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16-FEB-37
Kulu, Punjab.

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

Thanks for your letter of Feb. 10th. I think you are right in assuming that this primula is a new species, as I have never met it in any other Herbariums, I saw. Perhaps it would be good to show it to Dr. Stuart as you suggest and should he confirm our opinion, we would like very much to have it called "Primula Urusvati".

In one of my last sendings to the United States several varieties of "Saussurea" could not be matched by them anywhere. However personally I believe that these are local variations of the "Saussurea Sacra". Our American correspondents usually send their material to Europe for identification. Perhaps it may be just as well for me to send one primula to Kew Gardens. I will have a few more plants to be identified a little later but I would appreciate if you would let me know what Delphiniums have been discovered in our vicinity, as there seems to be a new species here.

As I would not like to take your time without some remuneration, but you do not wish to speak of the latter, I would like to send you something at my own discretion when the work is done. Could you let me know at any rate what it would cost to have a trip made to compare our specimens in some herbarium, which latter you would consider to be adequate. I believe in the United States they are working mostly on Wallich's herbarium, and this is fully described in Hooker.

I hope you will be successful with the *Aralia* specimen. Should our primula be a new one, then I suppose it will have to be described in some botanical magazine, as it is a wonderful plant for introduction.

With all best wishes

Yours very sincerely,

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26-MAR-37

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

I am sorry not to have answered your letter at an earlier date but I thought I would be in Lahore by the middle of this month, which visit was however delayed.

Many thanks for the names of the delphiniums. I am well familiar with these but I thought some new ones may have been found since Hooker. A little later on I will send you a number of plants for identification. In the meantime have you heard from Dr. Stuart regarding the white primula? Also weher you successful with the aralia specimen?

With all best wishes

Yours very sincerely,

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1. *Cicer arietinum* L.
 2. *Cajanus indicus* Spreng
 3. *Phadeolus aconitifolius* Jack
 4. " *mungo* L.
 5. " *aureus* (Roxb.) Piper
 6. " *calcaratus* (Roxb).
 7. *Dolichos biflorus* L.
 8. " *lablab* L.
 9. *Vigna sinensis* Endl
 10. *Trigonella foenum graecum* L.
 11. *Canavalia gladiata* DC
 12. *Pachyrrhizus angulatus* Rid
 13. *Psophocarpus tetragonolobus* DC
 14. *Cyamopsis psoralioides* DC

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8-MAY-37

Kulu, Punjab.

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

Many thanks for your letter. I think perhaps we should send the primula to Edinburgh; should it be sent by you on behalf of the Institute or should we send it ourselves?

Now for something else. Could you secure for us the leguminose which produce eatable grains, in the Punjab like beans, peas etc. We would need a small amount of the actual seeds of these plus about two or three dried specimen of the actual plant. All plants to be indigenous to the Punjab. I understand the Punjab has a large number of such plants. For this particular work we have in our budget one hundred Rupees. Do you think those seeds could be obtained for this amount? In view of some special work our budget is limited at present to some special items. I shall let you know as soon as something else opens up. Of the seeds of the leguminose we would need a few ounces of each. We may also be interested in having a few varieties of native wheat and flax, more or less indigenous to the Punjab. I cannot definitely promise to secure you sedges, etc. as I may not be here all the time. However I shall be glad to do so, if at all possible.

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I enclose a list of some of those leguminose, which would interest us, though a few may not be found in the Punjab and there may be others which are not included there.

Please let us know if you could do this work, also about the primula.

In anticipation of your early reply

Yours sincerely,

S. Roerich.

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19-MAY-37

Naggar, Kulu, Punjab.

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

Many thanks for your letter. Will you please let me know whom to address at Edinburgh and the correct the address of the place. Would you let me know also what it would cost to procure some seeds and specimens of the fibre producing plants and also what the expenses in general would be. How many varieties of barley does Punjab produce? also rice? When does the wheat season begin in the Punjab.

With all best wishes

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. Could you send me the quotation of Mr. Stewart's statements regarding our Primula, when he wrote to you that it was new to him.

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8-JUNE-37

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Dear Mr. Ahmed,

As I have not yet been able to ascertain about the names of some plants I wanted to ask you, I do not wish to delay my reply any longer and am sending you herewith Rs:50 for your expenses, as mentioned in your last letter. I would appreciate to receive some seeds and specimens of the fibre plant. Do you know which kind of beans the local people call 'rong'. It seems to be the *phaseolus vulgaris*. It has many varieties of colours ranging from white through red to black. I hope you shall be successful in your collections and expect to hear from you soon.

With all best wishes

Yours sincerely,

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16-JUNE-37

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

Many thanks for your letter and for the seeds, which arrived the other day in good condition. I am sending you herewith samples of local seeds. If possible please give me a latin equivalent. I have marked the vernacular names and English equivalents. All the packages are numbered and these numbers correspond to our collection index here, so please use the same numbers for our identifications. That which they call "rong" are the large local beans, of which there are many varieties.

I would appreciate an early reply , since the matter is urgent. Later on I will send you some plants for identification. I hope you will be able to secure other varieties of seeds.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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12-JULY-1937

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

Your letter of July 8th received. Yes I would be interested in all the varieties of wheat and barley. Rice would also be interesting, if it does not entail too much difficulty to collect the Punjab varieties, since our budget for this is limited.

As regards corn of double sized cobs it would be very interesting to have a cob and the seeds of it.

We would also be interested in all the varieties of pulses, as I already wrote to you.

I hope you will be very successful in obtaining these varieties. As regards mounting the specimens it would be simpler if you send the specimens between sheets of ordinary paper, unmounted and we shall mount them here yourselves.

I shall send you a little later a few specimens of barley and wheat as complete as possible for identification.

With all best wishes

Yours sincerely,

S.N.R.

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22-SEP-37

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

Enclosed please find Rs:50/- . I would have answered your letter at an earlier date, but I was still in hopes of getting some answer from Kew Gardens, of which there is none to-date.

You speak about expenses for collecting rice specimen - what are these expenses . This year I had to give my time to other subjects than botany and the collecting here was consequently not extensive. But for a few species of orchids which we did not have before, there is nothing new.

You want to know of someone interested in fungi in America. What sort of a person would you like to get in touch with? I have some plans of botanical research next year, but of this I will write to you later.

I hope you will be successful in securing specimen of wheat and barley as well as whatever other leguminose were as yet not secured.

With all best wishes, Yours sincerely

R.P.-54.

Acknowledgment.

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S. Roerich, Esq
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Kulu, Punjab

