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with remarks, — of the Vizagapatam &
for the period ending 15th June 1897.

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Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks. — of the Vizagapatam 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 Vizagapatam district during the period ending 15th of June 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—

District rainfall.

In the fortnight	Actual rainfall in inches.	Expected rainfall in inches.
Up to the fortnight	1.15	2.74
	5.21	6.41

There has been but little rain in the fortnight, and this has been unfortunate as the very favourable weather of the latter half of May encouraged dry sowings, some of which are now in a bad way for want of rain.

Drinking water is generally sufficient, and that for cattle is everywhere procurable.

Water is not sufficient for irrigation.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops.—Agricultural operations are reported to be brisk in the Head Assistant Collector's division and in the Palkonda taluk. But elsewhere they are decidedly less active than at the beginning of the fortnight and at the end of last month for want of good showers. The standing crops, cumbu, ragi and gingelly are generally much in want of rain.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture generally procurable, but drying up again in parts. Fodder very scarce and dear. There is no reason for anxiety about cattle.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The improvement in prospects which took place in the latter part of last month has hardly been maintained, except perhaps in Palkonda taluk and the Head Assistant Collector's division. There is of course no real reason for as much anxiety as exists, for it is as yet barely time for the monsoon to set in, even if it were early, but showers were expected and these have been in many places not received, and ryots who speculated in early sowings will lose. The state of the country is nothing out of the way for the season, but a most painful tension and feeling of anxiety exists among all classes.

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.		Ragi.		Cumbu.		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.	
1. Parvatipuram ..	9.43	8.61	14.65	12.63	15.40	14.00	The rise is very serious, and is, so far as I can ascertain, due almost entirely to the Komatis, who are holding back in hopes of a further rise caused by delay or failure of rain. It is expected that good rain will ease off the prices, but this may not be the case.
2. Saluru ..	9.22	8.20	14.40	10.80	15.40	10.50	
3. Palkonda ..	9.04	8.47	13.13	12.12	13.30	10.80	
4. Gajapatnagar ..	9.02	8.20	13.32	12.12	13.86	10.80	
5. Chipurupalle ..	9.84	7.79	14.04	11.10	13.68	11.88	
6. Vizianagram ..	8.13	8.13	12.82	11.52	13.68	10.80	
7. Vizagapatam ..	7.91	7.68	12.12	10.60	17.28	11.52	
8. Chodavaramu ..	9.50	9.00	17.29	12.32	12.87	11.52	
9. Anakapalle ..	9.00	8.50	14.56	15.47	12.87	12.37	
10. Yellamanchili ..	9.00	9.00	13.65	12.28	16.72	14.96	
11. Narasapatnam ..	9.40	9.00	13.44	11.76	14.08	13.20	
Average ..	9.04	8.41	13.94	11.99	14.46	12.46	

Activity of trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By sea, for the period ending 12th June 1897	...	910
By rail, do. 12th " "	1,269	37,197

	CARTS.	CARTS.
By road from Jeypore, for the period ending 12th June 1897.	...	4,419

Trade fairly active, less so in dry grains than in rice, but traders inclined to hold on for a rise.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Good as a rule.

In Villages.—The high prices are no doubt telling to a certain extent on the poorer classes. I am extending relief by kitchens as fast as possible and have also now issued orders for the commencement of village relief by grain doles. I sent Mr. Heaney to the north of Chipurupalle taluk—a part of which I had suspicions—to inspect the Chilakalapalem neighbourhood and thence to Pondur to enquire into the weavers again. I am glad to say he reported no distress and that the Pondur weavers, some 200 of whose houses he visited, had their looms generally full and refused relief. At Rajam, another weaving centre in south of Palkonda taluk, their condition was found less satisfactory and I have arranged to start a weavers' depot and a kitchen there. This will be in swing this week. The attention of all Divisional Officers has been most urgently drawn to the necessity for careful enquiry and watchfulness and they have been instructed to ask for Circle Inspectors wherever wanted. Some of these I am just about to appoint. Preparation of village lists is nearly complete and there need be no delay in commencing this form of relief.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera is prevalent in parts. Otherwise public health is not bad.

Remarks.—Rain is urgently looked for, also a fall in prices. Without these the position will soon become serious.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

WORKS.

Taluka.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
<i>Relief works.</i>			
I. Vizianagram—			* Closed on the 9th June 1897. When agricultural work, and specially transplantation, became general in the neighbourhood, I closed the Kondakarla work, on which there was one man to 27 women and children. The Head Assistant has been directed to watch results carefully. Elsewhere, numbers have fluctuated with the employment available in the neighbourhood. With present high prices, of course, the wage is very high and to that extent attractive. Should the monsoon fail many more works must be opened, but there really seems, in spite of present anxiety, no reason to anticipate this calamity.
(1) Pusapatirega	3,716	4,018	
II. Bindlipatam—			
(1) Dakmarri	3,523	2,642	
(2) Padmanabham	2,429	2,796	
III. Vizagapatam—			
(1) Gazuvaka	1,158	995	
(2) Pandur	1,608	2,445	
IV. Sarvasiddhi—			
(1) Kondakarla	1,773	..	
Total ..	14,207	12,497	
<i>Test-relief work.</i>			
I. Chepurupalli—			
(1) Ranastalam	547	547	
Total ..	547	547	
Grand Total ..	14,754	13,044	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluka.	Number relieved.							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.
<i>Government.</i>								
I. Párvatipuram taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Párvatipuram	..	..	173	357	..	..	..	..
II. Chipurapalle taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Ranasalam ..	79	85	192	226	..	..	..	..
III. Vizianagram taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Pusapatirega	103	114	64	74	..	..	..	..
(2) Do. at Vizianagram	..	..	238	297	..	..	..	..
IV. Bimlipatam taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Dakmarri ..	184	253	17	27	..	..	..	..
(2) Do. at Padmanabham	136	154	115	144	..	..	..	..
(3) Do. at Bhogapuram	..	..	245	165	..	..	..	..
(4) Do. at Talavalasa ..	..	..	..	323	..	..	..	..
V. Srungavarapukota taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Tunnikapalli	..	..	..	152	..	..	..	..
VI. Vizagapatam taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Gazuvaka	187	21	39	211	..	..	..	..
(2) Do. at Pandur	198	225	43	40	..	..	..	..
VII. Sarvasiddhi taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Kondakarla ..	73	..	198	336	..	..	..	..
Total ..	970	832	1,324	2,352	..	..	..	1
<i>Rajah Gajapati Rao's kitchens.</i>								
I. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	233	284	..	..	..	..
II. Anakápallo taluk ..	..	..	146	173	..	..	..	..
III. Sarvasiddhi taluk ..	..	..	523	716	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	902	1,173	..	..	..	..

NOTE.—Kitchen-relief is being extended as much as possible and village-relief will be inaugurated immediately.

Weavers' relief.—Nil. A weavers' depôt will be started this week at Rázampéta in Palkonda taluk.

Private charity.—The private charities, which I have hitherto reported, continue to be administered.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The prospects have not maintained the improvement with which the fortnight opened. Rain has not fallen exactly when required. This has injured some of the early sowings—always of a speculative character—and has enabled the Komaties to raise prices to a figure not justified by anything short of the prospect of another year of failure. Needless, to say, there is no real reason to anticipate anything of the kind. The weather is very promising in appearance—generally clouded, and the official forecast for this part of the world is favourable. Looking at the gauge records I find many very prosperous years in which there was but little rain at all in the month of June. Still it is impossible to avoid sharing the feeling of strained anxiety which affects every one concerned. The high prices have of course enormously enlarged the area of distress, which is necessarily felt to that extent even in taluks not hitherto considered affected. It has been so sudden, too, that it has not been anticipated or provided against. The remedy seems to be extended relief in villages and kitchens. It is rather late to be opening new works, until or unless it is accepted that the monsoon is going to fail, which, as I said, there is no reason to suppose. I have, however, requested the Superintending Engineer not to reduce the stock of famine tools in this district, as I found he was sending them to Ganjam.

I am endeavouring to watch and keep pace with the developments of the position. Everything depends on the weather.

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

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Taluka.	Repair and construction of wells.										Other purposes.						Total.			Number of wells	
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Fortnightly Narrative.

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District rainfall.						Actual rainfall in inches.	Expected rainfall in inches.
In the fortnight	...	...	...	...	...	1.15	2.74
Up to the fortnight	...	...	...	...	...	5.21	6.41

There has been but little rain in the fortnight, and this has been unfortunate as the very favourable weather of the latter half of May encouraged dry sowings, some of which are now in a bad way for want of rain.

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Water is not sufficient for irrigation.

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Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.—Pasture generally procurable, but drying up again in parts. Fodder very scarce and dear. There is no reason for anxiety about cattle.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The improvement in prospects which took place in the latter part of last month has hardly been maintained, except perhaps in Palkonda taluk and the Head Assistant Collector's division. There is of course no real reason for as much anxiety as exists, for it is as yet barely time for the monsoon to set in, even if it were early, but showers were expected and these have been in many places not received, and ryots who speculated in early sowings will lose. The state of the country is nothing out of the way for the season, but a most painful tension and feeling of anxiety exists among all classes.

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.		Ragi.		Cumbu.		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.	
1. Párvatipuram ..	9.43	8.61	14.65	12.63	15.40	14.00	The rise is very serious, and is, so far as I can ascertain, due almost entirely to the Komaties, who are holding back in hopes of a further rise caused by delay or failure of rain. It is expected that good rain will ease off the prices, but this may not be the case.
2. Sálúra ..	9.22	8.20	14.40	10.80	13.30	10.50	
3. Palkonda ..	9.04	8.47	13.13	12.12	13.86	11.88	
4. Gajapatnagaram ..	9.02	8.20	13.32	11.10	13.68	10.80	
5. Chipurupalle ..	9.84	7.79	14.04	11.52	17.28	11.62	
6. Vizianagram ..	8.13	8.13	12.12	10.60	12.87	..	
7. Vizagapatam ..	7.91	7.68	12.82	12.32	12.87	12.37	
8. Chódavaramu ..	9.50	9.00	17.29	15.47	16.72	14.96	
9. Anakápallo ..	9.00	8.50	14.56	12.28	..	13.20	
10. Yellamanchili ..	9.00	9.00	13.65	11.37	14.08	..	
11. Narasapatnam ..	9.40	9.00	13.44	11.76	14.58	12.96	
Average ..	9.04	8.41	13.94	11.99	14.46	12.46	

Activity of trade.—

				Exports.	Imports.
				MDS.	MDS.
By sea, for the period ending 12th June 1897	...	...	...	1,269	910
By rail, do. 12th " "	...	...	...	37,197	..

				CARTS.	CARTS.
				...	4,419
By road from Jeypore, for the period ending 12th June 1897.	...	...	...	...	...

Trade fairly active, less so in dry grains than in rice, but traders inclined to hold on for a rise.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Good as a rule.

In Villages.—The high prices are no doubt telling to a certain extent on the poorer classes. I am extending relief by kitchens as fast as possible and have also now issued orders for the commencement of village relief by grain doles. I sent Mr. Heaney to the north of Chipurupalle taluk—a part of which I had suspicions—to inspect the Chilakalapalem neighbourhood and thence to Pondur to enquire into the weavers again. I am glad to say he reported no distress and that the Pondur weavers, some 200 of whose houses he visited, had their looms generally full and refused relief. At Rajam, another weaving centre in south of Palkonda taluk, their condition was found less satisfactory and I have arranged to start a weavers' dépôt and a kitchen there. This will be in swing this week. The attention of all Divisional Officers has been most urgently drawn to the necessity for careful enquiry and watchfulness and they have been instructed to ask for Circle Inspectors wherever wanted. Some of these I am just about to appoint. Preparation of village lists is nearly complete and there need be no delay in commencing this form of relief.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera is prevalent in parts. Otherwise public health is not bad.

Remarks.—Rain is urgently looked for, also a fall in prices. Without these the position will soon become serious.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
<i>Relief works.</i>			
Vizianagram—			* Closed on the 9th June 1897. When agricultural work, and specially transplantation, became general in the neighbourhood, I closed the Kondakarla work, on which there was one man to 27 women and children. The Head Assistant has been directed to watch results carefully. Elsewhere, numbers have fluctuated with the employment available in the neighbourhood. With present high prices, of course, the wage is very high and to that extent attractive. Should the monsoon fail many more works must be opened, but there really seems, in spite of present anxiety, no reason to anticipate this calamity.
1) Pusapatirega	3,716	4,018	
2) Bimlipatam—			
1) Dakmarri	3,523	2,642	
2) Padmanabham	2,429	2,796	
3) Vizagapatam—			
1) Gazuvaka	1,158	995	
2) Pandur	1,608	2,045	
3) Sarvasiddhi—			
1) Kondakarla	1,773	..	
Total ..	14,207	12,497	
<i>Test-relief work.</i>			
Chepurupalli—			
1) Ranastalam	547	547	
Total ..	547	547	
Grand Total ..	14,754	13,044	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluka.	Number relieved.							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.
<i>Government.</i>								
I. Párvatipuram taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Párvatipuram	..	..	173	357	..	..	..	..
II. Chipurupalle taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Ranastalam ..	..	79	85	192	226	..	..	..
III. Vizianagram taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Pusapatirega	..	103	114	64	74	..	..	..
(2) Do. at Vizianagram	..	..	..	238	297	..	..	..
IV. Bimlipatam taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Dakmarri ..	..	194	253	17	27	..	..	..
(2) Do. at Padmanabham	..	136	154	115	144	..	..	1
(3) Do. at Bhogapuram	..	..	..	245	165	..	..	..
(4) Do. at Talavalasa ..	..	..	..	..	323	..	..	..
V. Srungavarapukota taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Tunnikapalli	..	..	..	..	152	..	..	..
VI. Vizagapatam taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Gazuvaka	..	187	21	39	211	..	..	..
(2) Do. at Pardur ..	..	198	225	43	40	..	..	..
VII. Sarvasiddhi taluk—								
(1) Kitchen at Kondakarla ..	..	73	..	198	336	..	..	..
Total ..	970	832	1,324	2,352	..	..	..	1
<i>Rajah Gajapati Rao's kitchens.</i>								
I. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	..	233	284	..	..	..
II. Anakapalle taluk ..	..	..	..	146	173	..	..	..
III. Sarvasiddhi taluk ..	..	..	..	523	716	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	902	1,173	..	..	..	..

NOTE.—Kitchen-relief is being extended as much as possible and village-relief will be inaugurated immediately.

Weavers' relief.—Nil. A weavers' depôt will be started this week at Rázampéta in Palkonda taluk.

Private charity.—The private charities, which I have hitherto reported, continue to be administered.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The prospects have not maintained the improvement with which the fortnight opened. Rain has not fallen exactly when required. This has injured some of the early sowings—always of a speculative character—and has enabled the Komaties to raise prices to a figure not justified by anything short of the prospect of another year of failure. Needless, to say, there is no real reason to anticipate anything of the kind. The weather is very promising in appearance—generally clouded, and the official forecast for this part of the world is favourable. Looking at the gauge records I find many very prosperous years in which there was but little rain at all in the month of June. Still it is impossible to avoid sharing the feeling of strained anxiety which affects every one concerned. The high prices have of course enormously enlarged the area of distress, which is necessarily felt to that extent even in taluks not hitherto considered affected. It has been so sudden, too, that it has not been anticipated or provided against. The remedy seems to be extended relief in villages and kitchens. It is rather late to be opening new works, until or unless it is accepted that the monsoon is going to fail, which, as I said, there is no reason to suppose. I have, however, requested the Superintending Engineer not to reduce the stock of famine tools in this district, as I found he was sending them to Ganjam.

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Total ..	3	700	1	100	4	1,900	11	1,775	11	1,775	53	13,680	14	2,475	12	1,875	57	15,580	..	..	..	..	..	..	..										
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