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

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

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Bellary district during the period ending 15th of June 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There has been very good rain in the fortnight in all

	In the fort- night.	Up to the fort- night.	Average of three years from April 1st to 15th June 1897.
Yemmiganuru	1.22	3.25	3.21
Adóni	.98	2.62	3.44
Alúr	3.56	4.76	5.17
Siruguppa	4.50	5.80	5.06
Kampli	4.57	7.34	2.77
Bellary	1.80	2.94	6.37
Rayadrug	1.42	6.47	4.74
Hospet	5.53	8.91	3.98
Kúdligi	5.77	10.58	5.18
Harpanahalli	2.94	5.81	6.68
Hadagalli	1.22	4.82	4.14
Sandúr	1.35	5.36	..

the taluks of the district and the south-west monsoon seems to have fairly set in. The rain up to date at Bellary is much below the average for the last three years, but that average is abnormal. The average over a long period is 3.29 inches only. The water-supply for drinking purposes has been much improved everywhere. There have been freshes in the Hagari and the Tungabhadra and the supply for irrigation purposes in the river channels is ample. There has been increased supply in the wells also. Many tanks in Hospet and Bellary divisions have received a fair supply. So far the prospects are satisfactory, except in Adóni where a good sowing rain is still required in many villages; but much may happen, or not happen between seed time and harvest.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Adóni.—The red soils are everywhere being prepared for sowing and in small areas round Yemmiganuru and Kósgi the seed has already been put in. Black cotton-soils are being harrowed. Garden crops and paddy under the Rampur channel are in good condition.

Alúr.—Clearing of nuth grass still continues. The black (regada) and mixed (masab) lands are being ploughed. In sandy and red soils cholam is being sown. Garden crops are in good condition.

Bellary.—Early cereals, pulses and oil-seeds are being sown in red and mixed soils. Sugar-cane is being planted in Siruguppa and Disanur. The harvest of second-crop paddy still continues, the yield being eight annas.

Hospet.—Ryots have begun sowing their lands in villages round Papinayakanhalli in Hospet taluk and generally in Hadagalli, Harpanahalli and Kúdligi taluks, where gingelly, yellow cholam, castor oil-seeds and pulses are the crops sown. Cholam and pulses are sprouting in parts of Hadagalli and Harpanahalli. Crops under wells and channels are in good condition.

Sandúr.—Ploughing continues. Light soils have been sown. Betel, plantain and other garden crops are fair.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni.—Pasture nil, though the country looks green here and there. Stocks of fodder still exist with the well-to-do ryots, while the poorer ryots, such as Madigas and Boyas, have about to come to the end of their supplies. They are eking them out by small loans from the Reddies and village sowcars, grants from the Famine Fund and Government loans. The best ploughing cattle are in good condition, the inferior ones are deteriorating, while the cows and she-buffaloes are distinctly poor. It is hoped that their condition will improve when the pasture that is springing up becomes available. Of 350 cattle brought to Adóni market, 60 were bought for agricultural purposes at prices ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 60; 20 by butchers at prices varying from Rs. 5 to Rs. 8; and the rest found no sale.

Alúr.—Pasture not yet available. Fodder scanty. Stall-fed cattle are still in good condition; that of others is bad.

Bellary.—Pasture available to a limited extent. Fodder scanty, except in wet villages; hill grass, prickly-pear and the stems and roots of the aloe are being used for fodder. The stall-fed cattle are in good condition; others, more especially in the black cotton-soil villages of Bellary taluk, are suffering much from want of fodder.

Hospet.—Grass is springing up. The stock of fodder in the affected villages of Hadagalli is running short. Hill grass is being used in parts. The condition of the cattle is still rather poor in affected parts of Hospet and Hadagalli.

Sandúr.—Grass is just beginning to shoot. Hill grass is available in large quantities, but it is of very bad quality. Stall fed cattle are in good condition; other animals are growing worse.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain has decidedly improved the prospects so far as water-supply and cattle are concerned. The difficulties of obtaining drinking-water are much diminished, and it is expected that in about a fortnight or a month pasture will be available almost everywhere. Sowing operations are proceeding briskly. There has been a great demand for ploughing cattle in the Hospet division. Bullocks for carts can only be hired on with great difficulty. In Harpanahalli no cooly can be had for less than three annas a day. Loans are being freely granted for the purchase of fodder, cattle and seed-grain. The Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund has done a vast amount of good by establishing fodder depôts, and by granting money for the purchase of fodder to the poorest ryots.

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 15th of June 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Adóni	8.10	8.10	10.30	9.79	11.33	10.82	14.55	14.55	There has been a slight rise in the price of yellow cholam at Adóni, Bellary, Kúdligi, and of white cholam at Adóni and Hospet. My personal inquiries in Bellary and the neighbourhood go to show that the price quoted for white cholam is that of the best local product; I have seen excellent imported white cholam being sold at 11 and 11½ seers the rupee. I will make further inquiries on this subject.
Alúr	7.56	7.56	10.30	10.30	11.33	11.33	..	..	
Bellary	8.64	8.10	10.82	10.82	12.36	11.33	16.49	16.49	
Rayadrug	9.72	9.72	12.36	12.36	13.39	13.39	15.04	15.04	
Hospet	8.10	7.56	12.36	10.82	13.39	13.39	16.50	15.52	
Kúdligi	7.56	7.56	..	..	12.36	11.33	13.58	13.58	
Harpanahalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	13.39	13.39	15.52	15.04	
Hadagalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	12.36	12.36	..	..	
Sandúr	8.64	8.64	..	..	11.94	12.36	15.52	15.52	
Average	8.76	8.52	11.27	10.82	12.43	12.17	15.31	15.10	

Activity of trade.—The net import of grain into the district during the fortnight amounted to 22,378 maunds against 19,837 maunds during the previous fortnight. It is hoped that the continued large imports combined with the good rainfall will soon bring down prices. The import of cholam is reported to have been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn in season, and this has tended to keep prices up.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—I have inspected several works in the Bellary taluk recently and found the general condition of all, including the babies, to be excellent.

In villages.—Generally good. All forms of relief contemplated by the Code are in force, except poor-houses, for which there is no necessity at present. It is reported that the labouring classes are in a far better position than in ordinary times, all the members of their families being relieved in one way or another by the Government. For instance in Alur, with a population of 88,000 persons, 45,342 persons are now actually being relieved by the Government. Some 5,000 or 6,000 of these may belong to Adóni, Bellary and Pattikonda (Kurnool), but after making all due allowances the proportion on relief is enormous. There need be no fear that any one is suffering for want of employment or assistance.

Sickness and mortality.—No sickness except a few cases of small-pox and fever. Guinea-worm continues prevalent. No deaths from starvation reported.

Remarks.—The weavers in the Hospet division are not in need of relief. The weavers in Bellary have not availed themselves to any appreciable extent of the special measures of relief offered to them. Those of Alúr taluk require no assistance. The villagers who had emigrated to Mysore, some to work on the coffee estates, some with their cattle and families, are returning. The recent rains have put heart into the ryots and done much to dispel the belief that there will be a famine this year and next. No extension of relief measures should be necessary if the rains continue seasonable, for, weeding will soon be commenced, and once the people begin to see their crops growing strongly they will leave the works. It is desirable, however, that the movement towards a resumption of their ordinary avocations should be encouraged by requiring from relief-workers a full day's work.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluku.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni	34,258	36,238	Though there has been an increase in numbers as compared with the last fortnight, yet there has been a decrease of nearly 4,000 in the last week. This decrease is in part due to the Moharam, but a number of people have undoubtedly gone to plough and sow their fields, and a continuance of the decline may be hoped for.
Alur	39,927	40,062	
Bellary	9,483	11,135	
Hospet	5,936	6,214	
Kúdligi	1,091	1,065	
Hadagalli	8,653	8,780	
Total	94,348	98,494	
Sandúr	327	254	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluku.	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.
Adóni	1,471	1,441	1,513	1,157	..	..	1,388	1,758
Alúr	2,136	2,111	1,165	965	..	..	1,962	2,346
Bellary	567	756	498	1,124	..	..	1,440	5,334
Hospet	470	452	14	8	..	..	227	1,282
Kúdligi	58	52	..	..	..	..	..	41
Hadagalli	109	150	16	23	..	..	..	..
Total	4,811	4,970	3,206	3,312	..	..	5,017	10,756
Sandúr	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	78

Taluku.	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.
Adóni	116	129	2,492	2,536	4,769	20,184
Alúr	106	106	..	..	..	..
Bellary	75	76	16	36	64	64
Hospet	14	21	..	..	..	..
Total	311	332	2,508	2,572	3,833	20,248
Sandúr	5	5	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Sanjeevareddi of Joharapuram, Alúr taluk, continues to feed 60 children. The operations of Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund have been extended to the grant of money for fodder, cattle and seed-grain and to the gift of cloths to the needy poor both on works and in villages. The Fund Committee and sub-committees are doing excellent work, and their scheme of operation received the approval of the Honourable Mr. James when he visited Bellary on the 12th instant.

General remarks.—The kitchens ordered at Hulebidu in Alúr taluk and at Yemmiganuru and Korlagundi in Bellary taluk have been opened during the fortnight. A relief work was opened at Hampasagar in Hadagalli taluk. There has been a steady extension of gratuitous relief in villages, and this must continue for sometime. In a recent communication addressed to the Board, I have advanced some reasons for thinking that many of the relief-workers are not in actual present need of the famine wage, but a majority undoubtedly are, and even if the season proves favourable, it will not be until after the harvest that private charity will attain its normal vigour. Grain-doles will, therefore, be needed in a number of cases until October at the earliest; but if prices fall the number in receipt of gratuitous relief can be very largely reduced before that date.

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited—By the Collector.—Kuditini, Aspari, Adóni, Nancherla, Sankarabanda, Benigara and Virupapuram, the relief works and kitchens at Bellary, Aspari and Adóni and the fodder depôts at Kuditini, Aspari (twice) and Nancherla (twice). Touring was interrupted by the visits of the Inspector-General of Jails and the Honourable Mr. James and a special meeting of the District Board.

Assistant Collector in charge of Adóni.—Kupgal work and surrounding villages, Chinna Tumbalam work, Kosgi work, and two kitchens, Satanur and neighbouring villages, Madhavaram kitchen and work, Kotical work. Adóni-Nallacheruvu work and two kitchens.

Deputy Collector, Adóni.—Chippagiri, Manekurti, Hulebidu, Alúr, Halaharidi, Kuruvalli, Agraharam, Tumbalabidu, Markattu, Sulavayi, Kurulehalli, Virupapuram, Bolacota, Sammatageri, Peddahayati, Holagundi, Gajjhalli, Vandavagali, Yedavalli, Baladuru, Santakudluru, Itikihal, Hariyanam, Bavinamaradasugur, Alabanuru, Nagarahal, Adóni-Alúr road work, two sections of Alúr-Moka road work, Holagundi-Itebatam and Adóni-Siruguppa road works and the kitchens at Hulebidu, Chatragudi, Halaharidi, Agraharam, Holagundi, Santakudlur and Hariyanam.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector.—Tekkalakota, Sanavasapur, Sindigeri, Byalur, Samudram, Kolur, Sirivaram, Kuppagal, Kuditini, Yelubench, Patnaserugu, Guttiganuru, Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Paramadevanahalli, Tekkalakota, and Paramadevanahalli road works, northern and southern sections of Siruguppa road work, the Bellary Fort Ditch work and the kitchens attached to the road works as well as those at Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Kuppagal and Sindigeri, and in Bellary Town.

Head Assistant Collector.—Gadiganur, Daroji, Narraindeverkeri and Mariyammanahalli and the relief works there, Hospet (supervision of grain doles), Gowripur, Marabbihal, Pinjarheggadahall, and Hagaribommahalli.

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2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was good, except in Bellary town. The supplies of drinking-water have been much improved; the river channels have had an ample flow; and tanks have begun to fill. Preparations for the next crop were general; and in the lighter soils, sowing commenced.

3. Pasture was nil, and fodder was failing, except with the more well-to-do ryots. Stall-fed cattle were in good condition, but others were growing poorer day by day. 206½ tons of fodder were imported into the district from Kistna and Madras, and found a ready sale, even when the price was raised from Rs. 12-8-0 to Rs. 17-8-0 a ton. It is hoped that a fair supply of pasture will be shortly available, after the good rain that has fallen.

4. The average prices of the district have risen, but this is due to fluctuations in a few stations, quotations being, as a rule, steady. The Collector states that the import of cholam has been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn of the season, and this has tended to keep prices high. Trade was, however, fairly active. The Collector should communicate to the Famine Commissioner the result of his enquiries about the prejudice against imported white cholam. The following figures show the comparative position of prices:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (mixed).
Normal	13.2	30.0
Warning	10.6	22.5
Scarcity	7.9	15.0
Current	8.5	11.5
June 1892	9.0	14.9
June 1877	6.5	6.5

Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1900.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
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	Accepted.	Disbursed.
Adóni	Rs. 1,199	Rs. 423
Alúr	Rs. 16,612	Rs. 6,146
Kuditini	Rs. 6,383	Rs. 6,383

5. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works at the close of the fortnight were 4 per cent. above those of the previous fortnight, being 98,494. The numbers on gratuitous relief in kitchens remained fairly steady, but there was an increase of over 100 per cent. in the numbers of those gratuitously relieved in villages. The Collector's report as to the gradual contraction of relief measures will be dealt with separately; further instructions will be communicated to him with G.O., No. 448 of 1897. With regard to the Collector's remark as to the proportion borne by the numbers on relief in Alur to the total population, it has to be remembered that the taluk lost 33 per cent. of its population between 1871 and 1881, which means that, allowing for the ordinary increase, nearly half the population must have been lost during the Great Famine, that the population has not yet recovered from this loss and that two out of the past six years have been bad.

6. The loans disbursed during the past four weeks are as follows:—

Up to week ending	Amount.
	RS.
May 15th	2,55,569
" 22nd	2,74,727
" 29th	2,87,010
June 5th	3,06,397
" 12th	3,10,163

Applications are still pending for about 5½ lakhs, but it is understood that the greater part of the balance of Rs. 3,20,000 shown under "Other purposes" was required for clearance of nuth grass. The time for this is past, so it is presumed that the majority of the applications for the last-named sum will be dismissed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Ar. S. S. S.
Famine Secretary.

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

Exd A. Baith.

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G.O., No. 544, 8th July 1897.

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Fortnightly Narrative.

Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th June 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 23rd June 1897, No. 459 :—

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Bellary district during the period ending 15th of June 1897 :—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There has been very good rain in the fortnight in all

	In the fort- night.	Up to the fort- night.	Average of three years from April 1st to 15th June 1897.
Yemmiganuru	1.22	3.25	3.21
Adóni	.98	2.62	3.44
Alúr	3.56	4.76	5.17
Siraguppa	4.50	5.80	5.06
Kampli	4.57	7.34	2.77
Bellary	1.80	2.94	6.37
Rayadrug	1.42	6.47	4.74
Hospet	5.53	8.91	3.98
Kúdligi	5.77	10.58	5.18
Harpanahalli	2.94	5.81	6.68
Hadagalli	1.22	4.82	4.14
Sandúr	1.35	5.86	..

the taluks of the district and the south-west monsoon seems to have fairly set in. The rain up to date at Bellary is much below the average for the last three years, but that average is abnormal. The average over a long period is 3.29 inches only. The water-supply for drinking purposes has been much improved everywhere. There have been freshes in the Hagari and the Tungabhadra and the supply for irrigation purposes in the river channels is ample. There has been increased supply in the wells also. Many tanks in Hospet and Bellary divisions have received a fair supply. So far the prospects are satisfactory, except in Adóni where a good sowing rain is still required in many

villages; but much may happen, or not happen between seed time and harvest.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Adóni.—The red soils are everywhere being prepared for sowing and in small areas round Yemmiganuru and Kósgi the seed has already been put in. Black cotton-soils are being harrowed. Garden crops and paddy under the Rampur channel are in good condition.

Alúr.—Clearing of nuth grass still continues. The black (regada) and mixed (masab) lands are being ploughed. In sandy and red soils cholam is being sown. Garden crops are in good condition.

Bellary.—Early cereals, pulses and oil-seeds are being sown in red and mixed soils. Sugar-cane is being planted in Siraguppa and Disanur. The harvest of second-crop paddy still continues, the yield being eight annas.

Hospet.—Ryots have begun sowing their lands in villages round Papinayakanhalli in Hospet taluk and generally in Hadagalli, Harpanahalli and Kúdligi taluks, where gingelly, yellow cholam, castor oil-seeds and pulses are the crops sown. Cholam and pulses are sprouting in parts of Hadagalli and Harpanahalli. Crops under wells and channels are in good condition.

Sandúr.—Ploughing continues. Light soils have been sown. Betel, plantain and other garden crops are fair.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni.—Pasture nil, though the country looks green here and there. Stocks of fodder still exist with the well-to-do ryots, while the poorer ryots, such as Madigas and Boyas, have about to come to the end of their supplies. They are eking them out by small loans from the Reddies and village sowcars, grants from the Famine Fund and Government loans. The best ploughing cattle are in good condition, the inferior ones are deteriorating, while the cows

and she-buffaloes are distinctly poor. It is hoped that their condition will improve when the pasture that is springing up becomes available. Of 350 cattle brought to Adóni market, 60 were bought for agricultural purposes at prices ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 60; 20 by butchers at prices varying from Rs. 5 to Rs. 8; and the rest found no sale.

Alur.—Pasture not yet available. Fodder scanty. Stall-fed cattle are still in good condition; that of others is bad.

Bellary.—Pasture available to a limited extent. Fodder scanty, except in wet villages; hill grass, prickly-pear and the stems and roots of the aloe are being used for fodder. The stall-fed cattle are in good condition; others, more especially in the black cotton-soil villages of Bellary taluk, are suffering much from want of fodder.

Hospet.—Grass is springing up. The stock of fodder in the affected villages of Hadagalli is running short. Hill grass is being used in parts. The condition of the cattle is still rather poor in affected parts of Hospet and Hadagalli.

Sandúr.—Grass is just beginning to shoot. Hill grass is available in large quantities, but it is of very bad quality. Stall fed cattle are in good condition; other animals are growing worse.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The rain has decidedly improved the prospects so far as water-supply and cattle are concerned. The difficulties of obtaining drinking-water are much diminished, and it is expected that in about a fortnight or a month pasture will be available almost everywhere. Sowing operations are proceeding briskly. There has been a great demand for ploughing cattle in the Hospet division. Bullocks for carts can only be hired on with great difficulty. In Harpanahalli no cooly can be had for less than three annas a day. Loans are being freely granted for the purchase of fodder, cattle and seed-grain. The Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund has done a vast amount of good by establishing fodder depôts, and by granting money for the purchase of fodder to the poorest ryots.

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 15th of June 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Adóni	8.10	8.10	10.30	9.79	11.33	10.82	14.55	14.55	There has been a slight rise in the price of yellow cholam at Adóni, Bellary, Kúdligi, and of white cholam at Adóni and Hospet. My personal inquiries in Bellary and the neighbourhood go to show that the price quoted for white cholam is that of the best local product; I have seen excellent imported white cholam being sold at 11 and 11½ seers the rupee. I will make further inquiries on this subject.
Alur	7.58	7.56	10.30	10.30	11.33	11.33	..	..	
Bellary	8.64	8.10	10.82	10.82	12.36	11.33	16.49	16.49	
Rayadrug	9.72	9.72	12.36	12.36	13.39	13.39	16.04	15.04	
Hospet	8.10	7.56	12.36	10.82	13.39	13.39	16.50	15.52	
Kúdligi	7.56	7.56	..	..	12.36	11.33	13.58	13.58	
Harpanahalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	13.39	13.39	15.52	15.04	
Hadagalli	9.72	9.72	..	..	12.36	12.36	..	..	
Sandúr	8.64	8.64	..	..	11.94	12.36	15.52	15.52	
Average	8.76	8.52	11.27	10.82	12.43	12.17	16.31	15.10	

Activity of trade.—The net import of grain into the district during the fortnight amounted to 22,378 maunds against 19,837 maunds during the previous fortnight. It is hoped that the continued large imports combined with the good rainfall will soon bring down prices. The import of cholam is reported to have been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn in season, and this has tended to keep prices up.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—I have inspected several works in the Bellary taluk recently and found the general condition of all, including the babies, to be excellent.

In villages.—Generally good. All forms of relief contemplated by the Code are in force, except poor-houses, for which there is no necessity at present. It is reported that the labouring classes are in a far better position than in ordinary times, all the members of their families being relieved in one way or another by the Government. For instance in Alur, with a population of 88,000 persons, 45,342 persons are now actually being relieved by the Government. Some 5,000 or 6,000 of these may belong to Adóni, Bellary and Pattikonda (Kurnool), but after making all due allowances the proportion on relief is enormous. There need be no fear that any one is suffering for want of employment or assistance.

Sickness and mortality.—No sickness except a few cases of small-pox and fever. Guinea-worm continues prevalent. No deaths from starvation reported.

Remarks.—The weavers in the Hospet division are not in need of relief. The weavers in Bellary have not availed themselves to any appreciable extent of the special measures of relief offered to them. Those of Alúr taluk require no assistance. The villagers who had emigrated to Mysore, some to work on the coffee estates, some with their cattle and families, are returning. The recent rains have put heart into the ryots and done much to dispel the belief that there will be a famine this year and next. No extension of relief measures should be necessary if the rains continue seasonable, for, weeding will soon be commenced, and once the people begin to see their crops growing strongly they will leave the works. It is desirable, however, that the movement towards a resumption of their ordinary avocations should be encouraged by requiring from relief-workers a full day's work.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluku.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni	84,258	36,238	Though there has been an increase in numbers as compared with the last fortnight, yet there has been a decrease of nearly 4,000 in the last week. This decrease is in part due to the Moharam, but a number of people have undoubtedly gone to plough and sow their fields, and a continuance of the decline may be hoped for.
Alur	39,927	40,062	
Bellary	9,488	11,135	
Hospet	5,936	6,214	
Kodligi	1,091	1,065	
Hadagalli	3,653	3,780	
Total	94,348	98,494	
Sandár	327	264	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluku.	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.
Adóni	1,471	1,441	1,513	1,157	..	..	1,388	1,753
Alúr	2,136	2,119	1,165	965	..	..	1,962	2,346
Bellary	567	756	498	1,124	..	..	1,440	5,334
Hospet	470	452	14	8	..	..	227	1,282
Kodligi	58	52	..	..	..	..	..	41
Hadagalli	109	150	16	28	..	..	..	..
Total	4,811	4,970	3,206	3,312	..	..	5,017	10,756
Sandár	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	78

Taluku.	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.
Adóni	116	129	2,492	2,536	3,769	20,184
Alúr	106	106	..	..	..	..
Bellary	75	76	16	36	64	64
Hospet	14	21	..	..	..	..
Total	311	332	2,508	2,572	3,833	20,248
Sandár	5	5	..	..	..	..

Private charity.—Sanjeevareddi of Joharapuram, Alúr taluk, continues to feed 60 children. The operations of Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund have been extended to the grant of money for fodder, cattle and seed-grain and to the gift of cloths to the needy poor both on works and in villages. The Fund Committee and sub-committees are doing excellent work, and their scheme of operation received the approval of the Honourable Mr. James when he visited Bellary on the 12th instant.

General remarks.—The kitchens ordered at Hulebidu in Alúr taluk and at Yemmiganuru and Korlagundi in Bellary taluk have been opened during the fortnight. A relief work was opened at Hampasagar in Hadagalli taluk. There has been a steady extension of gratuitous relief in villages, and this must continue for sometime. In a recent communication addressed to the Board, I have advanced some reasons for thinking that many of the relief-workers are not in actual present need of the famine wage, but a majority undoubtedly are, and even if the season proves favourable, it will not be until after the harvest that private charity will attain its normal vigour. Grain-doles will, therefore, be needed in a number of cases until October at the earliest; but if prices fall the number in receipt of gratuitous relief can be very largely reduced before that date.

Taluka.	Other purposes.										Total.		Number of wells.	
	Repair and construction of wells.					Applications accepted.					Loans disbursed.		Number.	Amount.
	Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Number.	Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Number.	Applications accepted.		Number.	Amount.
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Adoni ..	10	2,060	151	17,145	76	17,145	151	12,220	146	11,445	155	12,375	523	60,896
Alur ..	36	9,370	1,533	13,880	40	13,880	1,533	1,611	1,342	1,41,395	1,378	1,48,180	831	1,42,055
Bellary ..	20	2,285	625	10,185	38	10,185	625	59,575	622	59,275	642	61,560	628	1,04,820
Rayadurg ..	57	12,000	49	12,850	43	12,850	232	30,845	232	30,845	289	37,795	176	32,615
Hospet ..	11	2,450	29	4,565	17	4,565	17	1,425	17	1,425	28	3,875	84	9,535
Kudligi ..	2	260	37	7,340	1	7,340	47	6,555	43	6,105	43	6,105	44	8,240
Harpahalli ..	1	600	27	7,050	50	7,050	50	7,335	47	6,685	52	7,035	180	30,115
Hudagalli ..	5	600	27	7,050	50	7,050	50	7,335	47	6,685	52	7,035	180	30,115
Total ..	142	29,125	138	18,635	294	73,235	2,655	2,78,115	2,449	2,56,175	2,797	3,07,240	2,505	3,92,901

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Taluka.	Cattle and seed-grain.										Total.		Number of wells.	
	Purchase of fodder.					Applications accepted.					Loans disbursed.		Number.	Amount.
	Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Number.	Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Number.	Applications accepted.		Number.	Amount.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		
Adoni ..	119	3,081	501	25,389	1	25,389	501	1,184	55	1,184	120	3,156	55	1,184
Alur ..	702	26,456	614	44,173	3	44,173	614	14,777	394	14,777	702	26,456	615	28,979
Bellary ..	373	14,535	578	29,897	79	29,897	578	14,535	373	14,535	702	26,456	615	28,979
Rayadurg ..	12	565	79	5,006	2	5,006	79	5,006	15	750	15	750	86	5,491
Hospet ..	26	935	44	2,210	4	2,210	44	2,210	26	935	26	935	21	2,210
Kudligi ..	412	10,980	94	3,819	1	3,819	94	3,819	412	10,980	412	10,980	94	3,819
Harpahalli ..	43	2,050	71	3,718	1	3,718	71	3,718	43	2,050	43	2,050	71	3,718
Hudagalli ..	76	2,861	166	8,817	1	8,817	166	8,817	76	2,861	76	2,861	166	8,817
Total ..	1,762	60,464	1,362	47,543	4	1,23,029	2,150	47,543	1,760	60,724	1,760	60,724	2,292	1,29,850

Accepted. Disbursed.
Rs. Rs.
Adoni 1,199 422
Alur 16,512 5,146
Kudligi 6,354

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluka and places visited—By the Collector.—Kuditini, Aspari, Adoni, Nancherla, Sankarabanda, Benigara and Virupapuram, the relief works and kitchens at Bellary, Aspari and Adoni and the fodder depôts at Kuditini, Aspari (twice) and Nancherla (twice). Touring was interrupted by the visits of the Inspector-General of Jails and the Honourable Mr. James and a special meeting of the District Board.

Assistant Collector in charge of Adoni.—Kuppal work and surrounding villages, Chinna Tumbalam work, Kosgi work, and two kitchens, Satanur and neighbouring villages, Madhavaram kitchen and work, Kotical work, Adoni-Nallacheruvu work and two kitchens.

Deputy Collector, Adoni.—Chippagiri, Manekurti, Hulebidu, Alur, Halaharidi, Kuruvalli, Agraharam, Tumbalabidu, Markattu, Sulavayi, Kurulehalli, Virupapuram, Bolacota, Sammatageri, Peddahayati, Holalagundi, Gajjihal, Vandavagali, Yeda-valli, Baladuru, Santakudluru, Itikihal, Harivanam, Bavinamaradasugur, Alabanuru, Nagarahal, Adoni-Alur road work, two sections of Alur-Moka road work, Holagundi-Hebatam and Adoni-Siruguppa road works and the kitchens at Hulebidu, Chatragudi, Halaharidi, Agraharam, Holagundi, Santakudlur and Harivanam.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector.—Tekkalakota, Sanavasapur, Sindigeri, Byrlur, Samudram, Kolar, Sirivaram, Kuppagal, Kuditini, Yelubench, Patnaserugu, Guttigannuru, Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Paramadevanahalli, Tekkalakota, and Paramadevanahalli road works, northern and southern sections of Siruguppa road work, the Bellary Fort Ditch work and the kitchens attached to the road works as well as those at Yemmiganuru, Kurugodu, Kuppagal and Sindigeri, and in Bellary Town.

Head Assistant Collector.—Gadiganur, Daroji, Narraindeverkeri and Mariyammanahalli and the relief works there, Hospet (supervision of grain doles), Gowripur, Marabbihal, Pinjarheggadah, and Hagaribommahalli.

Resolution—dated 23rd June 1897, No. 459.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight under report was good, except in Bellary town. The supplies of drinking-water have been much improved; the river channels have had an ample flow; and tanks have begun to fill. Preparations for the next crop were general; and in the lighter soils, sowing commenced.

3. Pasture was nil, and fodder was failing, except with the more well-to-do ryots. Stall-fed cattle were in good condition, but others were growing poorer day by day. 206½ tons of fodder were imported into the district from Kistna and Madras, and found a ready sale, even when the price was raised from Rs. 12-8-0 to Rs. 17-8-0 a ton. It is hoped that a fair supply of pasture will be shortly available, after the good rain that has fallen.

4. The average prices of the district have risen, but this is due to fluctuations in a few stations, quotations being, as a rule, steady. The Collector states that the import of cholam has been checked by the apprehension of a sudden fall in price owing to the favourable turn of the season, and this has tended to keep prices high. Trade was, however, fairly active. The Collector should communicate to the Famine Commissioner the result of his enquiries about the prejudice against imported white cholam. The following figures show the comparative position of prices:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (mixed).
Normal	13-2	30-0
Warning	10-6	22-5
Scarcity	7-9	15-0
Current	8-5	11-5
June 1892	9-0	14-9
June 1877	6-5	6-5

5. The condition of the people was generally good. The numbers on works at the close of the fortnight were 4 per cent. above those of the previous fortnight, being 98,494. The numbers on gratuitous relief in kitchens remained fairly steady, but there was an increase of over 100 per cent. in the numbers of those gratuitously relieved in villages. The Collector's report as to the gradual contraction of relief measures will be dealt with separately; further instructions will be communicated to him with G.O., No. 473 of 1897. With regard to the Collector's remark as to the proportion borne by the numbers on relief in Alur to the total population, it has to be remembered that the taluk lost 33 per cent. of its population between 1871 and 1881, which means that, allowing for the ordinary increase, nearly half the population must have been lost during the Great Famine, that the population has not yet recovered from this loss and that two out of the past six years have been bad.

6. The loans disbursed during the past four weeks are as follows:—

Up to week ending	Amount.
	RS.
May 15th	2,55,569
„ 22nd	2,74,727
„ 29th	2,87,010
June 5th	3,06,397
„ 12th	3,10,163

Applications are still pending for about $5\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, but it is understood that the greater part of the balance of Rs. 3,20,000 shown under "Other purposes" was required for clearance of nuth grass. The time for this is past, so it is presumed that the majority of the applications for the last-named sum will be dismissed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Bellary.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 544, Revenue, dated 8th July 1897.

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

To the Famine Commissioner.
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„ the Local and Municipal Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

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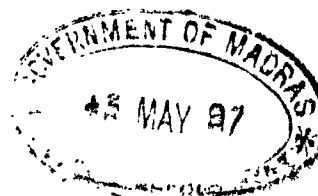
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