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June 4, 1930

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Dr. Walter Koelz
Urusvati
Himalayan Research Institute
Naggar, Kulu, Punjab, India

Dear Dr. Koelz:

Greetings to you in India!

I hope that your journey was propitious
and safe, despite the troubled conditions there now.

Shortly after you sailed, Mr. S. Roerich
inquired of me whether everything had been done for you,
and whether you had made any request that still had to
be attended to. So I mentioned the gifts for the natives.
He made up a whole list of possible presents, in addition
to my own ideas, and then decided to buy them himself, in
Paris, because it would be cheaper. He will probably be
able to bring you much finer gifts - but if there is
any special thing that you want, please be sure to let
me know.

Now Mr. Lichtmann would like to have some
gifts for an American lawyer, whose hobby is the beautifying
of New York parks, and whose interest in the Urusvati should
be heightened. He would like to have the following:

- 1 - Salvia persepolitana (native name) seeds and
specimens. Refer to Boissier's
FLORA ORIENTALIS. Medical uses.
- 2 - Salvia Murcroftiana (Kanotcha seeds) $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
- 3 - Costous (Kustha root) - associated with Salvia
Murcroftiana.

I enclose a scrap of paper on which he wrote the names himself.
Will you please send these to us, so that we may forward them
to him? By the way, his name is F. F. von Wilmowsky. Possibly
you know him, through your botanical work.

With the very best wishes for your success -
and that of the Urusvati,

Sincerely,

Kathryn Linden

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NAGGAR, Kulu, Punjab

July 20 1930

To The Director,
Royal Botanical Garden.
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

Our New York Head Office has requested us to make enquiries where we could obtain the following seeds:

- 1) *Salvia persepolitana* (native name) seeds and specimens.
(Reference: Boissier's FLORA ORIENTALIS. 4 oz.
- 2) *Salvia Murcroftiana* (Kanotcha seeds). 4 oz.
- 3) Costous - Kushta (root) associated with *Salvia Murcroftiana*

and we shall feel greatly indebted to you, if you would kindly advise us where we could obtain these in India, or should the Royal Botanical Garden stock such, if you could very kindly arrange to send us same by V.P. Post to our above Naggar address.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply

Yours very truly,

U/vs

D. O. No. S.D. 1014-1-1.

Royal Botanic Garden.

Sibpur, near Calcutta.

The 24th October 1930.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated July 20, 1930,
I would inform you that seeds of certain species mentioned
therein are not available in this garden.

For seeds of *Salvia persepolitana*, Boiss, and Costous
I would suggest your applying to the :-

(1) The Director of Museums,

Federated Malay States, and Straits

Settlements,

Kuala Lumpur.

and

(2) The Director,

Botanic Gardens, Singapore,

Straits Settlements.

For *salvia Moorcroftiana*, Wall, you may address to
the Superintendent, Kumaon Government Gardens, Chaubattia P.O.,
U. P.

Yours faithfully,

C. H. Donker
Superintendent,
Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta.

To

The Secretary,
Ursvati Himalayan Research Institute of the Roerich
Museum,
Naggar, Kulu, Punjab.

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NAGGAR, Kulu
Punjab, Br. India

Nov. 8th 1930

The Director of Museums,
Federated Malay States and Straits Settlements
Kuala Lumpur.
Federated Malay States

Dear Sir,

On recommendation of the Royal Botanic Gardens Calcutta, we
are addressing you with the request to kindly let us know, whether
seeds of

(1) *Salvia persepolitana* (Re: Boissiers Flora Orientalis)

and

(2) Costous (Kustha root) (associated with *Salvia Moorcroftiana*)

are obtainable for sale from your Gardens, and if, what would be the
charge for same. Our New-York Head-Offices have requested us to obtain
same for them.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply

Yours very truly

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NAGGAR.
Kulu.
Punjab.
Nov. 8th, 1930

The Superintendent,
Kumaon Government Gardens
Chaubattia P.O.
U.P.

Dear Sir,

On recommendation of the Supt., Royal Botanic Gardens, Calcutta we are addressing you with the request to kindly let us know, whether seeds of *Salvia Moorcroftiana* (Wall) are obtainable for sale from your Gardens, and if what would be the charge for 4 oz., which our New-York Head-Office has requested us to obtain for them.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early reply

Yoursvery truly

1930.

All
Communications
to this Office should
give the No., Date
and Subject of any
previous correspond-
ence, and should
note the depart-
ment quoted.

FROM

The Superintendent,

Kumaun Government Gardens,

Chaubattia P.O.,

UNITED PROVINCES,

TO

The Secretary,

Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute,

NAGGAR, Kulu, Punjab.

DEPARTMENT.

No. 376, Date 17th November 1930
VI-14

Received

SUBJECT.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 8th instant I regret to inform you that we have no seeds of plants of *Salvia Moorcroftiana* (Wall). This species is not indigenous in this locality but should I be able to collect seeds of it at anytime from where it is indigenous, I will then inform you accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

L. J. Ruse.
Superintendent.

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Copy for Mr. M.M. LICHTMANN, N.Y.
(In accordance to his enquiry thru the Sec'y
Ursvati, N.Y. to Dr. W.N. Koelz)

From the Superintendent
Kumaun Government Gardens
Chaubattia P.O., U.P.

To
The Ursvati Him. Res. Institute,
NAGGAR, Kulu, Punjab.

No. 376/VI-14, Date, Nov. 17th 1930

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Yours faithfully

(signed) L.F. Ruse)

Superintendent.

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NAGGAR, Kulu,
Punjab, Br. India

Nov. 8th, 1930

Director,
Botanic Gardens, Singapore.
Straits Settlements.

Dear Sir,

On recommendation of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Calcutta, we are addresseing you with the request to kindly let us know, whether seeds of

(1) *Salvia persepolitana* (Re: Boissier's "Flora Orientalis"),

and

(2) Costous (Kustha root) (associated with *Salvia Moorcroftiana*)
be obtained on sale from your Gardens, and if so, what would be the charge for same. Our New-York Head-Office have requested us to obtain same for them.

Thanking you in anticiaption of your early reply

Yours very truly



It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

Botanic Gardens, Singapore,

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

No. 584/30.

27th November, 1930.

Dear Sir,

In acknowledgement of your letter of the 8th instant, I have to inform you that we can let you have rhizomes of *Costus* spp.

We have no *Salvia persepolitana* plants so cannot supply seeds.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Curator, Gardens.

The Secretary,

Himalayan Research Institute,

Naggar,

Kulu,

Punjab.

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F. F. VON WILMOWSKY,

COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
Room 2218, 120 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK, N. Y.,

February 20, 1931.

Dr. Walter Koelz,
Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute,
Naggar, Kulu.
India. Punjab.

Dear Sir:-

Dr. Merrill, after an interview with Dr. George Roerich, told me of your research work in the Himalaya and suggested that I write to you in a matter concerning the *Salvias* there. Some work of mine had led me to believe that *Salvia Moorcroftiana* Wallich was the Soma plant of the Rigveda. Dr. Howe obtained some seed for me in November 1927 through Dr. R. R. Stewart of Rawalpindi; two plants, grown from the seed, blossomed here in 1928; they looked very much like *Salvia sclarea* Linne; the peculiar, very strong, odours of the two plants were identical. Last May and June, I had four *Moorcroftianas* and two *sclareas* blossoming; the differences were no greater than between two varieties of the same species; The long-petioled basal leaves of either are roughly doubly crenate; the corollas differ in the lower lip: *sclarea* has a deeper bag, colourless, with a fine lengthwise central groove; *Moorcroftiana* shows a crimson or purple insect path of varying design. My specimens are tender. They have some peculiarities: The thick tap-root, about 12 to 14 inches long, spindle-shaped in its upper part, and fleshy throughout, insists on a pot 10 to 14 inches deep; else, the panicle will abort or, anyhow, be without aromatic glands; the panicles of all of my *Moorcroftianas* had much fewer glands than those of the *sclareas*. Both plants blossom early; Dr. Stewart collected the specimen for the Herbarium here at Rawalpindi in 1917 on April 7th, with half ripe seed; the seed ripens within 10 days after the flowering is over. At that time, some basal sprouts appear, the same as in *sclarea*; they grow into two rosettes of basal leaves, which flower the following spring with branched, but no longer pyramidal, panicles - the same as in *galvia pratensis*. The plants show great variability. A peculiar trait in one *sclarea* this summer was that the flower spike, when about 3/4 grown, assumed a drooping attitude, though rigid; I wonder whether *Moorcroftiana* does that there.

I have given you these details for the case that you have an opportunity to make comparisons there, at the proper altitude; *Moorcroftiana* grows 7, to 9,000 feet high; my seed came probably not from wild stock. I desire very much to obtain seed from high altitudes, the Indus valley (Kaghan), the Kashmir mountains; the plant does not grow in Tibet. Would you be so kind as to let Dr. Merrill have some seed for me, with details as to name of collector, place of collection and date? I also desire some seed of *S. hians*, *S. lanata*, *S. glutinosa* (*nubicola*) from a high altitude, and *S. dumetorum*, wild. The last is said to be a variety of *S. pratensis*; the *S. dumetorum* specimen here is a distinct species. The mountain *salvias* are said to be used for flavouring drinks; I am anxious to learn all about that.

I am particularly interested in the character of the odour of *sclarea* and *Moorcroftiana*. The Germans call *S. sclarea*, *pratensis*, *aethiopis*, *glutinosa*, *officinalis*: "Muskateller-kraut"; they, like the English

their "clary", used the sclarea panicles for flavouring honey water - "Hummelwasser" - and wine; probably also, a sort of barley drink or gruel.

Is the Moorcroftiana odour like that of true musk? When I was first asked to characterize the sclarea odour (by Dr. A. W. Jackson, of Columbia University, in 1928), the best that occurred to me was 'like the smell of the sweat under the axles of an active maturing youthful athlete'; even now I cannot define it better. It does not seem to me to smell much like musk; but neither does the Muskatnuss, nutmeg, or its envelope, or

other Bisamkräuter; Dr. Howe said that sclarea smells like the muskrat; I do not think that I have ever seen one. What do the Kashmir people say of the Moorcroftiana aroma? Is the panicle - the leaves are eaten like spinach - regarded in any way as an aphrodisiac? or as an intoxicant? or as a stimulant or tonic? Dr. Henry H. Rasby thinks that all the known Salvias are purely and merely aromatic, and of no other medicinal use.

Susruta, Ayurveda, commends the Soma plant in various forms for medicinal use; a special chapter on Soma is late and half poetical. Caraka does not mention soma by name (about A. D. 25). Characteristic of the peculiar odour of Moorcroftiana is the Sanskrit term describing the odour of the Rigveda Soma: सुठम, sūṣma, originally denoting: "Zischen, Sprühen (von Feuer, Wasser, Wind); Ungestüm, Muth; Manneskraft; semen virile".

Salvia Moorcroftiana is medicinal in India at the present time. You will find some of its uses in Honigberger's book. The seed sells in the bazaars of Lahore under the name of "kanocha", or kalauncha, also, sholri or sherli (Chinab). There and in Amritsar the root is sold as kali jarri (Jhilam)thota or thut (Ravi); Salt Range: gurganna, khalatri, laphra, papra, madah. The Nepetas seem to be known there as billi lotan, zufa; badranj boya, gordil, bragira.; they may be employed like the Salvias. The Persian name of Salvia sclarea is "marmūk" (Wollaston).

I think that small quantities of these drugs would be very acceptable to Dr. Merrill for the Botanical Museum.

The root, in association with the Saussurea (Costas) root is used to protect and scent the Kashmir shawls.

Bentham mentions a Nepeta grata; have you come across it? its scent is that of Salvia officinalis.

The odour appears only in the flowering panicle; it adheres to it when the panicle is dry. The panicle grows 3 to 4 feet high; there, probably higher; it blossoms in the early spring; Dr. Stewart collected the specimen of the Herbarium here, in 1917 on April 7th with half ripe seed; the seed ripens here within 10 days after the flowering. (I notice that I said this above.) The ancient Chinese name of the Soma plant is given in the 'Mirror of History'; it is the Monthly Calendar Plant in the Garden of the emperor Yao-ti, the 'Yellow Emperor'; no, doubt, the Tibetan lamas can give you the word; I have mislaid my notes on it.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

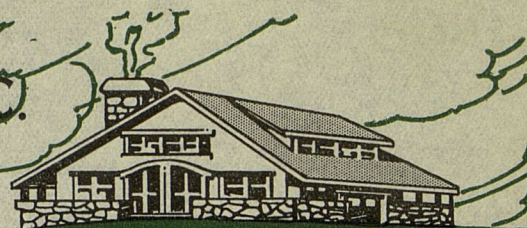
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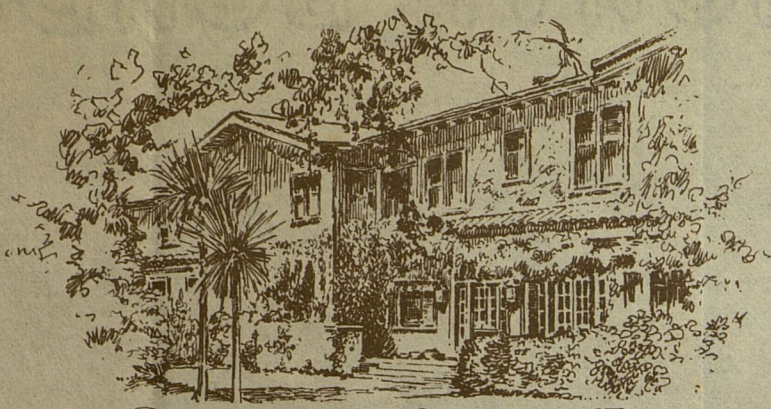
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ON THE COAST HIGHWAY
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SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

Santa Maria Inn

Santa Maria, California
September 8, 1934

Secretary, Urusvati,
Himalayan Research Institute,
Naggar, Kulu, Punjab,
British India.

Dear Sir:

I have been to the Roerich Museum in New York and have met Mr. Roerich, and have read a good many of their publications. I am very much interested in your establishing your institute in India and particularly was I interested to read in the little booklet that you would have a botanical research laboratory, and that extensive plantations and experimental botanical gardens would be formed.

I am an amateur gardener and interested in plants and I would be very glad to pay reasonable charges for any seeds you could send me of native plants, especially from the cooler or more temperate zones of India. I am particularly interested in bulb plants, but it is difficult to get bulbs into the United States, so we get seeds. If you can put me in touch with any individual in your organization who is doing this work, I would like to correspond with him further.

Cordially yours,

Frank J. McCoy, Manager,
SANTA MARIA INN.



"CALIFORNIA'S ROAD OF ROMANCE - ON THE OLD MISSION TRAIL"

Oct. 11th 1934

Frank J. McCoy, Esq
Manager
Santa Maria Inn
Santa Maria, Calif.
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th ult., we regret we have to state that this Institute does not deal in or supply seeds, as all our plantations etc. are carried out solely for medicinal research purposes of our own needs.

However if in future we shall have any surplus seeds, we may take up this matter, if you would kindly let us know in the meantime what type of plants you are particularly interested in. The flora around here is an ALPINE one. This year's season is already over and we are therefore unable to arrange anything for this year.

In anticipation of your reply

Yours Sincerely,

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NAGGAR.

Kulu, Punjab

Nov. 9, 1935.

Chandra Nursery
Darjeeling.

Dear Sirs,

Please let me know whether you can obtain for me living specimens of *aralia pseudojinseng* growing in the vicinity of Darjeeling, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkhim and whether you could send them by post and what would be the charges for it. If by chance you have any seeds of this plant, I would appreciate having samples and rates.

In anticipation of your early reply

Yours faithfully,

Oct. 30th 1937

Dear Sir, I very much doubt that this will ever reach you but should it do so I would be very much obliged if you would answer me & give me such information as suits you.

I have read an article of the eighth "Observer" of Oct 6th which speaks of "Mongolian grasses" you are brought from Tibet & which apparently grow on the sanhiest soil.

As I have property in a part of the world where san is more to be found than elsewhere it would interest me intensely to know if you could on better conditions give desire / let me have some of the seeds & even if it would be possible to let

up some business concern to
sell the precious grain to
money who need it.

Hoping you will accept
this - if you receive it I
thank you beforehand to
receive yours sincerely

Princess Troubetzky

Hotel Polonia

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Jan. 30, 1936.

Kulu, Punjab, Br. India

Dear Madam,

From America there has been re-addressed to me your letter of Oct. 30th 1935. We have indeed just returned from an expedition to Central Asia, which had the aim to collect draught-resisting grasses, which can revive deserts.

Useful grasses for this purpose are also available in the dry regions of India. If we could know more details about your needs and have a description of your estate with regard to soil, and particulars what funds you are prepared to spend for such experiments, we could tell you what could be done in this respect. In order to gather such seeds, more or less extensive collections could be organized over various areas, but again all depends on the scale which you may have in view.

On receipt of your particulars we shall be glad to let you know further.

Yours sincerely,

Princess Truubetzkoy
Hotel Polonia
Warsaw. (Poland).

Director.

March 6th 36. \$

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Dear Sir,

In answer to your kind letter from Rappahannock in Paris I sought an interview with Prof Chklovskii who proposed to forward you this letter. I think, from what he says that you would be willing to send some samples of the grain you have sent to Poland where they could be tried & eventually we could then enter into some definite arrangement? In Poland nearly everywhere the soil is very sandy & shifty. People have been a long time been looking for something to harden & stabilize this soil & that is, what it seemed to me your seed achieve? I shall be returning to Poland in May & will spend there the rest of the year & I could perhaps represent you there? Meanwhile if you will send samples in time for them to be sown would you do so to: Casimir Sobianiski

Guzow

Poland.

Lyrardow

He will sow them & keep me informed. Please send instructions in Russian or in French as they do not speak English. My return will be until early April:

Hotel Nettuno

Pisa

Italy

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Forre C. Troubetzkoy.

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Naffer July 1-st 1937.
Kulu, Punjab, Br. India

A.D. Cotton, Esq.
Keeper of the Herbarium
Royal Botanic Gardens.
Kew near London, England.

Dear Mr. Cotton,

I am sending you enclosed a few specimen of an interesting primula, found in the course of our collecting in this region (Western Himalayas), stated to be unknown by several botanists here in India. We have found this plant only on one isolated ridge. I would greatly appreciate if you would kindly compare it with your Herbarium and write me your valuable opinion.

Should you be interested in any other special material from this region, please let us know, and we shall try our best to secure it for you as a contribution from our Institute.

To facilitate the quicker transmission by post, we have mounted the specimens (4) on a smaller cardboard than usual.

In anticipation of your reply

Yours sincerely,

S.N. Roerich.

CABLE ADDRESS:
ROERICH NAGGAR



NAGGAR, KULU,
PUNJAB, Brit. INDIA

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HIMALAYAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE
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4 primulas

Flora of British India
Common name Primula
Dialect
Collector S. Roerich
Locality - Kulu, Punjab
Habitat Range dividing Kulu of Spiti
Altitude 12,000 ft & higher
Height 2"-4"
Flower white strongly scented
Fruit capsule-glubose
seeds very small angular
Special note only found on one ridge.
Economic uses

7 July 1934.

TELEGRAMS :—GHOSE, TOWNEND, DARJEELING.

EXPORTERS
OF
EAST INDIAN
ORCHIDS, LILIUMS,
BULBS, SEEDS,
ETC.
—

G. GHOSE & Co.,
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DARJEELING, (INDIA.)

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CHRYSANTHEMUMS,
ROSES, ORCHIDS,
ETC.
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20th November 1937

The Secretary,
Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute,
Roerich Museum, Naggar.

Dear Sir,

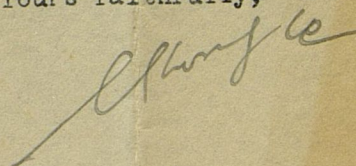
Your favour of the 6th instant to hand.

We are forwarding under registered post the *Aralia* we collected in East Bhotan for perusal. Unfortunately the root was not taken in whole. The leaves however are there and you would be able to recognise. As these plants grow in East Bhotan the cost of travelling along to and fro to that place is considerable. As the plants have already shed their leaves, we cannot collect them ~~now~~.

We failed to collect *A. bipinnatifida* as they too have shed their leaves. We will be able to supply them next year.

Thanking you for your advice. The specimen may be returned ~~with~~ when done with.

Yours faithfully,



TELEGRAMS :- GHOSE, TOWNEND, DARJEELING.

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DARJEELING, (INDIA.)

IMPORTERS OF
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SEEDS, BULBS,
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—

5th October 1938.

The Secretary,
Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute,
Roerich Museum,
Naggar.

Dear Sir,

We understand that you are interested in genuine musk in quantities. If this, our information, is correct we should like you to note that as we collect plants and seeds all over Eastern Himalayas our men have great opportunity in securing genuin/musk from the actual hunters who collect these.

Genuine things are hard to get and one is often duped by the Bhutias and by the Marwaris.

We would deem it a favour if you will kindly let us have your terms, the quantity required ~~and your terms~~. It would be suitable ~~you~~ if you will give us an idea of what you want and the quantity and the rate you are at present paying *for these*.

In our letter of *20th* Novemeber 1937 we advised you about ~~the~~ despatch of a specimen of Aralia from Bhotan. Please let us know what you think it to be and if it has any demand. We should like to get back the specimen when done with.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

G. Ghose

TELEGRAMS:—GHOSE, TOWNEND, DARJEELING.

EXPORTERS
OF
EAST INDIAN
ORCHIDS, LILIUMS,
BULBS, SEEDS,
ETC.
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G. GHOSE & Co.,
TOWN-END,
DARJEELING, (INDIA.)

IMPORTERS OF
QUALITY
SEEDS, BULBS,
CHRYSTANTHEMUMS,
ROSES, ORCHIDS,
ETC.
—

27th January 1939.

Dr.S.Roerich,

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter of the 9th January to hand.

We have instructed our men to to bring to us good musk whenever available. We will soon send you $\frac{1}{2}$ tola wanted.

We note you require the Bhotan aralia. We sent out no party this year towards Bhotan and so we have none of this to offer this year. Kindly let us know your requirement so that we may note your requirement and will forward when collected. It would be rather costly to send out a special party for this.

It is unfortunate that we did not receive your order for Aralia bipinnatifolia in July when we collected this. Kindly let us know your requirement of this so that we may forward as soon as collected.

You may keep the specimen of Bhotan aralia in your Herbarium for the present. We hope to prepare good specimens later for our own use. You have not passed any opinion as to what you think of the Bhotan aralia. Do you think it might be the true Jensing?

We thought Habenaria Susannae is common in Western India. It is not a native of the Sikkim Himalaya. When we collect next we will forward you requirement. Please let us know the quantity. If it is only one or two we may be able to forward from stock.

We have here in Darjeeling several kinds of Habenarias, and we can forward named varieties during the rains.

Thanking you for your courtesy and kindness.

Yours faithfully,

E. Ghose

TELEGRAMS:—GHOSE, TOWNEND, DARJEELING.

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G. GHOSE & Co.,
TOWN-END,
DARJEELING, (INDIA.)

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—

29th March 1939.

Dr. S. Roerich,
Naggar.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your kind remittance of Rs 20/-.

You state that the price of musk we charged was rather high. Here Musk is selling at 45/-. So we offered our men 35/- less our own commission. Not having traded in musk before we have very little idea about these things. If you will kindly let us know what should have been offered we will try our best to obtain at a reasonable price. Kindly let us know. Also tell us what quantity you are likely to require.

We are thankful to you to learn that you have informed your friends who may be interested in musk.

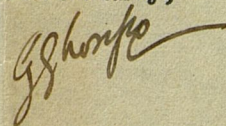
We note your requirement about Aralia of Bhotan, about which we are noting in our books. We do not collect till September.

We have here in Darjeeling district *Picrasma nepalensis*, but not *P. quassioides*. Looking through the Flora of British India we find it is native of the Tropical and semitropical Western Himalaya. We are writing to friends to secure for us a quantity.

Habenaria Sussanneae was collected at Simla hills 6000', Siwalik Range, Near Nainital, Garhwal and Kumaon. We are trying to secure for you some. Those we had having been lifted recently were found to be dead. It is the excessive rain at Darjeeling that rots the tubers.

Again thanking you.

Yours faithfully,



R. P.-13.

CUSTOMS DECLARATION.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS.

The nature and value of the contents should be fully and accurately stated.
(See Instructions on reverse.)

Value in Sterling.

Gross weight.

Net weight.

£

s.

d.

lb

oz.

lb

oz.

16 samples of medicinal plants
(16 échantillon des plantes
medicinales)

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For research purposes

~~Pour recherche scientifique~~

Country of origin or of manufacture of the goods—India

For use of Post Office of Exchange.

No. of rates prepaid

Parcel Fill No.

Date-stamp of office
of exchange.

Entry No.

Signature and address of sender

Urusvati
Urusvati Himalayan
Research Institute
Naggar, Kulu, Punjab
Brit. India

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DESCRIBING CONTENTS.

(To Meet the various Customs Regulations.)

- 1.—All articles in a parcel or in an insured box must be described in the declaration, the actual nature of each article being shown and its value accurately stated in sterling. It is not sufficient to describe one or two articles, and then make a general entry, such as "other miscellaneous articles", "other precious articles", "some odds and ends", "a few sundries", etc. When a number of miscellaneous articles have to be sent, it is recommended that more than one parcel be made up.
 - 2.—Articles of the same ware or manufacture may be entered collectively, but the number of such articles must always be given, *e.g.*—

			£	s.
10 Articles Peshawar wax work, value	...	...	0	5
2 Satsuma bowls, value	...	...	0	15
 - 3.—Articles of gold and silver must be entered separately with the separate value of each article or pair or set of articles, *e.g.*—

			£	s.
One silver brooch (Cuttack work), value	...	...	0	10
Three Cutch silver salt cellars, value	...	...	0	15
One pair gold earrings (Indian mark), value	...	...	2	0
 - 4.—Foreign articles of personal private property which are exported with the intention that they will be re-imported should, prior to export, be presented to the Custom House for inspection and the grant of a certificate of export. [*Vide* Note below Clause 257—III (5) of the *Post and Telegraph Guide*.]
- N.B.—This declaration has to be pasted to the parcel or insured box; if the size of the parcel or insured box, or of the address label tied to it, is too small to admit of this being done, the parcel or insured box cannot be accepted for transmission by post.

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Copies

From: Howard E. Gates
119 South Illinois Street
Anaheim, California

October 19, 1936

Dear Sir:

I have just checked up the Postal Regulations on shipments to India and find it is possible to ship the *Ferocactus covillei* to India but they must be fumigated in Bombay. The note is made in the Postal Guide that, "If the addressee of a parcel containing plants admitted only after fumigation notifies the customs in time of the impending arrival of such a parcel, all facilities will be given him (or his agent) to attend the operations of unpacking, fumigation and repacking."

I find postal rates to India are very high and the postage will be about twice the value of the plants here. I can ship two plants between four and seven inches in diameter with postage prepaid for \$7.50. While it is very probable the plants will arrive in perfect condition I would not care to guarantee it on account of the long distance and the fumigation.

No permit from the U.S. Government is necessary except the regular inspection certificate and shipping permit we put on all parcels travelling by mail in this country.

Hoping the above may answer your enquiry satisfactorily and that I may be of further service to you.

Very truly yours,

HOWARD E. GATES

From: Helen McNabe
San Diego California

Dear Mrs. Campbell;

I have a 4 inch *covillei* at \$2.00 Post paid to India. also a 6inch at \$3.00.

I have the certificates of inspections necessary and customs declarations tags for foreign shipments.

Hope one of them will be what you want.

I also have some lovely golden balls. Mexican cactus at the same price.

Sincerely Helen McNabe



State of Connecticut

OFFICE OF STATE ENTOMOLOGIST

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Inspected *Mar. 15.* 19*37*

This is to Certify that the *Seeds* in this package,
from *Mrs K. S. Campbell* of *Brookfield*
Conn., has been duly inspected and found to be apparently free from
injurious insects and diseases.

W. E. BRITTON, State Entomologist

(Signed) *B. H. Walden*
Inspector



DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

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STATE AND STATION ENTOMOLOGIST



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FARM
EVERGREEN AVENUE
MT. CARMEL

**THE CONNECTICUT
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

March 15, 1937

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the seed listed
on the attached shipping documents from
Mrs. K. S. Campbell, Brookfield, Conn., has been duly in-
spected and found to be apparently free from the
European corn borer (*Pyrausta nubilalis*) and other
injurious insects and diseases. Seed is also free from
the Mediterranean fruit fly (*Ceratitis capitata*).

W. E. Britton
State Entomologist.

B. H. Walden
Inspector.

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THE CONNECTICUT
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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

June 18, 1938.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Ornamental grass seed listed
on the attached shipping documents from Mrs. K. S. Campbell, of
Brookfield, Connecticut, have been duly inspected and found to be
apparently free from injurious insects and diseases.

W. E. BRITTON,
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

Louis A. Devaux
Inspector.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
)SS,
COUNTY OF NEW HAVEN)

New Haven, June 18, 1938.

The above certificate was sworn and subscribed to,
before me.

Helen A. Hulse
Notary Public.

