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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.

1876
 5th 1876
 Museum
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My dear Campbell,
 I return herewith
 the specimen you gave me
 on Monday evening. The plant
 is a Sida one of the Mallows
 not a Jute. 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 prairie. The
 mallow family, to which it
 belongs, are nearly all
 rich in fibre & very nearly
 allied to the family to which
 the jute belongs. The
 Collector of Salem sent
 the same plant the other

Oct. of 1874

REVENUE.

T. VANSTAVERN, Esq.

Dated March 2nd.

Recd.

G. O., 2nd March 1873, No. 281.

MARCH.
 Nos. 9-10.

Plant sent by Mr. Vanstavern. — Observe
 that the — belongs to the Mallow family; thanks
 that officer for his communication; and direct
 transfer of the specimens to the Museum.

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day to the Board of Revenue,
remarking that it yields a
superior fibre.

Sir John

Dedick

Mr. H. Campbell Esq. C. S.

Under Secy to Govt.

Rev. Secy.

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Dr. Bridger
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See also
Col. Heber Brady's
"useful plants"
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9th Decem. ber 1873.

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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 specimen
of plant.

Wm. H. A. Bull

Secy to Govt. of M.

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From

Mr. L. Van der
Schaaf's
Dunedin
(H. O. 1873)

Dates 5th Dec 1873.
Dec 20th

Enc. 1st

1st to Mr.
J. H. H. H.

Forwarding a sample
of the same, and also a specimen of
the plant that produces it.

G. O. No 281 - 2 March 1874

With Order.

Placed by the Government under the plant forwarded by

Mr. Van der Schaar belongs to the Willow family, many of which
are used in fibre.
2. The fact has not escaped attention, but they are much obliged
to Mr. Van der Schaar for his communication, and the specimen sent
by him will be forwarded to the Museum.

2^o March 1874
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1. L. Van der Schaar
2. L. H. H. H.

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