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

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

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Kurnool district during the period ending 31st May 1897, Dis. No. 28-F. :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—

Rainfall during the period	...	...	...	...	INCHES.
Rainfall up to the period from 1st April 1897	...	...	...	...	78
Average rainfall expected during the period	...	...	...	...	2.01
Average rainfall expected up to the period from 1st April 1897	...	...	...	...	60
	...	...	...	...	1.64

Except at Owk, where the quantity registered was only 3 cents, and at Koilkuntla and Nandyal, where there was none whatever, rain fell during the period to the extent of about half an inch and upwards at all the registering stations of the district. The fall was heavy—3 inches 3 cents at Pattikonda, and exceeded one inch at each of the stations of Giddalore, Kalwa and Nandikotkur. There were also good showers in various villages of the Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks, and in the Betamcherla range of the Nandyal taluk.

Water-supply, Eastern Section.—Some of the tanks received a month's supply, and there was sufficient water for drinking throughout the section.

North Central Section.—The only part in which there was any difficulty in procuring drinking-water was the country lying along the foot of the Nallamalais.

South Central Section.—There was great scarcity of water in the Owk range of the Koilkuntla taluk. In parts of the section, however, there was considerable improvement in the supply, notably in some of the villages forming the Kalwa Deputy Tahsildar's charge, where the Head Assistant Collector speaks of finding wells, that had previously run quite dry, full to the brim.

Western Section.—The supply, which was becoming terribly short, was improving rapidly towards the close of the period owing to the excellent rain that fell on 28th and 29th instant, and my fear that there would be a veritable water famine has, for the present, been removed.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—The preparation of the ground for cultivation was going on briskly in parts, and seeds were sown to some extent in the Nandyal, Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks. Two hundred laborers are reported to have left the relief work at Karivemula on 23rd ultimo in view to sowing early cholam. Standing crops consist chiefly of the scattered patches of cultivation under wells, which were referred to in my last narrative as being in good condition.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder continued to be sufficient in the eastern and north central sections and to be generally very scarce elsewhere. Pasture was slowly reviving in many places, but was still practically nil in the Koilkuntla taluk. There was no improvement in the condition of the cattle. Rinderpest was still prevalent in the south central section.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There has been a most welcome fall in the temperature since 28th ultimo, on the night of which three-fourths of the district was visited by rain. The people are much more hopeful than they were and are eagerly looking forward for the bursting of the monsoon. Steps were being taken to sink temporary wells and to deepen existing wells by the removal of silt in several villages, especially in the Owk range. The Special Assistant Collector found it impossible to sell more than two bales of the first consignment of pressed straw received at Kurnool road from Guntur. Another consignment of pressed straw, which will, it is presumed, make up the full quantity originally ordered by the Provincial Committee of the Famine Fund, and a wagon load of straw in twists are daily expected, and I am

anxiously awaiting the report of the Special Deputy Tahsildar, whom I have placed in charge of the depôt, as to whether the twists are more appreciated than the bales. I regret that I am not in a position to state the number of the cattle that have up to date been driven into the forest reserves. Since the receipt of the order permitting free grazing, the privilege will no doubt be availed of largely during the current fortnight.

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.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	
Pattikonda ..	7.56	7.56	16.48	15.59	12.35	12.36	16.48	15.00	Prices of cholam and ragi slightly fallen at Allagadda and Owk respectively. Those of cumbu rising in Giddalore, Pattikonda and Pyápali. Those of cholam rising in Atmakúra, Pattikonda, Kalwa, Koilkuntla, Pyápali and Kurnool. Those of ragi rising in Pattikonda, Allagadda and Pyápali. Those of rice rising in Pyápali, Pattikonda, Kalwa and Allagadda.
Pyápali ..	8.56	7.53	15.53	15.26	12.35	12.36	13.39	12.30	
Kurnool ..	8.58	8.58	12.00	15.48	13.35	12.33	11.25	11.25	
Nandikotkur ..	9.29	9.29	..	..	13.70	13.70	..	..	
Atmakúra ..	10.01	9.29	..	..	14.38	13.01	..	..	
Nandyal ..	9.28	9.28	16.77	..	13.01	13.01	..	..	
Kalwa ..	9.28	8.58	..	..	13.01	12.33	..	..	
Koilkuntla ..	9.96	9.96	13.50	13.50	12.50	12.00	..	..	
Owk ..	9.96	5.96	15.75	16.00	11.85	11.85	..	..	
Allagadda ..	8.58	8.21	14.19	13.54	11.64	12.67	..	..	
Giddalore ..	8.72	8.72	15.00	15.00	14.22	14.22	13.05	11.60	
Markapur ..	8.30	8.30	16.50	16.50	..	..	12.32	12.32	
Average ..	9.09	8.77	15.03	14.98	13.03	12.71	13.29	12.59	

Activity of trade.—Trade was moderately active. Food-grains were being freely sold and transported locally from one village to another.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—The District Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected various works just before the beginning of the period and his opinion of the state of the workers is shown below :—

Work.		State of health.
Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemmiga-nur road (Varukur).	...	Fair on the whole. 15.8 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
Alampur near Pamgam ...	...	Very fair, none were in poor condition, except a few members of two weak gangs formed under section 92 of the code.
Gullasingavaram near Owk ...	...	Fair on the whole. 19.6 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
Owk ...	...	Fair on the whole. 21.5 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
Ramapuram near Owk ...	...	Indifferent on the whole. 25 per cent. of the people were in poor condition. Doctor Patch considered that the state of the health of the workers at Ramapuram was due to a great extent to their intemperate habits. The condition of the people on the three Owk works had slightly improved since the Sanitary Commissioner's visit, but considering the large reductions in tasks that have been allowed for physical disability of every kind it is surprising that a more marked improvement was not found.

The relief-workers throughout the district continued to be, on the whole, in fair health. I inspected two works in the Nandyal taluk and five works in the Pattikonda taluk, and found nothing particular to complain of but the excessive heaviness of the new hammers that many of the women were using for breaking stones.

In villages.—In the eastern and north central sections the condition of the people was still good, and in the south central and western sections still fair, on the whole. A new relief-work at Rungapuram in the Nandyal taluk was started by the Head Assistant Collector and promptly taken over by the Public Works Department. There are now 35 relief-works in all, and I trust that we shall require very few more. The increase in the number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief will, I hope, be considered fairly satisfactory. The Head Assistant Collector and the Pyápalí Deputy Collector are both working hard to extend the system of relief by grain-doles and good progress may be looked for during the current fortnight; the latter officer has not yet been relieved of his ordinary duties.

Sickness and mortality.—No special remarks are called for. Every effort to prevent the outbreak of cholera with the advent of the monsoon is being made by insisting on the guarding against pollution of the drinking-water sources on the different relief-works.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluka.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	27,394	30,787
Rámallakót	7,551	9,688
Nandyal	6,632	9,348
Koilkuntla	21,177	25,126
Sirvel	10,854	12,576
Total	73,608	87,525

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluka.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda	1,104	1,658	56	449	..	..	111	402
Rámallakót	270	463	6	20	..	..	112	471
Nandikótkur	..	..	320	..	..	..	..	580
Nandyal	398	393	34	51	..	..	137	1,246
Koilkuntla	1,029	1,035	211	207	..	..	..	1,133
Sirvel	535	1,019	170	30	..	..	..	159
Total	3,336	4,568	797	757	..	..	360	3,991

Taluka.	Weavers' relief.					
	[Number of villages in which relief was given.]		Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Pattikonda	7	27	2,478	3,182	5,101	14,738
Rámallakót	2	21	1,074	1,675	916	1,803
Nandikótkur	..	3	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	8	37	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	..	20	101	1,108	445	454
Sirvel	..	22	67	479	231	248
Total	17	130	3,720	6,442	6,693	17,243

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

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Taluka.		Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.				Number of wells.			
		Applications accepted.			Loans disbursed.			Applications pending.			Loans disbursed.			Applications accepted.		Applications pending.					
		Number.		Amount.	Number.		Amount.	Number.		Amount.	Number.		Amount.	Number.		Amount.	Number.				
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Pattikonda	..	76	Rs. 16,618	76	Rs. 10,280	196	Rs. 55,550	354	Rs. 36,040	354	Rs. 36,040	715	Rs. 96,233	430	Rs. 52,668	430	Rs. 46,820	911	Rs. 1,61,753	..	76
Ranallakota	..	14	2,980	12	2,650	50	14,510	4	540	4	540	113	13,190	18	3,520	16	3,190	163	27,700	..	12
Nandikotkur	..	1	250	1	250	1	200	3	450	3	450	1	100	4	700	4	700	2	300	..	2
Nandyal	..	8	3,000	7	888	17	5,200	19	2,470	18	2,170	28	4,650	27	5,470	25	3,028	45	9,850	..	7
Koilkuntla	..	32	6,010	25	4,640	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	6,040	25	4,640	..	..	..	23
Sirvel	..	31	4,860	22	4,100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	5,800	29	4,800	64	14,510	..	58
Gumbum	..	..	..	..	..	2	500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	500	..	..
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	162	33,738	143	22,778	306	88,530	388	40,450	386	39,900	882	1,16,363	550	74,188	529	62,678	1,188	2,04,893	..	178
		Total.																			
Taluka.		Purchase of fodder.						Cattle and seed-grain.						Total.				Applications pending.			
		Applications accepted.			Loans disbursed.			Applications accepted.			Loans disbursed.			Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.					
		Number.		Amount.	Number.		Amount.	Number.		Amount.	Number.		Amount.	Number.		Amount.	Number.				
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39		
Pattikonda	..	..	Rs. 49,301	667	Rs. 3,280	53	3,280	..	..	..	..	27	Rs. 1,850	..	..	..	..	694	Rs. 51,151		
Kanallakota	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	1,415	..	..	..	81	4,695			
Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Nandyal	..	7	850	6	620	..	4,814	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	850	6	520	83	4,814		
Koilkuntla	..	55	5,190	52	2,830	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	5,190	52	2,830	138	6,667		
Sirvel	..	15	772	4	320	..	1,095	8	490	..	320	104	5,562	23	1,262	10	610	..	..		
Gumbum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..		
Markapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total	..	117	6,812	62	8,670	837	58,490	8	490	7	360	159	8,827	125	7,302	69	4,030	996	67,317		

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

Collector.—I was on tour for 14 out of the 16 days. Inspected the following:—
 Nandyal taluk Alamnagar

Nandyal taluk	...	...	...	...	...	Inspected the following.
						Alamur-Betamcherla work.
						Marella work.
						Yeddadaloddi Kanaka.
						Mutukur.
						Khairupalla.
						Karumanchi.
						Agraharam.
Pattikonda taluk	...	...	...	...	...	Bailupala.
						Ganjchal.
						Pattikonda.
						Mulagundum.
						Gonegandla.
						Pedamaravidi.
						Alavala.
						Belagae.
Rámallakót taluk	...	...	...	...	...	Gudur, Panchikalapad and Nagalapuram.

Head Assistant Collector.—The Head Assistant Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following:—

Alamur.	Ambapuram.	Komorole.
Betamcherla.	Kothapalli.	Setorapuram.
Kolumulapalli.	Bukkapuram.	Venkatapuram.
Muddakarlum.	Guntapalli.	Somayazulapalli.
Buggampalli.	Nagamalakunta.	Palkolam.
Hanumantharayalakota.	Rasemapuram.	Ramapuram.
Rungapuram.	Godimanikonda.	

The Deputy Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight except one day and inspected the following:—

					Jaladurgam.
					Racherla.
					Yemgamarri Katarkonda.
					Pattikonda.
Pattikonda taluk	...	...	...	...	Muttukur.
					Moolagundum.
					Gangehalli.
					Gonegandla.
					Peddamaravedi.
					Balagol.
					Gudur.
Rámallakót taluk	...	...	...	...	Penchikalapad.
					Kodumur.
					Varukur.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour for 12 days during the fortnight and inspected the following villages:—

Atmakur.	Guvvalakunta.	Pratakota.
Kristnapuram.	Kothapalli.	Pagudala.
Pimiapuram.	Sivapuram.	Gadidemadugu.
Bairluti.	Singarajupalli.	Nandikotkur.
Indreswaram.	Gummadapuram.	Nandikur.
Ramapuram.	Musalimadugu.	Venkatapuram.
Kuonkunda.	Erramatam.	Chelimallapuram.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum division made no inspection being engaged at Markapur in jamabandi work.

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2. The rainfall during the fortnight was above the average ; it was exceptionally heavy in Pattikonda, but *nil* in Koilkuntla and Nandyal and virtually *nil* in Owk. Drinking-water supplies have been replenished by the rains to a considerable extent, but where the supplies are still short, efforts are being made to improve them. Ryots were being tempted by the rains to prepare their fields for the early crops.

3. Pasture was poor, and fodder generally very scarce except in the eastern and north central sections. The Collector has been called upon to report more fully upon the importation of straw from Kistna. The sales do not appear to go off so well as in the other Deccan districts.

4. Prices rose during the fortnight, though trade was moderately active. The position of prices is shown in the subjoined table:—

Rate.	Measures per rupee.		
	Rice.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13 2	30.0	28.0
Warning	10.6	22.5	21.0
Scarcity	7 9	15.0	14.0
Current	8.8	12.7	12.6
May 1892	9.1	14.9	12.8
May 1877	6.6	7.3	7.0

5. The Collector reports that relief-workers continued to be, on the whole, in fair health. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, however, inspected five works, and in four of them found 15 to 25 per cent. of the workers in poor condition. The Collector is requested to report what is meant by the intemperancy of the famine coolies at Ramapuram. The whole famine wage would not pay for drink enough to lead to real intemperance. The numbers on works increased during the fortnight by 19 per cent., while the numbers relieved gratuitously more than doubled. The administration of relief in villages is being satisfactorily attended to.

6. The following figures give the progress of loans work according to the weekly telegrams:—

	Amount disbursed.
1940-41	1,000,000
1941-42	1,500,000
1942-43	2,000,000
1943-44	2,500,000
1944-45	3,000,000
1945-46	3,500,000
1946-47	4,000,000
1947-48	4,500,000
1948-49	5,000,000
1949-50	5,500,000
1950-51	6,000,000
1951-52	6,500,000
1952-53	7,000,000
1953-54	7,500,000
1954-55	8,000,000
1955-56	8,500,000
1956-57	9,000,000
1957-58	9,500,000
1958-59	10,000,000
1959-60	10,500,000
1960-61	11,000,000
1961-62	11,500,000
1962-63	12,000,000
1963-64	12,500,000
1964-65	13,000,000
1965-66	13,500,000
1966-67	14,000,000
1967-68	14,500,000
1968-69	15,000,000
1969-70	15,500,000
1970-71	16,000,000
1971-72	16,500,000
1972-73	17,000,000
1973-74	17,500,000
1974-75	18,000,000
1975-76	18,500,000
1976-77	19,000,000
1977-78	19,500,000
1978-79	20,000,000
1979-80	20,500,000
1980-81	21,000,000
1981-82	21,500,000
1982-83	22,000,000
1983-84	22,500,000
1984-85	23,000,000
1985-86	23,500,000
1986-87	24,000,000
1987-88	24,500,000
1988-89	25,000,000
1989-90	25,500,000
1990-91	26,000,000
1991-92	26,500,000
1992-93	27,000,000
1993-94	27,500,000
1994-95	28,000,000
1995-96	28,500,000
1996-97	29,000,000
1997-98	29,500,000
1998-99	30,000,000
1999-00	30,500,000
2000-01	31,000,000
2001-02	31,500,000
2002-03	32,000,000
2003-04	32,500,000
2004-05	33,000,000
2005-06	33,500,000
2006-07	34,000,000
2007-08	34,500,000
2008-09	35,000,000
2009-10	35,500,000
2010-11	36,000,000
2011-12	36,500,000
2012-13	37,000,000
2013-14	37,500,000
2014-15	38,000,000
2015-16	38,500,000
2016-17	39,000,000
2017-18	39,500,000
2018-19	40,000,000
2019-20	40,500,000
2020-21	41,000,000
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2022-23	42,000,000
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2049-50	55,500,000
2050-51	56,000,000
2051-52	56,500,000
2052-53	57

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These figures do not agree with those entered in the fortnightly narrative; the discrepancy should be explained. The progress, which averages only Rs. 14,047 per week, can hardly be said to be satisfactory, and much has to be done to overtake arrears. Against 69 persons who had got advances under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, there were 996 applications undisposed of. Now is the time when money for fodder, cattle and seed-grain should be granted freely.

7. Inspection, by all officers, during the fortnight, was satisfactory.

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Famine Secretary.

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

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Water-supply, Eastern Section.—Some of the tanks received a month's supply, and there was sufficient water for drinking throughout the section.

North Central Section.—The only part in which there was any difficulty in procuring drinking-water was the country lying along the foot of the Nallamalais.

South Central Section.—There was great scarcity of water in the Owk range of the Koilkuntla taluk. In parts of the section, however, there was considerable improvement in the supply, notably in some of the villages forming the Kalwa Deputy Tahsildar's charge, where the Head Assistant Collector speaks of finding wells, that had previously run quite dry, full to the brim.

Western Section.—The supply, which was becoming terribly short, was improving rapidly towards the close of the period owing to the excellent rain that fell on 28th and 29th instant, and my fear that there would be a veritable water famine for the present, been removed.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—The preparation of the ground for cultivation was going on briskly in parts, and seeds were sown to some extent in the Nandyal, Pattikonda and Ramallakot taluks. Two hundred labourers are reported to have left the relief work at Kivemula on 23rd ultimo in view to sowing early cholam. Standing crops consist chiefly of the scattered patches of cultivation under wells, which were referred to in my last narrative as being in good condition.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Fodder continued to be sufficient in the eastern and north central sections and to be generally very scarce elsewhere. Pasture was slowly reviving in many places, but was still practically nil in the Koilkuntla taluk. There was no improvement in the condition of the cattle. Rinderpest was still prevalent in the south central section.

General remarks on the previous subject.—There has been a most welcome fall in the temperature since 28th ultimo, on the night of which three-fourths of the district was visited by rain. The people are much more hopeful than they were and are eagerly looking forward for the bursting of the monsoon. Steps were being taken to sink temporary wells and to deepen existing wells by the removal of silt in several villages, especially in the Owk range. The Special Assistant Collector found it impossible to sell more than two bales of the first consignment of pressed straw received at Kurnool road from Guntur. Another consignment of pressed straw, which will, it is presumed,

make up the full quantity originally ordered by the Provincial Committee of the Famine Fund, and a wagon load of straw in twists are daily expected, and I am anxiously awaiting the report of the Special Deputy Tahsildar, whom I have placed in charge of the depôt, as to whether the twists are more appreciated than the bales. I regret that I am not in a position to state the number of the cattle that have up to date been driven into the forest reserves. Since the receipt of the order permitting free grazing, the privilege will no doubt be availed of largely during the current fortnight.

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.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	
Pattikonda	7.56	7.56	16.48	15.59	12.85	12.36	16.48	15.00	Prices of cholam and ragi slightly fallen at Allagadda and Owk respectively. Those of cumbu rising in Giddalore, Pattikonda and Pyápali. Those of cholam rising in Atmakuru, Pattikonda, Kalwa, Koilkuntla, Pyápali and Kurnool. Those of ragi rising in Pattikonda, Allagadda and Pyápali. Those of rice rising in Pyápali, Pattikonda, Kalwa and Allagadda.
Pyápali	8.56	7.53	15.53	15.26	12.85	12.36	13.39	12.80	
Kurnool	8.58	8.58	12.00	15.48	13.35	12.33	11.25	11.25	
Nandikotkur	9.29	9.29	..	..	13.70	13.70	..	..	
Atmakuru	10.01	9.29	..	..	14.38	13.01	..	..	
Nandyal	9.28	9.28	16.77	..	13.01	13.01	..	..	
Kalwa	9.28	8.58	..	..	13.01	12.33	..	..	
Koilkuntla	9.96	9.96	13.50	13.50	12.50	12.00	..	..	
Owk	9.96	5.96	15.75	15.00	11.85	11.85	..	..	
Allagadda	8.58	8.21	14.19	13.54	11.64	12.67	..	..	
Giddalore	8.72	8.72	15.00	15.00	14.22	14.22	13.05	11.60	
Markapur	8.30	8.30	16.50	16.50	..	..	12.32	12.32	
Average	9.00	8.77	15.03	14.98	13.03	12.71	13.29	12.59	

Activity of trade.—Trade was moderately active. Food-grains were being freely sold and transported locally from one village to another.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—The District Medical and Sanitary Officer inspected various works just before the beginning of the period and his opinion of the state of the workers is shown below:—

Work.	State of health.
Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemmiganur road (Varukur).	Fair on the whole. 15.8 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
Alampur near Pamgam	Very fair, none were in poor condition, except a few members of two weak gangs formed under section 92 of the code.
Gullasingavaram near Owk	Fair on the whole. 19.6 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
Owk	Fair on the whole. 21.5 per cent. of the people were in poor condition.
Ramapuram near Owk	Indifferent on the whole. 25 per cent. of the people were in poor condition. Doctor Patch considered that the state of the health of the workers at Ramapuram was due to a great extent to their intemperate habits. The condition of the people on the three Owk works had slightly improved since the Sanitary Commissioner's visit, but considering the large reductions in tasks that have been allowed for physical disability of every kind it is surprising that a more marked improvement was not found.

The relief-workers throughout the district continued to be, on the whole, in fair health. I inspected two works in the Nandyal taluk and five works in the Pattikonda

taluk, and found nothing particular to complain of but the excessive heaviness of the new hammers that many of the women were using for breaking stones.

In villages.—In the eastern and north central sections the condition of the people was still good, and in the south central and western sections still fair, on the whole. A new relief-work at Rungapuram in the Nandyal taluk was started by the Head Assistant Collector and promptly taken over by the Public Works Department. There are now 35 relief-works in all, and I trust that we shall require very few more. The increase in the number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief will, I hope, be considered fairly satisfactory. The Head Assistant Collector and the Pyapali Deputy Collector are both working hard to extend the system of relief by grain-doles and good progress may be looked for during the current fortnight; the latter officer has not yet been relieved of his ordinary duties.

Sickness and mortality.—No special remarks are called for. Every effort to prevent the outbreak of cholera with the advent of the monsoon is being made by insisting on the guarding against pollution of the drinking-water sources on the different relief-works.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda ...	27,304	30,787
Ramallakot ...	7,551	9,688
Nandyal ...	6,632	9,348
Koilkuntla ...	21,177	25,126
Sirvel ...	10,854	12,576
Total ...	73,608	87,525

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Pattikonda ..	1,104	1,658	56	449	..	..	111	402
Ramallakot ..	270	463	6	20	..	..	112	471
Nandikotkur ..	..	..	320	..	..	..	..	580
Nandyal ..	398	393	34	51	..	..	137	1,246
Koilkuntla ..	1,029	1,035	211	207	..	..	..	1,133
Sirvel ..	535	1,019	170	30	..	..	..	159
Total ..	3,336	4,568	797	757	..	..	360	3,991

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.			
			Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Pattikonda ..	7	27	2,478	3,182	5,101	14,738
Ramallakot ..	2	21	1,074	1,675	916	1,803
Nandikotkur ..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Nandyal ..	8	37	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla ..	..	20	101	1,106	445	454
Sirvel ..	..	22	67	479	281	248
Total ..	17	130	3,720	6,442	6,693	17,243

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

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

Collector.—I was on tour for 14 out of the 16 days. Inspected the following:—

Nandyal taluk	...	...	...	...	Alamur-Betamcherla work.
					Marella work.
					Yeddaladoddi Kanaka.
					Mutukur.
					Khairupalla.
					Karumanchi.
					Agraharam.
Pattikonda taluk	...	...	...	...	Bailupala.
					Ganjchal.
					Pattikonda.
					Mulagundum.
					Gonegandla.
					Pedamaravidi.
					Alavala.
					Belagae.
Rámallakót taluk	...	...	...	...	Gudur, Panchikalapad and Nagalapuram.

Head Assistant Collector.—The Head Assistant Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following:—

Alamur.	Ambapuram.	Komorole.
Betamcherla.	Kothapalli.	Setoramapuram.
Kolumulapalli.	Bukkapuram.	Venkatapuram.
Muddakarum.	Guntapalli.	Somayazulapalli.
Buggampalli.	Nagamalakunta.	Palkolam.
Hanumantharayalakota.	Rahemanpuram.	Ramapuram.
Rungapuram.	Godimanikonda.	

The Deputy Collector was on tour throughout the fortnight except one day and inspected the following:—

	Jaladurgam.
	Racherla.
	Yemgamarri Katarkonda.
Pattikonda taluk	Pattikonda.
	Muttukur.
	Moolagundum.
	Gangehalli.
	Gonegandla.
	Peddamaravidi.
	Balagal.
Rámallakót taluk	Gudur.
	Panchikalapad.
	Kodumur.
	Varukur.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was on tour for 12 days during the fortnight and inspected the following villages:—

Atmakur.	Guvvalakunta.	Pratakota.
Kristnapuram.	Kothapalli.	Pagudala.
Pimnapuram.	Sivapuram.	Gadidemadugu.
Bairluti.	Singarajupalli.	Nandikotkur.
Indreswaram.	Gummadapuram.	Nandikunta.
Ramapuram.	Musalimadugu.	Venkatapuram.
Kuonkunda.	Erramatam.	Chelimalla.

The Deputy Collector of Cumbum division made no inspection being engaged at Markapur in jamabandi work.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was above the average; it was exceptionally heavy in Pattikonda, but *nil* in Koilkuntla and Nandyal and virtually *nil* in Owk. Drinking-water supplies have been replenished by the rains to a considerable extent, but where the supplies are still short, efforts are being made to improve them. Ryots were being tempted by the rains to prepare their fields for the early crops.

3. Pasture was poor, and fodder generally very scarce except in the eastern and north central sections. The Collector has been called upon to report more fully upon the importation of straw from Kistna. The sales do not appear to go off so well as in the other Deccan districts.

4. Prices rose during the fortnight, though trade was moderately active. The position of prices is shown in the subjoined table:—

Rate.	Measures per rupee.		
	Rice.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13.2	30.0	28.0
Warning	10.6	22.5	21.0
Scarcity	7.9	15.0	14.0
Current	8.8	12.7	12.6
May 1892	9.1	14.9	12.8
May 1877	6.6	7.3	7.0

5. The Collector reports that relief-workers continued to be, on the whole, in fair health. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, however, inspected five works, and in four of them found 15 to 25 per cent. of the workers in poor condition. The Collector is requested to report what is meant by the intemperancy of the famine coolies at Ramapuram. The whole famine wage would not pay for drink enough to lead to real intemperance. The numbers on works increased during the fortnight by 19 per cent., while the numbers relieved gratuitously more than doubled. The administration of relief in villages is being satisfactorily attended to.

6. The following figures give the progress of loans work according to the weekly telegrams:—

Up to end of week ending								Amount disbursed.
								RS.
May 1st	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34,900
May 8th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35,400
May 15th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,582
May 22nd	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72,047
May 29th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91,009

These figures do not agree with those entered in the fortnightly narrative; the discrepancy should be explained. The progress, which averages only Rs. 14,047 per week, can hardly be said to be satisfactory, and much has to be done to overtake arrears. Against 69 persons who had got advances under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, there were 996 applications undisposed of. Now is the time when money for fodder, cattle and seed-grain should be granted freely.

7. Inspection, by all officers, during the fortnight, was satisfactory.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

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