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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

4th November 1878, No. 1,786.

Read the following paper:—

No. 75. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th October 1878,
No. 2,836.

Read the following letters:—

From C. A. BIRD, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq.,
Collector of South Arcot, dated Tindivanam, 8th October 1878, No. 1,303:—

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This report unfortunately did not reach me till yesterday, or 12 days after the occurrence. I drove out in the evening to Saram, about 5 miles off, which is the nearest of the villages from which reports came.

3. There had been rain since and the crops alleged to have been destroyed had again sprouted, but by examining the ground there was evidence of the locusts left in the form of their grass.

4. I was shown also a small extent of young paddy which is said to have suffered. It appeared to me about a cawny and a half, but I was told at first that 2½ cawnies had been attacked and then 5 or 7 cawnies.

5. The portion shown to me had again sprouted, but the appearance was very different from the surrounding fields, and on examining carefully it was clear that the blades had been eaten down to the water level and had again sent forth shoots from the centre.

6. Specimens of the locusts were sent with the reports of the village officers, and even yesterday I observed two or three stray locusts left, and I have no doubt that the account is accurate. I am at a loss to know in which direction they have gone.

7. They have evidently not taken a direct course, but having entered the taluk on the north pursued a course east by south for a time and then turned south.

8. I was informed by the village officers at Saram that the flight moved off after damaging their crops to the south-east and returned again. I think they may have passed into the Chingleput District.

No. 415.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for information.

Cuddalore,
12th October 1878.

(Signed) A. CRUICKSHANK,
Collector.

From C. A. BIRD, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq.,
Collector of South Arcot, dated Tindivanam, 8th October 1878, No. 1,310.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

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ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1878, No. 1,786.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
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W. J. Lewis
Acting Secretary

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.

" " Superintendent, Government Farms.
" " Superintendent, Government Museum.
" to J. Shortt, Esq., M.D.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated October 19th.

Printed 26th.

Received *W. J. Lewis*

PROCEEDINGS, 19th OCTOBER 1878, No. 2,836.

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