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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

20th July 1878, No. 1,116.

Read the following paper:—

No. 229. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th July 1878, No. 1,874.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Erumaputty, 1st July 1878, S. N. No. 260-4,445:—

I HAVE the honor to enclose, for the information of the Board, the marginally-

1 Translation of Arzi, extra No. 2, from the Tahsildar of Trichengode, dated 27th June 1878.

1 Translation of Arzi, No. 45, dated 28th June 1878, from the Deputy Tahsildar of Womalore.

1 Copy of letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, No. 342, dated 27th June 1878.

noted papers, from which the Board will observe that a flight of locusts made their appearance at Yedapadi in the Trichengode Taluq on the 27th and at Tharamangalam, some (16 miles north-east) in the Salem Taluq, on the 28th ultimo, and left the latter place in a north-easterly direction towards the Shevaroy Hills or the Uttengiri Taluq. I have not yet heard of

their further movements, regarding which I have written to the Sub and Head Assistant Collectors and to the Tahsildars of Uttengiri and Dharampuri as well as to the Deputy Tahsildar of the Shevaroy Hills. If the taluqs in the Sub and Head Assistant Collectors' Divisions have not been visited, it must be presumed that the flight turned and re-entered the Coimbatore District, and thence to the Mysore Province. As the Collector of Coimbatore informs me that a flight in his district was seen to have divided into two batches on the 24th at Peruma Nallur in the Palladam Taluq of that district, I have no hesitation in concluding that the batch which took a north-easterly direction from that place was the one that visited the Trichengode and Salem Taluqs in this district.

2. As regards the damage done to the crops by the above flight it appears that young cumboo (just sprouting) to an extent of nearly 10 acres was devoured by the locusts in about five minutes.

3. I have forwarded specimens of the locusts to Dr. Shortt for his information, and also send a few to the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Translation of an Arzi from the Tahsildar of Trichengode.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Translation of an Arzi from the Deputy Tahsildar of Womalore.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Copy of letter from the Collector of Coimbatore.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 20TH JULY 1878, No. 1,116.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 230.

ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1878, No. 1,116.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. C. Howarth.

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14. To the Board of Revenue on 27 July

Revenue 1878 & 1879
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Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

27th July 1878
Recd 28 July 1878
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Submitting for the in-
formation of the Board
from the 1st of October,
stating that a flight
of birds is made their
appearance in the
in the 1st of July 1878
Jalukh. Recorded.
28 July 1878
Jalukh

Govt. of 1878 & 1879
REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated July 20th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 20th July 1878, No. 1,116

J. L. Y.

No. 229-230.

Revenue in the State District - Revenue
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the
1st of July 1878

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in concluding that the batch which
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that place was the one that visited
in this District.

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it appears that young cumbs (just
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of the locusts to Dr. Shortt for his in-
formation and also send a few to
the Board.

I have recd
Salem collector's (Signed) C. J. L. L.
office. Ramp. Enimafath.
Dated 1st July 1878

Submitted for the information of
Government.
(True Copy & Extract)

Ag. Secretary
The Secretary to Govt. R.O. with copies
of 3 enclosures

in a north-easterly direction towards
the Shevaroy Hills or the Uttengiri Taluk.
I have not yet heard of their further
movements, regarding which I have
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ant Collectors and to the Tahsildars
of Uttengiri and Dharampuri as
well as to the Deputy Tahsildar
of the Shevaroy Hills. If the Taluks
in the Sub and Head Assistant
Collectors' Divisions have not been
visited, it must be presumed that
the flight turned and penetrated
the Coimbatore District, and
thence to the Mysore Province;
the collector of Coimbatore in-
forms me that a flight in his
District was seen to have divided
into 2 batches on the 24th at Per-
manaluru in the Palladam Taluk
of

Revenue Department

No 1874

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 6 July 1878
Read the following

From

To The Collector of Salem
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
the information of the Board
marginally noted papers from
which the Board will observe the
a flight of locusts made their
appearance at Yedipadi in the
Taluk of Salem on the 24th inst.

Tharamangalam, some (16 miles in
east) in the Salem Taluk on the
28th ultimo and left the latter place
in

No 342

Coimbatore Collector's
Office, 24 June 1878

From

To The Collector of Coimbatore
The Collector of Salem

Sir,

I have the honor to inform
you that a large flight of
locusts which passed Palghat
on the 20th Instant, has been traced
as far as the village of Iramam
in the Palladium Taluk of this
District, where it seems to have,
on the 24th Idem, divided into two
flights one taking a north easterly
direction and the other south easterly
direction.

As these flights will pro-
bably visit your District, I send
you

1. Translation of
No 2 from the
Taluk of Trichangudi
of 27 June 1878.

1. Translation of
No 45 of 28
June 1878 from the
Taluk of Sahibpore
Coimbatore.

1. Letter from
the Collector of
Coimbatore No 342
of 27 June 1878.

you this information.

I shall be much obliged
if you would let me know the
direction of their further flight

I have &c

(Signed) P. A. Cole

for collector

(True Copy)

(Signed) C. J. Longley

Collector

(True Copy)

W. C. Longley
Ag. Secretary

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W. C. Longley
C. J.

Enclosure in Board's
Proceedings to the
Secretary to Govern-
ment R.O. dated
6 July 1878. b. 1874

Enc. III

Copy of letter from
the Collector of Coimbatore
No 3422 of 27 June 78.
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No 45.

Advice from the Special Deputy
Tahsildar of Womalore to the Collector
of Salem.

I heard that in certain parts
in this Division a flight of locusts
was seen, resembling the approach
of an advancing army, and that
these insects destroyed some crops and
plants. I resolved therefore to place
myself in communication with the
parties who saw them and after
making full enquiries to report
the result to your honor.

At 11 o'clock on the forenoon
of this day the above batch of locusts
about 2 furlongs in breadth,
height from the surface of the ground,
and 1 mile in length, made its ap-
pearance from the south at Tara-
mangalam, and their approach
looked

looked very much like that of an army
or red sand-storm. They took a north-
easterly course. I saw this myself.
When the flight was taking place
it was impossible for people or any-
thing else to go through.

Having heard from the vil-
lagers that, if the batch is not driven
away by beat of tom-tom, they settle
for a while on young shoots and
buds, I stationed myself at the Tara-
mangalam Theppakulam (tank)
and no sooner the flight made
its appearance than it was driven
away by the above means and by a
roaring of the people so that they
had no chance of alighting. The
sight was most wonderful, and I
learn from the elders of the village
that they never saw such a thing
before.

Before this. There is no doubt whatever,
that if these locusts sit on young
shoots and plants, total destruction
will be inevitable. I therefore report
the circumstance to your hon.
also send herewith specimens of
these insects for your inspection.

your most obed^t servant

28 June 1878

1204 Lok 3 14 4
B. Madhavadasa Row
Taramangalam } Special Dy. Subdar

/Signed/ C. J. Longley
Collector
(True Copy)

Ag. Secretary

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Ex. No 2.

Arjee from the Tahsildar of
Trichengode to the Collector of Salem.

My Arjee No. 1 of the
date will have reached you by this.
As therein stated, I started for Pooliam-
putty, and arriving on my way at
Edapiadi about 1-30 in the afternoon,
I made inquiries. Having heard that

crops of the description referred to in
your order, made its appearance about
1 o'clock to-day in a village called
Thevoor and that it had taken
its flight in the direction of the
Sovimalai Hills, I started immediately
for the place and on arrival was in-
formed by the villagers that the
batch had left, taking an easterly
course

Enclosure in Board's

Proceedings to the

Secretary to Govt.

under No. 10. d. 11. 1874

6th July 1874

Enc. II

Translation of an

Arjee from the Dy

Tahsildar of Trichengode

Arjee No. 1 of the

course. I followed via Koundinipatti
and Vellandivalasai, and having
crossed the Edapadi road at the
7 mile stone I went to the village
of Irivottur and Koorombapatti;
the latter village adjoins the land of
one Seerangakavundan and it was
there that I saw the batch of
locusts, which was about 2 miles
in length, 500 yds in breadth and
appeared to me to be flying and
hopping about as close together
as bees. With the exception of
those on the wing, the others entered
the above said Seerangakavundan's
Cumbu field and within five
minutes devoured all the sprouts,
a fact to which I was an eyewitness.
The villagers are having the batch in
question

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question driven away not only by means
of Palmyra leaves and Coconut
branches, but also by noise of tom-
-toms &c.

I send in a small vessel
few of those that I had caught
alive for your inspection.

Seerangakavundan's land ap-
pears to be more than 10 acres in
extent and the height of the young
Cumbu plants thereon was about
4 fingers. I have taken some
to the Konganapuram Britta.

As soon as they had finished
devouring the whole of the young
plants, the locusts flew away to
the east of the above village and
in the direction of the villages of
Kachapalli, Kanantheri, Puthur and
Kadiampettai. The people state that
locusts or other insects destructive
to

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to cultivation were never known to have
made their appearance as at present;
and complain that this new plague
is likely to destroy cultivation on all
lands that have been sown.

Under the impression that
the above batch of locusts is visiting
the villages to the west of Edapadi
viz. Poompully, Poompully, Kaveri-
pully, Kaveripully, Neddingolam, Ar-
saramanai, Vellithavulli and Inda-

shall report finally in a couple of
days.

your most Obedt Servant

27 June 1878
Camp Edapadi
5 P.M.

(Sd) P. Veeraragavalar
Tahsildar
(True Translation)
(Signed) C. J. Longley
Collector
(True Copy)

L. J. G. S.
Ag. Secretary

27/6/78
CJS

3.
Enclosure in Burt's
Proceedings & the
depository to J. W. W.
- must R.D. dated
6 July 1898 & 1894

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Translation of
orig. from the
of J. W. W.

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