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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd March 1874.*

No. 9. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 20th December 1873:—

Read the following letter from T. VANSTAVERN, Esq., Executive Engineer, Damagudiem, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 9th December 1873.

I BELIEVE Government are interested in the cultivation and production of hemp, flax, etc.

2. I have sent you, by banghy, a sample of what I think a near approach to hemp and also a specimen of the plant that produces it. It is named by the natives here Moota Palgum, and grows wild all over the forest. The ryots sometimes prepare the flax for making small strings, but it has not at any time been prepared for exportation.

3. I think it is worthwhile to bring it to the notice of the Chamber of Commerce, and if you should consider it so, I shall feel obliged if you would do it.

4. A collection of the hemp is being made by Mr. Syed Ally, Tahsildar of this district.

P.S.—I also send specimen of the plant.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department, with specimen of plant.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1874, No. 281.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government understand that the plant forwarded by Mr. Vanstavern belongs to the Mallow family, many of which are rich in fibre.

2. This fact has not escaped attention, but they are much obliged to Mr. Vanstavern for his communication, and the specimens sent by him will be transferred to the Museum.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To T. Vanstavern, Esq.

„ the Superintendent Government Museum.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Received of Mr. J. C. ...
 the sum of \$1.00
 for the purchase of
 the ...
 1874

My dear Campbell,
 I return herewith
 the specimen you gave me
 on Sunday evening. The plant
 is a Sida one of the Mallows
 family. The leaves are
 nearly all gone or broken so
 that is difficult to name the
 species, but I should say it
 is Sida acuta a very common
 wild plant on the plains. The
 mallow family, to which it
 belongs, are nearly all
 rich in fibre & very nearly
 allied to the family to which
 the flax belongs. The
 Collector of Salem sent
 the same plant the other

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REVENUE.

T. VANSTAVEL, Esq.

Dated March 2nd.
 Recd.
 G. O. 2nd March 1873, No. 231.

MARCH.
 Nos. 2-10.

Plant sent by Mr. Vanstavel. — Observe
 that the — belongs to the Mallow family; observe
 that either for his communication; and direct
 transfer of the specimens to the Museum.

day to the Sons of Revenue,
emphasizing that it yields a
superior fibre.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the above matter.

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to supply the quantity of cotton required for the purpose.

I have, however, been instructed to place an order for the same with the nearest market.

I will endeavor to have the same delivered to you as early as possible.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. Campbell Esq. & Co.
New York

Dr. Pringle
Ltr

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Ltr H. C. Pringle
"Hemp plant"
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Dumaguadim ⁴/₂₁
9th December 1873.

Dear Sir.

I believe Government are interested in the cultivation and production of Hemp flax tree.

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I think it is worth while to bring it to the notice of the Chamber of Commerce, and if you should consider it so. I shall feel obliged if you would do it -

A collection of the hemp is being made by Mr. Lyeed ally
Thaseldar

Thasildar of this District

Your most obedt. Servt.

/s/ J. Vanstavern, Esq.

To

Col. G. W. Walker R.R.

Chief Eng. Madras.

P. S. I also send specimen
of the plant -

20th Decr 1873

Transferred to the Revenue
Department with specimens
of plant.

Wm. L. L. L. L. L.

Recd to Govt. of M. S.

Dec: 1873: 24th
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From

Mr. T. Vanstetten
Secretary of the
Ornithological
(The O. Club)

Dates 5th Dec 1873.
Recd 20th

5.11
E. J. Mearns
H. J. Mearns
J. J. Mearns

Forwarding a couple
of birds, and also a specimen of
the plant that grows in it. Be

C. A. No 281 - 2 March 1874

With Order.

Alas! the Government understand that the plant forwarded by

Mr. Vanstetten belongs to the Malabar family, many of which

are not in file.

2. The fact has not escaped attention, but they are much obliged
to Mr. Vanstetten for his communication, and the specimen sent

by him will be forwarded to the Museum.

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1.8 Vanstetten 24.3 Dec. 3. 1874
2.4 J. J. Mearns

Alas! alas!