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paper manufacture. The roots are used medicinally in bilious complaints, and the leaves are used as fodder. (Adapted from *Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 3, p. 83.*)

47727. MEIBOMIA TRIQUETRA (L.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ.
(*Desmodium triquetrum* DC.)

A shrub with triangular branches, stiff leathery leaflets, and very long, axillary and terminal racemes of red flowers. It is found in moist places in eastern and southern India, and also in China and the Philippines. (Adapted from *Hooker, Flora of British India, vol. 2, p. 163.*)

47728. MELOTHRIA MADERASPATANA (L.) Cogn. Cucurbitaceæ.

A rough, climbing cucurbitaceous plant with 3 to 7 angled leaves, small yellow flowers, and bright-red fruits up to half an inch in diameter. The leaves are used medicinally as a gentle aperient, and a decoction of the seeds is used as a sudorific. (Adapted from *Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 5, p. 287,* and *Hooker, Flora of British India, vol. 2, p. 623.*)

Received as *Mukia scabrella*, which is now referred to this species.

47729. MELOTHRIA ODORATA Hook. f. and Thoms. Cucurbitaceæ.

A climbing herbaceous plant with leaves more or less heart shaped and white axillary flowers. It is native to East Bengal and the northwestern Himalayas, ascending to 7,000 feet. (Adapted from *Hooker, Flora of British India, vol. 2, p. 626.*)

47730. MICHELIA CATHCARTII Hook. f. and Thoms. Magnoliaceæ.

A lofty tree, native to the Himalayas of Sikkim, India, at altitudes ranging from 5,000 to 6,000 feet. The oblong leaves are pale and thin, and the white flowers are an inch in diameter. The sapwood is white and the heartwood dark olive-brown; used for planking. (Adapted from *Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 5, p. 241.*)

47731. MICHELIA EXCELSA Blume. Magnoliaceæ.

A tall deciduous tree, with oblong acute leaves and silky flowers 4 to 5 inches in diameter. It is a native of the temperate Himalayas at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,000 feet. The olive-brown, glossy heartwood is used for furniture and for building purposes. (Adapted from *Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 5, p. 243,* and *Hooker, Flora of British India, vol. 1, p. 43.*)

47732. MICHELIA LANUGINOSA Wall. Magnoliaceæ.

A Himalayan tree of variable height, whose leaves are white and fuzzy beneath and whose white flowers are 3 to 4 inches in diameter. In Sikkim it forms a large bush, flowering in autumn. (Adapted from *Hooker, Flora of British India, vol. 1, p. 43.*)

47733. MICROGLOSSA ALBESCENS (DC.) Benth. Asteraceæ.

An erect, slender, shrubby composite with narrow sharp-pointed leaves with whitish lower surfaces. Originally a native of temperate regions of the Himalayas, it is now cultivated in China and also in southern Europe. It is very ornamental, bearing lilac flowers in large corymbs often 8 inches in diameter. (Adapted from *Revue Horticole, vol. 79, p. 522,* and *Hooker, Flora of British India, vol. 3, p. 257.*)