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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<u>4684-85</u>	Press Mis.
Dated	<u>7-8-1886.</u>	

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Le Réduit.
Mauritius, 5th July 1886...

Sir,

I would be very -
thankful to Your Excellency
if you would kindly procure the
undermentioned seeds and plants
and cause them to be forwarded
to Mauritius by the first suitable
opportunity :-

2 lbs. of seed of *Cinchona Succirubra*;
2 lbs of seed of *Cinchona Officinalis*;
2 wadian cases containing plants
of each of the above-mentioned species of
cinchona.

His Excellency
The Governor of Madras.

Two wardian cases containing -
cinnamon plants of the best species;

One wardian case containing -
plants of *Bassia Butyracea*.

You would also oblige me
very much by causing a man -
well accustomed to the cultivation
and curing of tobacco, according
to the processes in practice at
Bocanada, or in the province of
Coringhy, to be engaged and
sent to Abawitius for employ-
ment in the Experimental -
Gardens of the Colony.

I have

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. P. James

Revenue Secretary

To be attended to speedily.
Of course we have no
cinnamon plants & altho'
we have plenty *Bassia*
latifolia & *longifolia*
my impression is that
the one he wants is quite
a northern plant - a
plant of the Himalayas.

We are ourselves looking
for decent tobacco curers, &
have none of our own.

This all to be explained

officially. Let me see draft,
& I will raise privately at the
same time.

MSV
July 51/8

ABSTRACT.

(1886.)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 611-3.

From The Governor of
Mauritius

Dated 5th July
Received 2nd August 1886.
Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to for-
ward certain kinds of seeds
and plants.

For Mr. L.
Hunt

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FROM CIRCULATION

WITH
REMARKS.

alteration.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

G. H. 6162.

Read letter from the Governor
of Mauritius, dated 5th July
1886.

Order No. 4684 of 7-8-86

The Government Botanist
and Director of Government
Cinchona Plantations will
forward direct to Mauritius
the seeds of *Cinchona Succirubra*
and *C. ^{Cinchona} Officinalis*, and the War-
dian Cases containing plants
of each of the above-mentioned
species. The Cinnamon tree of
this Presidency is the wild cin-
namon (*Cinnamomum sivers*)
of which it is not probable
that the Governor of Mauritius
requires specimens. The *Bassia*
Butyracea is not found in Ma-
dras. Its habitat, according to
Drury, is Nepal and the Almora
Hills.

2. The Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture will be instructed to make immediate inquiries regarding the terms on which the services of a man well accustomed to the cultivation and curing of tobacco according to the process in vogue at Cocana-da, can be engaged for employment in Mauritius. He will report the result of his inquiries to Govt. but no definite engagement should be entered into pending further orders.

10/8/85
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His Excellency the Governor of Mauritius.

Sir, I have received your Excellency's letter of the 5th July last and I have issued instructions for the despatch to

To the Govt. Botanic Garden
of Rev. Settlements
10/8/85

Recd. 10/8/85
10/8/85

* The following is the list of plants sent to you in 1885.

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to you of 2 lbs of seed of *Cinchona*
Succinabra, 2 lbs of seed of *Cinchona*
chona officinalis and 2 War.
-dian cases containing plants
of each of the species of *Cinchona*
mentioned above.
2. The cinnamon tree of
Madras is the wild cinnamon
(*Cinnamomum iners*), I have
not directed the despatch of
plants of this species as I
presume you require the
ordinary cinnamon of com-
-merce which grows so large-
-ly in Ceylon. Nor have I been
able to send you plants of
the *Bassia butyracea* for
that tree is found only in the
Sub. Himalayan tract. The
two varieties of *Bassia* found
in Madras are *Bassia longi-*
-folia and *Bassia latifolia*
and I shall be happy to send
plants

plants of these should Your
Excellency require them.

3. I have directed inquiries to be made regarding the terms on which the services of a man well accustomed to the cultivation and curing of tobacco according to the processes in practice at Cocanada can be obtained for employment in the Experimental Gardens at Mauritius; but before entering into any definite engagement with him, I think it advisable to inform Your Excellency that the processes of curing tobacco which are adopted in any part of the Presidency of Madras are so far from satisfactory that endeavors are now being made by my Govt. to obtain the services of

a person skilled in the methods of curing which are practised in Java, with a view to his instructing the tobacco growers of this Province therein. If Your Excellency, however, should still desire that the services of a native of Cocanada be obtained, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me of your wishes either by letter or telegram, and I will immediately endeavor to comply with them.

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6.8.86

H.L.

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