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

W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq., I.C.S.
(Famine Commissioner).

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7. Kurnool town	...	1.40
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yellow cholam were largely sown. The condition of the standing crops is mostly good, though a break for a week or more in the rain, which has been retarding their growth, would be of great benefit.

Western section.—Sowing continued on black soils and weeding was being carried on everywhere. The harvesting of korra and cumbu was commenced, the outturn being from 4 to 12 annas. Castor plants are being devoured by caterpillars. The condition of the other standing crops is very fair.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—Fodder was scarce all over the district, but not quite so difficult to procure in the affected taluks as before. Pasture was abundant throughout. The condition of cattle may be said to have been on the whole fair, though rinderpest unfortunately continued to prevail and caused some 270 deaths.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There is a good deal of anxiety amongst the ryots, lest their crops may be spoiled by the incessant rain that we have been getting of late. But for this superabundance of moisture, prospects would be extremely favourable: as it is, they are fairly so.

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 September 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		Ragi.		Cholam.		Cumbu.		Remarks.
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2. Pyápalli ..	7.49	7.56	17.46	13.58	9.53	12.36	..	9.40	
3. Kurnool town.	7.50	7.86	12.90	12.90	10.96	12.67	..	..	
4. Nandikotkur.	7.86	8.58	..	..	11.64	13.01	..	..	
5. Atmakúru ..	8.21	8.58	..	..	13.35	12.33	..	..	
6. Nandyal ..	8.94	9.29	12.90	16.77	11.30	13.70	..	10.00	
7. Kalwa ..	7.15	7.86	11.61	14.19	11.64	12.33	..	8.75	
8. Koilkuntla ..	8.30	8.71	12.75	12.75	10.27	11.06	..	..	
9. Owk ..	7.47	8.71	12.00	12.75	9.48	11.06	..	..	
10. Allagadda ..	7.15	8.58	12.25	12.90	10.27	12.33	..	..	
11. Giddalur ..	8.30	8.30	12.75	13.50	11.06	11.85	10.15	11.60	
12. Markapur ..	8.30	8.30	15.75	15.37	..	..	11.23	10.87	
Average for affected tract.	7.66	8.54	13.67	14.04	10.37	12.36	..	10.79	
Average for the district ..	7.83	8.50	13.78	14.12	10.82	12.37	10.70	10.94	

Activity of trade.—Trade was dull in the greater part of the central section, and moderately active elsewhere. The markets were well supplied, and there was a distinctly downward tendency in prices at the chief centres of trade.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

Works.—The condition of the labourers on the works that I inspected during the fortnight was very fair. The District Medical and Sanitary officer visited the Gooty road work outside Kurnool and the Laddagiri, Narravulagundam, Rungapuram works, and appears to have found on the average about 86 per cent. of the workers in good health. There was a somewhat severe outbreak of cholera at Hósúr, the centre of the Pattikonda-Molagavalli road work, which caused all the workers to disperse at once.

In villages.—The condition of the people in villages was generally fair, except that cholera continued to prevail causing 320 deaths.

Sickness and mortality.—Cholera, fever and dysentery were the principal complaints. There were no deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—Nil.

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

Taluka.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
1. Pattikonda	18,428	9,941	* Many workers were marked absent for late attendance on the last day of the last fortnight.
2. Ramallakot	23,768	15,867	
3. Nandyal	6,783	8,443	
4. Koilkuntla	26,770	19,830	
5. Sirvel	6,157	3,407	
Total ..	81,906	57,488	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluka.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.
1. Pattikonda	1,657	935	1,049	637	..	..	† 1,147 3,161	† 829 1,242
2. Bāmallaḳōṭa	1,281	2,138	8	10	..	..	1,221 † 12,198	1,402 † 2,090
3. Nandikotkur	..	..	..	..	..	..	275 814	258 808
4. Nandyal	252	238	14	13	..	..	2,000 2,336	835 1,848
5. Koilkuntla	1,247	966	83	65	..	..	1,874 1,407	928 1,008
6. Sirvel	338	181	13	27	..	..	957	651
Total ..	4,775	4,458	1,167	752	..	..	7,200 20,190	6,153 5,746

† The first set of figures represents the number of persons fed in village kitchens and the second set those in receipt of grain doles.
‡ Includes figures for Kurnool town.

Taluke.	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.
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3. Nandikotkur	1	1	..	..	..	..
4. Nandyal	122	103	..	..	..	..
5. Koilkuntla	103	97	1,368	809	2,630	13,387
6. Sirvel	83	83	1,019	550	2,018	11,933
Total ..	519	435	12,681	8,608	20,941	191,691

Private Charity.—Nil.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The works in progress near Marella, Rudravaram and Komarole were closed, and certain other works were ordered to be amalgamated during the period.

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluk and places visited.

I was on tour for fourteen days and inspected the following:—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Koilkuntla, Bhimunipad, Mukkumalla, Akumalla, Singanapalli, Owk, Gullasingavaram, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Kalavatala, Nandipad, Timmanayunipeta, Ankireddipalli, ummaTlapenta, Itikala, Patnikota, Zimutula and Uppalapad.

Pattikonda taluk.—Racherla and Jaladurgam.

Ramallakot taluk.—Kocheruvu, Dhone and Veldurthi.

Works.—Koilkuntla section of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road work, Koilkuntla-Mudugode road work, three Owk works, Itikala work, Narravulagundam work and Kocheruvu—Pyapalli road.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for seven days and visited the following villages:—

Nandyal taluk.—Gaggatur, Kothur, Gonavaram, Alamur and Panyam.

Sirvel taluk.—Rayapad.

Koilkuntla taluk.—Bhimunipad, Koilkuntla, Velagatur, Bijanavemula, Chinna Kopperla and Vallampad.

Works.—Koilkuntla section of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road, Koilkuntla-Mudigode work and Panyam-Banganapalli frontier road.

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

Ramallakot taluk.—Kurnool, Peddapad, Salkapuram, Panchikalapad and Nagalapuram.

Pattikonda taluk.—Kodumur, Varukur, Vamugode, Hendrikhairavadi, Gonegandla, Alavala, Belagal, Iyrainbunda, Ternikal, Palakurthi and Karivemula.

Works.—Bellary road work near Kurnool, Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemmiganur road, Belagal section of the Panchikalapad-Belagal road, Karivemula section of the Karivemula-Moolagundam road work.

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

Nandikotkur taluk.—Atmakuru, Velgode, Nandikotkur and Veepanagundla.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following villages:—

Markapur taluk.—Dhupad, Gollapalli, Vallampalli, Rajupalayam, Tirupuranta-kam, Ganapuram, Marivemula, Sethakodu, Pullalacheruvu, Chapalamadugu, Visvanadhapuram, Tokapalli, Gobbur and Darimadugu.

Cumbum taluk.—Cumbum, Bestwarpet, Ravipad and Kandulapuram.

RESOLUTION—No. 670, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the period was more than sufficient, and a spell of fine weather was desired, as the crops were likely to suffer from excessive rain. There is a curious similarity between the season of 1897 and 1877. In both seasons the south-west monsoon was late, and in both it was copious. In 1877, the two monsoons ran into each other, as seems to be the case this year, and in both years the crop suffered from excess of rain and insect pest or blight. In the present year, these have been reported from Ganjam, Kurnool and Anantapur. It was the damage caused by excessive rain, insects and blight which caused the distress of 1877 to be prolonged into the following year. The causes are not at work to the same extent in the present year, and there is no reason to apprehend danger, but the coincidence is worth noticing.

3. Food-grains, on the whole, were cheaper. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13.2	..	30.0	28.0
Warning	10.6	..	22.5	21.0
Scarcity	7.9	..	15.0	14.0
Current	8.1	14.1	10.8	11.0
September 1892	10.1	17.4	19.2	14.7
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4. The condition of the people was generally fair, but cholera was prevalent. The number of relief-workers fell by 30 per cent., and of those on gratuitous relief by 54 per cent. Three works were closed, and others were amalgamated.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed. RS.
September 11th	3,72,298
„ 18th	3,80,638
„ 25th	3,84,749
October 2nd	4,00,934

Excluding applications for purchase of fodder, applications for about a lakh remain to be disposed of.

(True Copy and Extract.)

W. D. Moss
Famine Secretary.

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

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	Repair and construction of wells.					Other purposes.					Cattle and seed-grain.					Purchase of fodder.				
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number of wells.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
1. Pattikonda	158	43,080	158	26,478	21	1,127	1,211,140	1,127	1,211,140	93	1,127	1,211,140	1,127	1,211,140	28	1,127	1,211,140	1,127	1,211,140	287
2. Ramallakota	30	6,850	28	6,550	20	1,127	1,211,140	26	2,210	20	1,127	1,211,140	26	2,210	20	1,127	1,211,140	26	2,210	20
3. Nandikotkur	2	400	2	400	19	1,127	1,211,140	4	4,375	18	1,127	1,211,140	4	4,375	17	1,127	1,211,140	4	4,375	18
4. Nandiyal	11	3,900	11	1,600	17	1,127	1,211,140	31	8,925	16	1,127	1,211,140	31	8,925	16	1,127	1,211,140	31	8,925	16
5. Koilkuntla	21	4,700	24	4,700	16	1,127	1,211,140	29	8,175	15	1,127	1,211,140	29	8,175	15	1,127	1,211,140	29	8,175	15
6. Sirvel	65	10,700	59	10,300	14	1,127	1,211,140	16	1,950	13	1,127	1,211,140	16	1,950	13	1,127	1,211,140	16	1,950	13
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	13	1,127	1,211,140	..	..	12	1,127	1,211,140	..	..	12	1,127	1,211,140	..	..	12
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	11	1,127	1,211,140	..	..	10	1,127	1,211,140	..	..	10	1,127	1,211,140	..	..	10
Total ..	290	69,630	282	50,038	174	1,127	1,211,140	123	1,33,400	93	1,127	1,211,140	123	1,33,400	93	1,127	1,211,140	123	1,33,400	93
1. Pattikonda	2,439	1,17,425	2,439	1,17,425	39	2,953	1,34,444	2,953	1,34,444	38	2,953	1,34,444	2,953	1,34,444	38	2,953	1,34,444	2,953	1,34,444	39
2. Ramallakota	108	7,319	100	6,544	37	2,953	1,34,444	65	6,030	36	2,953	1,34,444	65	6,030	36	2,953	1,34,444	65	6,030	37
3. Nandikotkur	139	8,309	129	7,379	36	2,953	1,34,444	75	6,200	35	2,953	1,34,444	75	6,200	35	2,953	1,34,444	75	6,200	36
4. Nandiyal	915	56,798	790	50,649	35	2,953	1,34,444	200	22,531	34	2,953	1,34,444	200	22,531	34	2,953	1,34,444	200	22,531	35
5. Koilkuntla	37	1,929	36	1,889	34	2,953	1,34,444	146	8,010	33	2,953	1,34,444	146	8,010	33	2,953	1,34,444	146	8,010	34
6. Sirvel	..	..	..	..	33	2,953	1,34,444	..	..	32	2,953	1,34,444	..	..	32	2,953	1,34,444	..	..	33
7. Cumbum	..	..	..	..	32	2,953	1,34,444	..	..	31	2,953	1,34,444	..	..	31	2,953	1,34,444	..	..	32
8. Markapur	..	..	..	..	30	2,953	1,34,444	..	..	30	2,953	1,34,444	..	..	30	2,953	1,34,444	..	..	31
Total ..	3,638	1,91,730	3,494	1,83,836	1,610	4,453	2,29,129	4,288	2,19,600	1,610	4,453	2,29,129	4,288	2,19,600	1,610	4,453	2,29,129	4,288	2,19,600	1,610

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluk and places visited.

I was on tour for fourteen days and inspected the following:—

Koilkuntla taluk.—Koilkuntla, Bhimunipad, Mukkumalla, Akumalla, Singanapalli, Owk, Gullasingavaram, Ramapuram, Kolimigundla, Kalavatala, Nandipad, Timmanayunipeta, Ankireddipalli, Tummalapenta, Itikala, Patnikota, Zimutula and Uppalapad.

Pattikonda taluk.—Racherla and Jaladurgam.

Ramallakot taluk.—Kocheruvu, Dhone and Veldurthi.

Works.—Koilkuntla section of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road work, Koilkuntla-Mudugode road work, three Owk works, Itikala work, Narravulagundam work and Kocheruvu—Pyapalli road.

The Head Assistant Collector was in camp for seven days and visited the following villages:—

Nandyal taluk.—Gaggatur, Kothur, Gonavaram, Alamur and Panyam.

Sirvel taluk.—Rayapad.

Koilkuntla taluk.—Bhimunipad, Koilkuntla, Velagatur, Bijanavemula, Chinna Kopperla and Vallampad.

Works.—Koilkuntla section of the Koilkuntla-Allagadda road, Koilkuntla-Mudigode work and Panyam-Banganapalli frontier road.

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

Ramallakot taluk.—Kurnool, Peddapad, Salkapuram, Panchikalapad and Nagalapuram.

Pattikonda taluk.—Kodumur, Varukur, Vamugode, Hendrikhairavadi, Gonegandla, Alavala, Belagal, Iyrainbunda, Ternikal, Palakurthi and Karivemula.

Works.—Bellary road work near Kurnool, Kodumur section of the Kodumur-Yemmiganur road, Belagal section of the Panchikalapad-Belagal road, Karivemula section of the Karivemula-Moolagundam road work.

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

Nandikotkur taluk.—Atmakuru, Velgode, Nandikotkur and Veepanagundla.

The Cumbum Deputy Collector inspected the following villages:—

Markapur taluk.—Dhupad, Gollapalli, Vallampalli, Rajupalayam, Tirupurankam, Ganapuram, Marivemula, Sethakodu, Pullalacheruvu, Chapalamadugu, Visvanadhapuram, Tokapalli, Gobbur and Darimadugu.

Cumbum taluk.—Cumbum, Bestwarpet, Ravipad and Kandulapuram.

Resolution—No. 670, dated 15th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall during the period was more than sufficient, and a spell of fine weather was desired, as the crops were likely to suffer from excessive rain. There is a curious similarity between the season of 1897 and 1877. In both seasons the south-west monsoon was late, and in both it was copious. In 1877, the two monsoons ran into each other, as seems to be the case this year, and in both years the crop suffered from excess of rain and insect pest or blight. In the present year, these have been reported from Ganjam, Kurnool and Anantapur. It was the damage caused by excessive rain, insects and blight which caused the distress of 1877 to be prolonged into the following year. The causes are not at work to the same extent in the present year, and there is no reason to apprehend danger, but the coincidence is worth noticing.

3. Food-grains, on the whole, were cheaper. The comparative position of prices is shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Ragi.	Cholam.	Cumbu.
Normal	13.2	..	30.0	28.0
Warning	10.6	..	22.5	21.0
Scarcity	7.9	..	15.0	14.0
Current	8.1	14.1	10.8	11.0
September 1892	10.1	17.4	19.2	14.7
" 1877	5.4	6.6	6.4	5.3

4. The condition of the people was generally fair, but cholera was prevalent. The number of relief-workers fell by 30 per cent., and of those on gratuitous relief by 54 per cent. Three works were closed, and others were amalgamated.

5. Progress in the disbursement of loans is shown by the subjoined figures:—

Up to end of week ending	Amount disbursed.
	RS.
September 11th	3,72,298
" 18th	3,80,638
" 25th	3,84,749
October 2nd	4,00,934

Excluding applications for purchase of fodder, applications for about a lakh remain to be disposed of.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Kurnool.

" Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 898, Revenue, dated 28th October 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
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