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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 30th of June 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
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7. Kalva.	8.53	8.53	..	..	13.01	13.01	..	..	
8. Koilkuntla.	9.96	9.96	15.00	15.00	12.24	12.24	..	..	
9. Owk.	9.96	9.96	15.00	15.00	11.85	11.06	..	..	
10. Allagadda.	8.53	8.53	14.83	14.19	12.33	11.98	..	..	
11. Giddalur.	8.72	8.72	15.00	15.00	14.22	14.22	11.60	11.60	
12. Markapur.	8.30	8.30	16.50	16.50	..	..	12.32	12.32	
Average.	8.80	8.75	15.35	15.13	12.80	12.37	12.59	12.59	

Activity of trade.—Trade was becoming dull, but the markets continued to be well supplied. The rise in the price of cholam was sharp at Nandyal, Pattikonda and Pyapalli.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—The condition of the relief workers continued to be fair on the whole. All the works, but one, were being inspected by a medical subordinate at least twice a week, and the medical officers were duly attending to the classification of the workers according to their ages and to the condition of the drinking water-supply on most of the works visited.

In villages.—The condition of the people in villages was fair throughout the district. In the eastern and north central sections there were complaints of want of labour, and I have accordingly sanctioned the taking up of the repairs of a tank and of some roads as ordinary works. In the south central and western sections there was, probably owing to the cessation towards the end of the period of agricultural operations from want of rain and to the uncertain character of the season, a considerable increase in the numbers on relief works. Gratuitous relief was being afforded in almost all the villages of the affected taluks. The increase of persons in receipt of this form of relief also was large.

Sickness and Mortality.—No deaths from starvation were reported, and the general health continued to be good.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluka.	Number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Pattikonda ..	27,215	32,947	There was a fall of 3,500 in the previous fortnight so that the rise for the whole month was only a little over 2,000.
Ramallakota ..	12,177	16,233	
Nandyal ..	10,109	11,750	
Koilkuntla ..	28,473	32,389	
Sirvel ..	14,129	15,565	
Total ..	92,103	108,884	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.*	Number relieved.								Remarks.
	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.	
Pattikonda ..	1,867	1,299	351	1,101	..	..	673 1,442	1,154 2,682	The first set of figures represents the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set, those in receipt of grain doles.
Ramallakota ..	355	698	20	10	..	..	704 3,012	1,416 6,638	
Nandikotkur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	330	527	
Nandyal ..	547	457	284	37	..	..	199 2,591	897 2,573	The Ramallakota taluk figures, under those in receipt of grain doles, include persons so relieved in Kurnool town. The figures shown against the Nandikotkur taluk represent Chenohas fed in kitchens.
Koilkuntla ..	855	1,071	124	243	..	..	2,067 2,858	2,550 3,401	
Sirvel ..	641	711	16	18	..	..	830 1,426	949 2,172	
Total ..	4,265	4,236	775	1,409	..	..	4,803 11,335	7,493 17,466	

Taluka.	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 ..	55	77	2,422	3,599	4,986	28,969
Ramallakota ..	89	93	1,519	2,396	3,295	12,509
Nandikotkur ..	3	3	..	..	..	..
Nandyal ..	90	110	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla ..	82	86	1,146	1,240	454	1,398
Sirvel ..	80	100	489	562	321	1,266
Total ..	399	469	5,576	7,797	9,056	44,149

Private charity.—Many poor persons were fed by the charitably disposed on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee.

General Remarks.—I have just received B.P., No. 468, communicating G.O., No. 473, dated 18th ultimo, and trust that it will be found possible to give full effect to the directions therein contained. I request, however, that I may be excused for pointing out that prospects are at present by no means as favourable as when the Government Order was issued, and that if the state of the season does not improve during the current fortnight it will be necessary to take measures for opening a few relief works in the hitherto unaffected parts of the district as well as some additional ones in the affected tracts.

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

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.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1. Pattikonda...	127	80,130	127	18,073	224	63,250	701	74,595	701	74,595	511	1,24,678	828	1,04,725	828	92,668	1,135	1,87,838	..	127
2. Ramallakota...	..	..	..	..	..	..	Not received.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
3. Nandikotkur...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
4. Nandyal...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
5. Kolkuntla...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
6. Sirvel...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Cumbum...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Markapur...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	165	39,795	160	23,980	249	72,950	751	81,340	744	79,815	956	1,29,228	916	1,32,885	904	1,17,885	1,205	2,02,178	..	176

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.	
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	..
1. Pattikonda...	488	21,352	488	21,352	1,604	1,36,528	25	1,345	25	1,345	148	10,545	513	22,697	513	22,697	1,762	1,47,071	..
2. Ramallakota...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Nandikotkur...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Kolkuntla...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Sirvel...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Cumbum...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Markapur...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	769	31,851	724	30,066	2,268	2,04,866	29	1,545	26	1,385	150	10,655	798	38,062	750	35,437	2,418	2,15,521	..

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.—I was in camp for seven days and inspected the following:—

Ramallakota taluk.—Dhone.

Sirvel taluk.—Mahadevapuram.

Nandyal taluk.—Gazulapalli, Nandyal, Betamcherla and Rungapatnam.

Works.—Joharapuram road, Sirvel-Gazulapalli station road and Betamcherla section of the Kalwa-Betamcherla road.

The Head Assistant Collector was on tour for ten days and inspected the following places:—

Nandyal taluk.—Kadamala Kalwa, Baiyapukadur, Kothapalli, Ayalur, Sitaramapuram, Gangavaram, Gopavaram, Gazulapalli, Basawapuram and Panyam.

Sirvel taluk.—Mahadevapuram, Gundampad, Kotakonda, Srirangapuram, Kotala, Ellavattula, Kothur, Biravole, Iskapalli, Chennai, Mothakalipalli and Boilakuntla.

The Deputy Collector, Pyapalli, was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following places:—

Pattikonda taluk.—Kodumur, Karivemula, Kapatralla, Pattikonda, Tuggali, Maddikera, Peravali, Pandekal, Marella, Bandimadugula, Gadderalla, Alamkonda and Katarkonda.

Ramallakota taluk.—Peddapad, Salkapuram, Nagalapuram, Panchikalapad, Mallyala, Malkapuram and Dhone.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was in camp for three days and visited the following places:—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Mothukur, Boyarevula, Velgode, Nallakalwa and Atmakur.

The Deputy Collector, Cumbum division, visited the following places:—

Cumbum taluk.—Cumbum, Chintalapalem and Bestwarpet.

Markapur taluk.—Thokapalli and Gobbur.

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2. The rainfall during the fortnight was above the average; but, as it fell entirely during the first two or three days of the fortnight, the hopes raised by it have not been fulfilled, and more rain was urgently required at the close of the month to save the early sowings and help the growth of pasture. There has been practically no rain, since the report was submitted, and it is feared that that much of the early sowings must, by this time, be lost.

The supply of water for drinking purposes was generally ample, but, where deficient, steps were taken to improve it.

Pasture was sprouting in the western taluks, but *nil* in the rest of the district. Fodder was moderately sufficient in the east, and insufficient in the rest of the district. It is to be noted that the fodder imported from Kistna, which has found a ready sale in Bellary and Anantapur, has not been touched by the Kurnool ryots. The cause of this is not clear, but it is possible that the reason may partly be found in the greater accessibility of the Nallamalai reserves. The canal which traverses much of the district secured a good fodder crop in all the villages, of which Nandyal is one, which it passes through. A depôt further from the canal would probably be more popular. Dhone is not a good selection as its water-supply is good, and fodder, therefore, is more plentiful there.

3. Prices rose slightly during the fortnight, the rise being most marked in Nandyal, Pattikonda and Pyapalli.

The relative position of prices is shown by the subjoined figures:—

Rate.	Measures per rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13.2	32.0	30.0	28.0
Warning	10.6	24.0	22.5	21.0
Scarcity	7.9	16.0	15.0	14.0
Current	8.7	15.1	12.4	12.6
June 1892	9.2	15.1	14.4	12.9
" 1877	6.4	7.4	7.0	7.7

Trade was dull, though the markets were well supplied.

4. The condition of the people was generally fair. The numbers on works rose by 18 per cent., and on gratuitous relief by 45 per cent. It is satisfactory to note that the medical wants of the workers are being regularly attended to.

5. With advertence to his remarks upon G.O., No. 473, Revenue, dated 18th June 1897, the Collector will be referred to G.O., No. 549, dated 9th July 1897, which is being communicated to him separately.

6. The following figures show the progress made in disbursing loans:—

Up to end of week ending—									
Amount									
RS.									
June 5th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,05,939
" 12th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,07,296
" 19th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,25,384
" 26th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,53,122

The pace is improving but much remains yet to be done, especially in the matter of loans for the purchase of fodder, of which the want in many places is urgent.

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6. Nandyal ..	9.28	8.93	15.48	14.19	13.35	12.33	..	..	
7. Kalwa ..	8.58	8.58	..	..	13.01	13.01	..	..	
8. Koilkuntla ..	9.96	9.96	15.00	15.00	12.24	12.24	..	..	
9. Owk ..	9.96	9.96	15.00	15.00	11.85	11.06	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	8.58	8.58	14.83	14.19	12.33	11.98	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	8.72	8.72	15.00	15.00	14.22	14.22	11.60	11.60	
12. Markapur ..	8.30	8.30	16.50	16.50	..	..	12.32	12.32	
Average ..	8.80	8.75	15.35	15.13	12.60	12.37	12.59	12.59	

Activity of trade.—Trade was becoming dull, but the markets continued to be well supplied. The rise in the price of cholam was sharp at Nandyal, Pattikonda and Pyapalli.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—The condition of the relief workers continued to be fair on the whole. All the works, but one, were being inspected by a medical subordinate at least twice a week, and the medical officers were duly attending to the classification of the workers according to their ages and to the condition of the drinking water-supply on most of the works visited.

In villages.—The condition of the people in villages was fair throughout the district. In the eastern and north central sections there were complaints of want of labour, and I have accordingly sanctioned the taking up of the repairs of a tank and of some roads as ordinary works. In the south central and western sections there was, probably owing to the cessation towards the end of the period of agricultural operations in the numbers on relief works. Gratuitous relief was being afforded in almost all the villages of the affected taluks. The increase of persons in receipt of this form of relief also was large.

Sickness and Mortality.—No deaths from starvation were reported, and the general health continued to be good.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Pattikonda	27,215	32,947	There was a fall of 3,500 in the previous fortnight so that the rise for the whole month was only a little over 2,000.
Ramallakota	12,177	16,233	
Nandyal	10,109	11,750	
Koilkuntla	28,473	32,389	
Sirvel	14,129	15,565	
Total	92,103	108,884	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluku.	Number relieved.								Remarks.
	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.	
Pattikonda ..	1,867	1,299	351	1,101	..	..	{ 673	1,154	The firſt ſet of figures re- presents the number of perſons fed in village kitchens and the ſecond ſet, thoſe in receipt of grain doles.
Ramallakota ..	355	698	20	10	..	..	{ 1,442	2,682	
Nandikotkur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	{ 704	1,416	
Nandyal ..	547	457	264	37	..	..	{ 3,012	6,638	
Koilkuntla ..	855	1,071	124	243	..	..	{ 330	527	
Sirvel ..	641	711	16	18	..	..	{ 199	897	The Ramallakota taluk figures, under thoſe in receipt of grain doles, in- clude perſons ſo relieved in Kurnool town. The figures ſhown againſt the Nandikotkur taluk represent Chenchus fed in kitchens.
Total ..	4,265	4,236	775	1,409	..	..	{ 2,591	2,573	
							{ 2,067	2,550	
							{ 2,858	3,401	
							{ 830	949	
							{ 1,426	2,172	
							{ 4,803	7,493	
							{ 11,335	17,466	

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	55	77	2,422	3,599	4,986	28,969
Ramallakota	89	93	1,519	2,396	8,295	12,509
Nandikotkur	3	3	..	..	..	..
Nandyal	90	110	..	..	..	..
Koilkuntla	82	86	1,146	1,240	454	1,398
Sirvel	80	100	489	562	321	1,266
Total	399	469	5,576	7,797	9,056	44,142

Private charity.—Many poor persons were fed by the charitably disposed on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee.

General Remarks.—I have just received B.P., No. 468, communicating G.O., No. 473, dated 18th ultimo, and trust that it will be found possible to give full effect to the directions therein contained. I request, however, that I may be excused for pointing out that prospects are at present by no means as favourable as when the Government Order was issued, and that if the state of the season does not improve during the current fortnight it will be necessary to take measures for opening a few relief works in the hitherto unaffected parts of the district as well as some additional ones in the affected tracts.

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

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.		Under construction or repaired.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1. Pattikonda ..	127	30,130	127	18,073	224	62,260	701	74,595	701	74,595	828	1,04,725	828	92,668	1,135	1,87,838	..	..	..	..		
2. Ramallakota ..	8	400	8	1,600	..	Not received.	450	3	450	3	450	5	650	5	650	5	650	..	..	127	..	
3. Nandikotkur ..	10	3,700	8	1,007	11	3,750	22	3,770	22	3,770	14	2,400	14	2,400	28	3,470	28	6,150	..	3	..	
4. Nandyal ..	26	5,165	23	4,560	11	5,290	22	2,623	20	2,800	30	2,150	47	11,750	43	8,800	41	7,440	..	23	..	
5. Kollikunta ..	..	..	..	..	..	Not received.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,600	..	..	..	..	..	
6. Karimnagar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
7. Channarayana ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
8. Markapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	165	39,795	160	23,980	249	72,950	751	81,340	744	79,815	956	1,29,228	916	1,22,883	904	1,17,885	1,205	2,02,178	..	..	176	..

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.	
1. Pattikonda ..	488	21,532	488	21,532	1,604	1,56,526	25	1,545	25	1,545	148	10,545	613	22,697	613	22,697	1,752	1,47,071	
2. Ramallakota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Nandikotkur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Kollikunta ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Karimnagar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Channarayana ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Markapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	769	31,851	724	30,036	2,268	2,04,566	29	1,545	26	1,585	150	10,565	798	38,092	750	38,437	2,413	2,15,931	

* This differs from the figures reported in the season telegram for the week ending 26th June 1897. Explanation for the discrepancy will be called for.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluka and places visited.—I was in camp for seven days and inspected the following:—

Ramallakota taluk.—Dhone.

Sirvel taluk.—Mahadevapuram.

Nandyal taluk.—Gazulapalli, Nandyal, Betamcherla and Rungapatnam.

Works.—Joharapuram road, Sirvel-Gazulapalli station road and Betamcherla section of the Kalwa-Betamcherla road.

The Head Assistant Collector was on tour for ten days and inspected the following places:—

Nandyal taluk.—Kadamala Kalwa, Baiyapukadur, Kothapalli, Ayalur, Sitaramapuram, Gangavaram, Gopavaram, Gazulapalli, Basawapuram and Panyam.

Sirvel taluk.—Mahadevapuram, Gundampad, Kotakonda, Srirangapuram, Kot-tala, Ellavattula, Kothur, Biravole, Iskapalli, Chennur, Mothakalipalli and Boilakuntla.

The Deputy Collector, Pyapalli, was on tour throughout the fortnight and inspected the following places:—

Pattikonda taluk.—Kodumur, Karivemula, Kapatralla, Pattikonda, Tuggali, Maddikera, Peravali, Pandekal, Marella, Bandimadugula, Gadderalla, Alamkonda and Katarkonda.

Ramallakota taluk.—Peddapad, Salkapuram, Nagalapuram, Panchikalapad, Mallyala, Malkapuram and Dhone.

The Head-quarter Deputy Collector was in camp for three days and visited the following places:—

Nandikotkur taluk.—Mothukur, Boyarevula, Velgode, Nallakalwa and Atmakur.

The Deputy Collector, Cumbum division, visited the following places:—

Cumbum taluk.—Cumbum, Chintalapalem and Bestwarpet.

Markapur taluk.—Thokapalli and Gobbur.

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2. The rainfall during the fortnight was above the average; but, as it fell entirely during the first two or three days of the fortnight, the hopes raised by it have not been fulfilled, and more rain was urgently required at the close of the month to save the early sowings and help the growth of pasture. There has been practically no rain, since the report was submitted, and it is feared that that much of the early sowings must, by this time, be lost.

The supply of water for drinking purposes was generally ample, but, where deficient, steps were taken to improve it.

Pasture was sprouting in the western taluks, but nil in the rest of the district. Fodder was moderately sufficient in the east, and insufficient in the rest of the district. It is to be noted that the fodder imported from Kistna, which has found a ready sale in Bellary and Anantapur, has not been touched by the Kurnool ryots. The cause of this is not clear, but it is possible that the reason may partly be found in the greater accessibility of the Nallamalai reserves. The canal which traverses much of the district secured a good fodder crop in all the villages, of which Nandyal is one, which it passes through. A depot further from the canal would probably be more popular. Dhone is not a good selection as its water-supply is good, and fodder, therefore, is more plentiful there.

3. Prices rose slightly during the fortnight, the rise being most marked in Nandyal, Pattikonda and Pyapalli.

The relative position of prices is shown by the subjoined figures:—

Rate.	Measures per rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13.2	32.0	30.0	28.0
Warning	10.6	24.0	22.5	21.0
Scarcity	7.9	16.0	15.0	14.0
Current	8.7	15.1	12.4	12.6
June 1892	9.2	15.1	14.4	12.9
„ 1877	6.4	7.4	7.0	7.7

Trade was dull, though the markets were well supplied.

4. The condition of the people was generally fair. The numbers on works rose by 18 per cent., and on gratuitous relief by 45 per cent. It is satisfactory to note that the medical wants of the workers are being regularly attended to.

5. With advertence to his remarks upon G.O., No. 473, Revenue, dated 18th June 1897, the Collector will be referred to G.O., No. 549, dated 9th July 1897, which is being communicated to him separately.

6. The following figures show the progress made in disbursing loans:—

Up to end of week ending—								
Amount								
RS.								
June 5th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,05,939
„ 12th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,07,296
„ 19th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,25,384
„ 26th	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,53,122

The pace is improving but much remains yet to be done, especially in the matter of loans for the purchase of fodder, of which the want in many places is urgent.

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ Collector of Kurnool.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

„ „ Honorary Secretaries, Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund.

ORDER—No. 633, Revenue, dated 26th July 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Famine Commissioner.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Local and Municipal Department.

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