

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 933

DATED 11th November

[Despatch Abstract.]

Agreeing with the Famine Commission in thinking that gratuitous relief in Godavari should be continued up to the end of November.

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the Hon. Sec. Treas. etc
of the Government

CURRENT No

I agree with the Gov but
the rule of grain at present
will not cease, but I agree
with the famine Commission
it will not be safe to stop
prohibitive rule altogether
till the end of this war

CURRENT No. 1071187

For Order

Mr Brodie issued orders to
stop gratuitous relief from the
15th October, but Mr. Gannie
Cannor has directed him to
continue ^{this} relief pending further
orders. The latter agreeing with
Mr Phillips, considers that
the pinch will come again
in November and that relief
should be continued at least
till the end of this month,
and requests the early
orders of Govt on the point

From

Board of Revenue

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T. J. Smith & D. D.
P. J. Smith

11/19/97
 - from the N. E. Province to the (R. I. L. R. v. Agriculture)
 condition of business in the
 improved districts, which may be
 sent to Hon. Sec. 674.
 A. S. H.
 11/19/97

Dated 18-10-97

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SUBJECT

Submg. to Govt., with remarks
Fortnightly Narrative of the
Godavari D^y for the period
ending 30-9-97.

On the one side are the
 Fanning Com: Messrs Phillips
 Ward & Co. On the other
 side, Testimony from numerous

ing is, it is submitted, plain
that it that the sale of
in at reduced rates that is
allowed. If necessary grain does
the grain.

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Proceedings, No. 674, 18th October 1897.

OCTOBER.

Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Górávari district
for the period ending 30th September 1897.

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RESOLUTION—No. 674, dated 18th October 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of B.P., No. 658 of 1897.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

H. Brodie 27/10
Famine Secretary.

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

The Hon. Secy. of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

C. No 9371

To (Powers) No 933 of 11th No

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Famine Comm in thinking the
grain relief should be
continued up to the end of N.
In regard to the suggestion
in the last sentence of N. go
forward. At page 3 of the report
Famine. The Govt has already
ruled that the sale of grain
at reduced rates is opposed
to the general policy of the
Famine Code and the Secy

Secy.

12/11/97

JG
15/11/97

(List from orders of)

The Famine Comm.

20.13.11.97

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Under the provisions of the
Famine Code the Govt
will be bound to do so.

RS
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NOVEMBER.

Gratuitous Relief.

Agreeing with the Famine Commissioner in thinking that — in Godáviri should be continued up to the end of November.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 674, dated 18th October 1897:—

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

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative for the Special Assistant Agent's Division, Gódvári district, for the period ending 30th September 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply—

						Rainfall during the period.	Average of 5 years.
						INCHES.	INCHES.
Bhadrachalam	...	...	...	...	...	* 1.50	3.03
Polavaram	...	...	...	...	...	Information not given.	

* On 12th, 16th, 18th, 20th and 22nd.

Rainfall has been quite sufficient for agricultural operations.

As all anxiety about Chódvaram and Yellavaram divisions has ceased, information with regard to those two divisions has not been given in this narrative. The officers concerned have been directed to discontinue the submission of the returns.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Bhadrachalam taluk.—Monjonna and pulses are being sown. Maize, sama and gingelly are being harvested. Outturn mostly 16 annas.

Standing crops—Hill cholam and paddy—good. Dry paddy and pinnavari in some places coming into ear.

Polavaram division.—Owing to heavy rains, the sowing of castor and cholam could not be effected.

Supply of fodder and pasture, and condition of cattle.—No fodder in either division. Pasture is abundant.

The condition of cattle is good. No cattle diseases.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—There was sufficient rain for wet cultivation. Owing to heavy and excessive rains, later dry crops could not be raised during the fortnight.

There is no anxiety with regard to cattle. Their condition is good. No cattle diseases are prevailing.

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.		Cholam.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Bhadrachalam	7½	9	11	12	..	..	The prices have slightly fallen owing to the recent harvest of early dry crops.umbu is sold at 22 seers in Polavaram division. In Durnagudem, cholam is selling at 12 seers, and ragi at 14 seers a rupee, and rice at 10 seers a rupee.
Kunnavaram	8	8	10	10	..	..	
Waddigudem	7	8	10	10	..	..	
Polavaram	7	8	10	13	10	13	

Activity of trade—Bhadrachalam.—Moderate both in rice and dry staple food-grains. *Polavaram.*—Active in rice and other food grains.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—No relief works.

In villages—Bhadrachalam taluk.—The old, the infirm and the destitute poor are given gratuitous relief. Most of the Koyas are living on the new dry crops harvested. Some are living on the advances of cholam and ragi made to them from the Madras Charitable Fund.

Sickness and mortality.—No deaths from starvation.

Remarks.—In Polavaram division, there was cholera in some villages. There were no deaths from starvation.

The people in Polavaram have harvested their early dry crops, and are eating the new grain. In Bhadrachalam, advances of food grains are made, and gratuitous relief also is given.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

Works.—Nil.

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluk.	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.
Bhadrachalam	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,073	803

Figures from Polavaram again not reported.

Taluk.	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.
Bhadrachalam	..	..	192	106	..	..

Private charity.—The grain advances referred to in the last fortnight's narrative are still made.

General Remarks.—Prospects have been improving during the fortnight, as is shown by the great diminution in the number on gratuitous relief. By the middle of this month it should be possible to discontinue relief measures as the demand for labour is increasing, and the poorer land-holding Koyas will be able to support themselves on the grain advances now being given. The state of the people in November will have to be very carefully watched, as this is always the hardest time of the year for them. They will not save up the early dry crops, but consume them at once, and consequently their supply of grain is generally exhausted before the later crops are harvested. I do not, however, think that relief measures should be continued during all this time as it will tend to demoralize the people. It may be necessary to again sell grain at favourable rates during November and the first half of December, if prices do not, in the meantime, fall considerably.

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Exd. Shaik Karim.

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