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Copy of a
Report by Dr. Birdwood.. 1884/1

The Pithocolobium Saman under its more familiar names of Inga and Mimosa will be recognized by all Anglo-Indians as a congener of Inga bigemina a native of India, and Inga dulcis [Wilayuttee Chintz] and Inga Hæmatonylon the Logwood tree, both of which have become thoroughly naturalized in India.- The Pithocolobium Saman is evidently an invaluable economic tree, and is likely to flourish luxuriantly everywhere above the Western Ghats [Balaghat and Ranwuds of the Deccan]; on the Coromandel Coast; and across Central India from the mouth of the Nerbudda to the deltas of the Mahanuddee and Godavery; in the Lower and North West Provinces, and westward

of the latter along the southern slopes of the Himalayas to the confines of Afghanistan.— It is less likely to flourish on the table-land of Mysore, in the Bheema and Seena Tarai in Rajpootana and Scinde: although it might be tried on the banks of the Indus. The seeds should be sent by the next mail so as to reach Bombay just after the burst of the monsoon.—

/signed/ George Birdwood.

May 20. 1878.

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Ans. 28th July 1878 & Ks to Mr. Ld.

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India Office
May 22. 1878.

C. G. Master Esqre
Secretary to the Government of Madras
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Herewith I enclose copy of a Report by Dr. G. Birdwood, C.S.I., on the plant Pithecolobium Saman, some seeds of which have recently been obtained from Jamaica and a parcel of them is transmitted by the present mail to your address. The Government of Madras will be advised by Despatch of this consignment in due course, when there will also be transmitted copy of a Report from

The Superintendent of the Castleton Botanical Gardens on the habitat, growth &c. of the tree.

It is desirable that the seeds should be sown with as little delay as possible.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
W. Powers
Assistant Secretary
Revenue Department

No. 1584

The box of Pithecolobium Saman seed will be sent to the Conservator of Forests for distribution & trial cultivation in the localities most likely to be suitable.

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