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No. 863. Read the following letter from J. KIRK, Esq., M. D., H. M.'s Vice Consul and Acting Agency Surgeon, Zanzibar, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Zanzibar, 11th July 1866:—

1. I am informed in a private letter from the Director of the Botanic Gardens, Mauritius, that you have made enquiry regarding the supply of Calumba-root.

2. A large consignment has now come from Mozambique in an American vessel; about two tons will be sent to Europe, and the remainder (nearly seven tons) forwarded to Bombay.

3. The wholesale price on the coast is £3 per cwt., that in England varying from £9-5 to £17 per cwt., according to quality, (this, I may remark, is double the usual price at Home.)

4. I have no doubt you will be able to obtain a supply from Bombay on arrival of the above consignment.

5. I may add that I have written to various Portuguese merchants at Mozambique and Quillimane, with a view to obtaining living plants of the true Calumba-root for introduction to India. The species formerly taken from Ibo to Mauritius differs in certain botanical minutiæ from that used on the Zambezi to produce the drug.

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Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1866, No. 2,311.

The Board will ascertain whether the Horticultural Society wish to be furnished with some of the root from Bombay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Brit. Minister presents his compliments to the Secretary of State, and has the honor to transmit to the Department a Report from Brunswick

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