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FOOD-SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

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1. Párvatípuram	7·79	6·56	10 08	13 32	..	..	Ragi and cumbu have commenced to fall. There will be a large fall in the next few weeks with new grain coming in.
2. Sálúru	7·79	7·17	9·72	9·72	10·50	10·50	
3. Palkonda	7·34	7·34	10·10	14·74	..	..	
4. Gajapatinagaram ..	7·38	6·97	10·36	10·36	10·80	10·08	
5. Chípurupalle	6·56	6·97	10·08	11·88	10·08	10·08	
6. Vizianagram	7·34	7·34	10·60	11·61	10 39	11·88	
7. Vizagapatam	6·32	7·00	11·31	11·51	9·90	14·25	
8. Chódavaramu	10·00	9·00	11·83	16·38	..	..	
9. Anakápalle	8·50	8·50	11·83	14·56	..	..	
10. Yelamanchilli	8·00	8 00	10·92	16·38	..	..	
11. Narasapatam	8·00	7·50	10·92	10·92	12·32	12·32	
Average ..	7·73	7·48	10·70	12·85	10·66	11·51	

Activity of trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By sea for the period ending 14th August 1897 ...	...	3,946
By rail do. do.	12,318	34,085
	CARTS.	CARTS.
By road from Joypore for the period ending 14th August 1897	...	2,805

Trade active.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good.

In villages.—The condition of the general population is good enough. Those in receipt of village relief are generally in very poor condition. This form of relief has been reduced to a minimum, and it is practically only granted to those who are in poor condition.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera prevalent ; also dysentery and fever.

Remarks.—The area requiring relief is contracting with the improved condition existing in some of the taluks to which relief was latest extended, and will probably contract to something like the limits to which it extended in the early hot weather, but within most of these limits distress is at present not decreasing.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed. Last fortnight.	Number employed. This fortnight.	Remarks.
Relief works.	RS.	RS.	
I. Bobbili taluk—			
1. Bobbili-Akulakotta road work ..	1,868	..	Closed, coolies having fallen to 87 and season being very favourable in that part.
II. Chípurupalle taluk—			
1. Laveru road	1,492	1,103	
III. Vizianagram taluk—			
1. Pusapatirega	4,868	4,243	
IV. Bimlipatam taluk—			
1. Dakamarri	1,938	2,048	
2. Padmanabham	4,284	3,578	
V. Vizagapatam taluk—			
1. Gazuvaka	1,817	1,892	Increase due to unfavourable season and want of agricultural work in Vizagapatam taluk.
2. Pendur	2,349	2,605	
VI. Sarvasiddhi taluk—			
1. Rayavaram road	800	639	Since closed, as the coolies all went away when the fall of ragi to 16 seers a rupee reduced their wages.
Total ..	19,416	16,108	

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.
I. Bobbili taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,587	695
1. Bobbili kitchen	125	..	242	80	..	..	..	..
2. Sitanagram do.	..	..	83	..	..	..	..	..
3. Chintada do.	..	..	175	30	..	..	..	..
4. Amiti do.	..	..	124	87	..	..	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,171	896
1. Parvatipur kitchen	..	..	302	198	..	..	..	..
2. Duggi do.	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..
3. Garugubilli do.	..	..	31	..	..	..	..	..
4. Bandaluppi do.	..	..	254	120	..	..	..	..
5. Komarada do.	..	..	179	20	..	..	..	..
III. Sálúru taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	516	561
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen	..	..	245	83	..	..	..	..
2. Mamidipalli kitchen	..	..	266	107	..	..	..	..
3. Makkuva kitchen	..	..	140	104	..	..	..	..
IV. Palakonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,196	..
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	64	36	..	..	..	..
2. Rajam do.	..	..	223	190	..	..	..	..
3. Palakonda do.	..	..	150	91	..	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam do.	..	..	96	101	..	..	..	..
V. Chipurupalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,030	145
1. Laveru kitchen	111	96	57	31	..	..	..	..
2. Ranastalam kitchen	..	..	193	162	..	..	..	..
3. Pondur kitchen	..	..	129	33	..	..	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	326	988
1. Gajapatinagram kitchen	..	..	278	384	..	..	..	..
2. Merakamuddam	..	..	217	145	..	..	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,784	651
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	110	130	76	74	..	..	..	..
2. Vizianagram do.	..	..	303	220	..	..	..	..
3. Kotagandredu do.	..	..	311	126	..	..	..	..
4. Gantyada do.	..	..	230	205	..	..	..	..
5. Sativada do.	..	..	174	153	..	..	..	..
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,764	1,463
1. Dakmarri kitchen	322	191	60	13	..	..	..	..
2. Padmanabham kitchen	169	156	217	85	..	..	..	..
3. Bhogapuram do.	..	..	311	186	..	..	..	..
4. Thallavalasa do.	..	..	382	155	..	..	..	..
5. Sontyam kitchen	..	..	315	111	..	..	..	..
IX. Srungavarapukota taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,134	1,241
1. Tummikapalli kitchen	..	..	103	100	..	..	..	..
2. Srungavarapukota kitchen	..	..	124	113	..	..	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,406	957
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	90	79	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur do.	220	224	7	4	..	..	..	..
3. Dondaparti do.	..	..	179	140	..	..	..	..
XI. Anakápalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,671	637
1. Anakapalle kitchen	..	..	121	79	..	..	..	..
2. Paravada do.	..	..	81	116	..	..	..	..
3. Sabbavaram do.	..	..	95	78	..	..	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,911	260
1. Chódavaramu kitchen	..	..	78	72	..	..	..	..
2. Madgole do.	..	..	65	57	..	..	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,415	1,255
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	64	32	230	178	..	..	..	..
2. Nakkapalli do.	..	..	225	121	..	..	..	..
3. Kondakarla do.	..	..	38	92	..	..	..	..
4. Uddandapuram do.	..	..	160	124	..	..	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	806	171
1. Narsapatam kitchen	..	..	142	117	..	..	..	..
2. Gidituru do.	..	..	120	104	..	..	..	..
3. Golgonda do.	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..
4. Natavaram do.	..	..	49	50	..	..	..	..
Total	1,211	908	7,703	4,875	..	..	20,217	9,910

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.
1. Chipurupalle	96	39	513	867	1,465	1,707
2. Palkonda	98	..	1,299	1,347	4,485	7,909
3. Vizianagram	115	222	1,035	1,743	2,285	2,366
4. Bimlipatam	103	126	..	..	..	..
5. Gajapatinagram	30	45	..	..	..	..
Total	442	426	2,847	3,957	8,235	11,982

Private charity—Much contracted.

General remarks.—As stated the season has not maintained its improvement and in Vizagapatam, parts of Anakápalle, Bimlipatam and Chípurupalle it is absolutely bad. It can no longer be denied that this south-west monsoon is a partial failure and a complete one in some places. A good paddy crop can now hardly be expected in any event, and there is a great probability of a very bad one, though prospects are very favourable in four or five taluks. The imminent harvest of dry grains will probably cause a fall in prices sufficient to drive all the coolies off the works by lowering their wages to the vanishing point, but unless they go away for this reason I see but small chance of closing the works in the Vizagapatam taluk at least before the north-east monsoon. My intention to close relief by the end of this month has undergone a change. It certainly cannot be done, though it can be largely contracted by abolishing all kitchens and circles in the most favoured taluks. I am gradually doing this now. Poor as this south-west monsoon is, we may manage if it does not fail us altogether and if we get a good north-east in October. Prospects at present are by no means completely re-assuring.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.																				Cattle and seed-grain.																			
	Repair and construction of wells.										Purchase of fodder.																													
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.				Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Total.													
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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
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1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2,070	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	(a) 15	540	(a) 15	540	..	..	..	..	407	20,334	407	20,334	186	13,535	186	13,535	..	..	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	2,700	8	1,000	12	2,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	212	3	212	..	..	..	..	435	37,488	435	37,488	332	53,417	332	53,417	..	..	..	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,500	..	..	..	..	1	600	..	..	..	..	(b)1,146	22,882	1,146	22,882	..	..	..	..	(b)1,146	27,118	1,146	27,118	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatípuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,300	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	2	400	..	..	1	100	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	4	900	4	450	6	3,000	33	6,700	32	5,200	37	6,600	36	6,550	32	9,410	4	..	1,164	23,634	1,164	23,634	..	..	..	..	1,991	1,05,034	1,991	1,05,034	518	66,952	518	66,952	..	..	..	..

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.

(b) In all these cases fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

Principal Assistant Collector.

Palkonda taluk	Palkonda.
Chípurupalle taluk	Chípurupalle-Laveru (work and kitchen), Ranasthalam (kitchen), six other villages to muster recipients of grain doles.
Bimlipatam taluk	Bhogapuram, Tallavalsa (kitchens), Dakamarri, Padmanabham (works), fifteen other villages for grain doles.
Vizianagram taluk	Pusapatirega (work and kitchen), Vizianagram (kitchen), Rellivalasa.

Senior Assistant Collector.

Párvatípuram taluk	Kottavalsa, Nagore, Marripenta, Vullibadra, Balagudaba and Narsipuram.
Bobbili taluk	Fifteen villages and four kitchens.
Sálúru taluk	Rambhadrapur, Makkuva kitchens, Bodavalsa and Payalapadu.

Head Assistant Collector.

Víravilli taluk	Chódavaramu, Waddadi, Rajam and surrounding villages.
Sarvasiddhi taluk	Ellamanchilli (work and kitchen), Kondakarla kitchen and surrounding villages.
Anakápalle taluk	Anakápalle (kitchen), Mamidipalem and surrounding villages, Paravada (kitchen) and other villages, Aganampudi, Tallapalem, Kammarapalem and other villages.

Huzur Deputy Collector.

Vizagapatam taluk	Half the taluk.
Srungavarapukota taluk	About three quarters of the taluk.

Collector.

Vizianagram taluk	Vizianagram weavers' depôt, &c.
Chípurupalle taluk	Pondur, Niddam and Chípurupalle.
Palkonda taluk	Rajam and Boddam.
Vizagapatam taluk	Gazuvaka, Karasa, Maduravada, Vemulavalasa.
Bimlipatam taluk	Dakamarri, Padmanabham, Bimlipatam and Chittivalasa.

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2. The rainfall of the fortnight was, on the average, much below what was expected. Good rain however fell in the interior of the district, the average being reduced by the deficient fall in the coast taluks. Fair rain has, however, been since received in the latter area. Away from the coast, crops were doing well, but nearer the sea, crops were fading for want of rain, and the area of cultivation was considerably restricted.

3. Ragi had been, and cumbu was being, harvested at the time of report, and though the outturn was not good, the new supply has had an appreciable effect on the market, the price of dry grains having fallen considerably. The price of rice, however,

is higher than in the great famine of 1877–78. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current	7·5	12·8	11·5
August 1892	10·0	18·4	16·9
Do. 1878	7·6	16·4	17·2

Imports continued in a considerable, though reduced, scale, while exports show a large increase.

4. The harvesting of these crops and the loss of them over considerable areas had very materially increased the supply of fodder, while pasture was generally ample. Except in Vizagapatam and parts of Anakápalle, the outlook for agricultural stock is therefore improving.

5. The condition of the people is reported generally good, though there was a considerable amount of sickness about. The numbers on works decreased by 17 per cent., and in gratuitous relief by nearly 50 per cent. The decreases are due partly to the improvement in the season in the inland taluks, and partly to the fall in the prices of dry grains, which has reduced the wages of labourers. The Collector hopes to close shortly all gratuitous relief in the inland taluks. In the coast taluks, prospects were not bright, and the Collector entertained but little prospect of closing relief at the end of the month, as he hoped at one time.

6. Fair work was done in the disposal of loans, but numerous applications for loans to buy cattle and fodder yet remain to be disposed of.

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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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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 August 1897.

Stations.	Rice. End of last period.	Rice. End of current period.	Ragi. End of last period.	Ragi. End of current period.	Cumbu End of last period.	Cumbu End of current period.	Remarks.
1. Párvatípuram	7·79	6·56	10·08	13·32	..	..	Ragi and cumbu have commenced to fall. There will be a large fall in the next few weeks with new grain coming in.
2. Sálúru	7·79	7·17	9·72	9·72	10·50	10·50	
3. Palkonda	7·34	7·34	10·10	14·74	..	..	
4. Gajapatinagaram ..	7·38	6·97	10·36	10·36	10·80	10·08	
5. Chípurupalle	6·56	6·97	10·08	11·88	10·08	10·08	
6. Vizianagram	7·34	7·34	10·60	11·61	10 39	11·88	
7. Vizagapatam	6·32	7·00	11·31	11·51	9·90	14·25	
8. Chódavaramu	10·00	9·00	11·83	16·38	..	..	
9. Anakápalle	8·50	8·50	11·83	14·56	..	..	
10. Yellamanchili	8·00	8·00	10·92	16·38	..	..	
11. Narasapatam	8·00	7·50	10·92	10·92	12·32	12·32	
Average ..	7·73	7·48	10·70	12·85	10·66	11·51	

Activity of trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MDS.	MDS.
By sea for the period ending 14th August 1897 ...	...	3,946
By rail do. do.	12,318	34,085
	CARTS.	CARTS.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 14th August 1897	...	2,805

Trade active.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good.

In villages.—The condition of the general population is good enough. Those in receipt of village relief are generally in very poor condition. This form of relief has been reduced to a minimum, and it is practically only granted to those who are in poor condition.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera prevalent ; also dysentery and fever.

Remarks.—The area requiring relief is contracting with the improved condition existing in some of the taluks to which relief was latest extended, and will probably contract to something like the limits to which it extended in the early hot weather, but within most of these limits distress is at present not decreasing.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed Last fortnight.	Number employed This fortnight.	Remarks.
Relief works.	RS.	RS.	
I. Bobbili taluk—			
1. Bobbili-Akulakotta road work ..	1,868	..	Closed, coolies having fallen to 87 and season being very favourable in that part.
II. Chipurupalle taluk—			
1. Laveru road	1,492	1,103	
III. Vizianagram taluk—			
1. Pusapatirega	4,868	4,243	
IV. Bimlipatam taluk—			
1. Dakamarri	1,938	2,048	
2. Padmanabham	4,284	3,578	
V. Vizagapatam taluk—			
1. Gazuvaka	1,817	1,892	Increase due to unfavourable season and want of agricultural work in Vizagapatam taluk.
2. Pendur	2,349	2,605	
VI. Sarvasiddhi taluk—			
1. Rayavaram road	800	639	Since closed, as the coolies all went away when the fall of ragi to 16 seers a rupee reduced their wages.
Total ..	19,416	16,108	

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.
I. Bobbili taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,587	695
1. Bobbuli kitchen ..	125	..	242	80	..	..	..	..
2. Sitanagram do. ..	..	..	83	..	..	..	..	..
3. Chintada do. ..	..	..	175	30	..	..	..	..
4. Amiti do. ..	..	..	124	87	..	..	..	..
II. Pârvatipuram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,171	896
1. Parvatipur kitchen ..	..	..	302	198	..	..	..	..
2. Duggi do. ..	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..
3. Garugubilli do. ..	..	..	31	..	..	..	..	..
4. Bandaluppi do. ..	..	..	264	120	..	..	..	..
5. Komarada do. ..	..	..	179	20	..	..	..	..
III. Sâlûru taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	516	561
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen.	..	..	245	83	..	..	..	..
2. Mamidipalli kitchen ..	..	..	266	107	..	..	..	..
3. Makkuva kitchen ..	..	..	140	104	..	..	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,196	..
1. Sitampeta kitchen ..	..	..	64	36	..	..	..	..
2. Rajam do. ..	..	..	223	190	..	..	..	..
3. Palakonda do. ..	..	..	150	91	..	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam do. ..	..	..	96	101	..	..	..	..
V. Chipurupalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,030	145
1. Laveru kitchen	111	96	57	31	..	..	..	..
2. Ranastalam kitchen ..	..	..	193	162	..	..	..	..
3. Pondur kitchen	..	..	129	33	..	..	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagaram taluk ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	326	988
1. Gajapatinagram kitchen.	..	..	278	384	..	..	..	..
2. Merakamudidam ..	..	..	217	145	..	..	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,784	651
1. Pusapatirega kitchen ..	110	130	76	74	..	..	..	..
2. Vizianagram do. ..	..	..	303	220	..	..	..	..
3. Kotagandredu do. ..	..	..	311	126	..	..	..	..
4. Gantyada do. ..	..	..	230	205	..	..	..	..
5. Sativada do. ..	..	..	174	153	..	..	..	..
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,764	1,463
1. Dakmarri kitchen ..	322	191	50	13	..	..	..	..
2. Padmanabham kitchen ..	169	156	217	85	..	..	..	..
3. Bhogapuram do. ..	..	..	311	186	..	..	..	..
4. Thallavalasa do. ..	..	..	382	155	..	..	..	..
5. Sontyam kitchen ..	..	..	315	111	..	..	..	..
IX. Srungavarapukota taluk ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,134	1,241
1. Tummikapalli kitchen ..	..	..	103	100	..	..	..	..
2. Srungavarapukota kitchen	..	..	124	113	..	..	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,406	957
1. Guzuvaka kitchen ..	90	79	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur do. ..	220	224	7	4	..	..	..	..
3. Dondaparti do. ..	..	..	179	140	..	..	..	..
XI. Anakápalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,671	637
1. Anakápalle kitchen ..	..	..	121	79	..	..	..	..
2. Paravada do. ..	..	..	81	116	..	..	..	..
3. Sabbavaram do. ..	..	..	95	78	..	..	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,911	250
1. Chódavaramu kitchen ..	..	..	78	72	..	..	..	..
2. Madgole do. ..	..	..	65	57	..	..	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,415	1,255
1. Yellamanchili kitchen ..	64	32	230	178	..	..	..	..
2. Nakkapalli do. ..	..	..	225	121	..	..	..	..
3. Kondakarla do. ..	..	..	38	92	..	..	..	..
4. Uddandapuram do. ..	..	..	160	124	..	..	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	306	171
1. Narasapatam kitchen ..	..	..	142	117	..	..	..	..
2. Gidituru do. ..	..	..	120	104	..	..	..	..
3. Golgonda do. ..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..
4. Natavaram do. ..	..	..	49	50	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1,211	908	7,703	4,875	..	..	20,217	9,910

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.
1. Chipurupalle	96	39	513	867	1,465	1,707
2. Palkonda	98	..	1,299	1,347	4,485	7,909
3. Vizianagram	115	222	1,035	1,743	2,285	2,366
4. Bimlipatam	103	126	..	..	..	..
5. Gajapatinagaram	30	45	..	..	..	..
Total ..	442	426	2,847	3,957	8,235	11,982

Private charity—Much contracted.

General remarks.—As stated the season has not maintained its improvement and in Vizagapatam, parts of Anakápalle, Bimlipatam and Chipurupalle it is absolutely bad. It can no longer be denied that this south-west monsoon is a partial failure and a complete one in some places. A good paddy crop can now hardly be expected in any event, and there is a great probability of a very bad one, though prospects are very favourable in four or five taluks. The imminent harvest of dry grains will probably cause a fall in prices sufficient to drive all the coolies off the works by lowering their wages to the vanishing point, but unless they go away for this reason I see but small chance of closing the works in the Vizagapatam taluk at least before the north-east monsoon. My intention to close relief by the end of this month has undergone a change. It certainly cannot be done, though it can be largely contracted by abolishing all kitchens and circles in the most favoured taluks. I am gradually doing this now. Poor as this south-west monsoon is, we may manage if it does not fail us altogether and if we get a good north-east in October. Prospects at present are by no means completely re-assuring.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.								Purchase of fodder.								Other purpose.								Total.								Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.		Under construction or repair.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	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														
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	14	2,000	14	2,000	22	4,140	14	2,000	..	..	4	..	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,000	4	1,000	12	3,700	8	1,900	4	1,000	12	3,700	12	2,900	8	2,000	24	6,600	8	2,000	..	..	4	..	..	..
3. Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	16	1,500	16	1,500	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	..	..	..	..
4 Pârvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,800	3	1,300	2	500	4	1,800	3	1,300	2	500	7	3,100	6	2,800	4	1,000	6	2,800	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	2	100	2	400	2	400	2	100	4	800	4	800	4	200	4	800	..	..	4	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	6,700	32	6,200	25	6,370	37	6,600	32	5,650	32	9,410	69	13,300	64	12,240	70	19,450	48	9,100	..	..	12	..	..	..

Taluks.	Cattle and seed-grain.								Total.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.					
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39				
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.					
1. Palkonda	407	20,334	407	20,334	186	13,535	407	20,334	407	20,334	186	13,535				
2. Sarvasiddhi	435	37,488	435	37,488	332	53,417	438	37,700	438	37,700	332	53,417				
3. Golgonda	(b)1,146	27,118	1,146	27,118	..	..	(b)1,146	60,000	1,146	60,000	..	..				
4. Pârvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
5. Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
Total ..	1,988	84,940	1,988	84,940	518	66,952	1,991	1,08,034	1,991	1,08,034	518	66,952				

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.

(b) In all these cases fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.

Inspections of the District Officers.

Taluks and places visited.

Principal Assistant Collector.

Palkonda taluk	Palkonda.
Chípurupalle taluk	Chípurupalle-Laveru (work and kitchen), Ranasthalam (kitchen), six other villages to muster recipients of grain doles.
Bimlipatam taluk	Bhogapuram, Tallavalsa (kitchens), Dakamarri, Padmanabham (works), fifteen other villages for grain doles.
Vizianagram taluk	Pusapatirega (work and kitchen), Vizianagram (kitchen), Rellivalasa.

Senior Assistant Collector.

Párvatípuram taluk	Kottavalsa, Nagore, Marripenta, Vullibadra, Balagudaba and Narsipuram.
Bobbili taluk	Fifteen villages and four kitchens.
Sálúru taluk	Rambhadrapur, Makkuva kitchens, Bodavalsa and Payalapadu.

Head Assistant Collector.

Víravilli taluk	Chódavaramu, Waddadi, Rajam and surrounding villages.
Sarvasiddhi taluk	Yellamanchili (work and kitchen), Kondakarla kitchen and surrounding villages.
Anakápalle taluk	Anakápalle (kitchen), Mamidipalem and surrounding villages, Paravada (kitchen) and other villages, Aganampudi, Tallapalem, Kammarapalem and other villages.

Huzur Deputy Collector.

Vizagapatam taluk	Half the taluk.
Srungavarapukota taluk	About three quarters of the taluk.

Collector.

Vizianagram taluk	Vizianagram weavers' depôt, &c.
Chípurupalle taluk	Pondur, Niddam and Chípurupalle.
Palkonda taluk	Rajam and Boddam.
Vizagapatam taluk	Gazuvaka, Karasa, Maduravada, Vemulavalasa.
Bimlipatam taluk	Dakamarri, Padmanabham, Bimlipatam and Chittivalasa.

Resolution—No. 598, dated 31st August 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall of the fortnight was, on the average, much below what was expected. Good rain however fell in the interior of the district, the average being reduced by the deficient fall in the coast taluks. Fair rain has, however, been since received in the latter area. Away from the coast, crops were doing well, but nearer the sea, crops were fading for want of rain, and the area of cultivation was considerably restricted.

3. Ragi had been, and cumbu was being, harvested at the time of report, and though the outturn was not good, the new supply has had an appreciable effect on the market, the price of dry grains having fallen considerably. The price of rice, however,

is higher than in the great famine of 1877–78. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures :—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.		
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	15·0	28·0	30·0
Warning	12·0	21·0	22·5
Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
Current	7·5	12·8	11·5
August 1892	10·0	18·4	16·9
Do. 1878	7·6	16·4	17·2

Imports continued in a considerable, though reduced, scale, while exports show a large increase.

4. The harvesting of these crops and the loss of them over considerable areas had very materially increased the supply of fodder, while pasture was generally ample. Except in Vizagapatam and parts of Anakápalle, the outlook for agricultural stock is therefore improving.

5. The condition of the people is reported generally good, though there was a considerable amount of sickness about. The numbers on works decreased by 17 per cent., and in gratuitous relief by nearly 50 per cent. The decreases are due partly to the improvement in the season in the inland taluks, and partly to the fall in the prices of dry grains, which has reduced the wages of labourers. The Collector hopes to close shortly all gratuitous relief in the inland taluks. In the coast taluks, prospects were not bright, and the Collector entertained but little prospect of closing relief at the end of the month, as he hoped at one time.

6. Fair work was done in the disposal of loans, but numerous applications for loans to buy cattle and fodder yet remain to be disposed of.

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Famine Secretary.

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

Order—No. 790, Revenue, dated 16th September 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.
" the Financial Department.
" the Accountant-General.

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