops and they are in good condition. Of the crops harvested, the crops under the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal were generally good and those under wells and channels yielded a fair outturn. As regards purely dry lands it is reported that 20 per cent. of cholam yielded an outturn ranging from 6 to 8 annas, while an equal area appears to have yielded an outturn ranging from 4 to 6 annas. The yield of cotton has generally been good. Pulses are reported to have been a general failure and the outturn of bengal-gram and horse-gram was also poor. In Jammalamadugu, the outturn of ragi is reported to be 12 annas and that of turmeric, jonna and bariga is stated to be 8 annas, while in Pulivendla taluk, cholam is said to have yielded an outturn ranging from 2 to 6 annas and cotton from 4 to 12 annas. Cholam sown in the tank-bed of Gundlamadugu and the abandoned tank of Dondlavagu yielded an outturn ranging from 4 to 12 annas. *Southern Section.*—The usual agricultural operations are going on and the standing crops are reported to be in good condition generally. A large extent of cholam crop under channels and wells is reported to be “fading” in Vayalpad taluk. In Kadiri, the condition of crops other than under wells and channels is reported to be poor. The extent of such crop has not been reported.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Eastern Section.—Fodder is sufficient; pasture is scanty. The condition of cattle is good. *Northern Section.*—Pasture is said to be available only in villages traversed by the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal. Fodder is available in all the four taluks but is sold dear. The condition of cattle is generally good. Cattle disease prevails in one village of Jammalamadugu taluk and one village of Pulivendla taluk. *Southern Section.*—Pasture is reported to be not available in Kadiri and Ráyachóti. Fodder is sufficient. The condition of cattle is generally good, though in Kadiri cattle are reported to be reduced in strength. Cattle disease is reported to prevail in some villages of Kothakota firka and in Sompalle.

General remarks on the above subjects.—No special remarks.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND STATE OF THE MARKETS.

PRICES of principal food-grains at principal markets, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Cumbu.	
	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.
Badvel	7.42	7.42	18.00	18.00	15.80	15.80	..	..	13.05	11.96
Sidhout	9.07	9.07	18.97	19.80	14.85	14.00	16.67	14.85	14.85	13.20
Pullampet	8.71	..	16.50	18.00	..	..	..	..	13.05	13.05
Chitvel	9.13	8.30	16.50	21.00	15.80	15.80	..	..	14.50	14.50
Cuddapah	8.30	8.30	17.25	18.00	13.03	13.03	..	..	11.60	11.60
Kamalapuram	9.07	9.07	19.80	18.97	14.00	..	13.20	13.20	..	..
Proddatur	9.90	9.90	16.12	16.12	13.03	13.03	12.64	12.64	14.50	..
Jammalamadugu	9.54	8.71	15.37	15.75	13.43	13.43	12.24	12.64	..	..
Pulivendla	8.30	8.30	15.75	15.75	12.64	13.43	12.64	12.64	..	..
Kadiri	9.96	9.54	18.75	18.75	15.80	15.80	..	..	13.05	13.05
Rayachoti	9.01	9.01	16.50	16.50	13.43	13.43	..	..	13.05	13.05
Vayalpad	9.13	9.13	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	..	13.05	13.05
Madanapalle	9.96	9.07	19.50	24.75	14.22	14.85	..	..	13.05	16.60
Average for all the stations	9.04	8.82	17.46	18.41	14.18	14.26	13.27	13.19	13.37	13.33
Average for the affected tracts	9.02	8.86	16.86	16.92	13.22	13.23	12.68	12.78	13.05	11.60

Activity of Trade—Eastern Section.—(1) Private trade is active both in rice and ordinary staple food-grains. (2) Rice is being imported into Rajampet from southern districts. **Northern Section.**—Private trade is not active in Cuddapah. Cholam, ragi, cumbu are being exported to Bombay and Poona. Rice is exported to other districts. In the villages which are in the vicinity of relief works, grain is not freely brought to sale though there are large stocks of grain. Steps were taken to get bazaars opened at or near the relief works. It is reported that some inferior sort of rice is being imported into Cuddapah. In the black-cotton soil taluks, the trade is dull generally. The market is well supplied in Pulivendla. There are no imports. **Southern Section.**—Private trade is active in dry staple food-grains in Kadiri and Madanapalle and in rice also at the latter station. It is dull in Vayalpad though it showed signs of activity recently in Rayachoti. There are no imports except in Madanapalle to which station rice and ragi are being imported from Vayalpad taluk and Mysore Provinces.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE.

(1) **On Works.**—The condition of people on works is good generally. In the reliefwork at Royalapuram, a child of six years is said to have died of small-pox on 27th March 1897. The parents of the child and their other children were ordered to be kept apart from the other relief-workers for about ten days. Orders were also issued to see that the place formerly used by them is disinfected properly. Slight fever is reported to be prevalent in Simhadripuram work.

(2) **In villages.**—The condition of people in villages is reported to be good. The Special Deputy Collector on famine duty reports that even in the villages of Pulivendla taluk inspected by him, he found no signs of deterioration in their condition, and that proposals have been called for for opening kitchens in villages from which relief-workers come.

SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

Eastern Section.—Fever and dysentery are reported to prevail in Pullampet taluk.

Northern Section.—Fever and small-pox prevail to some extent in Proddatur and in many villages of Pulivendla taluk. The Special Deputy Collector reports that he observed cases of small-pox in Jammalamadugu taluk.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluku.	Numbers employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	
Proddatur	1,094	2,511	The increase in the number of relief-workers is due to agricultural operations having diminished and to the opening of additional works during the fortnight. I expect that the numbers on works will now rise rapidly.
Cuddapah	3,110	5,619	
Jammalamadugu	3,229	5,886	
Pulivendla	4,014	5,638	
Total	✓ 11,447	19,654	

GRATUITOUS RELIEF.

Taluku.	Number relieved at kitchens.			
	Dependants.		Others.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Proddatur	71	123	..	..
Jammalamadugu	155	224	..	..
Pulivendla	80	105	..	..
Cuddapah	190	276	..	..

WEAVERS' RELIEF.

Taluku.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Up to last fortnight.	Up to this fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.	
Jammalamadugu	9	..	7,316	7,383	19,697	98,499	The Special Deputy Collector reports that the weavers' scheme has been started in Proddatur taluk and that yarn for 29 looms was advanced on the 11th instant.
					Turbans:		
					7×7		
					1,155	3,927	
					6×6		
					11,328	60,312	
					5×5		
					4,994	19,264	
					Panchalu.		
					2,220	14,996	
					19,697	98,499	

PRIVATE CHARITY.

Northern Section.—Seventy-six persons were fed in the private kitchen at Jammalamadugu. The Special Deputy Collector on famine duty reports that the private kitchen at Pulivendla has been discontinued for want of funds.

Inspections.—Yerraguntla, Kodur, Uruttur, Dondlapad, Peddanapad. I intended inspecting Gangireddipalle work and portion of Pulivendla taluk also during the fortnight, but have been compelled to stay at the work near Kodur on the Yerraguntla-Vempalle road for the last five days setting right irregularities. This is a very large work with 3,300 coolies, and the paymaster—a taluk head gumastah—will, I fear, be dismissed from Government service.

Deputy Collector, Sidhout—Sidhout taluk.—Kondur, Kumbhagiri, Rajupalem, Madupur, Konarajupalle, Brahmanapalle, Adusuvaripalle, Darjapalle, Gollapalle, Gangiperur, Domatampalle, Vontimitta, Narasamapalle. *Pullampet taluk*—Rajampet.

Deputy Collector, Cuddapah division—Cuddapah taluk.—Yerraguntla, Kodur, Valasapalle, Akkayapalle, Utukur, Chemmumiyapet, Gangireddipalle, Palagiri, Gona-makulapalle, Kamalapuram.

Special Deputy Collector on famine duty, Jammalamadugu division.—Gundlakunta, Vemaguntapalle, Goriganur, Muddanur, Tondur, Mallela, Bhadrampalle, Buchepalle, Inagalur, Udayagundla, Santhikovur, Nallacheruvupalle, Agodur, Palur, Achavali, Putrayanipeta, Yadavakunta, Upparapalle, Timmapuram, Gotur, Gundlamadugu, Krishnamgaripalle, Sydapuram, Pulivendla, Royalapuram, Lingala.

Sub-Collector, Rayachoti taluk.—Tsundupalle, Rayachoti, Ellareddigaripalle, Chikapallevandlapalle, Rajupalle, Kumenaravandlapalle. *Vayalpad.*—Gurramkonda. *Madanapalle.*—Madanapalle.

GENERAL REMARKS.

There is no anxiety regarding the taluks comprised in the eastern section.

Northern Section.—There are two works in progress in Cuddapah taluk on the Yerraguntla-Vempalle road near Kodur and Gangireddipalle. The numbers are increasing every day and during my stay at Kodur for the last five days, I came to understand that some people are resorting to the work from a distance of six or seven miles. Orders were therefore issued for starting a channel work at Tallamarapuram. It has been also brought to my notice that the work at Gangireddipalle is being resorted to by some of the people of Pulivendla taluk. These belong to the villages of Kathalur and Pamalur. I have therefore issued instructions to the Special Deputy Collector on famine duty to report if any work nearer their homes cannot be found at once. Orders were also sent to open a work at Tondur on the Muddanur-Pulivendla road in consideration of the increase in the number of coolies at Royalapuram. The Deputy Collector, Cuddapah division, was asked to submit early proposals regarding the opening of another work on the Yerraguntla-Vempalle road between Vempalle and Gangireddipalle. In the Jammalamadugu division, works were opened during the fortnight as noted in the margin.

Settivaripalle tank. | Lingala tank.

Peddapasupula channel in Jammalamadugu taluk, Peddasettipalle channel, China Dandlur channel, Tallamarapuram channel, Rajoli project channel (in two places).

In his letter No. 1408, dated 13th April 1897, the Executive Engineer informs me that necessary arrangements in the way of managements are ready for starting the Rajoli project, that he will start the work first at Gopavaram as the demand for labour is greater there than at Rajoli. The sections and estimates relating to the project not having been sent by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, I have wired to that officer to send them at once as much inconvenience is felt for want of them and the Tahsildar informs me that Peddasettipalle channel, China Dandlur channel and Peddapasupula channel will be opened one after another with an interval of 3 days in each case. One Assistant Engineer and two upper subordinates are reported to have arrived during the fortnight and besides the services of Mr. Harley, the Local Fund Engineer, the Local Fund Overseer at Cuddapah was also deputed to work on famine duty. The new Assistant Engineer who has arrived has been put in charge of the Rajoli project and M.R.Ry. A. Nilakanta Sastriar is now in charge of the relief works in Proddatur and Jammalamadugu taluks, while the works in Cuddapah and Pulivendla are being supervised by Mr. Morin.

Southern Section.—During the fortnight, sanction was accorded for starting the tank work at Katnen Erragudi, Rayachoti taluk, and if this work is found insufficient to meet the requirements of labourers in its neighbourhood, steps will be taken to find other suitable work for them. The Sub-Collector reports that the

Tahsildar of Vayalpad says that the labouring classes near Medikurti, Garnimitta, Sorakayalapeta and Sarimadugu require work and suggests that the famine road from Medikurti to Garnimitta and Kothacheruvu of Sorakayalapeta and some other work may be started. The Sub-Collector will be requested to visit these tracts personally in order to gauge the demand for famine labour and to submit definite proposals regarding the necessity for starting any work.

With reference to the orders of the Board requiring the submission of fresh task tables in connection with the weavers' relief scheme, I very much regret to state that M.R.Ry. Ranga Rau, who was in charge of the whole correspondence, has not submitted them yet in spite of repeated reminders and an important matter has thus to be delayed. A detailed report regarding the delay was submitted to the Board in this office letter reference on current No. 1087 of 1897, dated 6th April 1897. The Special Deputy Collector in charge of the weavers' relief scheme who was recently appointed arrived at Proddatur on the 9th instant and without any orders from me for issue of yarn is said to have made or directed the Special Deputy Tahsildar to make advances for 29 looms. I do not think he had authority to make advances of yarn without my orders especially when the revised task tables asked for had not been submitted by the Deputy Collector, Jammalamadugu; but I find from G.O., No. 227, Revenue, dated 31st March 1897, just received that the relief may proceed under certain conditions and I therefore cancelled my order issued on 13th instant to stop further advances pending receipt of the task tables. Proposals have not been received regarding the relief of weavers in Pulivendla taluk and the Special Deputy Tahsildar has promised to send them up soon. From the reports of the Special Deputy Tahsildar it appears that certain establishment was entertained by him in connection with the scheme under instructions from the Special Deputy Collector in anticipation of my sanction. The advances in Proddatur are said to have been made on the same lines as in Jammalamadugu.

Taluka.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	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
Budvel ..	2	350	2	175	4	730	1	100	1	100	1	100	2	350	2	175	4	730	..	2
Solihavattam ..	1	200	1	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	300	2	300	..	..	..	1
Pullampet ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Proddatur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jammalamadugu ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pulivendla ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kadiri ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kayachoti ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vayalpad ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madanapalle ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	57	8,555	48	4,655	88	15,045	2	160	2	160	31	4,245	59	8,715	50	4,815	1,292	9,290	11	31

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed grain.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	
Budvel ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Solihavattam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pullampet ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Proddatur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jammalamadugu ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pulivendla ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kadiri ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kayachoti ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vayalpad ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madanapalle ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	550	7	550	8	950	7	550	7	550	6	540

STATEMENT showing the extent applied for or used canal water down to 10th April 1897 under the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal.

Taluka.	Rupees 6.	Rupees 4.		Rupees 3.	Rupees 2.	Rupees 1.	Total.
		Under canal direct.	Under canal-fed tanks.				
1. Jammalamadugu ..	ACS. 31.17	ACS. 3,189.1	ACS. 3,000.0	ACS. 47.98	ACS. 10.37	ACS. 438.6	ACS. 496.41
2. Proddatur ..	25.55	4,673.17	3,000.0	2,380.73	..	3,356.65	8,957.56
3. Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	2,020.31	..	1,375.85	11,094.88
Total ..	56.72	7,862.18	3,000.0	4,449.2	10.37	5,170.56	20,548.85

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2. There was but little water for irrigational purposes except in wells, and the supply of drinking-water, though reported sufficient generally, is failing, or has failed, in parts. The Board notices that three wells have been sunk for Panchamas, but this is not sufficient. The Collector should take early steps to see that wells are dug or deepened in every village where want of water is felt severely. If Local Funds are insufficient for the purpose he should apply at once for an allotment from Provincial Funds as already directed in B.P., dated 22nd April 1897, No. 309. The Board is unable to share the Collector's sanguine views as to the effect of the scanty showers that have fallen. A considerable area under wells and channels was harvested during the fortnight, and the standing crops under these sources are reported to be generally in good condition, but the Board doubts if the Collector is justified in accepting so high an estimate of outturn as he does, either for these, or for purely dry crops. The report is diffuse and in some places unintelligible. Thus, the Collector says that in "purely dry lands it is reported that 20 per cent. of cholam yielded an outturn ranging from 6 to 8 annas, while an equal area appears to have yielded an outturn ranging from 4 to 6 annas." These lands cannot be under the canal, for they are "purely dry lands." They are not in Pulivendla, which is specially referred to, nor does it appear that the remark refers to Jammalamadugu or Proddatur. If the remark is intended to convey that of the whole area sown in the affected taluks with cholam the yield was as stated, the Collector has been misinformed.

3. Pasture is said to be scanty, but the Board believes it to be non-existent, save in a few parts. Fodder is available though dear. The condition of cattle is reported to be generally good, but it is noted that in Kadiri, which is outside the affected area, they are said to be showing signs of privation.

4. Prices are, on the whole, fairly stationary with a slight tendency to fall, except in the case of rice. Private trade is generally fairly active, except in Cuddapah, but it is confined for the greater part to transactions within the districts. Rice and ragi are being imported into Madanapalle from Mysore, but other food-grains are being exported from the affected areas to Bombay and Poona. It is noted that in villages which are in the vicinity of relief-works, grain, though fairly plentiful, is not freely brought to sale. The Collector's attention is drawn to section 118 of the Famine Code. The Revenue officers should see that relief-workers can purchase grain for their wages.

5. The condition of the people, both on works and in villages, is reported to be generally good. The numbers on works have increased by over 70 per cent. during the fortnight. The Collector attributes this to the opening of fresh works. It is probable that they should have been opened earlier. The Board notes that the Collector is taking steps for the opening of several new works in the affected area, and trusts that no delay will be permitted to occur. It does not appear that the order to open the work in Rayachoti taluk had been complied with at the time the narrative was

submitted. The Sub-Collector's report on the condition of Vayalpad taluk will have been received by this time, and the Collector should lose no time in opening test works in that taluk, if the Sub-Collector considers them necessary. The extension of relief in kitchens has not received proper attention. The Collector has nearly 20,000 coolies on the works and only 728 persons in kitchens. The number in kitchens should be between 15 and 20 per cent. of the workers.

6. The Collector will be requested to submit the revised weavers' task tables as soon as possible. Pending revision, the old task tables may be acted upon, but it must be remembered that the majority of them are less favourable to the workers than the one in force at Adóni, which is to be taken as the standard. The Special Deputy Collector's action in Proddatur is approved.

7. No work under the Loans Acts appears to have been done in Pulivendla taluk. Steps should be taken for the early disposal of the 62 applications pending there.

8. The Board infers that there was only one paymaster to 3,300 coolies on the Kódur work. Appendix VI (23) allows two, and even more, if necessary. The word "ordinarily" clearly leaves discretion to the Collector to appoint more if needful. Where gangs are scattered it is not possible to adhere to the minimum establishment.

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B. S. S. S.
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Cuddapah.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting the -- of the Cuddapah district for the period ending 15th April 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 3rd May 1897, No. 334:—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Cuddapah district for the period ending 15th April 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply—Eastern Section.—There was no rainfall during the fortnight. All the tanks in Badvel and Sidhout are reported to be dry, whereas in Pullampet taluk there is water ranging from one-fourth to one-third supply in ten tanks. The Sagiléri is dry except in a portion of Badvel taluk and some of the wells depending on it have run dry while in other wells the supply is said to be going down. The Penner and Cheyyéru have ceased to flow. The Pullanger and Ganjaner are slightly flowing. No difficulty is felt for water for drinking and irrigation purposes anywhere except in portions of Badvel taluk wells which do not contain sufficient water for irrigation purposes. This section gives no cause for anxiety. *Northern Section.*—There was slight drizzling in three or four villages of Chennur firka. Water for drinking purposes is sufficient but it is defective for irrigation purposes except under wells, some spring channels and canal-fed tanks. The Kurnool-Cuddapah canal appears to have been closed and the supply in river and spring channels is reported to be diminishing. There was no rainfall during the fortnight. According to the reports from villages that reached the Tahsildar of Proddatur during the fortnight, it appears that there was no measurable quantity of rain in any of the villages during the previous fortnight. The Tahsildar of Proddatur reports that there was no improvement in any way owing to the drizzling above referred to. This, however, does not appear to be accurate. The rain that fell freshened up everything. Besides in places I saw, there must have been at least half an inch of rain. Water was lying in pools on the road near Peddasettipalli. This rain must do good. Spring water is flowing near Ketavaram in the Kundu. In other places traversed by it, it is dry. The river Penner is dry. Three river channels contain scanty supplies and the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal is reported to be empty. There is no water in any of the tanks. Some of the ayakat lands are now being irrigated by wells. Good drinking water is reported to be not available in six villages and deficient in three villages. Fresh water wells were recently sunk in three of these villages for the use of the Malas and Madigas. In some of the villages of Jammalamadugu taluk, it has to be brought from long distances. In Pulivendla it is deficient in two villages. *Southern Section.*—There was a rainfall of 0.16 and 0.5 cents in Kadiri and Vayalpad respectively during the fortnight. In Kadiri, out of 452 tanks, 13 tanks have small supplies. Seven channels are flowing less than half a foot deep. Water for the present is sufficient for drinking and irrigation purposes in wells except in a very few villages. In Ráyachóti all the tanks have run dry. A few river and spring

channels contain water for irrigation purposes. In Vayalpad and Madanapalle river channels are flowing slightly and drinking water is procured in many villages from irrigation wells.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops—Eastern Section.—In Badvel lands under wells are being cultivated with indigo. Tobacco and onions under wells are being irrigated and cholam and ragi are being thrashed. The sowing of indigo and gingelly and the thrashing of ragi, cholam and korra are going on. In Pullampet, lands are being prepared for sowing indigo and gingelly and tobacco is being weeded and ragi is being harvested. The condition of standing crops, viz., tobacco, turmeric, cotton, paddy, ragi, cholam and korra are in good condition. In Pullampet taluk, the extent of standing crops under wells and channels is reported to be 2,324 and 2,423 with an estimated outturn ranging from 4 to 12 annas while the extent of harvested crops is 15,772 and 5,470 under wells and channels respectively with an outturn ranging from 4 to 16 annas. *Northern Section.*—In Cuddapah taluk ryots are harvesting ragi, cotton, kusuma and castor-oil seeds, sowing indigo, korra and cholam under wells, weeding paddy and cholam, baling water from wells and deepening river and spring channels. The standing crops are cotton, ragi, indigo, korra and cholam. The crops under wells and channels are in good condition and the extent covered by them is 5,562 acres and 27,809 acres respectively. In Proddatur, the agricultural operations that are going on are watering jonna, korra and indigo under wells and ploughing lands for next season, while in Jammalamadugu some are engaged in cotton cleaning. In Pulivendla taluk, cholam, korra, tobacco and gingelly are being watered and lands are being prepared for sowing yellow cholam. The standing crops in Proddatur, viz., palupu jonna, korra, paddy, indigo and bariga under wells are in good condition. In Jammalamadugu, korra, gingelly and bariga under wells and betel are the standing crops. These are estimated to yield an outturn of 8 annas. The extent of standing crops under wells and channels is 1,803 and 4,781 acres respectively, and the estimated outturn is reported to range from 8 to 12 annas. In Pulivendla, cholam, korra, tobacco and gingelly are the standing crops and they are in good condition. Of the crops harvested, the crops under the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal were generally good and those under wells and channels yielded a fair outturn. As regards purely dry lands it is reported that 20 per cent. of cholam yielded an outturn ranging from 6 to 8 annas, while an equal area appears to have yielded an outturn ranging from 4 to 6 annas. The yield of cotton has generally been good. Pulses are reported to have been a general failure and the outturn of bengal-gram and horse-gram was also poor. In Jammalamadugu, the outturn of ragi is reported to be 12 annas and that of turmeric, jonna and bariga is stated to be 8 annas, while in Pulivendla taluk, cholam is said to have yielded an outturn ranging from 2 to 6 annas and cotton from 4 to 12 annas. Cholam sown in the tank-bed of Gundlamadugu and the abandoned tank of Dondlavagu yielded an outturn ranging from 4 to 12 annas. *Southern Section.*—The usual agricultural operations are going on and the standing crops are reported to be in good condition generally. A large extent of cholam crop under channels and wells is reported to be "fading" in Vayalpad taluk. In Kadiri, the condition of crops other than under wells and channels is reported to be poor. The extent of such crop has not been reported.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Eastern Section.—Fodder is sufficient; pasture is scanty. The condition of cattle is good. *Northern Section.*—Pasture is said to be available only in villages traversed by the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal. Fodder is available in all the four taluks but is sold dear. The condition of cattle is generally good. Cattle disease prevails in one village of Jammalamadugu taluk and one village of Pulivendla taluk. *Southern Section.*—Pasture is reported to be not available in Kadiri and Ráyachóti. Fodder is sufficient. The condition of cattle is generally good, though in Kadiri cattle are reported to be reduced in strength. Cattle disease is reported to prevail in some villages of Kothakota firka and in Sompalle.

General remarks on the above subjects.—No special remarks.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND STATE OF THE MARKETS.

PRICES of principal food-grains at principal markets, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Cumbu.	
	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.
Badvel	7.42	7.42	18.00	18.00	15.80	15.80	..	..	13.05	11.96
Sidhout	9.07	9.07	18.97	19.80	14.85	14.00	15.67	..	14.85	13.20
Pullampet	8.71	..	16.50	18.00	..	..	..	..	13.05	13.05
Chitvel	9.13	8.30	16.50	21.00	15.80	..	..	..	14.50	14.50
Cuddapah	8.30	8.30	17.25	18.00	13.03	13.03	..	..	11.60	11.60
Kamalapuram	9.07	9.07	19.80	19.97	14.00	..	13.20	13.20	..	..
Proddatur	9.90	9.90	16.12	16.12	13.03	13.03	12.64	12.64	14.50	..
Jammalamadugu	9.54	8.71	15.37	15.75	13.43	13.43	12.24	12.64	..	..
Pulivendla	8.30	8.30	15.75	15.75	12.64	13.43	12.64	12.64	..	..
Kadiri	9.96	9.54	18.75	18.75	15.80	15.80	..	..	13.05	13.05
Ráyachóti	9.01	9.01	16.50	16.50	13.43	13.43	..	..	13.05	13.05
Vayalpad	9.13	9.13	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	..	13.05	13.05
Madanapalle	9.96	9.07	19.50	24.75	14.22	14.85	..	..	13.05	16.60
Average for all the stations	9.04	8.82	17.46	18.41	14.18	14.26	13.27	13.19	13.37	13.33
Average for the affected tracts	9.02	8.86	16.86	16.92	13.22	13.23	12.68	12.78	13.05	11.60

Activity of Trade—Eastern Section.—(1) Private trade is active both in rice and ordinary staple food-grains. (2) Rice is being imported into Rajampet from southern districts. *Northern Section.*—Private trade is not active in Cuddapah. Cholam, ragi, cumbu are being exported to Bombay and Poona. Rice is exported to other districts. In the villages which are in the vicinity of relief works, grain is not freely brought to sale though there are large stocks of grain. Steps were taken to get bazaars opened at or near the relief works. It is reported that some inferior sort of rice is being imported into Cuddapah. In the black-cotton soil taluks, the trade is dull generally. The market is well supplied in Pulivendla. There are no imports. *Southern Section.*—Private trade is active in dry staple food-grains in Kadiri and Madanapalle and in rice also at the latter station. It is dull in Vayalpad though it showed signs of activity recently in Ráyachóti. There are no imports except in Madanapalle to which station rice and ragi are being imported from Vayalpad taluk and Mysore Provinces.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE.

(1) *On Works.*—The condition of people on works is good generally. In the reliefwork at Royalapuram, a child of six years is said to have died of small-pox on 27th March 1897. The parents of the child and their other children were ordered to be kept apart from the other relief-workers for about ten days. Orders were also issued to see that the place formerly used by them is disinfected properly. Slight fever is reported to be prevalent in Simhadripuram work.

(2) *In villages.*—The condition of people in villages is reported to be good. The Special Deputy Collector on famine duty reports that even in the villages of Pulivendla taluk inspected by him, he found no signs of deterioration in their condition, and that proposals have been called for for opening kitchens in villages from which relief-workers come.

SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

Eastern Section.—Fever and dysentery are reported to prevail in Pullampet taluk.

Northern Section.—Fever and small-pox prevail to some extent in Proddatur and in many villages of Pulivendla taluk. The Special Deputy Collector reports that he observed cases of small-pox in Jammalamadugu taluk.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Numbers employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	Current fortnight.	
Proddatur	1,094	2,511	The increase in the number of relief-workers is due to agricultural operations having diminished and to the opening of additional works during the fortnight. I expect that the numbers on works will now rise rapidly.
Cuddapah	3,110	5,619	
Jammalamadugu	3,229	5,886	
Pulivendla	4,014	5,638	
Total	11,447	19,654	

GRATUITOUS RELIEF.

Taluks.	Number relieved at kitchens.			
	Dependants.		Others.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Proddatur	..	71	123	..
Jammalamadugu	..	155	224	..
Pulivendla	..	80	105	..
Cuddapah	..	190	276	..

WEAVERS' RELIEF.

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Up to last fortnight.	Up to this fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.	
Jammalamadugu	9	..	7,316	7,383	19,697	98,499	The Special Deputy Collector reports that the weavers' scheme has been started in Proddatur taluk and that yarn for 29 looms was advanced on the 11th instant.
					Turbans:		
					7×7		
					1,155	3,927	
					6×6		
					11,328	60,313	
					5×5		
					4,994	19,264	
					Panchalu.		
					2,220	14,996	
					19,697	98,499	

PRIVATE CHARITY.

Northern Section.—Seventy-six persons were fed in the private kitchen at Jammalamadugu. The Special Deputy Collector on famine duty reports that the private kitchen at Pulivendla has been discontinued for want of funds.

Inspections.—Yerraguntla, Kodur, Uruttur, Dondlapad, Peddanapad. I intended inspecting Gangireddipalle work and portion of Pulivendla taluk also during the fortnight, but have been compelled to stay at the work near Kodur on the Yerraguntla-Vempalle road for the last five days setting right irregularities. This is a very large work with 3,300 coolies, and the paymaster—a taluk head gumastah—will, I fear, be dismissed from Government service.

Deputy Collector, Sidhout—Sidhout taluk.—Kondur, Kumbhagiri, Rajupalem, Madupur, Konarajupalle, Brahmanapalle, Adusuvaripalle, Darjapalle, Gollapalle, Gangaperur, Domatampalle, Vontimitta, Narasamapalle. *Pullampet taluk*—Rajampet.

Deputy Collector, Cuddapah division—Cuddapah taluk.—Yerraguntla, Kodur, Valasapalle, Akkayapalle, Utukur, Chemmumiyapet, Gangireddipalle, Palagiri, Gona-makulapalle, Kamalapuram.

Special Deputy Collector on famine duty, Jammalamadugu division.—Gundlakunta, Vemaguntapalle, Goriganur, Muddanur, Tondur, Mallela, Bhadrampalle, Buchepalle, Inagalur, Udavagundla, Santhikovur, Nallacheruvupalle, Agodur, Palur, Acharali, Putrayanipeta, Yadavakunta, Upparapalle, Timmapuram, Gotur, Gundlamadugu, Krishnamgaripalle, Sydapuram, Pulivendla, Royalapuram, Lingala.

Sub-Collector, Rayachoti taluk.—Tsundupalle, Rayachoti, Ellareddigaripalle, Chikapallevandlapalle, Rajupalle, Kumenaravandlapalle. *Vayalpad.*—Gurramkonda. *Madanapalle.*—Madanapalle.

GENERAL REMARKS.

There is no anxiety regarding the taluks comprised in the eastern section.

Northern Section.—There are two works in progress in Cuddapah taluk on the Yerraguntla-Vempalle road near Kodur and Gangireddipalle. The numbers are increasing every day and during my stay at Kodur for the last five days, I came to understand that some people are resorting to the work from a distance of six or seven miles. Orders were therefore issued for starting a channel work at Tallamarapuram. It has been also brought to my notice that the work at Gangireddipalle is being resorted to by some of the people of Pulivendla taluk. These belong to the villages of Kathalur and Pamalur. I have therefore issued instructions to the Special Deputy Collector on famine duty to report if any work nearer their homes cannot be found at once. Orders were also sent to open a work at Tondur on the Muddanur-Pulivendla road in consideration of the increase in the number of coolies at Royalapuram. The Deputy Collector, Cuddapah division, was asked to submit early proposals regarding the opening of another work on the Yerraguntla-Vempalle road between Vempalle and Gangireddipalle. In the Jammalamadugu division, works were opened during the fortnight as noted in the margin.

Settivaripalle tank. | Lingala tank.

Peddapasupula channel in Jammalamadugu taluk, Peddasettipalle channel, China Dandlur channel, Tallamarapuram channel, Rajoli project channel (in two places).

In his letter No. 1408, dated 13th April 1897, the Executive Engineer informs me that necessary arrangements in the way of managements are ready for starting the Rajoli project, that he will start the work first at Gopavaram as the demand for labour is greater there than at Rajoli. The sections and estimates relating to the project not having been sent by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, I have wired to that officer to send them at once as much inconvenience is felt for want of them and the Tahsildar informs me that Peddasettipalle channel, China Dandlur channel and Peddapasupula channel will be opened one after another with an interval of 3 days in each case. One Assistant Engineer and two upper subordinates are reported to have arrived during the fortnight and besides the services of Mr. Harley, the Local Fund Engineer, the Local Fund Overseer at Cuddapah was also deputed to work on famine duty. The new Assistant Engineer who has arrived has been put in charge of the Rajoli project and M.R.Ry. A. Nilakanta Sastriar is now in charge of the relief works in Proddatur and Jammalamadugu taluks, while the works in Cuddapah and Pulivendla are being supervised by Mr. Morin.

Southern Section.—During the fortnight, sanction was accorded for starting the tank work at Katnen Erragudi, Rayachoti taluk, and if this work is found insufficient to meet the requirements of labourers in its neighbourhood, steps will be taken to find other suitable work for them. The Sub-Collector reports that the

Tahsildar of Vayalpad says that the labouring classes near Medikurti, Garnimitta, Sorakayalapeta and Sarimadugu require work and suggests that the famine road from Medikurti to Garnimitta and Kothacheruvu of Sorakayalapeta and some other work may be started. The Sub-Collector will be requested to visit these tracts personally in order to gauge the demand for famine labour and to submit definite proposals regarding the necessity for starting any work.

With reference to the orders of the Board requiring the submission of fresh task tables in connection with the weavers' relief scheme, I very much regret to state that M.R.Ry. Ranga Rau, who was in charge of the whole correspondence, has not submitted them yet in spite of repeated reminders and an important matter has thus to be delayed. A detailed report regarding the delay was submitted to the Board in this office letter reference on current No. 1087 of 1897, dated 6th April 1897. The Special Deputy Collector in charge of the weavers' relief scheme who was recently appointed arrived at Proddatur on the 9th instant and without any orders from me for issue of yarn is said to have made or directed the Special Deputy Tahsildar to make advances for 29 looms. I do not think he had authority to make advances of yarn without my orders especially when the revised task tables asked for had not been submitted by the Deputy Collector, Jammalamadugu; but I find from G.O., No. 227, Revenue, dated 31st March 1897, just received that the relief may proceed under certain conditions and I therefore cancelled my order issued on 13th instant to stop further advances pending receipt of the task tables. Proposals have not been received regarding the relief of weavers in Pulivendla taluk and the Special Deputy Tahsildar has promised to send them up soon. From the reports of the Special Deputy Tahsildar it appears that certain establishment was entertained by him in connection with the scheme under instructions from the Special Deputy Collector in anticipation of my sanction. The advances in Proddatur are said to have been made on the same lines as in Jammalamadugu.

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STATEMENT showing the extent applied for or used canal water down to 10th April 1897 under the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal.

Taluka.	Rupees 6.	Rupees 4.		Rupees 3.	Rupees 2.	Rupees 1.	Total.
		Under canal direct.	Under canal-fed tanks.				
1. Jammalamadugu ..	ACS. 31-17	ACS. 3,189-1	ACS. ..	ACS. 47-98	ACS. 10-37	ACS. 438-6	ACS. 496-41
2. Proddatur ..	25-55	4,673-17	3,000-0	2,380-73	..	3,356-65	8,957-56
3. Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	2,020-31	..	1,375-85	11,094-88
Total ..	56-72	7,862-18	3,000-0	4,449-2	10-37	5,170-56	20,548-85

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Submitted for the information of Government.

2. There was but little water for irrigational purposes except in wells, and the supply of drinking-water, though reported sufficient generally, is failing, or has failed, in parts. The Board notices that three wells have been sunk for Panchamas, but this is not sufficient. The Collector should take early steps to see that wells are dug or deepened in every village where want of water is felt severely. If Local Funds are insufficient for the purpose he should apply at once for an allotment from Provincial Funds as already directed in B.P., dated 22nd April 1897, No. 309. The Board is unable to share the Collector's sanguine views as to the effect of the scanty showers that have fallen. A considerable area under wells and channels was harvested during the fortnight, and the standing crops under these sources are reported to be generally in good condition, but the Board doubts if the Collector is justified in accepting so high an estimate of outturn as he does, either for these, or for purely dry crops. The report is diffuse and in some places unintelligible. Thus, the Collector says that, in "purely dry lands it is reported that 20 per cent. of cholam yielded an outturn ranging from 6 to 8 annas, while an equal area appears to have yielded an outturn ranging from 4 to 6 annas." These lands cannot be under the canal, for they are "purely dry lands." They are not in Pulivendla, which is specially referred to, nor does it appear that the remark refers to Jammalamadugu or Proddatur. If the remark is intended to convey that of the whole area sown in the affected taluks with cholam the yield was as stated, the Collector has been misinformed.

3. Pasture is said to be scanty, but the Board believes it to be non-existent, save in a few parts. Fodder is available though dear. The condition of cattle is reported to be generally good, but it is noted that in Kadiri, which is outside the affected area, they are said to be showing signs of privation.

4. Prices are, on the whole, fairly stationary with a slight tendency to fall, except in the case of rice. Private trade is generally fairly active, except in Cuddapah, but it is confined for the greater part to transactions within the districts. Rice and ragi are being imported into Madanapalle from Mysore, but other food-grains are being exported from the affected areas to Bombay and Poona. It is noted that in villages which are in the vicinity of relief-works, grain, though fairly plentiful, is not freely brought to sale. The Collector's attention is drawn to section 118 of the Famine Code. The Revenue officers should see that relief-workers can purchase grain for their wages.

5. The condition of the people, both on works and in villages, is reported to be generally good. The numbers on works have increased by over 70 per cent. during the fortnight. The Collector attributes this to the opening of fresh works. It is probable that they should have been opened earlier. The Board notes that the Collector is taking steps for the opening of several new works in the affected area, and trusts that no delay will be permitted to occur. It does not appear that the order to open the work in Rayachoti taluk had been complied with at the time the narrative was

submitted. The Sub-Collector's report on the condition of Vayalpad taluk will have been received by this time, and the Collector should lose no time in opening test works in that taluk, if the Sub-Collector considers them necessary. The extension of relief coolies on the works and only 728 persons in kitchens. The number in kitchens should be between 15 and 20 per cent. of the workers.

6. The Collector will be requested to submit the revised weavers' task tables as soon as possible. Pending revision, the old task tables may be acted upon, but it must be remembered that the majority of them are less favourable to the workers than the one in force at Adóni, which is to be taken as the standard. The Special Deputy Collector's action in Proddatur is approved.

7. No work under the Loans Acts appears to have been done in Pulivendla taluk. Steps should be taken for the early disposal of the 62 applications pending there.

8. The Board infers that there was only one paymaster to 3,300 coolies on the Kodur work. Appendix VI (23) allows two, and even more, if necessary. The word "ordinarily" clearly leaves discretion to the Collector to appoint more if needful. Where gangs are scattered it is not possible to adhere to the minimum establishment.

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(Signed)

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