

M E M O R A N D U M

Re: Reduction of Government Appropriation
for March 31, 1932-33, for Administration
of Destructive Insect and Pest Act.

The undersigned, viewing with a not inconsiderable degree of apprehension the reduction of appropriation for administration of Destructive Insect and Pest Act (Vote No.49) from the sum of \$705,000 to \$328,300, a reduction of somewhat less than half (Plant Pathology 49%, Entomology 45%), respectfully suggest that this drastic reduction may have a very untoward effect on the continuity of the work of these Scientific Departments, to the misfortune of our country at large, and we therefore submit for your consideration the following memorandum.

We realize fully the very great importance of measures of economy at the present time. There can be no question about that. It will, however, be conceded, we believe, that the more important services of the Government should be crippled the least, especially when such services are in themselves of the highest importance in saving money for the country. In such cases, a small economy is bound to result in a large loss, which, however, may not appear in the bookkeeping accounts.

1. We do not know on what grounds the axe of economy has been applied so severely to the Scientific Services, but, in case it be based on the theory that overproduction is one of our present evils and that this is fostered by research, we