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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st June 1878, No. 944.

Read the following paper:—

No. 259. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th June 1878, No. 1,549.

Read the following letter from M. IRULAPPA PILLAY, Acting Tahsildar of Peracolum, to H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, dated Kovilputty, 23rd May 1878, No. 215:—

I AM sorry to submit that the early Nunjah cultivation (those that are now in ears) has been attacked by insects called "Pachalai." These insects suck away the essence of the ears by the small trunk-like piece hanging from their mouths before any grain is formed. The extent of land thus infested is however limited. In the village of Gullapuram about fifty guries have been attacked, and their yield is estimated at between one-fourth and one-eighth. The usual south-west wind has just commenced to blow, and this, the experienced ryots say, will put an end to these insects.

2. On the Andipputty side, the white cholam cultivated on garden lands have eared and are generally in a thriving condition. But small insects, supposed to be the young locusts, are seen on the fields in thick masses. They are unable to fly, but only hop about, not having yet been provided with wings. They eat away grass and leaves of herbs. Here and there the cholam stalks are also eaten away by these insects, leaving the stumps bare. No injury has yet been done to the ears. The ryots are afraid that they too will very probably be attacked shortly. They collect in great masses and thickly cover the fields in patches of a few yards square. I personally caused some dried stalks of cumboo and cholam to be placed round some of these squares and set fire from all directions. The insects were easily caught in the flames and burnt. Seeing the success of the experiment, I have personally instructed the ryots to follow the same course.

3. Samples of these insects are herewith submitted for your inspection.

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No. 189.

FORWARDED to the Board for information. The specimens of insects have been sent to Dr. Shortt, and the Tahsildar has been furnished with copies of the papers explaining the modes of destroying locusts communicated through Board and Government.

MADURA,
30th May 1878.

(Signed) H. J. STOKES,
Acting Collector.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The insect alluded to appears to be of the same description as the fly which was reported to have damaged the crops in Tinnevely—Board's Proceedings, dated 6th February 1878, No. 325; 1st March 1878, No. 566; 9th April 1878, No. 994; 4th May 1878, No. 1,192.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 21ST JUNE 1878, No. 944.

No. 260.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1878, No. 944.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 28. To H. S. Perkins Esquire
Acting Collector of Providence.

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C. Lupton
Acting Secretary.

So. The Secretary to Government ^{Acting Secy}
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Submitting to Govt.
for information, about
received from the Collector
of Guadalupe on the damage
done to the S.S. Mary and
Catherine by an attack
of insects called 'Cochin'.

W. H. P.