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

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

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Intermediate works.			
I. Anakápalle taluk	433	..	
II. Gajapatinagram taluk	47	..	
Total ..	480	..	
Grand Total ..	12,362	3,598	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved: At kitchens: Dependants: Last fortnight.	At kitchens: Dependants: This fortnight.	At kitchens: Others: Last fortnight.	At kitchens: Others: This fortnight.	In poor-houses: Last fortnight.	In poor-houses: This fortnight.	In villages: Last fortnight.	In villages: This fortnight.
I. Bobbili taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Bobbili kitchen	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..
2. Amiti do.	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..
II. Párvatípuram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Párvatípuram kitchen	..	..	50	..	..	..	174	..
III. Sálúru taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Ramabhadrapuram kitchen ..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..
2. Mamidipalli kitchen	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	..
3. Makkuva do.	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	..

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	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.
IV. Palkonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Rajam kitchen	..	..	166	77	..	..	..	..
V. Chipurupalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Laveru kitchen	98	60	18	63	..	..	250	..
2. Ranastalam kitchen	..	..	121	..	..	..	..	..
3 Pondur do.	..	..	27	..	..	..	..	..
VI. Gajapatinagaram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Gajapatinagaram kitchen	..	..	133	..	..	..	1,304	258
2. Morakamudidam do.	..	..	168	33	..	..	..	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	96	83	46	43	..	..	613	..
2. Vizianagram do.	..	..	147	75	..	..	..	..
3. Kotagandredu do.	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	..
4. Gantyada do.	..	..	123	..	..	..	..	..
5. Sativada do.	..	..	96	..	..	..	..	..
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Dakamarri kitchen	151	112	11	..	..	..	1,217	745
2. Padmanabham do.	91	37	65	11	..	..	..	..
3. Bhogapuram do.	..	..	131	22	..	..	..	..
4. Tallavalasa do.	..	..	136	68	..	..	..	..
5. Sontyam do.	..	..	117	111	..	..	..	..
IX. Srungavarapukota taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Tummakapalli kitchen	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..
2. Srungavarapukota do.	..	..	78	..	..	..	863	..
X. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	60	..	2	34	..	..	982	911
2. Pendur do.	47	..	115	29	..	..	..	..
3. Dondaparti do.	..	..	..	84	..	..	..	..
XI. Anakapalle taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Anakapalle kitchen	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	..
2. Paravada do.	..	..	75	42	..	..	633	534
3 Subbavaram do.	..	..	125	63	..	..	..	..
XII. Vizavilli taluk	..	..	..	71	..	..	..	..
1. Chodavaram kitchen	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	..
2. Madgole do.	..	..	22	..	..	..	421	..
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	..	..	118	114	..	..	..	..
2. Nakkapalli do.	..	..	97	63	..	..	975	974
3. Kondakerla do.	..	..	97	80	..	..	..	..
4. Undandapuram do.	..	..	102	62	..	..	..	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Narsapatnam kitchen	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	..
2. Gidituru do.	..	..	103	..	..	..	45	..
3. Natavaram do.	..	..	83	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	543	292	3,143	1,145	..	..	7,477	3,422

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	69	..	805	1,464	971	3,611
2. Palkonda	..	..	1,486	2,972	2,466	(a) 12,610
3. Vizianagram	110	..	1,981	3,910	1,616	(b) 7,432
4. Bimlipatam	120	36	..	..	..	..
5. Gajapatinagaram	55	35	..	..	..	..
Total ..	354	71	4,272	8,346	5,053	23,653

(a) *and* (b) The figures entered in the last fortnightly narrative having been reported to be incorrect, they are now corrected. The apparent increase in number of weavers is due to inclusion of women not previously shown.

Private charity.—Improving.

General remarks.—The condition and prospects of the district have continued to improve, and there is now no chance of a second failure of crop, unless the north-east monsoon should fail, which there is no reason to expect.

All relief operations will cease before the end of the current month.

The workers have been rapidly leaving the relief works, and the inmates of kitchens have been voluntarily deserting them, those left being generally only the inhabitants of the village where the kitchen is situated. There is no need to protract relief operations.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing 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.			
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	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	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	
Palkonda	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	Rs. 1,180	Rs. 1,180	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 640	Rs. 640	Rs. 540	Rs. 540	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. 24,612	Rs. 24,612	Rs. 24,612	Rs. 24,612	Rs. 6,674	Rs. 6,674	Rs. 6,674	Rs. 6,674
Sarvasiddhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,960	4,960	2,405	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56,033	56,033	56,033	56,033	25,870	25,870	25,870	25,870
Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,575	1,575	1,575	1,575	1,575	1,575	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27,118	27,118	27,118	27,118	..	..	..	..
Parvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	500	..	1,300	(a) 1,800	1,800	(a) 1,800	1,800	(a) 1,800	500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	400	400	400	400	400	400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,165	1,165	1,165	1,165	300	300	300	300
Vizianagram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	650	650	650	650	100	100	100	100
Total ..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,140	6,140	6,680	6,255	6,680	6,255	8,105	6,255	6,040	6,040	5,755	5,755	4,590	1,850	925	925	2,050	2,050	4,590	1,830	925	925	2,050	2,050	1,31,922	1,32,672	1,31,922	1,32,672	33,694	33,694	33,694	33,694

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	34	35	36	37	38	39			28	29	30	31	32	33			22	23	24	25	26	27		
Palkonda	494	Rs. 24,612	494	Rs. 24,612	78	Rs. 6,674			494	Rs. 24,612	494	Rs. 24,612	78	Rs. 6,674			(b) 15	Rs. 540	(b) 15	Rs. 540	..	Rs. ..		
Sarvasiddhi	629	56,245	629	56,245	110	25,870			626	56,033	626	56,033	110	25,870			3	212	3	212	..	..		
Golgonda	(c) 1,146	50,000	1,146	50,000	..	..			(c) 1,146	27,118	146	27,118	..	..			(c) 1,146	22,882	(c) 1,146	22,882	..	..		
Parvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..		
Srungavarapukota ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..		
Gajapatinagaram ..	..	..	13	1,065	2	300			..	..	10	1,065	2	300			11	1,165	11	1,165	2	1,165		
Vizianagram	11	1,165	4	650	4	650			4	650	4	650	4	650			4	650	4	650	4	650		
Total ..	2,284	1,32,672	2,279	1,31,922	195	33,694			2,281	1,09,578	1,276	1,08,928	195	33,694			1,164	23,634	1,164	23,634	..	..		

(a) Application for the remaining Rs. 500 was withdrawn.

(b) These figures are included in the figure shown in column 28.

(c) 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.

Collector—

Chípurupalle taluk— Pondur. Niddam. Vizianagram taluk— Vizianagram.	Bimlipatam taluk— Dakmarri. Chittivalasa. Tallavalasa. Vemulavalasa. Vizagapatam taluk— Madhuravada.

Principal Assistant Collector—

Vizianagram taluk— Vizianagram kitchen and weavers' depôt. Natavalasa—was unable to cross river for Rega work. Chípurupalle taluk— Pondur—Weavers' depôt and kitchen. Palkonda taluk— Rajam—Weavers' depôt and kitchen.	Bimlipatam taluk— Chittivalasa. Bimlipatam. Bhogapuram kitchen. Tallavalasa kitchen. Sontyam—to close kitchen. Padmanabham—to close work. and kitchen. Dakmarri—Work and kitchen.

Senior Assistant Collector—

Párvatípuram taluk— Venkampeta. Peda Bondapalli. China Bondapalli. Kottapatnam. Lakshminarayanapuram. Narsipuram. Ippavalasa.	Bobbili taluk— Appayyapeta. Rajayapeta. Antipeta. Gollapalli. Nuttavalasa. Sálúru taluk— Ramabhadrapur. Kottakki. Tarapuram. Salúru.

Head Assistant Collector—

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Huzur Deputy Collector.

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Scarcity	9·0	14·0	15·0
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September 1892	10·8	25·2	27·1
„ 1873	8·1	18·5	20·7

Imports continued on a considerable scale.

4. The condition of the people was good or improving. The numbers on works fell by 71 per cent., and on gratuitous relief by 56 per cent. Three works were closed during the fortnight, and only five remained at the end of the period. The Collector hoped to close all relief by the end of the month.

5. Fair work was turned out under the Loans Acts. The following figures exhibit the progress of disbursements:—

Up to end of week ending—	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
August 28th	1,27,409
September 4th	1,32,077
„ 11th	1,38,602
„ 18th	1,44,703

The work is practically completed, except in Sarvasiddhi.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

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

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

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Total ..	11,882	3,598	
Intermediate works.			
I. Anakápalle taluk	433	..	
II. Gajapatinagram taluk	47	..	
Total ..	480	..	
Grand Total ..	12,362	3,598	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved: At kitchens. Dependants. Last fortnight.	At kitchens. Dependants. This fortnight.	At kitchens. Others. Last fortnight.	At kitchens. Others. This fortnight.	In poor-houses. Last fortnight.	In poor-houses. This fortnight.	In villages. Last fortnight.	In villages. This fortnight.
I. Bobbili taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Bobbili kitchen	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..
2. Amiti do.	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..
II. Párvatipuram taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Párvatípuram kitchen	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..
III. Sálúru taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	174	..
1. Ramabhadrapuram kitchen	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..
2. Mamidipalli kitchen	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
3. Makkuva do.	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	..

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.
IV. Palkonda taluk	..	..	..	166	77	..	..	..
1. Rajam kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..	250	..
V. Chipurupalle taluk	98	60	18	63	..	..	..	..
1. Laveru kitchen	..	..	121	..	..	..	..	..
2. Ranastalam kitchen	..	..	27	..	..	..	..	..
3. Pondur do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,304	258
VI. Gajapatinagaram taluk	..	..	133	..	..	..	..	..
1. Gajapatinagaram kitchen	..	..	168	33	..	..	..	..
2. Merakamudidam do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	613	..
VII. Vizianagram taluk	96	83	46	43	..	..	..	..
1. Pusapatirega kitchen	..	..	147	75	..	..	..	..
2. Vizianagram do.	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	..
3. Kotagandredu do.	..	..	123	..	..	..	..	..
4. Gantyada do.	..	..	96	..	..	..	..	..
5. Sativada do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,217	745
VIII. Bimlipatam taluk	151	112	11	11	..	..	..	..
1. Bakamarri kitchen	91	37	65	22	..	..	..	..
2. Padmanabham do.	..	..	131	68	..	..	..	..
3. Bhogapuram do.	..	..	136	111	..	..	..	..
4. Tallavalasa do.	..	..	117	..	..	..	..	..
5. Sontyam do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	863	..
IX. Srungavarapukóta taluk	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..
1. Tummakapalli kitchen	..	..	78	..	..	..	..	..
2. Srungavarapukóta do.	..	..	..	..	..	..	982	911
X. Vizagapatam taluk	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	..
1. Gazuvaka kitchen	60	..	..	29	..	..	..	..
2. Pendur do.	47	..	2	84	..	..	..	..
3. Dondaparti do.	..	..	115	..	..	..	633	534
XI. Anakapalle taluk	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	..
1. Anakapalle kitchen	..	..	58	63	..	..	..	..
2. Paravada do.	..	..	75	71	..	..	..	..
3. Subbavaram do.	..	..	126	..	..	..	421	..
XII. Viravilli taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Chodavaram kitchen	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	..
2. Madgole do.	..	..	22	..	..	..	975	974
XIII. Sarvasiddhi taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Yellamanchili kitchen	..	..	118	114	..	..	..	..
2. Nakkapalli do.	..	..	97	63	..	..	..	..
3. Kondakerla do.	..	..	97	80	..	..	..	..
4. Uddandapuram do.	..	..	102	62	..	..	45	..
XIV. Golgonda taluk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1. Narsapatnam kitchen	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	..
2. Gidituru do.	..	..	103	..	..	..	..	..
3. Natavaram do.	..	..	83	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	543	292	3,143	1,145	..	..	7,477	3,422

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	69	..	805	1,464	971	3,611
2. Palkonda	..	..	1,486	2,972	2,466	(a) 12,610
3. Vizianagram	110	..	1,981	3,910	1,616	(b) 7,432
4. Bimlipatam	120	36	..	..	..	..
5. Gajapatinagaram	55	35	..	..	..	..
Total ..	354	71	4,272	8,346	5,053	23,653

(a) *and* (b) The figures entered in the last fortnightly narrative having been reported to be incorrect, they are now corrected. The apparent increase in number of weavers is due to inclusion of women not previously shown.

Private charity.—Improving.

General remarks.—The condition and prospects of the district have continued to improve, and there is now no chance of a second failure of crop, unless the north-east monsoon should fail, which there is no reason to expect.

All relief operations will cease before the end of the current month.

The workers have been rapidly leaving the relief works, and the inmates of kitchens have been voluntarily deserting them, those left being generally only the inhabitants of the village where the kitchen is situated. There is no need to protract relief operations.

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

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.				Other purposes.				Total.				Number of wells	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		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.		
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.		
Palkonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,000	7	1,000	7	1,000	7	1,000	7	1,000	7	1,180	..	6
Sarvasiddhi	6	1,850	6	925	4	..	6	1,480	12	2,405	12	2,405	12	3,330	12	2,405	12	4,960	..	..
Golgonda	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,675	16	1,675	16	1,675	16	1,675	16	1,675	..	..	..	..
Parvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	(a)1,800	4	(a)1,800	3	1,300	4	(a)1,800	3	1,300	..	500	..	..
Srungavarapukóta	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	400	2	400	2	400	2	400	2	400	..	..	..	..
Gajapatinagaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vizianagram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	6	1,850	6	925	4	2,050	35	6,255	34	5,755	31	4,690	32	6,674	40	6,680	25	6,640	..	6

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed-grain.				Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
	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
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Palkonda	(b) 15	540	(b) 15	540	..	..	..	..	494	24,612	494	24,612	..	..
Sarvasiddhi	3	212	3	212	..	..	..	..	626	56,033	629	56,245	..	..
Golgonda	(c)1,146	22,882	(c) 1,146	22,882	..	..	(c) 1,146	..	146	27,118	1,146	60,000	..	..
Parvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Srungavarapukóta	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gajapatinagaram	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1,165	..	..	10	1,065	2	300
Vizianagram	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	650	..	..	..	..	4	100
Total ..	1,164	23,634	1,164	23,634	..	..	2,281	1,09,578	1,276	1,08,328	195	83,594	195	33,594

Taluks.	Total.				Number of wells	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Palkonda	494	24,612	494	24,612	78	6,674	..	..
Sarvasiddhi	629	56,245	629	56,245	110	25,870	..	..
Golgonda	(c)1,146	60,000	1,146	60,000	..	..	..	..
Parvatipuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Srungavarapukóta	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gajapatinagaram	11	1,165	10	1,065	2	300	..	..
Vizianagram	4	650	..	..	4	100	..	..
Total ..	2,284	1,32,672	2,279	1,31,922	195	33,594	..	6

(b) These figures are included in the figure shown in column 28.

(a) 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.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and Places visited.

Collector—

Chípurupalle taluk—	Bimlipatam taluk—
Pondur.	Dakmarri.
Niddam.	Chittivalasa.
Vizianagram taluk—	Tallavalasa.
Vizianagram.	Vemulavalasa.
	Vizagapatam taluk—
	Madhuravada.

Principal Assistant Collector—

Vizianagram taluk—	Bimlipatam taluk—
Vizianagram kitchen and weavers' depôt.	Chittivalasa.
Natavalasa—was unable to cross river for Rega work.	Bimlipatam.
Chípurupalle taluk—	Bhogapuram kitchen.
Pondur—Weavers' depôt and kitchen.	Tallavalasa kitchen.
Palkonda taluk—	Sontyam—to close kitchen.
Rajam—Weavers' depôt and kitchen.	Padmanabham—to close work. and kitchen.
	Dakmarri—Work and kitchen.

Senior Assistant Collector—

Párvatípuram taluk—	Bobbili taluk—
Venkampeta.	Appayyapeta.
Peda Bondapalli.	Rajayapeta.
China Bondapalli.	Antipeta.
Kottapatnam.	Gollapalli.
Lakshminarayanapuram.	Nuttavalasa.
Narsipuram.	Sálúru taluk—
Ippavalasa.	Ramabhadrapur.
	Kottakki.
	Tarapuram.
	Sálúru.

Head Assistant Collector—

Sarvasiddhi taluk—	Anakápalle taluk—
Yellamanchilli.	Anakápalle.
Tuni.	Kasimkota.
Pentakota.	Munagapaka.
Godicherla and surrounding villages; Kondakarla and neighbourhood.	Tummapala and surrounding villages.

Huzur Deputy Collector.

The whole of Vizagapatam taluk.

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2. The rainfall of the fortnight was in excess of the average, and agriculture operations were brisk.

3. The prices of dry grains show a sharp rise; this was due, as reported by the Collector, to the ryots being busy in their fields, and to the difficulty of transporting grain to the central marts, owing to the heavy rains. The comparative position of prices is shown below:—

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	13·6	15·9
September 1892	10·8	25 2	27·1
„ 1878	8·1	18·5	20·7

Imports continued on a considerable scale.

4. The condition of the people was good or improving. The numbers on works fell by 71 per cent., and on gratuitous relief by 56 per cent. Three works were closed during the fortnight, and only five remained at the end of the period. The Collector hoped to close all relief by the end of the month.

5. Fair work was turned out under the Loans Acts. The following figures exhibit the progress of disbursements:—

Up to end of week ending—	Amount disbursed. Rs.
August 28th	1,27,409
September 4th	1,32,077
„ 11th	1,38,602
„ 18th	1,44,703

The work is practically completed, except in Sarvasiddhi.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

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

ORDER—No. 880, Revenue, dated 21st October 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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