ANISOPHYLLEA GAUDICHAUDIANA, Baill. is A. GRANDIS, Benth.

About 1823 (the date is unrecorded) George Porter, at one time Head-Overseer of the East India Company’s Botanic Garden in Calcutta and then a schoolmaster in Penang, collected in this island and sent to Calcutta a curious plant to which Wallich gave the number 4454 and the name Strychnos grandis. But Bentham when he elaborated his account of the Loganiaceae, to which family Strychnos belongs, pointed out (Journ. Linn. Soc., 1, 1857, p. 79) that Porter’s plant is not even a member of the Loganiaceae, but a species of the genus Anisophyllum or Anisophyllea in the Rhizophoraceae: and he described it under the name of Anisophyllum grande.

In 1836 Gaudichaud collected in Penang specimens of the same plant, and these served as the basis of Baillon’s description of Anisophyllea Gaudichaudiana (Adansonia, 11, 1875, p. 311), a name found in our text books, whereas Bentham’s has been overlooked. But Bentham’s name long antedates Baillon’s, and must be restored as Anisophyllea grandis.

Porter collected other specimens of the same plant which Wallich distributed as no. 4976 under another singularly unfortunate name—Cocculus flavicans. These specimens are dated 1823. Maingay also collected it; and yet a fifth name, Anisophyllea grandifolia, G. Henslow, was bestowed when his specimens were examined for the Flora of British India.

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