

*Extracts from the Minutes.*

1768, May 18. Com. on husbandry to consider whether any method can be fallen upon for preventing the damage done to wheat by the Hessian Fly. [*N. B.*—Mr. DuHamel has written on the subject.]

1768, June 21. Paper on the Hessian Fly read by Dr. Bond; ordered to be published. See No. 4, original papers.

1768, Oct. 18. Col Landon Carter, Sabine Hill, Va. Observations on the fly weevil destructive to wheat; ordered to be published. [Is published in Vol. I. of the Transactions of the society. Cf. Harris, *Injur. Ins.*, pp. 502. Dr. H. A. H.]

1791, April 15. Jefferson, Dr. Barton, Hutchinson, Thomson and Dr. Wistar, a committee to collect materials for forming the natural history of the Hessian Fly, and the best means for its prevention and destruction. [Do not find this committee ever reported. H. P.]

1791, Aug. 19. Memoir on Hessian Fly by T. L. Mitchell, of Long Island, read.

Everybody conversant with our actual knowledge and the literature on the Hessian Fly, will acknowledge it to be excusable that I took the liberty to again ask Mr. Phillips if by chance the year 1768, together with the name Hessian Fly, was not a clerical error; the more so, as Mr. Morgan, in Dobson's *Encyclop.* (vol. viii., p. 491), states, "The name of Hessian Fly was given to this insect by myself and a friend early after its first appearance on Long Island."

I received from Mr. Phillips the following letter, dated April 1, 1884:—

1. 1768 is not an error. It occurs in the proper place in the old MS. vol., and there can be *no doubt* about the fact. *Similiter* the words *Hessian Fly*.

The term came in use in Pennsylvania from the early German immigrants long before the revolution. I am *sure* the term occurs in our Pennsylvania gazettes long prior to that period.

2. Cannot say if that paper (of Dr. Bond) was ever published. Possibly in some gazette *pro bono publico*. There is no clerical error as to the date and name.

Dobson is certainly incorrect in the statement you quote. [Mr. Morgan's pretension to have given the name Hessian Fly. Dr. H. A. H.]

At this writing it is not an easy matter for me to *verify* my own statement as to the communications which I have seen in the early Pennsyl-