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"The botanical garden in Ile-de Bourbon is propagating large numbers of plants, distributed among 82 natural families and 391 species of these. Many of these have been recently introduced into the colony from various parts of Africa, Asia and Europe.... Baron Milius has just brought back from his sojourn there thirty-six boxes of plants, and other collections of natural objects." This, and further accounts summarized on the reverse of this form, have been drawn from Thouin's reports to the administrators of the Museum d'Histoire naturelle in Paris.

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Captain Philibert, on his return voyage from the seas of the Orient, has deposited in Cayenne, French Guiana, three collections of plants, one of these from the Ile de Bourbon and two from other localities. One part is to remain in the botanical garden at Cayenne, while the remainder, having been sheltered in the colony over the winter months, was shipped to the Jardin du Roi in Paris this past spring, together with a collection native to Guiana. This latter collection arrived in Paris 1 August 1821, in good condition. It comprises 534 specimens, belonging to 158 species and ranging in height from 6 inches to 8 feet.

Leschenault-Delatour [Hean Baptisté Louis Claude Théodore], the Royal naturalist at Pondichéry, conveyed to Ile de Bourbon in 1820 44 species of living plants collected in his travels in the mountains of Cottalam, 40 miles from Cape Comorin.