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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th June 1878, No. 991.

Read the following paper :—

No. 354. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th June 1878, No. 1,548.

Read the following letter from C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, dated Dindigul, 29th May 1878, No. 263 :—

1. I HAVE the honor to report that I noticed immense number of young grass-hoppers and locusts in nearly every part of the Pulni Taluq that I visited during the Jama-bandhi. They are said, too by the ryots to be everywhere and to be doing an immense deal of damage.

2. I had all the orders on the subject of their destruction translated and read over to the assembled ryots, and also I told them Mr. Robertson's opinion which he had given me ~~and~~ ^{officially} in reply to a question I asked, that the dead insects are likely to prove very valuable as manure.

3. The matter was earnestly discussed by the ryots and they seem to be perfectly aware that the pest is of a most dangerous nature. I therefore hope that some efforts will be made towards the destruction of the insects though, I fear, from the objections raised to the difficulty of catching them that the majority of the ryots are more likely to trust to their efforts to divert a flight from their own fields than to adopt a system of killing as many as possible. The neighborhood of the great hill ranges also makes it impossible to ensure anything like complete destruction.

4. I was informed on the morning of the 26th instant after a heavy shower of rain at Pulni on the 25th evening and night that the insects had been destroyed in great numbers. I went out to look but I could not see a single one dead, and my belief is that some had been nearly killed by the wet and cold, but that the heat of the sun revived them.

5. I have the honor to submit for consideration the suggestion that these insects have their origin from eggs, imported from the north-west, in the grain that came south, in such quantities.

No. 197.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue for information.

MADURA,
1st June 1878.

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

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 355.

ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1878, No. 991.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 263.
 Proceedings of the Board of
 Revenue.
 Dated the 10th June '78.
 Read the following:—

From L. M. M. Ingarten Esquire
 Asst. Sub Collector Madurai.
 To H. S. Shree Esquire
 Acting Collector Madurai.

1. I have the honor to inform that I received immense number of grass hoppers and locusts in nearly every part of the Taluk during the visit to the hills. They are said to be doing an immense deal of damage.

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 Nos. 354-355.

Locusts.—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting report on the destruction of — in the Madurai District.



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Madura Sub Col. J. A. C. W. Martin
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29th May '78

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No. 977

Submitted to the Board of
Revenue for information.

Madura J. A. C. W. Martin
1st June 1878 3 A. A. Collector.

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J. I. The Secretary to Government
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William Byrd
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