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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th April 1878, No. 628.

Read the following paper:—

No. 256. From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of the Bellary District, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue (Famine) Department, dated Bellary, 6th April 1878, No. 192.

REPORTS of large flights of locusts have been received from the western taluqs of this district.

G.O., No. 429, dated the 20th ultimo, had not been received by all officers at the time of making the report, so the information given is somewhat defective.

2. They appeared first about the 19th March in the south of the Harpanhally Taluq near the villages of Riggy, Moosalwad, Kadati, &c., but the direction they took is not given. Further information has been called for.

3. In the Hadagalli Taluq they appeared first in Hollal on the extreme western border, and took a north-easterly direction through Hirrey, Hadagalli, Ootangy, and Maeygirry, where they were lost sight of. This was about the 22nd March.

4. They appeared at Kudlighi on the 3rd instant from the south and went in a north-easterly direction to Ramandrug, where they arrived the same afternoon. At the first mentioned place they do not appear to have done much damage. I enclose copies of letters received from the Deputy Collector Mr. J. G. Firth and from Mr. Macartney, Agent to the Raja of Sundoor.

5. Further information will be communicated as it is received.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. G. FIRTH, Esq., Deputy Collector, Bellary Division, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Kudlighi, 3rd April 1878, No. 92.

I HAVE the honor to report, for your information, that at 8 A.M. this morning, hearing a great noise of people shouting in the direction of the town of Kudlighi, and learning from a taluq peon that locusts had just begun to attack the fields, I galloped down to the south of and close to the village where there are about 200 acres of paddy cultivation about half-grown, and saw a large flight of locusts about half a mile in breadth coming from the south. They were occasionally so dense as to present the appearance of a reddish cloud or mist. The villagers standing in the paddy fields, waving cloths and dried cocoanut branches, shouting, firing guns, and lighting fires, succeeded, in a great measure, in preventing the locusts from settling upon the paddy fields and upon the few gardens of vegetables, sugar-cane, &c., in their vicinity. A large number of the insects alighted upon some vacant ground between the paddy fields and the Kuppinkerra Tank, where there was some green grass; but were driven off by the people, and joined the continuous stream which for about an hour and a quarter proceeded in a northerly direction, and then disappeared, leaving only a few stragglers behind. I am glad to say that but little damage was done to the crops. It is not as yet known whether the locusts have injured the crops in any other villages of this taluq, for, though there have been rumours to that effect for several days, no official report has been received by the Tahsildar.

2. The locusts were of a reddish brown color varying in length from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. I shall report again should any further information be received regarding the appearance of these insects.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. MACARTNEY, Esq., Agent to the Raja of Sandoor, to J. H. MASTER, Esq.,
Collector of Bellary, dated Ramandrug, 4th April 1878.

I HAVE to report the occurrence yesterday afternoon of an extensive flight of locusts here. They seemed to come from the south-east and passed on in a north-westerly direction. As they passed they gave the appearance of a very heavy snow-storm, but seen in the distance they appeared more like a dust-storm. They were a full hour, I should think, in passing the southern ends of the droog. I have not heard of their having done any damage, though myriads of them lighted for a short time.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(By order,)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

9th April 1878.

No. 257.

ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1878, No. 628.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
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Locusts.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue, endorsement of the Revenue (Punjab) Department, transmitting a letter from the Collector of Bellary submitting a report on the flight of—

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Dated April 29th.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

REVENUE.

Govt. of (1878) Mysore.

No. 192.

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dated

{ 6 April 1878. 1/13

From,

THE COLLECTOR

BELLARY

To,

The Additional Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

Fort. Saint George

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Mr. G. Litch
Deputy Collector
Ramandurg
9/4/6

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t servant,

J. H. Master
Collector.

Enclosed by a bag of
in the fly of the
locusts.

Received 8 April 1866

To The Addl. Secy. to Govt.

Dated 6th April 1866 No. 142

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

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Bel^l No. 92

Bellary Division of Collectors
Office dated Kudlighe 3rd April 1866

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Collector of Bellary

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J. G. Fort
Deputy Collector
Bellary District

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Belli. official. Dated 4 April 1878
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to J. H. Master Esquire Collector of
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Yours sincerely
J. H. Master
(True copy)
J. H. Master
Collector.

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