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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

5th August 1878, No. 1,239.

Read the following paper:—

No. 59. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1878, No. 2,080.

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th July 1878, No. 426:—

I ENCLOSE a report from the Sub-Collector regarding a swarm of locusts in the Kadiri Taluq. The Board will observe, as I have previously stated, that driving the swarms is the best way of saving the crops. In the process, no doubt, some locusts are killed, but the numbers killed are comparatively so very small as to make no impression on the swarm.

2. I understand the Board's orders to be that the flying locust is to be caught and killed, and rewards to be given for basket-loads, and that young locusts are to be killed by gangs of hired men.

3. I have seen attempts made to capture and kill locusts, and the result has been rather more ludicrous than efficacious. It appears to me that nothing can be done to exterminate locusts by human agency, and that attention can only be directed to save crops. As locusts came in so they will go out. A succession of dry seasons have enabled all the ova to come to maturity and a succession of normal wet seasons will allow only a limited number to be hatched, so that the pest will not go on increasing and multiplying as the Board appear to apprehend.

4. Locusts have only lately appeared in this district in swarms. I have seen them myself and observed their appearance. At Hasanapuram, in Raichoti Taluq, I observed the same species of grasshopper and I attributed their presence in the fields of that village to their being stragglers from a swarm. The ryots, however, told me that such was not the case and that this particular kind of grasshopper they had observed in their fields five or six months ago. These grasshoppers must therefore have been hatched in or near that part of the country long before swarms were known. They have probably always existed in the district, but in such small numbers that no attention has been paid to them, because the damage they did was so small. After the plentiful supply of rain which this district has lately received very few ova will be hatched, and I believe that next year we shall hear no more of the pest in devastating swarms.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. J. B. ATKINSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapalli, 15th July 1878, No. 303.

THE Tahsildar of Kadiri reports a large flock of grasshoppers on the 8th at Tanakallu which came from the west and tried to alight. The crowd of people drove them off by shouts in a quarter of an hour, and by continually keeping them in motion prevented any loss to the crops. A net was tried and some insects caught, but they were observed, to the Tahsildar's surprise, to be cutting the strings of the net, widening the openings thereby, and flying away. The Tahsildar remarks, and I agree with him, that the course pursued at Tanakallu of driving these insects out is simple, inexpensive, and easy of adoption. He says that the Board's orders are impracticable.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. D. HORSLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board did not anticipate the capture of flying locusts, nor their propagation under circumstances unfavorable thereto. The orders issued indicated that it was in the wingless state that locusts were most open to efficacious attack.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 60.

ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1878, No. 1,239.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.Dated 26th July 1878.

Read the following

No. 426

FROM

W. D. Horsey Esqre
Collector of Cuddapah

TO

C. A. Galton Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Oct. of 1878 Madras.

Dated August 5th.

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Encl.

G.O., 6th August 1878, No. 1,239.

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Cuddapah
Collector's office
20th July 1878

I have &c.
W. D. Horsley
Collector

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(True Copy & Extract)

W. D. Horsley
As Secretary

To
The Secretary to Govt. P. D.
with Copy of Enclosure.

W. D. Horsley
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As Secretary

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14- Fiske (Boarding Revenue) on 12 Aug

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 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
 OF REVENUE.

No 303

Cuddapah Sub-Collector
 Office Camp Madanapalle
 Dated 15th July 1878

From

A. J. B. Atkinson Esq
 Asst Sub-Collector of
 Cuddapah

To

W. D. Horsley Esq
 Collector of Cuddapah

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12/7 A. J. B. Atkinson
 Asst Sub-Collector

(True Copy)

12/7 W. D. Horsley
 Collector

[True Copy]

W. D. Horsley
 Asst Secretary

Handwritten initials

Enclosed in Bonds.

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about 2 P. M. Sept 6. 1878

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