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Office of the
Australian Government Commissioner
in Egypt.

"Oris" Building,
Sharia El Walda
Kasr El Doubara,
CAIRO

24th March, 1950.

The Acting Secretary,
Department of Commerce and Agriculture,
MELBOURNE.

MEMORANDUM:

I have been asked by the British Middle East Office, 10 Sharia Tolubar, Cairo, if I could get them some Kurrajong seeds, say about 1lb. I expect the type required is black kurrajong. This seed is for use by the British Administration at Aden, who wishes to experiment on the kurrajong trees as fodder for sheep.

I should be glad if you could get this seed and post it to the British Middle East Office. I suggest you might try the Victorian Department of Agriculture or the curator of the Melbourne Botanical Gardens.

(sgd) C.L. Steels^e
Australian Government
Commissioner in Egypt.

P.S. It is suggested that the seed might be supplied without charge.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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FORESTRY AND TIMBER BUREAU,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

27th April, 1950.

MEMORANDUM to:-

The Superintendent of Parks and Gardens,
Department of the Interior,
Canberra.

Request from The Australian Government Commissioner
in Egypt for Black kurrajong seed for fodder.

As arranged during a telephonic conversation of
27-4-50 between Mr. McCloskey of this Bureau and
Mr. B. Vant of your office I am enclosing herewith a
copy of a letter dated 24-3-50 from The Australian ^{Govt}
Commissioner in Egypt.

Subject:- 11b of Black Kurrajong Seed required
by British Administration at Aden for
use as experiment for sheep fodder.

The favour of your advice will be appreciated.

G. J. Rodger
(G. J. RODGER)
Director General.

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*Mr. Vant
Let report reysport
result from City Area -
would like you to ring
him in morning.*

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*Mr. Vant.. pls see if diff n.
to seed available
Brachyglottis populifera*

[Signature]

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FORESTRY AND TIMBER BUREAU,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

9th May, 1950.

MEMORANDUM to:-

The Superintendent of Parks and Gardens,
Department of the Interior,
Canberra.

Black Kurrajong Seed for Egypt.

Referring to this office memorandum of 27th April, 1950, the favour of your early advice would be appreciated please.

G. J. Rodger
(G.J. RODGER)
Director General.

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PARKS AND GARDENS SECTION.

LDP:JLB

12th May, 1950.

U R G E N T.

MEMORANDUM:


Supervisor Southwell.

(Attention: Assistant Supervisor Moore)

SEED COLLECTION : KURRAJONG.

Will you please see if it is possible to collect seed of Kurrajong anywhere about; there is a very good tree near the Cotter on the right-hand side of the Mt. McDonald Rd. about the point where a good view of the dam is obtained and is on the knob.

This one may have seed and there are a few others which are easily accessible. I should like to obtain a quantity if possible.


(J.D. Pryor)
Superintendent,
Parks and Gardens.

RESUBMIT:

24th May, 1950.


L.D.P.

Parks and Gardens Section,

LDP:JLB

12th May, 1950.

MEMORANDUM:


The Director-General of Forests,
Forestry and Timber Bureau,
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

BLACK KURRAJONG SEED FOR EGYPT.

I refer to your letter Bur. Seed 6/99 of 9th May,
and your earlier letter of 27th April.

We have no seed of this species in stock, and the
reason for the delay in replying is that so far we have
not located an adequate source of supply. It is thought
there is a good chance of getting some seed from local
trees, and if we can collect this some can be made avail-
able.

The position will not be definite for a fortnight,
however, and I shall communicate with you later in this
connection.


(L.D. Pryor)
Superintendent,
Parks and Gardens.

RESUBMIT:

24th May, 1950.


L.D.P.

Parks and Gardens Section

LDP:JLB


19th May, 1950.

MEMORANDUM:

The Director-General of Forests,
Forestry and Timber Bureau,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

BLACK KURRAJONG SEED FOR EGYPT.

Further to my memorandum of 12th May on the above subject, I have to advise that we have now secured 1 lb. of this seed, and I am dispatching it by post direct to the address given for Egypt, viz., British Middle East Office, 10 Sharia Tolumbar, Cairo.


(L.D. Pryor)
Superintendent,
Parks and Gardens.

Parks and Gardens Section,

LDP:JLB

19th May, 1950.

MEMORANDUM:

Mr. C. L. Steele,
Australian Government Commissioner
in Egypt,
"Oris" Building,
Sharia El Walda,
Kasr El Doubara,
CAIRO. EGYPT.


KURRAJONG SEED.

I desire to advise that I have sent today by ordinary post, 1 lb. of seed of Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneum*) addressed to:-

The British Middle East Office,
10 Sharia Tolumbar,
Cairo. Egypt.

I trust this will be satisfactory; it is seed collected two weeks ago from a fresh crop so should germinate well.

The request was transmitted to us by the Director-General, Forestry and Timber Bureau.


(L. D. Pryor)
Superintendent,
Parks and Gardens.



DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
CANBERRA.

In reply quote No. 163/13/1

20th February, 1952.

MEMORANDUM for :-

The Superintendent of Parks and Gardens,
Department of the Interior,
CANBERRA.

Seeds for H.R.H. Prince Mohamed Aly

I refer to your memorandum of 12th July, 1950 enclosing a package of seed species for transmission to the abovenamed, then Crown Prince of Egypt and now second in line of succession to the Egyptian throne, and wish to advise that the Australian Minister at Cairo has now received a personal request from him for some seeds of the undermentioned plants :

Holly-leaved Banksia (Banksia ilicifolia)
Firewood or Menzies Bank (Banksia Menziessii)
Holly-leaved Dryandra (d. floribunda)
Wilson's Grenvillea (Gr. Wilsoni)

I should be glad if you could send me a selection of these seeds for transmission to our Minister in Cairo.

Charles Lee
(C. Lee)
for Secretary

Parks and Gardens Section,

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25th February, 1952.

The Secretary,
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Seeds for H.R.H. Prince Mohamed Aly.

I refer to your memorandum of 20th February relating to seed for transmission to Prince Mohamed Aly.

The species you list are all Western Australian, and I have no seed available, however, I shall try to obtain some from the Forests Department in Perth, and if this fails, from another collector in Western Australia. It is difficult to secure seed of any of these genera in quantity as it is not easy to collect, and I am not optimistic about the chances of being able to obtain them, however, I shall do the best I can and send any seed I can secure.

In the meantime, I enclose two small packets of seed of *Banksia ericifolia* and *Banksia marginata*, which are eastern species. *Banksia ericifolia* is a very decorative, tall shrub of about 12 ft., and *B. marginata* is a small tree of about 40 ft. They are very susceptible to water-logging both when being raised in the nursery and when planted out, and care should be taken not to over water them, and to plant in well drained, preferably sandy, soil. Otherwise both these species are quite hardy.

I shall advise you later about the other seed.



(L.D. Pryor)
Superintendent,
Parks and Gardens.

Encl.

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26th February, 1952.

MR. VANT:

SEEDS FOR MR. A. TANGE, DEPT. EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS.

Will you please arrange to dispatch the attached seed to Mr. A. Tange, Dept. External Affairs. These will go with the letter we are holding.



L. D. P.

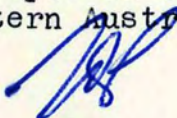
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MR. VANT:

SEED FOR DEPT. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Can you please get in touch with whoever rang from Dept. External Affairs and tell them that unfortunately we have not been able to obtain seed of the West Australian species listed.

These will be difficult to obtain - the only chance would be to arrange a special collection through the Forestry Dept. in Western Australia.



L.D.P.

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Not signed

A. note for Mr Lee stating what request should be made to the Forestry Dept in West Australia -

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Parks and Gardens Section,

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19th June, 1952.

Mr. C. Lee,
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

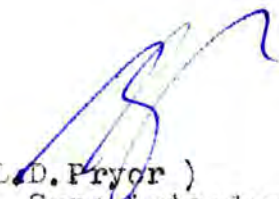
Seeds for H.R.H. Prince Mohamed Aly.

I would suggest you write to the Conservator of Forests, Western Australia, in the following terms:-

" A request was received some time ago for the supply of seed of a number of Australian plants for H.R.H. Prince Mohamed Aly of Egypt. Some related species were supplied by the Superintendent of Parks and Gardens, Canberra, and he at the same time enquired about the four species listed from you as they were Western Australian plants. It appears, however, that it is rather difficult to get seed from any regular source of these species.

I would now like to know if you think it is possible to arrange collection at any time of these plants, or if there is any collector in Western Australia who may be able to supply them.

It would be appreciated if a small quantity of these seeds could be obtained for transmission to our Minister in Cairo."


(L.D. Pryor)
Superintendent,
Parks and Gardens.