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Steps are being taken to provide pasture where necessary and possible by throwing open reserves for grazing.

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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 26th February 1898.

Stations.	Rice, second sort.		Cholam.		Ragi.		Cumbu.	
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.
1. Ongole	8·46	8·40	12·15	14·40	14·03	15·30	11·14	13·20
2. Addanki	7·99	8 93	13·50	13·50	..	..	11·55	11·55
3. Darsi	9·40	9·40	12·67	12·67	13 60	13·60	10·66	10·66
4. Podili	8·46	8·46	10·86	12·67	12·75	13·60	13·12	..
5. Kandukur	7·99	7·99	11·31	12 67	12·33	13·60	10·46	11·48
6. Kanigiri	7·52	7·52	11·77	12·67	12·75	12·75	9·90	10·73
7. Atmakúr	9·40	9·40	..	14·48	12·33	13·60	..	..
8. Udayagiri	..	..	12·67	13·58	11·90	12·33	11·07	11·48
9. Kavali	9·40	9·40	11·77	12·22	12·75	13·18	13·12	..
10. Nellore	9·01	9·01	13·90	13·39	13·44	13·92	11·75	12·22
11. Allur	8 48	8·48	..	..	11·52	11·52	..	..
12. Gudur	8·48	8·48	12·36	14·42	13 44	13·44	11·28	13·16
13. Kota	7·42	7·42	..	..	10 56	10·56	10 34	10·34
14. Polur	8·48	8·48	..	..	11·76	11·76	..	..
15. Rapur	..	..	10·80	10 80	.	..	10·73	10·73
16. Venkatagiri	8·48	8·48	..	..	13·44	13·92	13·12.	12·69
Average ..	8·50	8·63	12·16	13·12	12·61	13 08	11·40	11·66

	Scarcity-rate.	Warning-rate.
Rice	8·40	11·20
Cholam	13·00	19·58
Ragi	14·00	21·00
Cumbu	12·00	18·00

Activity of trade—Sub-Division.—Private trade is active. The markets are well stocked with food-grains.

Atmakur Division.—Private trade is active. Dry grains are being imported into the division from Nellore and Cuddapah, while paddy is being exported to Cuddapah from the Atmakur taluk.

Head-Quarters Division.—Private trade is active. Rice is being exported to Madras and northern taluks. Cholam is imported from Sholapur.

Head Assistant Collector's Division.—There still continues to be import to Rapur from Gudur and Nellore. Imports to Venkatagiri are reported to have ceased. Grain is reported to be more freely parted with, in Gudur taluk for one reason to realise money to pay Government kist.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Generally good.

In villages.—Generally good. The existing harvesting operations employ local labour to a considerable extent. In the Head Assistant Collector's Division, the people are reported to be in good condition everywhere, but probably less so in Rapur than elsewhere. As a rule there is no want of labour and in Venkatagiri at least, wages appear to be higher than in ordinary years in consideration of high prices.

Sickness and Mortality.

Sub-Division.—Cholera prevails in six villages of the Ongole taluk and five villages of the Kandukur taluk. Attacks 106 and deaths 55. Fever is prevalent in Ongole.

Atmakur Division.—Cholera prevails in three villages of the Udayagiri taluk and one village of Atmakur. Attacks 18, deaths 12. Small-pox prevails in two villages of Udayagiri and five villages of Atmakur. Fever in a mild form prevails in some villages in Udayagiri taluk.

Head-Quarters Division.—Cases of cholera have occurred in twenty-two villages of Nellore taluk and one village in Kavali taluk. Attacks 278, deaths 177.

Head Assistant Collector's Division.—No exceptional mortality is reported except from cholera which still prevails to some extent in all the taluks and divisions, the largest number of cases being in Gudur itself. The outbreak in Rapur villages has subsided.

Remarks.—Prices of food-grains had been a little easier during the fortnight under report, due to the harvest bringing in new grain into the market.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Kanigiri Taluk.			
Narramarella near Pamur	841	1,161	Continues as a task work with an attached kitchen.
Nandanavanam	378	967	Intermediate system ; no kitchen.
Podili Division.			
Pedarikatla	2,906	3,025	Continues as a task work with kitchen.
Udayagiri Taluk.			
Narravada	1,403	1,480	Intermediate system with kitchen.
Nellatur	920	731	Do. no kitchen.
Total ..	6,448	7,364	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependents.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Kanigiri Taluk.								
Narramarella	68	67	14	* 5	..	..	..	..
Addanki Division.								
Addanki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	* 2
Podili Division.								
Pedarikatla	28	28	4	..	..	..	2	* 2
Udaygiri Taluk.								
Narravada	80	52	13	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	171	147	31	5	..	..	2	2

* Ordered to be discontinued.

Private charity.—*Nil.*

General remarks—Sub-Collector's remarks.—Want of work is felt in the western villages of Kandukur taluk and Darsi Division. Repairs to two tanks in the Venkatagiri estate are being executed and are employing 150 coolies. It is reported that more similar works will be started.

Atmakur Deputy Collector.—The season is on the whole fair in the Atmakur taluk and the southern portion of the Udayagiri taluk. This being the harvest season, coolies find private employment in many places.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector.—Labouring classes find employment in both the taluks owing to the harvest operations. From the non-deltaic villages of the Nellore taluk, the poorer classes go to the neighbouring delta villages for work. People in the south-western villages of the Nellore taluk, such as Amancherla, Dontali, &c., are reported to be in need of work. Some Local Fund well works have already been sanctioned for these villages.

Head Assistant Collector.—The condition of things does not appear to be such as to call for relief measures anywhere at present though it may possibly be otherwise in two or three tracts, after agricultural operations have ceased and wages have been spent.

Collector's remarks.—This report has been delayed owing to the non-receipt of the Head Assistant Collector's report and owing to my being on tour. The slight rainfall in the Sub-division and in the Atmakur Division was only nominal. The state of things continues much the same though the prevailing harvesting operations arrested any increase in the numbers on the relief works in the Udayagiri taluk. The increase on the works in the Kanigiri and Podili taluks point to the deepening of the distress there, and the numbers will probably have increased still more by the end of another fortnight. I am now at Kanigiri and propose visiting the several works and parts of Podili and Darsi. I have recently been through the north-western portion of the Kandukur taluk and some villages in the east of Kanigiri taluk. I saw no signs of any distress in the Kandukur taluk and, on the contrary, the people showed every sign of being fairly well off. I found enough food-supplies in all the Madiga and Mala parts I inspected and I am quite satisfied that no relief will be necessary in the next two or three months in the north-west of Kandukur. In the few villages to the east of this taluk, I have been, I saw again no sign of any distress, and I believe a good many villages in the taluk will not be affected. There is a very fair cholam crop in many villages in the north-west of Kandukur taluk and throughout my tour both in Kandukur and Kanigiri I saw good extents of very fair ragi. I went also to a few villages to the south-east of Podili taluk, where also no relief will be necessary for some months at least.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.								Cattle and seed-grain.								Total.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Number of wells	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
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.		
Atmakur	..	..	..	..	55	7,950	..	..	..	..	10	1,600	..	..	..	..	65	9,550	..	..
Udayagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	6,045	..	..	65	9,550	..	..
Total ..	36	6,045	..	..	55	7,950	..	..	..	..	10	1,600	36	6,045	..	..	65	9,550	..	..

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						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.
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.				Rs.
Atmakur	..	..	..	..	29	2,820	4	700	..	..	27	2,020
Udayagiri	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	29	2,820	4	700	..	..	27	2,020

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1	34	35	36	37	38	39						
		Rs.				Rs.						
Atmakur	..	..	..	..	56	4,840						
Udayagiri	4	700	..	..	..	..						
Total ..	4	700	..	..	56	4,840						

Inspections of the District Officers—*Taluks and places visited*—

Sub-Collector.

Kandukur Taluk.	*Ongole Taluk.*
Singarayakonda.	Pellur.
Kandukur.	

Atmakur Deputy Collector.

Udayagiri Taluk.		*Atmakur Taluk.*
Guvvadi.	Yepilegunta.	Padakandla.
Appasamudram.	Timmayapollem.	Yerraballi.
Narravada.	Nandipad.	Aravedu.
Udayagiri.	Venkatadripollem.	

Head-quarters Deputy Collector.

Nellore Taluk.

Kondayapolem.	Chinnacherukur.
Kanupartipadu.	Allipuram.

Head Assistant Collector.—Report not received.

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Kandukur Taluk.

Kandukur.	Chodavaram.	Pattipodu.	Polireddipollem.
Jillellamedi.	Vennur.	Peridipi.	Pettur.
Narasingole.	Uppalapodu.	Kondapi.	Tangella.
Narisettivoripollem.	Chinnavenkanapollem.	Nennurpodu.	Mekapadu.
Muppavaram.			

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2. There was slight rainfall in parts of the district during the fortnight, but it was of little use for the standing crops, and insufficient to improve the water-supply.

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	Rice.	Cholam.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
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Warning	11·2	19·5	21·0	18·0
Scarcity	8·4	13·0	14·0	12·0
Current	8·6	13·1	13·1	11·7
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„ 1877	8·1	8·9	9·2	8·1

6. The numbers on works increased by 14 per cent.; when the harvests are over, a considerable addition to the numbers on works may be expected. The condition of the people on works and in villages is reported to be generally good.

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8. The Collector should take steps to submit these reports punctually.

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Head Assistant Collector's Division.—There is naturally no improvement in pasture in the absence of rain, while fodder supplies have been replenished by the harvest. Cattle are not taking any harm from the season, except to some extent in Rapur. Cattle disease still prevails in the Gudur and Kota firkas of Gudur taluk but has subsided considerably elsewhere.

The Sub-Collector remarks that the situation in his division is growing worse.

Steps are being taken to provide pasture where necessary and possible by throwing open reserves for grazing.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—At present there appears to be no lack of work anywhere, except possibly in the western villages of Sríharikóta range. Here the little crop there was, has already been reaped, and it is reported that people have left at least one of the villages to go in search of labour. The Tahsildar of Gudur and Deputy Tahsildar of Pólúr propose some works here in the repair of tangals which would provide labour, and water would also be made available for cultivating ragi. I hardly think, however, that any work is necessary at any rate as yet, and the people can probably get away to the canal, to places where there is labour available, if they are anxious for it. In Kota range the crops have not turned out as bad a failure as was anticipated, most of the villages having a certain extent on which there has been yield. In the south of Pólúr division there is still sufficient labour on railway works. In the rest of Pólúr division and in Venkatagiri there appears to be sufficient labour at present and also in Rapur. Rapur is still probably [illegible] local scarcity is most to be apprehended after

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 26th February 1898.

Stations.	Rice, second sort.		Cholam.		Ragi.		Cumbu.	
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.
1. Ongole	8·46	8·40	12·15	14·40	14·03	15·30	11·14	13·20
2. Addanki	7·99	8·93	13·50	13·50	..	..	11·55	11·55
3. Darsi	9·40	9·40	12·67	12·67	13 60	13·60	10·66	10·66
4. Podili	8·46	8·46	10·86	12·67	12·75	13·60	13·12	..
5. Kandukur	7·99	7·99	11·81	12 67	12·33	13·60	10·46	11·48
6. Kanigiri	7·52	7·52	11·77	12·67	12·75	12·75	9·90	10·73
7. Atmakûr	9·40	9·40	..	14·48	12·33	13·60	..	..
8. Udayagiri	..	..	12·67	13·58	11·90	12·33	11·07	11·48
9. Kavali	9·40	9·40	11·77	12·22	12·75	13·18	13·12	..
10. Nellore	9·01	9·01	13·90	13·39	13·44	13·92	11·75	12·22
11. Allur	8 48	8·48	..	..	11·52	11·52	..	..
12. Gudur	8·48	8·48	12·36	14·42	13 44	13·44	11·28	13·16
13. Kota	7·42	7·42	..	..	10·56	10·56	10 34	10·34
14. Polur	8·48	8·48	..	..	11·76	11·76	..	..
15. Rapur	..	..	10·80	10 80	..	..	10·73	10·73
16. Venkatagiri	8·48	8·48	..	..	13·44	13·92	13·12	12·69
Average ..	8·50	8·63	12·16	13·12	12·61	13·08	11·40	11·66

	Scarcity-rate.	Warning-rate.
Rice	8·40	11·20
Cholam	13·00	19·58
Ragi	14·00	21·00
Cumbu	12·00	18·00

Activity of trade—Sub-Division.—Private trade is active. The markets are well stocked with food-grains.

Atmakur Division.—Private trade is active. Dry grains are being imported into the division from Nellore and Cuddapah, while paddy is being exported to Cuddapah from the Atmakur taluk.

Head-Quarters Division.—Private trade is active. Rice is being exported to Madras and northern taluks. Cholam is imported from Sholapur.

Head Assistant Collector's Division.—There still continues to be import to Rapu from Gudur and Nellore. Imports to Venkatagiri are reported to have ceased. Grain is reported to be more freely parted with, in Gudur taluk for one reason to realise money to pay Government kist.

Condition of the People.

On works.—Generally good.

In villages.—Generally good. The existing harvesting operations employ local labour to a considerable extent. In the Head Assistant Collector's Division, the people are reported to be in good condition everywhere, but probably less so in Rapur than elsewhere. As a rule there is no want of labour and in Venkatagiri at least, wages appear to be higher than in ordinary years in consideration of high prices.

Sickness and Mortality.

Sub-Division.—Cholera prevails in six villages of the Ongole taluk and five villages of the Kandukur taluk. Attacks 106 and deaths 55. Fever is prevalent in Ongole.

Atmakur Division.—Cholera prevails in three villages of the Udayagiri taluk and one village of Atmakur. Attacks 18, deaths 12. Small-pox prevails in two villages of Udayagiri and five villages of Atmakur. Fever in a [illegible] Udayagiri taluk.

Head-Quarters Division.—Cases of cholera have occurred in twenty-two villages of Nellore taluk and one village in Kavali taluk. Attacks 278, deaths 177.

Head Assistant Collector's Division.—No exceptional mortality is reported except from cholera which still prevails to some extent in all the taluks and divisions, the largest number of cases being in Gudur itself. The outbreak in Rapur villages has subsided.

Remarks.—Prices of food-grains had been a little easier during the fortnight under report, due to the harvest bringing in new grain into the market.

Measures of Relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Kanigiri Taluk.			
Narramarella near Pamur	841	1,161	Continues as a task work with an attached kitchen.
Nandanavanam	378	967	Intermediate system ; no kitchen.
Podili Division.			
Pedarikatla	2,906	3,025	Continues as a task work with kitchen.
Udayagiri Taluk.			
Narravada	1,403	1,480	Intermediate system with kitchen.
Nellatur	920	731	Do. no kitchen.
Total ..	6,448	7,364	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluks.	Number relieved					
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.	
	Dependents.		Others.			
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Kanigiri Taluk.						
Narramarella	63	67	14	* 5	..	..
Addanki Division.						
Addanki	..	..	..	..	..	..
Podili Division.						
Pedarikatla	28	28	4	..	..	..
Udayagiri Taluk.						
Narravada	80	52	13	..	..	..
Total ..	171	147	31	5	..	..

* Ordered to be discontinued.

Private charity.—*Nil.*

General remarks—Sub-Collector's remarks.—Want of work is felt in villages of Kandukur taluk and Darsi Division. Repairs to two tanks in Venkatagiri estate are being executed and are employing 150 coolies. It is hoped more similar works will be started.

Atmakur Deputy Collector.—The season is on the whole fair in the Atmakur taluk and the southern portion of the Udayagiri taluk. This being the harvest season, coolies find private employment in many places.

Head-quarters Deputy Collector.—Labouring classes find employment in both the taluks owing to the harvest operations. From the non-deltaic villages of the Nellore taluk, the poorer classes go to the neighbouring delta villages for work. People in the south-western villages of the Nellore taluk, such as Amancherla, Dontali, &c., are reported to be in need of work. Some Local Fund well works have already been sanctioned for these villages.

Head Assistant Collector.—The condition of things does not appear to be such as to call for relief measures anywhere at present though it may possibly be otherwise in two or three tracts, after agricultural operations have ceased and wages have been spent.

Collector's remarks.—This report has been delayed owing to the non-receipt of the Head Assistant Collector's report and owing to my being on tour. The slight rainfall in the Sub-division and in the Atmakur Division was only nominal. The state of things continues much the same though the prevailing harvesting operations arrested any increase in the numbers on the relief works in the Udayagiri taluk. The increase on the works in the Kanigiri and Podili taluks point to the deepening of the distress there, and the numbers will probably have increased still more by the end of another fortnight. I am now at Kanigiri and propose visiting the several works and parts of Podili and Darsi. I have recently been through the north-western portion of the Kandukur taluk and some villages in the east of Kanigiri taluk. I saw no signs of any distress in the Kandukur taluk and, on the contrary, the people showed every sign of being fairly well off. I found enough food-supplies in all the Madiga and Mala parts I inspected and I am quite satisfied that no relief will be necessary in the next two or three months in the north-west of Kandukur. In the few villages to the east of this taluk, I have been, I saw again no sign of any distress, and I believe a good many villages in the taluk will not be affected. There is a very fair cholam crop in many villages in the north-west of Kandukur taluk and throughout my tour both in Kandukur and Kanigiri I saw good extents of very fair ragi. I went also to a few villages to the south-east of Podili taluk, where also no relief will be necessary for s[illegible]hs at least.

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS—*Taluks and places visited.*

SUB-COLLECTOR.

Kandukur Taluk.	*Ongole Taluk.*
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ATMAKUR DEPUTY COLLECTOR.

Udayagiri Taluk.		*Atmakur Taluk.*
Guvvadi.	Yepilegunta.	Padakandla.
Appasamudram.	Timmayapollem.	Yerraballi.
Narravada.	Nandipad.	Aravedu.
Udayagiri.	Venkatadripollem.	

HEAD-QUARTERS DEPUTY COLLECTOR.

Nellore Taluk.

Kondayapolem.	Chinnacherukur.
Kanupartipadu.	Allipuram.

HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR.—Report not received.

COLLECTOR.

Kandukur Taluk.

Kandukur.	Chodavaram.	Pattipodu.	Polireddipollem
Jillellamedi.	Vennur.	Peridipi.	Pettur.
Narasingole.	Uppalapodu.	Kondapi.	Tangella.
Narisettivoripollem.	Chinnavenkanapollem.	Nennurpodu.	Mekapadu.
Muppavaram.			

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2. There was slight rainfall in parts of the district during the fortnight, but it was of little use for the standing crops, and insufficient to improve the water-supply.

3. Harvesting operations are progressing, and though the outturn is only poor to middling or fair, the labouring classes generally find sufficient work in the fields for the present.

4. Pasture may be said to be non-existent over considerable areas, and forest reserves are being thrown open for grazing as far as possible. The condition of the cattle is, on the whole, fair.

5. Prices were somewhat easier during the fortnight owing to the harvest and the collection of kists bringing the new grain into the market. They are still, however, near the scarcity-rates. The comparative positions of prices are shown by the following figures:—

Rate.	Measures for a rupee.			
	Rice.	Cholam.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Normal	14·0			24·0
Warning	1[illegible]			18·0
Scarcity				
Current				
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TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells	
	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.		
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.		
[illegible]	36	6,045	..	..	55	7,950	..	..	..	..	10	1,600	36	6,045	..	..	65	9,550	..	..
[illegible]	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	36	6,045	..	..	55	7,950	..	..	..	..	10	1,600	36	6,045	..	..	65	9,550	..	..

	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.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
		RS.				RS.		RS.				RS.		RS.				RS.
[illegible]	..	..	..	..	29	2,820	4	700	..	..	27	2,020	4	700	..	..	56	4,840
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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
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...o. 183, Revenue, dated 31st March 1898.

Miscellaneous. Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
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" the Financial Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.
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