

Cactus History

Dear Burdell

General was

first purchased on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1857

of the ~~Sultan of Johore~~ the

Sultan of Johore (area  
66.1.31) for \$8000 and

he sold it again the following  
year for the same sum. He

repurchased it on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
1860 for \$10,000 and it has

been in his family ever since  
The Sultan is the present holder.

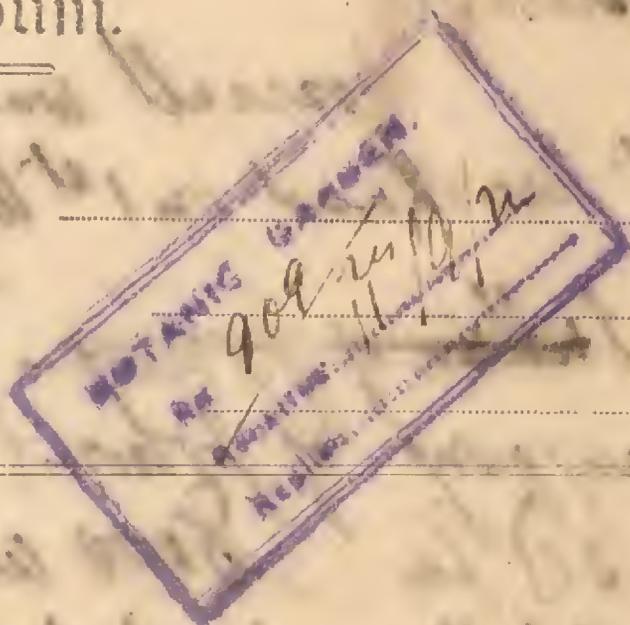
Woodmead 36 acres 2 woods 22

poles was purchased in 1892

J. Smith  
Johore

Memorandum.

To



records show where  
bought Tyersal? Was it

The opening of the

on 3 Dec. 1952.

Yours sincerely

Henry Buckner

John Baker

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Dear Buckell,

I am sorry to have been so long  
in replying to your letter about  
Tyersall, but I was return it with  
such information as I have been able  
to get.

Yours sincerely  
John Baker



Memorandum.

From

THE GENERAL ADVISER,

JOHORE, ..... 192

To

Hokayat Johore p 55.

The Sultan's Palace was being constructed to replace the old ~~place~~ palace which was pulled down. And the site of the new palace was in Tanyer near the Botanical Garden at a place called Tjusall.

On 3 December 1892 the palace was ready and the Sultan had an opening ceremony at which were present the Governor & all the European Consuls & a number of Englishmen as well as the Malay people, the Arab <sup>gentlemen</sup> ~~gentlemen~~, the Chinese, Dutch & others etc.

Buckley p 609 March 1857 Tjusall the house of William Rufus ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> about to be pulled down. The house built by him in 1856 was pulled down when the present palace was built.

Botanical Gardens

Singapore 8th. September 1922

Dear ████ Marriott,

You will remember that I asked you a couple of months back if you could help me to gather the early history of Tyersal and you said that you thought it possible. I am writing to you about it now.

I understand that in 1860 there stood a house on the site of Tyersal occupied by, I believe, the Chief Justice. [Question 1, Is this right?] The approach to the house would be by the present road: the low grounds were planted with coconuts and mangosteens, for their stumps were exposed last year in the course of draining the lakes. Napier owned the property. In 1860 the Gardens' cooly lines were placed by the stream entering the Gardens from Tyersal i.e. where the Dell is now -

obviously for the convenience of water. Soon after 1860 the State of Johore ~~MM~~ <sup>Tyersal</sup> acquired the ~~property~~ - [Is this right?] and the avenue of Tembusu trees from Holland road to the house was planted (Mr. Seah Leang Seah tells me this)

In 1865 - 66, the Government of the Colony acquired the drive planted with tembusus, from Holland road to the <sup>present</sup> gates of Tyersal ~~M~~ together with the bit of land between it and the centre of the Gardens lake (then a swamp) and made ████ the drive into a public road (Garden road), carrying it a bit obliquely northwards along the then - west boundary of the Gardens (see map in Gardens Bulletin II No. 2 p. 56 herewith), and threw the bit of land between the drive and the centre of of the Gardens lakes into the Gardens. The addition of this bit of land made the making of the Gardens' Lake possible and it ~~was~~ was made 1866, and the cooly lines removed [ then ? or later ]

Yes, but your note  
known (see letter  
from Rex wall)

Tembusu trees said to  
have been there first  
before the hill was brought  
it.

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It is interesting that the ditches of the drive are within the shade trees instead of outside them. Meanwhile (I want to know the date) the State of Johore had bought the present property and had ~~to~~ commenced to build Tyersal (again I want to know the date)

? 1857

? 1889-1892  
December  
(opened 1892)

Other Napier property passed out of Napier's hands; he sold whereon the area ~~whereon~~ is my house to the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Agri-Horticultural Society, and the Gallop road area went to some one else - I thought it was Burkinshaw, but that is not possible: we ~~call~~ <sup>will</sup> call him A. - Datoh Mohamed may remember his name.

In 1875 Murton was appointed Superintendent and began to collect interesting trees; among others he got Casuarina Sumatrana from Buitenzorg. That ~~is~~ this rare tree occurs in the Tyersal ~~grounds~~ grounds of the same age as the Gardens trees, suggests that Murton was called in to help to lay out the grounds - but this I do not know.

They also were already there, but the Sultan ~~opened~~ <sup>opened</sup> them ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~time~~ <sup>time</sup>

The Tyersal ponds were obviously made in imitation of the Gardens' lake, down to the islet with pandans; but (? later) the ~~one~~ one made was cut into two.

The conformation of the banks before the draining of 1921 shows that they had a roadway round them.

During the work of draining, the survey showed that the culvert from the Tyersal ponds to the Gardens had been made in two ~~parts~~ parts. There was the part made by Government with a fair fall on it and the Tyersal part with scarcely any fall. They joined in the old sump. I suspect that the hollow had been ~~deepened~~ <sup>deepened</sup> at the lower end in making the ponds for the sake of earth wanted close by and that is why so little fall could be allowed on the culvert. Walter Fox came out in 1878 and ~~at other time~~ <sup>tells me that then</sup> A's land was all belukar and the belukar extended into the Tyersal property. Burkinshaw (I understand) now bought A's property, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> proceeded to cut a rentis along what he regarded on his borders, but His Highness the Sultan disagreed and had another rentis cut. Thereon Government found itself interested and there was a triangular conference ending in a give and take of land and

the making of Tyersal road. Judging by planted trees behind my house I think that the Gardens gave to Burkinshaw a little land at the top end of the Tyersal road and Burkinshaw gave to the Gardens some of the swamp where the Cluny lake was made by Ridley later. I do not know if the boundaries of the Tyersal property ~~had~~ were altered.

The polo ground in Tyersal was perhaps made later: it spoilt some of the landscape effects of the grounds and could not have been in the early plans.

I should value any corrections please of the above.

Sincerely yours,

Albion

Woodneuk bought about 1892 by the late Sultan after the death of Sultanah Fatimah from Captain Ross.