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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th February 1865.*

No. 141. Read the following letter from the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, C. B., President of the Sanitary Commission, Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 6th February 1865, No. 470:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received from Major Michael on the subject of the valuable properties of the Australian 'Grass tree,' 'Xanthorrhoea Australis,' as a disinfectant and deodorizer.

Enclosure 1.

2. I purpose making an experiment of the tree from specimens brought to this country by Major Michael, and have selected the Vepery Dispensary as the most convenient place for ascertaining the qualities of the plant.

3. I request the sanction of the Government to the experiment being tried at the Vepery Dispensary, and that Major Michael may be requested to direct the necessary operations. Major Michael has, in Australia, seen the manner in which the wash from the Grass tree should be prepared, and has kindly consented to do all that is necessary for carrying out the experiment if his services can for a few days be put at the disposal of the Sanitary Commission.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1865, No. 247.

Miscellaneous.

The Governor in Council sanctions the arrangement proposed in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the President of the Sanitary Commission.
„ the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Office of Sanitary Commission
Madras 6th February 1865.

From,

The Honorable P. S. Ellis Esq. B.
President of the Sanitary Commission
Madras.

To,

The Honorable A. J. Arbutnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received from Major Michael on the subject of the valuable properties of the Australian 'Grass Tree' *Xanthorrhoea Australis* as a disinfectant and deodorizer.

I propose making an experiment of the tree from specimens brought to this country by Major Michael, and have selected the Dispensary as the most convenient place for ascertaining the qualities of the plant.

I request the sanction of the Government to the experiment being tried at the Dispensary and that Major Michael may be requested to direct the necessary operations. Major Michael has in Australia seen the manner in which the wash from the Grass tree should be prepared and has kindly consented to do all that is necessary for carrying out the experiment if his services can for a few days be put at the disposal of the Sanitary Commission.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

P. S. Ellis
President Sanitary Commission

Recd 1865. 21st
 No of 4005 for July.

The Honorable J. J. Allen & B
 President of the Sanitary Commission
 New York

To,
 The Honorable A. J. Abrahamson
 Chief Secretary to Government
 Public Department
 Fort Hamilton

Wash DC
 Feb 26th 1865.

Enclosing a copy of a letter
 from Major Michael on the value
 of the properties of the "Kunkankas"
 (Kunkas) as a disinfectant and
 a danger and requesting that the
 services of that officer may be put
 at the disposal of the Sanitary Com-
 mission for testing the same at
 the Army Dispensary.
 W. H. Allen

Recd 24th.

The position is "Council Secretary"
 We are very much interested in
 the progress of the
 W. H. Allen

From W. H. Allen
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