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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

23rd July 1878, No. 1,153.

Read the following paper:—

No. 301. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th July 1878, No. 1,977.

Read the following letter from F. J. DAWES, Esq., Temporary Deputy Collector, Uttenkarai, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Haroor, 5th July 1878, No. 159:—

I HAVE the honor to forward an arzi from the Deputy Tahsildar, Haroor, No. 159, dated 5th instant (received this noon), together with its enclosures (marginally noted), reporting the appearance of locusts on the 30th ultimo at about mid-day in the fields between the villages of Beomatham and Rathakaud situated to the extreme south of this taluq. They are stated to have come from the south-west and to have travelled off in a north-easterly direction after destroying the young cumboo and varago plants. They are represented in the Munsif's report to have been of various colors—red, yellow, and green—and to have presented an appearance, when in flight, of a cloud about ¾ mile in length. They remained on the ground for an hour and-a-half, and it is not stated if any persistent efforts were made by the ryots to drive them away. From Beomatham they next settled at Venkatasamudram, a village three miles distant, where also they injured the young cumboo plants. The Revenue Inspector's report is unsatisfactory as regards particulars in reference to this village; and from the Tahsildar, who was in the neighborhood at the time, I have not received any report up to date. I left Venkatasamudram on the evening of the 29th, and if the appearance of these pests had been a day earlier, I should have sent a much fuller report than the information now before me enables.

1. Report from Village Munsif of Kathirapuram.
2. Report from Revenue Inspector.

2. This morning I rode out to the village of Keerapatti (five miles from Haroor) on inspection and was there informed that on Monday last, the 1st instant, locusts had made their appearance at a Malayalee village called Valathotam, three miles beyond Keerapatti. I at once proceeded to the village. It is situated in Yeruniankombai, between two ranges of hills called Vellakall Malai and Mungil Malai. I collected some of the ryots and received the following information from them:—That on Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock the sky became clouded above the gorge between these two small ranges of hills and presently a dark body appeared in the air and gradually settled on the fields in which panivaragoo and cumboo had grown about nine inches high; that the ryots then became aware of the presence of locusts in their fields and tried to beat them off with cloths, when they (locusts) took a flight in a north-easterly direction over the first range of hills and were next heard of at Biranaikamputti in the Kottaputti valley. I have sent a special messenger to the Tahsildar to-day to proceed to this village and send me all the information he can collect. At the Malayalee village I inspected this morning there were unmistakable traces of the presence of locusts from the dung on the ground. The varagoo plants, which were nine inches high, were bitten to a level with the ground. I send

some of the plants that were so bitten as also some of those that were left untouched. The cumboo fields adjoining the panivaragoo were not so seriously damaged because, as I supposed, they were not sufficiently attractive in consequence of having grown very sparsely from want of rain. The grass in the neighborhood have traces of having been nipped very closely to the ground. I examined the fields to find a few locusts in the event of any being left behind, but could find none except the large specimen which I send preserved in a bottle. It was alive at the time of capture. The excrement which I also send, and with which the fields were rather freely covered, shows that they must be the deposit of some large insect similar to the one sent.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for information. This is the same flight that made its appearance in the Trichengode and Salem Taluqs and crossed the Railway line at 188th mile. The direction of the flight appears to have been towards the Kullakurchi or Trinomalai Taluq in the South Arcot District. The insect which is bigger in size than those already submitted is also sent for the Board's inspection.

SALEM,
9th July 1878.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1878, No. 1,153.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 16th July 1878.

Read the following:-

No. 159.

From The Temporary Deputy Collector
Ettimakarai Taluq.

To The Collector of Salem.

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II Report from Revenue Inspector.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated July 23rd.

Read.

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G.O., 23rd July 1878, No. 1,193.

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Nos. 301-302.

Locusts in Salem.— Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue reporting on the depredations of —.

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Temporary Dy. Collr's Office
Hanover dated 5th July 1878

Name illegible
(Sd) F. J. Davies
Temp. Dy. Collr.

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Salem Collr's Office
Salem 9th July 1878

(Sd) C. T. Langley.
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copy and Extract)

City
Ag Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government R. D.

Revenue 1878 Dept

No. 3104

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No 1150

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Submitting for the info.
-rmation of Govt. letters from the
Collector of Salem reporting
on the flight of Lemuts.

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