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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th February 1867.

No. 355. Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary Agri-Horticultural Society, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th February 1867, No. 106:—

1. I have the honor, by desire of the Society's Committee, to request that the Government will kindly direct the Officiating Conservator of Forests to have collected and transmitted to me 50 lbs., or upwards, of Kamela, a reddish powder got from the capsules of the tree *Rottlera tinctoria.*

2. The Rottlera is pretty common in Southern India, and the Kamela is at times used as a dye stuff, but the supplies of it available in the bazaars are very uncertain, impure, and small. It is at present in great demand in England and on the Continent of Europe as a medicinal agent, it being one of the safest and most effectual remedies known for tape-worm. It is highly probable, too, that the demand for it would rapidly increase, were its value as a dye only known in England, for it communicates a beautiful and permanent orange color to silk by a very simple process, and is said to contain seventy or eighty per cent. of pure coloring matter.

3. The London drug merchants complain that they find it impossible to get sufficient or regular supplies of the article from this or other ports, and the Committee are, therefore, anxious, as an experimental measure, to send home a moderate quantity for sale, with a view to the Kamela being added to the commercial exports of Madras.

4. It will be consigned to Mr. Hanburg of London, one of the most learned Pharmaceutists of the day, with a request that a portion of it may be submitted to some practical Chemist, who may be able to determine and make known its value as a dye stuff. Hoping that Government will kindly comply with our request.

No. 356. ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1867, No. 463.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, who will arrange to meet the wishes of the Committee of the Agri-Horticultural Society as fully and speedily as circumstances will permit.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Honorary Secretary Agri-Horticultural Society.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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26th July 67.

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