

Botanical & Geographical gardens
January 1857

As I have the honor to submit to you
Mr. Smith's report on the progress of operations
and Mr. Laugel's on the Geological
Department for October & November
and my report for the latter part of
December.

Mr. Smith's reports as follows on October
operations,

The clearing of old Beds has been
continued. Between the Monkey house
and Office, besides two on the Band
stand, and three on the Terrace.

All the plants taken from these beds
that were of any use have been planted
in various parts of the garden & great
many on either side of the Garden
Road entrance.

The walks leading to the Monkey
house have been remodelled & remade
with red clay well pounded. in &
covered with sand & the large sin-
gularly drains have been filled in
and surged over.

The Rhinoceros Bath has been
filled up with soil.

owing to the continued drought much
labour has been expended in watering
the newly planted trees & shrubs.

The new Luff also we have been obliged to water every evening to keep it alive.

In the Nursery, the weather being unfavourable no planting could be done; the work consequently was confined to cleaning the old & making the new nursery grounds.

A Box containing Seeds & Bulbs of Flowering plants was received from the Hon. Mr. W. H. Read brought out from England.

The Masons have been occupied in making drains along the road leading over the Hill, and a fine brick drain on one side of the foot path leading to the Lake. The drain also running past the Leopards has been made good.

I have the honor to be

Your obedt. Servt.

God with

Chief Gardener

10th Sept.

To

H. J. Merton Esq.

Leeds Hill & Low Gardens

21 November

The cleared Beds have been leveled & the soil carted away so as to be in readiness for planting when the weather is favourable.

A plot of ground in the rear of the Coolie house has been stripped for the purpose of leveling, the turf being laid over the closed up road.

At each entrance of the four walks leading to the Monkey house a stone has been placed, to prevent visitors driving round & so breaking the drains.

The Bamboo hedges have all been trimmed and the Lily Lake has been cleaned out.

The Contractor has supplied some Latrite for the purpose of mending the roads near the principal entrance and near the Band Stand.

Large quantities of sand have been dug out of the Lake for the use of the Masons & for spreading over the foot paths.

In the Nursery the trenching of the new ground has been continued and beds are in preparation for the reception of cuttings so soon as the Rains arrive.

Nine large plants of Liberian Coffee have been planted out as suggested by the Hon^{ble} Col^l Secretary.

making good several deficiencies in
the old drains and carrying a drain
under the main road leading from
the Band stand. The Bricks being
all used up they proceeded with
the pointing of both the new & old
Drains which is now completed.

J. Smith
I have the honor to be

Yours obedt. Servt.

J. Smith

Chief Gardener Bot. Dept.

To

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