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Secretary Board's Progress Report to 30th
with Remarks, of the Registration
for the period ending 31st August 1897.

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Report regarding scarcity prevailing in Dindigul Taluq of Madura District & Periyakulam Taluq of Madura District for the period 1st June to 31st August 1897.

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25-9-97
To Mr T.C.
" T.D.
" P.W.D.
" L.Rev.B
" A.G.

Ans: 7-10-97

Note: From the rainfall at Kodaikanal since the beginning of September has been good and that at Vigayapuram fair:
2. A.D.C. from Mr Le Fanu
describing the condition of the district and reporting the steps taken to close relief operations in the district will be found in the file.

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SEPTEMBER.

Fortnightly narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Vizagapatam district for the period ending 31st August 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

W. J. H. LEFANU, ESQ.
(Famine Commissioner.)

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Vizagapatam district for the period ending 31st August 1897 :—

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The rainfall on and after the 25th was good at all stations in the plains, though, up to that, it was very poor. In the Agency, rainfall is much below the average.

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General remarks on the previous subjects.—Crops and prospects have vastly improved within the fortnight; even in Vizagapatam taluk, they are not so bad as they were.

All the tanks, rivers and channels have received a good supply, and, for the present, prospects are favourable.

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 31st August 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.			Cumbu.			Remarks.
			Old.		New.	Old.		New.	
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of current period.	
1. Pârvatipuram ..	6·56	6·84	13·32	11·52	14·04	..	..	..	New grain is becoming available and getting cheaper.
2. Sâlûru	7·17	7·17	9·72	11·52	13·50	10·50	11·37	..	
3. Palkonda	7·34	5·98	14·74	..	14·74	..	..	18·41	
4. Gajapatinagram ..	6·97	7·38	10·36	11·10	..	10·08	..	..	
5. Chipurupâlle ..	6·97	6·97	11·88	..	11·88	10·08	..	..	
6. Vizianagram ..	7·34	7·34	11·61	11·11	..	11·85	..	14·85	
7. Vizagapatam ..	7·00	6·78	11·51	11·51	12·62	14·25	..	15·84	
8. Chódavaramu ..	9·00	9·00	16·38	11·83	16·38	..	..	17·60	
9. Anakápalle ..	8·50	8·50	14·56	11·37	14·56	..	..	18·48	
10. Yellamanchili ..	8·00	8·20	16·38	12·28	13·20	..	..	17·60	
11. Narsapatam ..	7·50	7·50	10·92	10·92	20·02	12·32	14·08	22·00	
Average ..	7·48	7·42	12·65	11·40	16·10	11·51	12·72	17·82	

Activity of Trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MAUNDS.	MAUNDS.
By sea for the period ending 28th August 1897	..	2,990
By rail do. do.	1,881	42,758
	CARTS.	CARTS.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 28th August 1897	..	2,807

Trade active.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good.

In villages.—Improving. Although prices of staple grains are still high, they are falling, and besides these there is korra, vuda and sama available at from 18 to 23 measures per rupee, which is a great help to the poorer classes.

The condition of the class, which comes on village relief, has noticeably improved.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera very prevalent, but not epidemic in any particular locality.

Remarks.—The area of distress is very rapidly contracting, and, within a very short time, relief operations will have ceased to be necessary, except in Vizagapatam taluk and a portion of Anakápalle. The duration of distress there depends on the course of prices. Work is available for all in as great quantity as it ever is.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Relief works.		
I. Chipurupalle taluk—		
1. Lavern road	1,103	957
II. Vizianagram taluk—		
1. Pusupattiroga	4,243	3,049
III. Bimlipatam taluk—		
1. Dakmari	2,048	1,760
2. Padmanabham	3,578	3,052
IV. Vizagapatam taluk—		
1. Gazuvaka	1,892	1,004
2. Pendur	2,605	2,060
V. Sarvasiddhi taluk—		
1. Rayavaram road	639	.. Closed.
Total ..	16,108	11,882
Intermediate works.		
I. Anakápalle taluk	..	433
II. Gajapatinagram	..	47
Total ..	..	480
Grand total ..	16,108	12,362

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved					
	At kitchens.				In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
I. Bobbili taluk—	..	..	..	..	695	..
1. Bobbili kitchen	..	..	80	51	..	..
2. Chintada ,,	..	..	30	..	..	..
3. Amiti ,,	..	..	87	43	..	..
II. Pârvatipuram taluk—	..	..	..	..	896	..
1. Pârvatipuram kitchen	..	..	198	50	..	..
2. Bandaluppi ,,	..	..	120	..	..	..
3. Komarada ,,	..	..	20	..	..	..
III. Sâlûr taluk—	..	..	..	..	561	174
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen	..	..	83	50	..	..
2. Mamidipalli ,,	..	..	107	68	..	..
3. Makkuva ,,	..	..	104	60	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk—	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	96	..	..	..
2. Rajam ,,	..	..	190	166	..	..
3. Palkonda ,,	..	..	91	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam ,,	..	..	101	..	..	..
V. Chipurupalle taluk—	..	..	..	..	145	250
1. Lavam kitchen	96	98	31	18	..	..
2. Ravuelalam kitchen	..	..	162	121	..	..
3. Pondur ,,	..	..	33	27	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagram taluk—	..	..	..	..	988	1,304
1. Gajapatinagram kitchen	..	..	384	133	..	..
2. Merakamudidam ,,	..	..	145	168	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk—	..	..	..	..	651	613
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	130	96	74	46	..	..
2. Vizianagram ,,	..	..	220	147	..	..
3. Kotagarudrodu ,,	..	..	126	78	..	..
4. Gantyada ,,	..	..	205	123	..	..
5. Sativada ,,	..	..	153	96	..	..
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,403	1,217
1. Dakmarri kitchen	191	151	13	11	..	..
2. Padmanabham kitchen	156	91	85	65	..	..
3. Bhogapuram ,,	..	..	186	131	..	..
4. Thallavalasa ,,	..	..	155	136	..	..
5. Sontyam ,,	..	..	111	117	..	..
IX. Srungavarapukôta taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,241	863
1. Turamikapalli kitchen	..	..	100	40	..	..
2. Srungavarapukôta ,,	..	..	113	78	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk—	..	..	..	..	957	982
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	79	60	..	..	..	..
2. Pondur ,,	224	47	4	2	..	..
3. Dondaparti ,,	..	..	140	115	..	..
XI. Anakâpalle taluk—	..	..	..	..	687	633
1. Anakâpalle kitchen	..	..	79	58	..	..
2. Paravada ,,	..	..	116	76	..	..
3. Sabbavaram ,,	..	..	78	125	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk—	..	..	..	..	260	421
1. Chêdavaram kitchen	..	..	72	75	..	..
2. Madgôle ,,	..	..	67	22	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,255	975
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	32	..	178	118	..	..
2. Nakkapalli ,,	..	..	121	97	..	..
3. Kondakarla ,,	..	..	92	97	..	..
4. Uddandapuram kitchen	..	..	124	102	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk—	..	..	..	..	171	45
1. Narsapatam kitchen	..	..	117	58	..	..
2. Giduturu ,,	..	..	104	103	..	..
3. Nataram ,,	..	..	60	83	..	..
Total ..	908	543	4,875	3,143	9,910	7,477

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	39	69	867	805	933	2,640
2. Palkonda	..	..	1,347	1,486	2,922	10,831
3. Vizianagram	232	110	1,743	1,981	2,447	4,813
4. Bimlipatam	120	120	..	..	..	..
5. Gajapatinagaram	45	65	..	..	..	..
Total ..	426	354	3,957	4,272	6,302	18,284

Private charity.—Much contracted.

General Remarks.—The outlook is now much more cheerful than it was at the period of my last report. Very heavy rain, sufficient to fill the tanks and flood the rivers, has been received all over the plains. Agricultural work is progressing briskly, and employment is freely available. Should rain continue to be received at intervals, the prospects of the paddy crop will be very fair. The outturn of the early dry crops is mostly poor, except cumbu, which is in places a good crop and generally fair. Distress is visibly diminishing, and relief operations are being steadily contracted. Everywhere, except in Vizagapatam taluk, they will be unnecessary before the end of September. In Vizagapatam, the duration of distress depends on the receipt of more rain and a fall in prices. There can hardly be any paddy crop in that taluk in any case, but this is not of importance, as it is in any case not a paddy-growing taluk, and the town gets all its supplies from elsewhere, so that a mere local failure will probably not affect prices. Anxiety as to the future is for the present completely allayed.

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

Taluka.	Other purposes. Total. Applications accepted. Number.	Other purposes. Total. Applications accepted. Amount.	Other purposes. Total. Applications pending. Number.	Other purposes. Total. Applications pending. Amount.	Other purposes. Loans disbursed. Number.	Other purposes. Loans disbursed. Amount.	Other purposes. Applications accepted. Number.	Other purposes. Applications accepted. Amount.	Other purposes. Applications pending. Number.	Other purposes. Applications pending. Amount.	Repair and construction of wells. Applications accepted. Number.	Repair and construction of wells. Applications accepted. Amount.	Repair and construction of wells. Applications pending. Number.	Repair and construction of wells. Applications pending. Amount.	Repair and construction of wells. Loans disbursed. Number.	Repair and construction of wells. Loans disbursed. Amount.	Repair and construction of wells. Applications accepted. Number.	Repair and construction of wells. Applications accepted. Amount.	Repair and construction of wells. Applications pending. Number.	Repair and construction of wells. Applications pending. Amount.	Repair and construction of wells. Loans disbursed. Number.	Repair and construction of wells. Loans disbursed. Amount.	Number of wells. Under construction or repair.	Number of wells. Constructed or re-paired.
1	2	3	12	13	10	11	8	9	6	7	4	5	2	3	24	25	22	23	26	27	28	29	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
1. Palkonda	7	1,000	11	2,070	7	1,000	7	1,000																
2. Sarvasiddhi	8	1,000	9	6,390	4	1,000	4	1,000																
3. Golgonda	16	1,500			16	1,500	16	1,500																
4. Parvatipuram	3	1,800	6	500	3	1,800	4	(a)1,800																
5. Srungavarapukota	2	400			2	400	2	400																
6. Gajapatinagaram			2	500																				
Total	36	6,600	28	8,960	22	6,300	33	5,700	7	3,050	4	900			4	450	4	900					4	

Taluka.	Cattle and seed-grain. Total. Applications accepted. Number.	Cattle and seed-grain. Total. Applications accepted. Amount.	Cattle and seed-grain. Total. Applications pending. Number.	Cattle and seed-grain. Total. Applications pending. Amount.	Cattle and seed-grain. Loans disbursed. Number.	Cattle and seed-grain. Loans disbursed. Amount.	Purchase of fodder. Applications accepted. Number.	Purchase of fodder. Applications accepted. Amount.	Purchase of fodder. Applications pending. Number.	Purchase of fodder. Applications pending. Amount.	Purchase of fodder. Loans disbursed. Number.	Purchase of fodder. Loans disbursed. Amount.	Total. Applications accepted. Number.	Total. Applications accepted. Amount.	Total. Applications pending. Number.	Total. Applications pending. Amount.	Total. Loans disbursed. Number.	Total. Loans disbursed. Amount.
1	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39								
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1. Palkonda	432	21,579	170	12,600	432	21,579	432	21,579	170	12,600	432	21,579	1,439	71,679	476	25,200	1,439	71,679
2. Sarvasiddhi	547	49,023	294	43,459	547	49,023	547	49,023	294	43,459	547	49,023	1,623	98,482	588	86,918	1,623	98,482
3. Golgonda	1,146	27,118			1,146	27,118	(b)1,146	(b)1,146			(b)1,146	(b)1,146	(c)3,438	(c)55,382			(c)3,438	(c)55,382
4. Parvatipuram			2	300					2	300			11	1,800	4	600	11	1,800
5. Srungavarapukota													16	1,800			16	1,800
6. Gajapatinagaram	865	865	436	56,359	865	98,496	(d)		436	56,359	865	98,496	3,128	1,21,589	1,436	1,56,359	3,128	1,21,589
Total	2,125	98,585	436	56,359	2,125	98,496	2,127	98,585	436	56,359	2,125	98,496	9,755	4,20,932	2,436	3,69,436	9,755	4,20,932

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder. Applications accepted. Number.	Purchase of fodder. Applications accepted. Amount.	Purchase of fodder. Loans disbursed. Number.	Purchase of fodder. Loans disbursed. Amount.
1	22	23	24	25
		Rs.		Rs.
1. Palkonda			(e) 15	540
2. Sarvasiddhi			3	212
3. Golgonda			(f)1,146	22,882
4. Parvatipuram				
5. Srungavarapukota				
6. Gajapatinagaram				
Total	1,164	23,634	1,164	23,634

(a) These applications are included in the figure shown in column 28.
(b) Application for the remaining Rs. 500 was withdrawn.
(c) In all these cases, fodder, seed-grain and cattle were applied for in one and the same application.
(d) Information as to the number of applications is awaited from the Deputy Tahsildar.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited.

Principal Assistant Collector—

Gajapatinagaram taluk ... Gajapatinagaram and Merakamudidam kitchens, Shikarganji, Akulakatta, Budarayavalasa, Chintalavalasa, Lingavalasa, Virasagaram, Rajoru, Dalti, Kodur, &c.
Vizianagram taluk ... Vizianagram kitchen and weavers' depôt, Gantyada kitchen.
Bimlipatam taluk ... Dakmarri relief work and kitchen.
Chipurupallo taluk ... Chipurupallo, Ponduru weavers' depôt and kitchen.
Palkonda taluk ... Rajam weavers' depôt and kitchen.

Senior Assistant Collector—

Pârvatîpuram taluk ... Sixteen villages and all kitchens.
Bobbili taluk ... ... Seven villages.

Head Assistant Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... Kondakarla, Panchadarla, Pudimadaka, Rambilli, and neighbouring villages, Nakkapalli, Uddandapuram, Penugole, Rayavaram, Polavaram, &c., villages.
Golgonda taluk ... ... Narsapatam, &c.
Anakâpalle taluk ... Anakâpalle and Dewada.

Huzur Deputy Collector—

Srungavarapukota taluk. Kottavala, Lakavarapukota, Srungavarapukota and Jami circles.
Vizagapatam taluk .. Pedagadi circle villages.

Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk ... Yellamanchili, Payakarowpeta.
Vizagapatam taluk ... Gazuvaka.
Vizianagram taluk ... Vizianagram, Pusapatirega, Denkada, Natavalasa.
Bimlipatam taluk ... Dakmarri, Chintapalli.
Chipurupallo taluk ... Ranastalam, Chilakapalem and villages in Ranastalam circle, Pondoru, Niddam, Budamur, Lavoru.

RESOLUTION—No. 619, dated 13th September 1897.

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2. The fortnight opened dry, but towards its close good rain was received, which materially improved the outlook. The inferior dry crops have yielded very well, while cumbu is giving a fair to good outturn, but the early ragi has done but poorly.

3. The price of rice was fairly stationary, but that of old ragi increased considerably; old cumbu, however, fell, and new ragi and new cumbu were available at cheaper rates than the old grains. The inferior grains were to be purchased at a cheap rate. The variation in prices of the new grains at different stations is remarkable, the price of new ragi ranging from 12 to 20 measures per rupee. Trade continued active.

The comparative position of prices is shown by the subjoined 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	7·4	13·3	15·3
August 1892	10·3	18·4	16·9
Do. 1878	7·6	16·2	17·2

4. The condition of people on works was good, and in villages improving. The numbers on works decreased by 23 per cent., and, on gratuitous relief, by 29 per cent.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is slow, as shown below :—

Up to end of week ending—	Amount advanced. Rs.
14th August	1,19,027
21st „	1,23,079
28th „	1,27,409
4th September	1,32,077

The work done in Golgonda is satisfactory, but much remained in Sarvasiddhi.

6. The report shows that the condition of the district gives but little cause for anxiety. The Collector hopes to close relief generally in the near future, but, in Vizagapatam taluk and the neighbouring portion of Anakápalle, relief must be continued till there is a material fall in prices.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

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

Ed. A. F. Eccleston.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Octacamund,
~~Madras~~, 21st September 1897.

OFFICE NOTE.

From

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

I have the accompanying map of the Vizagapatam District showing famine relief works on the 15th August 1897 and the statement showing the number of coolies employed thereon are forwarded to the Revenue Department for note and return.

Lt. Col. R.E.
Secretary to Government

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Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.			Cumbu.			Remarks.
			Old.		New.	Old.		New.	
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of current period.	
1. Pârvatîpuram ..	6·56	6·84	13·32	11·52	14·04	..	..	..	New grain is becoming available and getting cheaper.
2. Sâlûru	7·17	7·17	9·72	11·52	13·60	10·60	11·37	..	
3. Palkonda	7·34	5·98	14·74	..	14·74	..	..	18·41	
4. Gajapatinagram ..	6·97	7·38	10·36	11·10	..	10·08	..	..	
5. Chipurupalle ..	6·97	6·97	11·88	..	11·88	10·08	..	..	
6. Vizianagram ..	7·34	7·34	11·61	11·11	..	11·88	..	14·85	
7. Vizagapatam ..	7·00	6·73	11·51	11·51	12·62	14·25	..	15·84	
8. Chódavaramu ..	9·00	9·00	16·38	11·83	16·38	..	..	17·60	
9. Anakápalle ..	8·50	8·50	14·56	11·37	14·56	..	..	18·48	
10. Yellamanchili ..	8·00	8·20	16·38	12·29	18·20	..	..	17·60	
11. Narsapatam ..	7·50	7·50	10·92	10·92	20·02	12·32	14·08	22·00	
Average ..	7·48	7·42	12·95	11·46	15·10	11·51	12·72	17·82	

Activity of Trade—

	Exports.	Imports.
	MAUNDS.	MAUNDS.
By sea for the period ending 28th August 1897	..	2,990
By rail do. do.	1,881	42,758
	CARTS.	CARTS.
By road from Jeypore for the period ending 28th August 1897		2,807

Trade active.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good.

In villages.—Improving. Although prices of staple grains are still high, they are falling, and besides these there is korra, vuda and sama available at from 18 to 28 measures per rupee, which is a great help to the poorer classes.

The condition of the class, which comes on village relief, has noticeably improved.

Sickness and Mortality.—Cholera very prevalent, but not epidemic in any particular locality.

Remarks.—The area of distress is very rapidly contracting, and, within a very short time, relief operations will have ceased to be necessary, except in Vizagapatam taluk and a portion of Anakápalle. The duration of distress there depends on the course of prices. Work is available for all in as great quantity as it ever is.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Relief works.		
I. Chipurupalle taluk—		
1. Lavern road	1,103	957
II. Vizianagram taluk—		
1. Pusapatirega	4,243	3,049
III. Bimlipatam taluk—		
1. Dakmari	2,048	1,760
2. Padmanabham	3,576	3,052
IV. Vizagapatam taluk—		
1. Gnzuvaka	1,892	1,004
2. Pendur	2,605	2,060
V. Sarvasiddhi taluk—		
1. Rayavaram road	639	.. Closed.
Total ..	16,108	11,882
Intermediate works.		
I. Anakápalle taluk	..	433
II. Gajapatinagram	..	47
Total ..	..	480
Grand total ..	16,108	12,362

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved					
	At kitchens.				In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
I. Bobbili taluk—	..	..	..	..	696	..
1. Bobbili kitchen	..	..	80	51	..	..
2. Chintada „	..	..	30	..	..	..
3. Amiti „	..	..	87	43	..	..
II. Pârvatipuram taluk—	..	..	..	..	896	..
1. Pârvatipuram kitchen	..	..	198	50	..	..
2. Bandaluppi „	..	..	120	..	..	..
3. Komarada „	..	..	20	..	..	..
III. Sâlûru taluk—	..	..	..	..	501	174
1. Ramabhadrapur kitchen	..	..	83	50	..	..
2. Mamidipalli „	..	..	107	58	..	..
3. Makkuva „	..	..	104	60	..	..
IV. Palkonda taluk—	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Sitampeta kitchen	..	..	36	..	..	..
2. Rajam „	..	..	190	166	..	..
3. Palkonda „	..	..	91	..	..	..
4. Viraghattam „	..	..	101	..	..	..
V. Chipurupalle taluk—	..	..	..	..	145	250
1. Lâvam kitchen	96	98	81	18	..	..
2. Ravastalam kitchen	..	..	162	121	..	..
3. Pondur „	..	..	33	27	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagram taluk—	..	..	..	..	938	1,304
1. Gajapatinagram kitchen	..	..	384	133	..	..
2. Merakamuddam „	..	..	145	108	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk—	..	..	..	..	651	613
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	130	96	74	46	..	..
2. Vizianagram „	..	..	220	147	..	..
3. Kotagandredu „	..	..	126	78	..	..
4. Gantyada „	..	..	205	123	..	..
5. Sativada „	..	..	153	96	..	..
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,463	1,217
1. Dukmarri kitchen	191	151	13	11	..	..
2. Padmanabham kitchen	166	91	65	65	..	..
3. Bhogapuram „	..	..	186	131	..	..
4. Thallavalasa „	..	..	155	136	..	..
5. Sontyam „	..	..	111	117	..	..
IX. Srungavarapukôta taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,241	863
1. Tummikapalli kitchen	..	..	100	40	..	..
2. Srungavarapukôta „	..	..	113	78	..	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk—	..	..	..	..	957	982
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	79	60	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur „	224	47	4	2	..	..
3. Dondaparti „	..	..	140	115	..	..
XI. Anakâpalle taluk—	..	..	..	..	637	633
1. Anakâpalle kitchen	..	..	79	58	..	..
2. Paravada „	..	..	116	75	..	..
3. Sabbavaram „	..	..	78	125	..	..
XII. Viravilli taluk—	..	..	..	..	250	421
1. Chôdavaram kitchen	..	..	72	75	..	..
2. Madgole „	..	..	57	22	..	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk—	..	..	..	..	1,265	975
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	32	..	178	118	..	..
2. Naklapalli „	..	..	121	97	..	..
3. Kondakarla „	..	..	92	97	..	..
4. Uddandapuram kitchen	..	..	124	102	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk—	..	..	..	..	171	45
1. Narsapatam kitchen	..	..	117	58	..	..
2. Gidutaru „	..	..	104	103	..	..
3. Natavaram „	..	..	60	83	..	..
Total ..	908	543	4,875	3,143	9,910	7,477

Taluks.	Weavers' relief.					
	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
1. Chipurupalle	39	69	867	805	933	2,640
2. Palkonda	..	..	1,347	1,486	2,922	10,831
3. Vizianagram	222	110	1,743	1,981	2,447	4,813
4. Bimlipatam	120	120	..	..	..	..
5. Gajapatinagaram	45	55	..	..	..	..
Total ..	426	354	3,957	4,272	6,302	18,284

Private charity.—Much contracted.

General Remarks.—The outlook is now much more cheerful than it was at the period of my last report. Very heavy rain, sufficient to fill the tanks and flood the rivers, has been received all over the plains. Agricultural work is progressing briskly, and employment is freely available. Should rain continue to be received at intervals, the prospects of the paddy crop will be very fair. The outturn of the early dry crops is mostly poor, except cumbu, which is in places a good crop and generally fair. Distress is visibly diminishing, and relief operations are being steadily contracted. Everywhere, except in Vizagapatam taluk, they will be unnecessary before the end of September. In Vizagapatam, the duration of distress depends on the receipt of more rain and a fall in prices. There can hardly be any paddy crop in that taluk in any case, but this is not of importance, as it is in any case not a paddy-growing taluk, and the town gets all its supplies from elsewhere, so that a mere local failure will probably not affect prices. Anxiety as to the future is for the present completely allayed.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.						Repair and construction of wells.						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.		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.	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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1. Palkonda																														
2. Sarvasiddhi																														
3. Golgonda																														
4. Párvatipuram																														
5. Srungavarapukota																														
6. Gajapatinagaram																														
Total																														

Taluks.	Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Under construction or repair.	Constructed or repaired.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
1. Palkonda	7	1,000	7	1,000	11	2,070	..	..
2. Sarvasiddhi	8	1,900	8	1,900	9	3,310	..	..
3. Golgonda	16	1,500	16	1,500	..	..	..	..
4. Párvatipuram	4	1,300	4	(c) 1,300	6	500	..	..
5. Srungavarapukota	2	400	2	400	..	..	..	..
6. Gajapatinagaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	37	6,600	36	6,600	26	6,880	..	..

4. The condition of people on works was good, and in villages improving. The numbers on works decreased by 23 per cent., and, on gratuitous relief, by 29 per cent.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is slow, as shown below:—

	Amount advanced.
	rs.
Up to end of week ending—	
14th August	1,19,027
21st „	1,23,079
28th „	1,27,409
4th September	1,32,077

The work done in Golgonda is satisfactory, but much remained in Sarvasiddhi.

6. The report shows that the condition of the district gives but little cause for anxiety. The Collector hopes to close relief generally in the near future, but, in Vizagapatam taluk and the neighbouring portion of Anakápalle, relief must be continued till there is a material fall in prices.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

Order—No. 817, Revenue, dated 27th September 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
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