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SUBJECT.

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2nd November.

SEED SAMPLES FORWARDED TO THE FOREST  
OFFICER, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Letter from United States Department of Agriculture,  
3rd May, 1926.

*Ag. for N. C. W. C. H. S.*

*Can you help in this  
connection, please?*

*2. I am quite prepared to give  
122 "Petrovski Turnip" a trial in my  
or garden if you have no space  
readily available.*

*J. Mullis*

*Ag. Col. Sec*

*2. 11. 26.*

Subsequent Paper.

*PP 15/11/26 172*

Hon. Col. Seely.

Thank you, I will willingly try one row, I cannot do more, I would appear to be of Russian origin. I know nothing of it, & it may not be a table vegetable any more than the "Kerguelen Cabbage",

The Kerguelen Cabbage. is not a native of F.D.S. I believe it was brought here by sealers. It may still survive in Stunby. Some years ago it was growing well in the gardens of both the Hon. As. Treasurer, & Melvin House, Hon. J. G. Felton. If still existing, seeds should be easily procured, & might be of untold benefit to Alaska.

A. G. Bennett  
As Nat  
5. XI. 26

Gov. N. W. Hatch,

Thank you: I have sent you this day some seed of the Petasiti Turnip.

2. I will see if I can procure any of the seed of the Kerguelen Cabbage for the sources which you have suggested.

Yours

6. 11. 26.

G. G. L. G.

M<sup>r</sup>. Bennett left for South Shelburne before seeing the above minute.

Yours

10. 11. 26.

Mr. Treasurer

(H.C. Craig's - Halkett Eggs).

Are you in a position to help  
in this matter, please?

Yallahs

G. Col. Sec.

10. 11. 26

Hon. Col. Sec.

I regret I have no Kerpuelen  
Cabbage now but as suggested by  
Mr Bennett, Malcolm House may  
have some. Perhaps Mr E. Sumner,  
Assoc. Gardener Govt. Gardens could assist  
in the matter.

2. Could I have a small amount  
of the Petrowski Turnip seed to try,  
if there is any available.

Mr. Craig Halkett  
11. XI. 26

Mr. Treasurer.

I planted some seed in my or  
father and parent the remainder into  
a large quantity - to W. Bennett. I  
understand that he had not much room

available in his garden so there is probably  
some still left. You may care to enquire  
through a suitable channel?

2. If you do succeed in procuring  
any of this seed I shall be interested in due  
course to hear how it thrives.

J. Mullis

G. C. Soc.

11. 16. 26.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you. I will endeavour to  
get some of the seed from Mr<sup>s</sup> Bennett.  
If I do get any, I will let you know  
results later on.

M. Traill Walker  
By Treas  
12. 11. 26

Spoke Treas

£ 25. 11. 26

£ 18. 11. 26

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£ 30. 11. 26

£ 25. 11. 26

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The Treasurer

If you have been able to procure any of this seed I should be very glad for Government to purchase in accordance with His Excellency's request as communicated verbally to you.

J. M. H. H.  
of Col. Sec

30 11 26.

Hon. Col. Sec,

Unfortunately Mr. Bennett used the whole of the seed and there is none available.

M. (Miss) Harker  
1. 12. 26

by 13. 12. 26.  
by 2. 12. 26.

by 13. 2. 27  
by 13. 12. 26.

by 3. 4. 27.  
~~by 2. 12. 26.~~  
by 16. 3. 27.

by 13. 3. 27.  
~~by 14. 2. 27.~~

4. 14. 4. 27.  
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4. 6. 5-27

6. 16. 4. 27.

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Mr. A. G. Bennett.  
Cdg. Govt. Katarahiti.

Will you please cover on this paper our  
account on the matter as far as possible.

W. H. G.  
O. J. S.  
7 May 1927.

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On 6. 6. 8. 6

The seeds of Siberian Turnip I left behind me  
on my departure for South, with instructions to my  
boys where & when to plant. One row.

They were duly planted side by side with  
other turnips. The visible results are that  
they appear to have done neither better or worse  
than the ordinary varieties.

I should think that the seed was somewhat  
mixed. for the variations exhibited would appear  
to be more than is usually found in individuals  
of other forms of life.

I propose to leave some standing until next year  
when the plants will flower & seed

Seed locally produced will undoubtedly give  
better results than those imported.

ag. B.  
as Nat  
9/5/27

Inside Minute Paper.

J.E. Submitted.

G.W.L.B.  
D.P.C.S.O.  
11<sup>th</sup> May 1927.

Off. Min. Sec.

1 spoke to W. Bennett, G. Pol. Labouchere, in this connection on 12.5.27.

2. My own experience in Selva (near) garden of the Petrovsky farm is that it did well and seems well suited to this country. I intend to follow W. Bennett's example in the matter of locally-produced seed.

3. Some refs to seeds 2-1 will be necessary eventually. As W. Bennett is making further enquiries as to the possibility of obtaining some Keyhole cabbage seed for distribution in relation to the U.S. Department of Agriculture,

4. Please pass this paper to V. Bennett  
for report accordingly in due course

Just

13.5.27.

Mr. A. Bennett.

Accordingly.

G.R. 13

O/C Sec

13 May 1927.

Dear C Sec

Malvina House has but two tiny plants left.  
With Mrs R Felton's kindness I obtained the few  
remaining seeds, a month sooner, an abundance of  
seed could have been secured.

I further learned that G.H. garden had 3 or 4  
young plants a year or so ago from Malvina House.  
I have just searched round with the Gov Gardener  
& failed to find them

I attach a small packet containing the only  
seeds obtainable this year.

ag Bennett  
13/5/27

G.R. 13

Submitted

G.R. 13

O/C Sec

14 May 1927



Inside Minute Paper.

Off. Sec. Let.

Bill W. Bennett please say

rather he consider it to be worth while  
forwarding this very small packet of  
Korymba celtica seeds to the U. S. Dept.

of Agriculture ?

Jud

15, 5, 27.

Mr. A. S. Bennett

Referred.

G.R. 178

W. J. C. S. C.

16 May 1927

Dear Sir,

Yes, although sample is so small,  
a few plants might be grown from  
them with luck. This would save  
one year in time, & more could soon  
next year.

A. S. Bennett

17/5/27 as per

Y.C. Submitted.  
W.H. 18  
Oj/sec  
18 May 1927.

Off. Sec.

Letter to John A. Stevenson Esq. in reply  
to vol 2 herewith for fairing.

2. Please let W. Bennett see after  
despatch.

3. Please ask W. Bennett for the  
supply of Pringlea antiscorbutica seed, if small,  
at say that I hope that he will be able  
to procure a somewhat larger packet next season.

Jud  
19.5.27

19.5.27

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Mr A.S. Bennett,

Accordingly

W.H. 18

Oj/sec

6th June 1927

Inside Minute Paper.

Am C. B. Seay

Thank you, seen,

AGB  
28/24  
7/6/27

H. L. from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture of 6 June 1927

y. s. Schmitt. I will endeavor

at the proper season with W.

Bennett's assistance to secure at depths

a good quantity of this seed to

Deshjha.

2. But 3 has covered out 4.

W

11.9.27.

Hon C.S.

At the same time please explain the difficulty we have had about trees, and ask him if perhaps he knows of any handy shrub or tree which might grow here.

1/27

A.H.

4. 2. 2. 29

W 2. 9. 27.

Letter from the U.S. Dept of Agriculture 26 Aug. 1927. 5.

C.C.  
Please act as per some garden  
for his case at assistance in this connection.

Gardener Wood House.

July 24/10

Accordingly.

G.P.H. 10/27  
27. 10. 27 C.C.

Hon. Col. Sect.

I have sown the two varieties & will watch developments & report later.

b. d. Parkinson  
31. 10. 27.

8. 2. 2. 28

8. 7. 11. 27.

Letter to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 7/11/27. C.

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✓ p. 2

Hon. Col. Sect.

I know of no other plants here, The true plant appears to have been here as seeds were sent to Washington. The plant from which I obtained the few seeds in 1927 was very tiny to those in gardens in 1912 & 1913 when I first saw them. I suspected degeneration at the time, still it is quite possible that it was something else.

aggenet  
21. 1. 28 Nat.

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Inside Minute Paper.

fol. Home gardens

My My to report please

Yudley

26. 1. 28.

Hon. Col. Sec.

The seeds sent <sup>on 30/5/27</sup> from the Falkland I. as *Pringlea antiscorbutica* were members of the Compositae or Daisy family.

The seeds sent originally & of which a sample was returned with the supposed *Pringlea* were of the Cruciferae (i.e. Turnips & Cabbages etc).

Both were sown separately and given close attention but unfortunately none have germinated.

C. Parkinson

27. 28

G. fol. hst.

Please see it in list

possible then to obtain locally any

seed of the true *Kerguelan* cabbage?

Yudley

28. 1. 28.

Hon. Col. Secy

I have enquired in all directions  
and can not find a single plant of the  
"Kerguelen Cabbage" existing in Stanley.  
It appears to have died out completely.

A. G. Bennett  
asst. Secy  
9.2.28

Letter to the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

7-8

My last let. at  
for three feet. to see

Jan 29/2

Hon. Col. Secy:

Seen, thank you.

A. G. Bennett  
asst. Secy  
21.2.28

Gov. Gardiner

to you please

A. G. B.  
asst. Secy

Hon. Col. Secy.

Thank you, noted.

C. D. Parkinson  
S. H. Sander

Letter from U. S. Dept. of Agriculture of 24 Jan 1928. 9.

B.F. 31/5/28.  
G.D. 21/3/28.

B.F. 31. VIII. 28

~~B.F.~~ 31. V. 28

10. Letter from U.S. Dept. Agriculture of 19<sup>th</sup> April 1928

Off. Sec.

Ask for let. at pt Home gardeners

to see, please, at to keep in mind.

Jul

9. 7. 28.

Act. Govt. Naturalist.

Govt. House Gardener

To see

J.S.

for C.S. 9.7.28

Hon. Col. Secy:

Thank you. Secy.

A.S. Bennett  
11.7.28

Gov Gardener

To you please

ago 11.7.28

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you.

C.A. Parkinson

Stt. Gardener

11. Letter from U.S. Dept. Agric. of 24 May 1928.

Y.S.

The package of seeds referred to has been received. To go to C.H. Gardener?

J.S.

for C.S. 21.9.28.

6/4/40 Sat.

please send suitable reply

to Mr H. Mackay the Horticulturist

in charge for his kindness in

sending a further supply of this seed

and stating that you will not fail

in due course to furnish him with

a report on the results obtained.

2. Mr Bennett might like to

have some of the seed for sowing

in his own garden at if possible.

His garden has been sufficient

to spare I should like some too

for sowing in my garden at Selkirk

some time the "Petrovski" did well

on the previous occasion.

3. When writing to the



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Work will wait in charge you might

at the same time that he for

the sample of Praxia triscorticata

Seed sent under cover of vol 10

at answer to of your continued

endeavors to obtain locally a

quantity of this seed for forwarding

to him.

Yours  
i.

21. 9. 28.

P.A.

You have now sent me the seed

and I will arrange for its distribution

as above.

Yours

3. 10. 28.

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Letter to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, of 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1928

P.A.  
27/7/28

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION. ①

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Date, May 3, 1926.

Name: Mr. James Reid, (sample post)  
Forest Officer,  
Stonley, Falkland Islands.

Address:

1 oz. seed Petrowski turnip

FHB No. 60197

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION

May 3, 1926.

Mr. James Reid,  
Forest Officer,  
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir:

You have been kind enough on several occasions to obtain seed in which the United States Department of Agriculture was interested, and I am taking the liberty of again making a similar request. We have had requests from several sources for seed of the so-called "Kerguelen cabbage" - Pringlea antiscorbutica, which is said to occur commonly in the Kerguelen Islands and in the Falkland Islands. The Governor of the Falkland Islands sent the Office one plant some years ago, but it was dead upon arrival here. I am sure that it will be more satisfactory to send seed. This material is to be tried out in Alaska, particularly in the more northern portions where there is at present a lack of food plants. The plant would doubtless also be of value in adjoining portions of the Dominion of Canada. Any assistance you can give us in this connection will be very greatly appreciated.

We have available a small quantity of seed of the so-called "Petrowski turnip" which has given very remarkable results in Alaska, and it occurs to me that it would be of interest to have it tried in the Falkland Islands. I am accordingly sending an ounce of seed under separate cover on the chance that you will know of some one who would be interested in trying it. We will be glad to learn of the results obtained.

Yours very truly,

*John A. Stevenson*  
John A. Stevenson,  
Botanist in Charge of Agricultural Explorations.

JAS-N.

525/26.

30th May,

27

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd of May, 1926, addressed to Mr. James Reid, Forest Officer, and also of the ounce of Petrowski turnip seed sent under separate cover.


2. I am to inform you that Mr. Reid has now left the Falkland Islands but that the Petrowski turnip seed has been sown in the garden of Mr. A. G. Bennett, Acting Government Naturalist, and in the garden of the Colonial Secretary's official residence.

3. The seed has given good results and this turnip should prove to be well suited to local conditions. Further trials will be made next season with locally produced seed and the result of these trials will be communicated to you in due course.

4. I enclose a small quantity of the seed of the Kerguelen cabbage, "Pringlea antiscorbutica" and would explain that this plant is not common in the Falkland Islands. I trust that it will be possible to send you a larger quantity next season.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

JOHN A. STEVENSON, ESQ.,  
BOTANIST IN CHARGE OF  
AGRICULTURAL EXPLORATIONS,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
(Bureau of Plant Industry),  
WASHINGTON,  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION

June 6, 1927.

Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir:

You have been kind enough on several occasions to obtain seed in which the United States Department of Agriculture was interested, and I am taking the liberty of asking your further assistance. We have had requests from several sources for seed of the so-called "Kerguelen cabbage" - Pringlea antiscorbutica - which is said to occur commonly in the Kerguelen Islands and in the Falkland Islands, and I am wondering if you could arrange to send us a small quantity for our experimental work. This material is to be tried out in Alaska, particularly in the more northern portions where there is at present a lack of food plants. The plant would doubtless also be of valued in adjoining portions of the Dominion of Canada.

We shall greatly appreciate anything you may be able to do for us in this connection, and shall be only too happy to reciprocate in any way possible.

Yours very truly,

*John A. Stevenson*

John A. Stevenson,  
Botanist in Charge of Agricultural Explorations.

N.

525/26.

7th November, 27.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of August, 1927, relative to the introduction of seed of the Kerguelen cabbage, Pringlea antiscorbutica, from the Falkland Islands and to inform you that the two varieties of sample seed sent by you have been sown and that developments will be carefully watched.

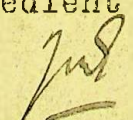
2. I am to add that every endeavour will be made to procure and despatch to you a quantity of this seed if indeed the true variety is obtainable in the country.

3. I am to enquire whether perchance you know of any hardy shoot or tree which might grow in this cold and windswept land and, if so, whether you would be good enough to send me some seeds or seedlings for experimental planting.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Colonial Secretary.

THE SENIOR AGRICULTURAL EXPLORER  
IN CHARGE,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
WASHINGTON.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION

August 26, 1927.

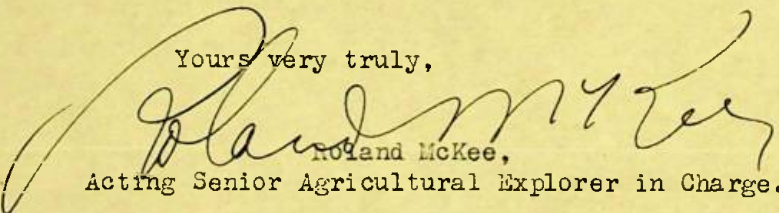
Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 30 in reply to ours of May 3, 1926, addressed to Mr. James Reid, Forest Officer, has been received. We are gratified to learn of the good results obtained with the seed of the Petrowski turnip.

With regard to the seed sent in response to our request for seed of the Kerguelen cabbage - Pringlea antiscorbutica - our botanist has examined this seed and finds that it does not agree with our previous introduction of this plant. We are most anxious to obtain seed of the true Kerguelen cabbage, and are taking the liberty of returning a sample of the seed sent in by you, together with a sample of the former lot received from the Falkland Islands, for comparison. If you should find it convenient to supply seed of this plant the coming season, we shall be very grateful and shall be happy to reciprocate in any way possible.

Yours very truly,

  
Roland McKee,  
Acting Senior Agricultural Explorer in Charge.

N.  
Encls.

525/26.

17th February,

28.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 7th of November, 1927, on the subject of your request for a supply of the seed of the Kerguelen cabbage, Pringlea antiscorbutica, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Government Naturalist reports that notwithstanding exhaustive enquiries, he has been unable to trace a single specimen of this plant existing in or around Stanley and that it would appear to have died out completely.

2. I am to say with regard to the two varieties<sup>of seed</sup> sent to you, samples of which you returned, that the variety originally supplied has been classified as belonging distinctly to the cruciferae order and that latterly sent as being of the compositae order, but that unfortunately none of the seeds of either variety on being sown, have germinated, their failure to do so being attributable to the severity of the weather which in this Colony has been exceptionally hard on plant growth this summer. I am to request however, that if possible you will send further samples of these seeds as it is particularly desired that the experiment of raising plants from them should be given a fair trial.

3. I am to add that your request for a supply of the seed of the true Kerguelen cabbage will be kept in mind

The Senior Agricultural Explorer  
in Charge,  
United States Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington.

should/



should at any time the plant be met with in another district of the Colony.

4. I am further to add that if you can send a second supply of seeds of the Petrowski turnip without inconvenience His Excellency will be much obliged if you will do so.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION

January 24, 1928.

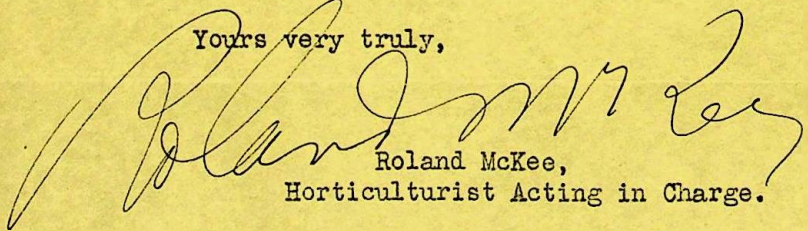
Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 7, 1927, was duly received and we are very grateful to you for your kind offer to obtain seed of the true Kerguelen cabbage, Pringlea antiscorbutica, if possible. We shall be interested to learn of the results obtained from the two varieties of seed which you have planted.

I am sorry we have no seed on hand at the present time that would be of value under your conditions. We shall, however, be glad to keep your request in mind and shall take pleasure in sending you any seed we may receive that would be suitable for trial in your region.

Yours very truly,

  
Roland McKee,  
Horticulturist Acting in Charge.

N.

Pring tea.

antiscorbutica

FPI. 37554

Rec'd from France  
in 1814; said to come  
from Kerguelen Island

For comparison  
only; too old to  
grow.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION



April 19, 1928.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of February 17 in regard to the Kerguelen cabbage, Pringlea antiscorbutica. While you are unable to locate this plant at the present time, we shall be glad to have you keep our request in mind should it be found later.

With regard to your request for additional samples of the two varieties of seed sent you with our letter of August 26, 1927, we are enclosing another sample of the true Pringlea antiscorbutica. This seed is sent for comparison only as it is too old to grow, having been received in 1914. I am sorry we have no more of the seed received from you, as the entire quantity was returned.

We are endeavoring to secure seed of the Petrowski turnip from our Alaska Experiment Station. If we are successful in obtaining it we shall take pleasure in forwarding it to you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Knowles A. Ryerson".

Knowles A. Ryerson,  
Horticulturist in Charge.

KAR-N.  
Encl.

(P)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION

May 24, 1928.



The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your request for seed of the Petrowski turnip, we are forwarding under separate cover an experimental quantity of this variety recently received from the Experiment Station at Sitka, Alaska. I trust you will secure satisfactory results with this material. I was recently talking with Dr. Grenfell of Labrador concerning his experience with this variety. He told me that it grew well, but that a certain grub just about ruined the entire crop.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Knowles A. Ryerson".

Knowles A. Ryerson,  
Horticulturist in Charge.

KAR-N.

525 /26.

15th October, 28.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th of May, 1928, and to thank you for your kindness in sending a further supply of seed of the Fetrowski turnip and to say that a report on the results obtained will be forwarded to you in due course.

2. I am also to thank you for the sample of Pringlea antiscorbutica seed forwarded under cover of your letter of the 19th of April, 1928, and to assure you of my continued endeavours to obtain locally a quantity of this seed for forwarding to you.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*C. J. F.*  
for Colonial Secretary.

The Horticulturist in Charge,  
United States Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
WASHINGTON.