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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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23rd July 1878, No. 1,155.

Read the following paper:—

No. 305. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1878, No. 1,900.

Read the following letter from H. P. GORDON, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bellary, 5th July 1878, No. 232:—

It is extensively believed among the ryots of this district that good rains would destroy the locust tribe, and this impression appears to me to prevent them from exerting themselves seriously for the destruction of the insect.

2. Yesterday morning I placed one* of the grey locusts, which are now common in the western taluqs, in a basin of water, taking care to sink it well beneath the surface. After the expiration of two hours, I took it out and found it to be to

all appearance dead, but in a very short time it gave signs of reviving life, and, when I returned home in the evening, was able to hop and seemed not very much the worse for the immersion.

3. It is true that this morning I found it to be apparently dead, but such a severe ordeal as that through which it passed would scarcely ever occur in the natural state, and as I recently found a scorpion in my "locustarium," it is possible that death was due to other causes than drowning.

4. I had previously tried immersion for half an hour and always found the insect revive when exposed to the air.

5. These experiments appear to me to show that but little aid can be hoped from rainfall in the destruction of these insects, and that the sooner the improbability of their being drowned is recognized, the sooner will the ryots apply themselves with a will to their destruction.

6. I have therefore submitted the result of my experiment to the Board, with a view to their giving it publicity, should they think fit, in locust-stricken districts.

COMMUNICATED to all Collectors for information.

2. It is to the hatching of the ova rather than to the young locust that wet is believed to be inimical. Collectors should, however, urge exertion rather than dependence on the weather.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 306. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1878, No. 1,155.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Locusts.—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue communicating to all Collectors for information letter from the Collector of Bellary reporting the result of his experiment for the destruction of—

JULY.
Nos. 305-306.

G.O., 23rd July 1878, No. 1,155.

Dated July 23rd.
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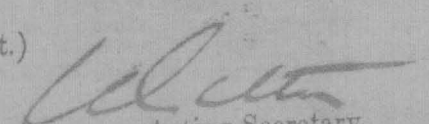
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To all Collectors.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" " Superintendent, Government Farms.
" " Government Museum.
" to J. Shortt, Esq., M.D.

Exd. W. H. French.

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PROCEEDINGS, 9TH JULY 1878, No. 1,900.

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JULY.

No. 1,900.

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