

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th September 1864.*

No. 252. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1864, No. 5,802.

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1. Referring to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July last, No. 4,605, I have the honor to report with regard to the insect mentioned in paragraph 5 of Mr. H. Thomas's letter quoted therein, that it was the grub or larva of some species of beetle. It burrowed throughout the roots and lower part of the stems of the prickly-pear, feeding on the pulpy interior, and entirely destroyed the plant it attacked, causing it to rot throughout.

2. Several grubs inhabited one plant. I think myself the grub is local, and confines itself to a few plants out of many. It is questionable whether it could be found in sufficient numbers, or induced to propagate and spread, as the Cochineal is said to do so, so as to become an agent available for clearing large tracts of prickly-pear. I was unable to trace its changes. It would be necessary to discover how long it remains in the larva state, into what beetle it develops, and on what that beetle feeds. The chances of utilizing it would then be better known.

Communicated to the Collector of Salem, with reference to his letter, dated 13th July 1864, and submitted for the information of Government.

No. 253. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1864, No. 1,706.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 5,802.

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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
„ Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.
„ H. G. Smith, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah.
„ the Civil Judge of Mangalore.
„ R. K. Puckle, Esq.
„ A. Hunter, Esq., M. D., Secretary Agri-Horticultural Society.
„ Captain J. Mitchell, Curator Government Museum.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Secy of Govt for C. M. S.

No. 2398.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 6th September 1864.
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No. 5,802.

Recd
17 Sept 1864

Submitting for the information of Government,
and communicating to the Collector of Salem,
letter from the Civil Judge of Mangalore report-
ing with regard to the prickly pear destroying
insect mentioned by Mr. Thomas.

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