

No. 37

37	Holtum's correspondences
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All communications should be
addressed to—

THE DIRECTOR.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

23rd March, 1925.

Dear Holttum,

In Mr Burkill's letter of 30th April last he
asked for copies of the old photographs of Singapore
that we have at Kew. The Director regrets that
we have been such a long time in replying to his
request, but seventeen copies are sent you herewith.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

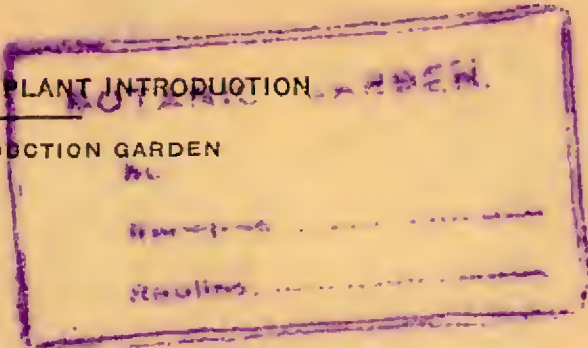
R.E.Holttum Esq.,
Botanic Garden,
Singapore,
Straits Settlements.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION

PLANT INTRODUCTION GARDEN



Chapman Field,
Coconut Grove, Fla.

March 7, 1928.

R. E. Holttum, Esq.
Curator of Botanic Garden,
Singapore,
Straits Settlement.

My dear Mr. Holttum:-

When I was at the Garden in May of 1926 Mr. B. showed me the fruit of Artocarpus polyphemia and Ahmat got a specimen from the market for me which I photographed. I took the seeds from that specimen and sent them to Washington and they grew a few seedlings but unfortunately none of them have lived here.

I wonder if it would be asking too much of you to have Ahmat get another fruit and take the seeds from it and send them to Washington in a tin I am asking the office to send you.

I am having prepared a set of Avocado budded plants which I trust we can get out to you in good condition. They will come along in the course of a few months now. We had a fire which set us back and a hurricane which destroyed our Avocado trees — hence the long delay.

Trusting your health has improved and that both you and Mr. & Mrs. Best are quite well again.

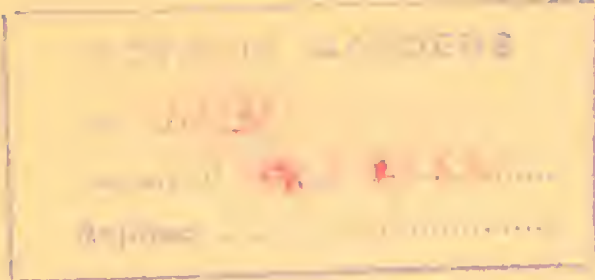
I have arranged to present a medal to Dr. Ridley, the long time Director of your Gardens, for his distinguished work in the early days of the introduction of the Rubber tree from Brazil. He has been a great servant of the world and deserves very great honor.

With best regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

David Fairchild

David Fairchild.
Senior Agricultural Explorer.



1 December 1931

Mr. R. E. HOLTUM
Director of Gardens
Singapore

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter No. 6 in 111/31 dated 9 July the seeds referred to arrived a month after the letter. I think the delay must have been in Singapore rather than in Sydney because the seeds of *Brownea grandiceps* were all sprouted in the tin with roots about 2 inch^{es} long reaching all down into the same side at the bottom. The tin must have remained in postal storage in this position:

Sydney would be too cold.



during the interval of a month between ships from Singapore to Sydney. About half of the seeds (more than enough) have resumed growth, and are showing a shoot coming from the nut.

As I wrote you previously this is exactly the same thing as happened to the seeds of Rambutan which you sent: all sprouted in the tin, roots to one side of the bottom, tops to opposite side of the top. I now have 4 rambutans growing very well in the ground and several given to friends.

Cassia Auriculata is now distributed about the island, but I find that *Terminalia catappa* already exists here. Unfortunately *Nepenthes* has not sprouted but I presume it still may do so. It surprises me to find how long some seeds require

I wonder if you can supply *Terminalia Okari* if it is really much better than *T. Catappa*

With renewed thanks for your kindness
Faithfully yours,

intended
Cassia auriculata

F37/3

New Guinea

Farrison W. Smit

BOTANIC GARDENS

At
Received

Replied

7 June 1931

R. E. HOLTUM, Esquire
Director of Gardens
Singapore

Dear Sir:

I have received your letters No. 2, No. 4 & No. 5 in 111/31 and by the last mail 2 weeks ago both lots of seeds arrived covered by certificates nos 37 and 41 dated 16 March and 17 April

The earlier parcel missed the mail which brought the letter of advice and was not received here until more than 2 months after dispatch. The seeds of the first lot were in fact planted just 10 weeks after the date of the certificate. The seeds appeared to be in excellent condition and several have already sprouted. You will be interested to know that all of the 16 seeds of rambutan had grown about 2 inches both of roots and shoots. This growth must have occurred while the parcel was in storage in Singapore or Sydney since the roots had grown to one side of the bottom and the shoots to the opposite side of the top. 14 of these sixteen seeds now show green in the shoots and in some the leaves have begun to develop. The packing around the rambutan seeds had become quite dry but the contents were perfectly fresh, no suggestion or odour of any mould whatever. The fumigation must have been perfect.

A few of the seeds I cannot find described in Macmillan or other reference book that I have at hand. I inclose a list and will ask you to be so good as to note what the plant is, and any suggestion as to proper place for planting.

Please accept my thanks for the care that has been bestowed on this interesting lot of seeds.

Faithfully yours,

Harrison W. Hurler



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

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THE DIRECTOR.

H. 225/32.

18th February, 1932.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the 3 parcels containing 125 named duplicate specimens advised in your letter No. 17/32 of the 12th January. These form a welcome addition to the Kew Herbarium.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur Hill

Director.

R.E. Holttum, Esq., M.A., F.L.S.,
Botanic Gardens,
Singapore,
Straits Settlements

P.S. Henderson has been here and I hope to see him again shortly for a stay of some time.

*Herbarium file
12.2.32*

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addressed to

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

THE DIRECTOR.

KEW, SURREY,

5th September, 1927.

Dear Mr. Holtum,

I am sending you a copy of our new Illustrated Guide, which I hope you will consider compares very favourably with the admirable Guide which you recently sent us of the Singapore Gardens. You may be interested to know that I took your Guide up to the Stationery Office and it was owing to the excellence of your publication that I managed to get the Stationery Office to do ours as well as they have done it. I put it up to them that it was rather a blot on the Stationery Office work to be beaten in their publications by Singapore, so I am very much obliged to you for having given me the opportunity of getting our Guide produced as well as it has been.

With reference to my visit to Singapore next year, I have now got my sailing dates and as far as I know, I shall be reaching Singapore from Batavia on Monday March 19th and shall be able to stay in the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States until March 23rd, when I leave for home.

Looking forward to seeing you and the Gardens in
Malaya,

Yours sincerely,

R.E. Holtum Esq.,
Botanic Gardens,
Singapore,
Straits Settlements.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

All communications should be addressed to

THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number :—

30th December, 1936.

Dear Holttum,

I was not surprised to receive your letter no.462/36 of September 14th, which only reached me on December 28th, as I thought it quite unlikely that you or any other of the Colonial Governments would be able to give much help for the Chelsea Flower Show next year. Mr. Coutts, our Curator, is acting as Chairman of the Committee who are looking into the question of making representative Colonial exhibits, and it has been agreed, as far as possible, to make up representative groups for the different Colonies from specimens which are at present being grown in this country - either in good nurseries, private gardens or at Kew. It is hoped, however, that in a few cases the home exhibits may be supplemented with one or two things of particular importance from some of the Colonies.

Here we will do our best, with the help of Messrs. Russell and others, to make a good show of the Malayan flora, but if you could send over anything of particular interest, it would be greatly appreciated. The plants you mention at the end of your letter would certainly be most welcome, if they would be likely to travel in good condition and be in flower at the time of the Show.

With good wishes for the New Year,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

R. E. Holttum, Esq., F.L.S.,
Director: Botanic Gardens,
SINGAPORE, S.S.

Arthur Hill

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noted*

*- J. J. J. J.
25/1/37*

TO FILE

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

Kew,

26th May, 1937.

SIR,

A consignment of orchids for Chelsea, 1937, shipped in s.s. "Cathay", in three large cases and one small box, received in excellent condition.

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the contribution mentioned in the margin, made by you to the Royal Botanic Gardens, for which I beg to tender my best thanks.

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I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

Arthur Hill
Director.

To Director,

Botanic Gardens,

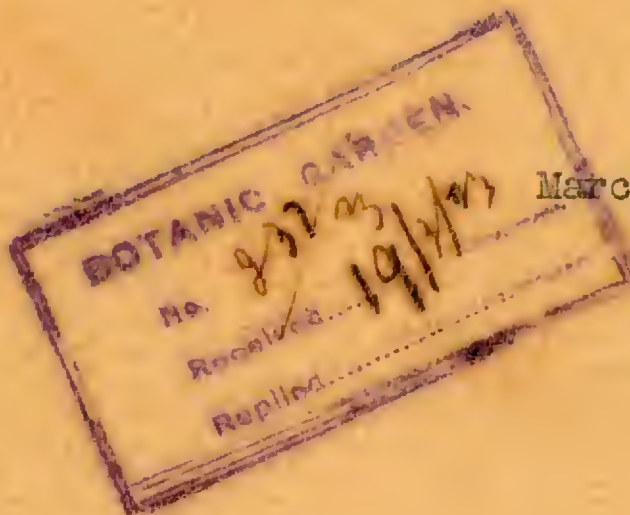
Singapore, Straits Settlements.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BUREAU OF SCIENCE
MANILA

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF SCIENCE,
MANILA, P. I.

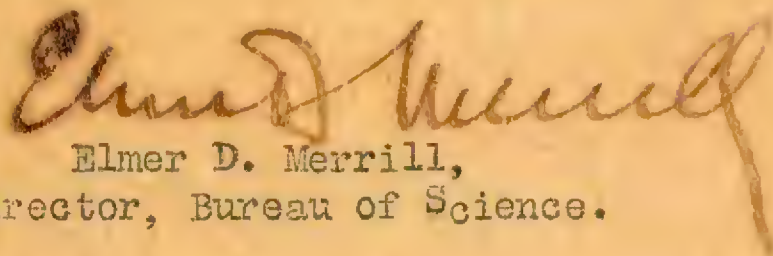


The Director,
Botanic Garden,
Singapore.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to the question of the identity of *Brownlowia* collected by Mr. Burkill and originally identified as *Hernandia* regarding which I have previously written to Mr. Burkill, Captain Hill, Director of the Kew Gardens, writes under date of January 18, 1923, that our No. 28644 from Mindanao has been compared with the type of *Brownlowia riedelii* Hemsl., by Mr. Sprague, with which it has been found to agree so far as the material available shows. The Philippine material is in turn matched by several specimens from British North Borneo, Sarawak and Mr. Burkill's unnumbered collections from the Malay Peninsula. The species is apparently a littoral one and probably presents adaptations for dissemination by floating.

Very truly yours,


Elmer D. Merrill,
Director, Bureau of Science.

EDM

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BUREAU OF SCIENCE
MANILA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU

January 21, 1922.

Mr. I. H. Burkill
Director, Botanic Gardens
Singapore, S. S.

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JAN 21 1922
MANILA

Dear Mr. Burkill:

I was very glad indeed to secure the additional data in your letter of January 7 regarding the Brownlowia from Joara Bay. As soon as I secure the results of the comparison from Kew with the Philippine material, I will communicate with you again. Curiously, in a large shipment of duplicate plants from Warburg's collection made in 1886-89 in various parts of the Malay Archipelago, I find an unnamed specimen of the same species from Celebes with the erroneous identification Thespesia, so it looks as though the Malay Peninsula form were really the same as B. riedelii, the type of which was from the Moluccas. This would give the range as from Pehang, Sarawak, Sandakan, Mindanao, Celebes, Moluccas, which is not unexpected distribution, in view of the fact that the plant is a littoral species and the fruits or seeds are doubtless adapted for dissemination by ocean currents.

Very truly yours,

Elmer D. Merrill
Director, Bureau of Science.

EDM

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BUREAU OF SCIENCE

MANILA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU

December 21, 1921.

Mr. I. H. Burkill
Botanic Gardens
Singapore, S. S.

Dear Mr. Burkill:

Some time ago I received from you an unnumbered specimen of your collection made at Joara Bay, Pehang, identified as Hernandia peltata. In going over the material before distributing it into the herbarium, I recognized this specimen as a representative of the genus Brownlowia. I wonder if you can give me any further information as to its specific identity. It does not agree with the descriptions of any of the species from Asia or from the Sunda Islands. Curiously, I find the same species represented in our collections from Sarawak and Sandakan, and very recently I have received specimens from Mindanao. All of the material from Borneo and from the Philippines is from the sea shore back of mangrove swamps or along tidal streams; I presume this to be the habitat of your specimen also. Although Brownlowia riedelii Hemsl. from the Moluccas is very imperfectly described, in fact, scarcely described at all, except by comparison with another species, I suspect the Pehang, Borneo, and Mindanao forms to be the same as Hemsley's species. I have sent a duplicate of the Mindanao form to Kew for comparison with Hemsley's type, and will later communicate the results to you.

Very truly yours,



Elmer D. Merrill
Director, Bureau of Science.

EDM

Christmas greetings to
you and yours
EDM

1639, GARDENS,
KUALA LUMPUR,
F. M. S.

12 December 1955

Dear Holtham,

Herewith the manuscript of
the article which I promised you
I hope it is suitable and not
too long. Please make any
alterations or excisions which
you consider necessary.

Yours sincerely

F. South

MEMORANDUM

From

To

Mr. Xuan

You were going to speak to Rattinam and refer
further. Paper herewith.

Her 1-12-36

Mr. Holten

① Rattinam's son goes to the Anglo-Chinese school.

② Rattinam is now working on a wage of 600 per day, Sundays included, which amounts to roughly \$1800 per month.

J. S. Jones

2/12/36

Minute Paper No. 306/39.

Sheet No. 5

general question at present.

2. I think C. of L. should see this as I understood from D. C. L. that in Malay States there are cases where incremental schemes have been approved.
3. I am afraid that I did not regard this as an incremental scheme. My view was that these particular coolies who had long service might reasonably expect to get slightly more than a newly appointed coolie & that (1) was more for the guidance of the dept. than a definitely approved scheme of increments which would be communicated to the coolies.

Sd. A. M. Goodman.

23. 8. 39.

D. F. S.

Please see.

2. There should not be any further increases.
3. Para. 1 of (4) in 2525/39 refers.

Sd. A. Keywood-Waddington

25. 8. 39.

A. S. (A)

1. Noted.
2. C. of L. to see, as in para. 2 of 21. 8. 39.

Sd. W. E. Rigby

11. 10. 39

C. of Labour,

D. G.

Please see

Sr. A. Heywood Waddington

f. C.S. 12.10.39

C.S.

Seen

Sr. 2. 19.10.39

C.S.

Seen

Sr. R. E. Holtman

D. G. 26.10.39

Mr. Nansen

From the minutes for 18.7.39 onwards to the 1st

of further increases of salary wages and to be given to

daily provisions, etc. for 18.7.39 onwards to the 1st

Director of Gardens,
Straits Settlements.

Det. P.

Noted. I note that time is 40

reference to giving a name for maintenance

is fully responsible for the maintenance of the

at present, pending

Assistant Curator,
Penang.

A. C. P.

No objection; but the vote must not be exceeded.

26/10/39 R. E. Holtman

Director of Gardens,
Straits Settlements.

Gardens Department, Penang.

Straits Settlements,

It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. 701/39

2nd September, 1939.

Sir,

Referring to your file D. of G. No. 299/39.

I have the honour to ask whether the Supplementary Estimates for the additional pay for Coolies and Gardens at Penang Hill, Residency and Botanic Gardens, Penang, have been passed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Assistant Curator,
Gardens Dept; Penang.

R. E. Holtum, Esq,
Director of Gardens,
Singapore, S.S.

Sir,

attd.

2.9.39

DRAFT

Fair Copy signed by

Request for payment of account
of the Botanic Garden

To

SIR,

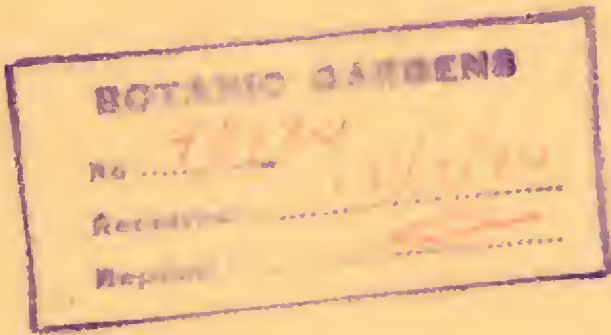
C.S.

Reference to the account of 11.3.34 in Garden 1534/1-1, in which it is stated that arrangements could be made to use the Botanic Garden bank account about May, but that it is now found that the same is suspended until near the end of the year.

The primary purpose has increased considerably since that account was opened. The Botanic Garden has no printed matter, and it is now being printed, and it is necessary to receive the necessary of a book in the course of a month or two, which for which illustrations will be required as follows.

The balance in the Botanic Garden account is small and has been insufficient to cover pay for all the illustrations required, and at present it is estimated that the amount will be

The
Yours
faithfully



DRAFT

Fair Copy signed by

To

SIR,

Return under Circular of 30th May 1934
 (~~Print~~
 Illustrations)

- (i) It is not possible to give a definite figure for the amount spent per year on illustrations for the Gardens' Bulletin (the only publication issued ^{periodically} by this Department for which illustrations are required), as the Bulletin appears at irregular intervals & may or may not contain illustrations. A very rough estimate would be from \$60 to \$150 ~~per annum~~ yearly.
- (ii) Future demand for such work would probably increase if facilities were available at the Govt. Printing Office for producing it, as now that the Printing Office is undertaking the printing of the Gardens' Bulletin, it is hoped to produce it at shorter intervals, and the ~~number~~ ^{would therefore} number of illustrations required ^{would therefore} increase ^{in proportion}.
- (iii) The only printing ~~done~~ ^{done} for the Dept. other than the usual forms, ~~and~~ labels, etc., by the Govt. Printing Office has been the Guide to the Penang Gardens and the last number of the Gardens' Bulletin. No undue delay in producing these was experienced.

V/G/34

V/G/34

Verzoeken alle correspondentie te
richten aan het Hoofd van het
Herbarium van 's Lands Plantentuin



BUITENZORG, Sept. 5th 1935.
(JAVA)

The Director of the Botanic Gardens
Singapore.

Dear Mr. Holttum,

I received your letter of Aug. 30th and I have given the photographs today to the printer's Archipel Drukkerij at Buitenzorg, who, I am sure of that, will do their utmost best, to make the best of it, ^{according to} following your wishes. I believe the jungle photograph can be touched up. I have cut small slits along the margin to make this easier, without disturbing the habitat. Towards the end of the following week you can, I hope, receive the proof. I have looked too at your photographs of Kinabalu ferns, which are not very well reproduced. Though the Gard. Bull. is printed by Government, you might suggest to have all photographs (not figures drawn ^{away} by pen and ink) printed here. ~~by hand~~ I believe photographs cost 2½ cent Dutch currency per cm sq.

You wrote size of page 34.2 by 15.7, this ~~must~~ be of course ~~24.2~~ 24.2 etc. which appears from former nos. of the Bull.

That of the jungle photograph cannot stand upright, otherwise it should be reduced too much in size. You agree of course with that.

Under legends 2 (jungle) you writein the Gardens Jungle. Should that not be Gardens! (apostrophe after the 's?) which I take conform with the Title of Gardens! Bulletin. Is that right?

Will you discuss with Henderson the matter of sending the bibliogr. of Ridley to Ridley himself. Henderson says that it might be somewhat dangerous now, in your opinion, but I have kept a copy, corrected as far as I sent to Henderson. If he has a copy of his additions and corrections, it could be done, I

suppose. I send my copy of what I have with the same mail. That
can be made easily conformable to what goes to Ridley. It is
of course worth while to get it through the hands of Ridley
so that it is as complete as possible.

Sincerely yours

C. van Steenis

(C. van Steenis).

I propose my article of
the Jubilee volume
to consist of a mono-
graph of *Symplocos*
Subg. *Cosdyloblaste*
± 10 or 15 pp. print and
1 plate. Is this too
large? I can give
you another one of
2 pages if you like on
fumarole plants. By
Bacher sent
already a short contribution
he informed me of.

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THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Aug 6 - 1935

Dear Mr. Holttum:

Just received your letter regarding the number of the Garden Bulletin you very ably intended plan to dedicate to Mr. Ridley. At first I thought I couldn't do anything because of my present most peculiar circumstances. A few weeks ago I resigned my position here to accept a most extraordinary Harvard offer and must about Oct. 1. I considered it no and for six weeks and for most of that time was inclined to decline acceptance. The newly created position of Administrator of Botanical Collections places me over the 8 separately endowed units of the University, scattered from Cambridge, ~~Forest~~ Forest Hills, Jamaica Plain and Petersham, Mass. to Cienfuegos Cuba. The objective is closer coordination and elimination of duplication. I may need commiserations rather than congratulations - time will tell.

Again in due to sail next week for Amsterdam, leaving in 16th Sep. to be back in New York 18th Sept. so you see my time is short and I have a "mountain of problems" to solve in closing up my work here and making the move to Cambridge.

Again our library is temporarily closed as plasterers and painters are operating on it and the cases are shrouded with canvas

These factors rather discouraged me in attempting to write a paper for the ~~Risley~~ number.

Yet last night I sat down at home and rough drafted a general paper on "Some Malaysian phytopathological problems" - in having it typed now. This done I'll read it over and try to evaluate it. If it seems to be reasonably good I'll take a copy with me on the boat, polish it up & immediately on my return have a new copy made for you. It won't be very "original" I am afraid and it will of necessity have to be undocumented. Yet I'm an idea that it may prove to be readable and possibly of some value, but after all the number of botanists who have much acquaintance ~~of~~ and knowledge of Malaysian problems is limited and a resume of such a subject may have its place.

If I send it please use your own judgment as to publication. Under the circumstances attending its preparation it may not seem worth while to others!

Hastily

J. Merrill

INTERNATIONAL ADDRESS BOOK OF BOTANISTS

(Resolution of the Fifth International Botanical Congress, 1930)

Committee:

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DR. T. F. CHIPP,

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England, **TO WHOM COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED**

2nd March, 1931.

Dear Holttum,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter 23/31 dated the 6th ult. and the set of cards for the Address Book of Botanists. I am much obliged to you for the assistance you have so kindly given us.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature
20/3/31

R.E.Holttum, Esq., F.L.S.,

Director,

Botanic Gardens Department,

SINGAPORE, S.S.

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THE DIRECTOR.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,
KEW, SURREY,

July 27th. 1927.

Dear Sir,

I am desired by the Director to say that he has received a request from Madagascar for about 50 seeds of each of the following species:-

- * Durio Zibethinus *Sent 14 seeds 8/1/27. In bag 20 cut. Complete sent 8/19/27.*
- * Averrhoa Carambola *Sent 22/9/27.*
- Garcinia Mangostana *Sent 10/2/28.*
- * Carica Papaya *50 seeds Sent 22/9/27.*
- * Sapota Achras. *Sent 8 seeds on 9/1/27. by 20 seeds? 56*

The request originates from M. le Directeur de la Station Agricole de l'Ivoloina - Tamatave, Madagascar whose station was devastated by the cyclone on the 3rd. March last.

His Excellency the Governor of Madagascar has been good enough to arrange, from time to time, for seeds and material to be supplied at the request of Kew, and the Director would like to reciprocate in helping them over their present difficulties.

The Director will be greatly obliged for any assistance you can render them in the above connection, and asks that you will be good enough to send direct to the Station Agricole et Ecole d'Agriculture de l'Ivoloina any of these seeds that you may have available.

Yours faithfully,

J. V. ...
Assistant Director.

The Director,
Botanic Gardens,
Singapore,
Straits Settlements.

HEEMSTEDE, Holland, Rembrandtlaan 13.
August 8 1955.

Director Botanical Gardens
SINGAPORE,
Straits Settlements.

Dear Dr. HOLLTUM,

In reply to your letter 293/35 I have the great pleasure of sending you in this same letter a short contribution for the jubilee-number of your Bulletin for Mr. RIDLEY, to whom I have great obligations.

By mail I send you a photograph of the plant described by me, which I dare not trust to the air-post, having only one copy of it, which I should like to get back. I hope you can give a reproduction of it. I should also like to receive some separate copies of my article. *And I will be very pleased if you will kindly correct my mistakes in the English language.*
Most truly yours

C. A. Backer.

You know of course that Mr. H.N. Ridley was born Dec. 10. 1855 at West Harling, Norfolk, England.

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It is requested that the following
number be quoted in the reply
to this letter.

No. 17 in Agr. 264/30.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS
&
FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

Kuala Lumpur, 14th. March, 1931.

Dear Holttum,

Many thanks for your letter No.17 in
349/29, dated the 13th. March, 1931 regarding the
origin of the Avocado Pear seedlings which you
kindly supplied to this Department last July.

I note that they were raised from seeds
of unnamed Guatemalan and Mexican hybrids received
from Los Angeles about June, 1929, but some of the
plants may be from seed obtained from the West
Indies a few months earlier.

Yours sincerely,

Bunting

R.E.Holttum, Esq.,
The Director of Gardens, S.S.
Singapore.

W. J. G.
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Cairo

Elchamkall

Tramhead

24 Feb. 1920

My dear William,

By this date you will have received your stock of the *Journal* Bulletin 6 no. 1, and the bill.

6 no. 2 will be out in March. It is in type from p 165 to p 276 and I expect early the last pages. In all it will be about 130 pages.

Exactly now, as you being ready to the press is the MS of 6 no. 3, cannot tell you. I in letter has been ill, and again has troubles in consequence of the illness of a brother; and have not heard from him, nor worried time.

What I want is authority to send the MS to the press, when it is ready.

I will write to you giving
exact length as soon as possible
It will probably be about as long
as the others

As far as I remember I have not
read it; for it was impossible to
estimate for it when we estimated
for the others.

N. 3 will be the most interesting to
the public of the three. and I think
that I may say that the government
should be pleased with all of them

I have been enjoying a cold
for 3 weeks - a part of a cold. but
of being unable to get over it
regularly I have found
off a lot of half finished articles
at home

Yours ever

Mary W. Weston

P.S. You have not forgotten the Party
Explosives. I hope they must be collected.

DRAFT.

Fair Copy signed by

To

The Manager
Oriental Telephone
Electric Co. Ltd.
Singapore

SIR,

I have received your letter
of February 14th in answer
to my report of 9th January
for information regarding your
bill no. W.O. 81 for \$121.47
for damage done by a storm
overturning a tree in the
vicinity of the telephone wires
which caused close against
the pole. I have
during the interval, as
you are aware, paid a
bill for \$23.00 for damage
done to the cause of
reversing a tree in

Your interest and at your
request) brought about
the breaking of a couple

of ropes. I do not

admit that my saying

the second bill ~~entitled~~

~~you to pay~~ (which I was

for damage after your ~~letter~~ first bill

had ~~been~~ entitled

you to pay for damage

due of a storm previous to

your ~~letter~~ but if you

insist that you are entitled

I will refer the matter to

the Government. With you

kindly tell me if you desire

me to do so.

I am

Yours faithfully

MEMORANDUM

From

To

Resistin'
Gardens East Enang.

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29. 5. 34

Dear Henderson

May thank for your memo of the 22nd

Gladioli bulbs - I have sent these up the Hill
hope we may get some success from them.

Waterfall Garden Guide .. these have arrived & number
1400 is correct. (Please inform Leung)

In reference to sales will you please let
me know your procedure in respect to the
Singapore Guide, to the proceeds of these

Guide sales go into General Revenue? I take it that the sales are subject to credit & that it will be necessary to keep a separate book for sales account?

Further, am I allowed to approach the local tradesmen with a view to putting them on the local book stalls? If so, what percentages are they to be allowed on the profits therefrom?

Anything else you have some across in the disposal of these Guides I should be glad to know about.

Juniperus Peruviana - received but I very much doubt if any of them are sound. We will sort them & find out.

My wife has about recovered now I think, thank you, she was badly shaken up though & has taken a good time to recover.

Yours sincerely
H. H. S. P.

BOTANIC GARDENS
No. 390/28
Received 6/9/28
Replied

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

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FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION

August 7, 1928.

Mr. R. E. Holtum,
Director, Botanic Garden,
Singapore, Straits Settlements.

Dear Mr. Holtum:

From information which Dr. Fairchild has given us we understand that you are interested in establishing some of our best avocados at the Garden. We have already sent you a trial shipment of avocado plants and I trust you have been successful in propagating them. In the growing and distribution of avocados in this country we have found by experience that when budded varieties are grown in pots or boxes where the roots are cramped the trees seldom, if ever, amount to very much. Wherever it is possible to get seedling avocados growing in the ground in advance of budding with wood of good varieties, it is desirable to do so. In order that we may render you the best assistance in our power in the matter of getting certain of our best varieties established in Singapore, we are sending you today 50 seeds of the West Indian avocado. These were collected for us through the kindness of Dr. Wilson Popenoe, who recently passed through Cuba and found the fruit quite abundant. It has been our experience that the West Indian avocado makes the best stock for most of our cultivated varieties. We are sending these seed to you with the suggestion that you plant them in the open ground where you desire to have the trees remain. Later on we can send you either by parcel post or by express or ocean freight in a wardenian case some of our best budded varieties of avocados. These can be put out for the purpose of furnishing you with wood for top-working the seedlings grown from the seed we are sending you.

We trust the seed will reach you in good condition and that you will be in position to plant them out in the open as suggested. If upon receipt of the seed and they are found to be in good shape you will notify us, we will then take steps to send the plants to you.

Sincerely,

Knowles A. Ryerson,
Horticulturist in Charge.

BTG-N.

Mr. R.E. HOLTUM,
Director Botanic Gardens,
Singapore,
Str.S.

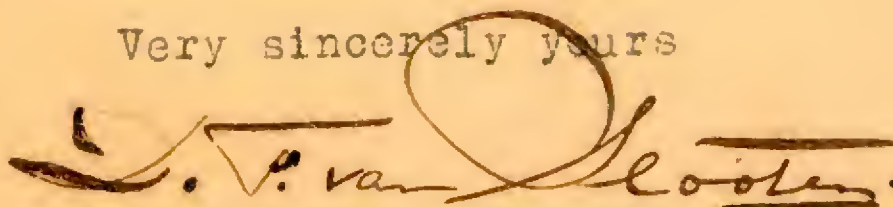
Dear Mr. HOLTUM.

Herewith I am sending you a little manuscript, for "the Gardens Bulletin", dedicated to Mr. H.N. RIDLEY. I hope that you will agree with the contents and that you will have the kindness to make it idiomatic. I know there are many sentences which are not English, but translated Dutch. I hope, however, that you will understand the meaning of these.

Perhaps, if time permits, it is the best that you return this manuscript or the firsts proof-sheets to me if you are in doubt about the meaning of my words.

Thanking you very kindly in anticipation for all the trouble,

Very sincerely yours


Acting Director Botanic Gardens.

I can understand, that it should be necessary to replace sentences by new ones, with which I agree.

D.



**BOTANIC GARDENS
BUITENZORG JAVA.
„s LANDS PLANTENTUIN”**

BUITENZORG, August 17th 1929.

Correspondence should be addressed to the
Director of the botanic gardens Buitenzorg,
leaving out his private adress.

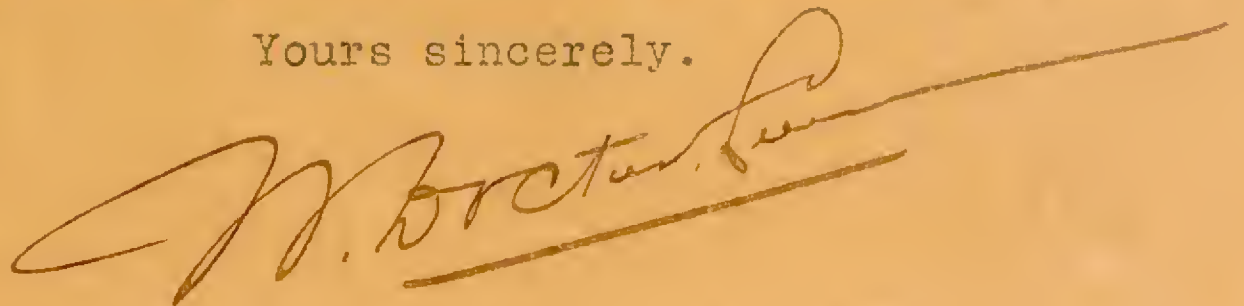
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Dear Dr. Holttum,

With many thanks I have received your letter of August 12th and the specimen of a moss, *Calymperes Hampei* D. et M., enclosed therein. All my mosses from Krakatau are now in Holland where dr. Fleischer is working them out for me. So I am not quite sure if I have collected this species or not.

I hope to see you within a short time. I am leaving Buitenzorg on September 21th on my way to Sibolangit and hope to be able to call on you on my way back, probably October 10th or 11th, when the steamer is longer in Singapore. My assistent, Miss Reijnvaan is accompanying me.

Yours sincerely.



BOTANIC GARDENS
BUITENZORG JAVA.
„s LANDS PLANTENTUIN”

BUITENZORG, August 27th. 192 9.

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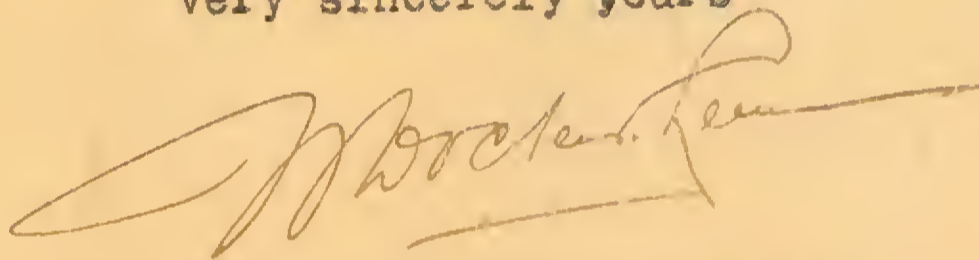
To
the Director of Botanic Gardens
SINGAPORE, S.S.

Dear Dr. Holttum,

In a separate package I am sending you the material of Lindsaya for which you asked for comparison by letters of 9th. and 17th. August, L. glandulifera and subsemilunaris excepted, all the material of which I sent to Pasoeroean on loan.

At the same time I return the Dryobalanops- and Cotylelobium-material lent by Dr. v. Slooten from the Singapore Herbarium and for the use of which he kindly thanks you.

Very sincerely yours



Director of Botanic Gardens.

BOTANIC GARDENS
BUIENZORG JAVA.
„S LANDS PLANTENTUIN”

BUIENZORG, September 5th. 1923.

Correspondence should be addressed to the
Director of the botanic gardens Buitenzorg
leaving out his private address.

No. 559.

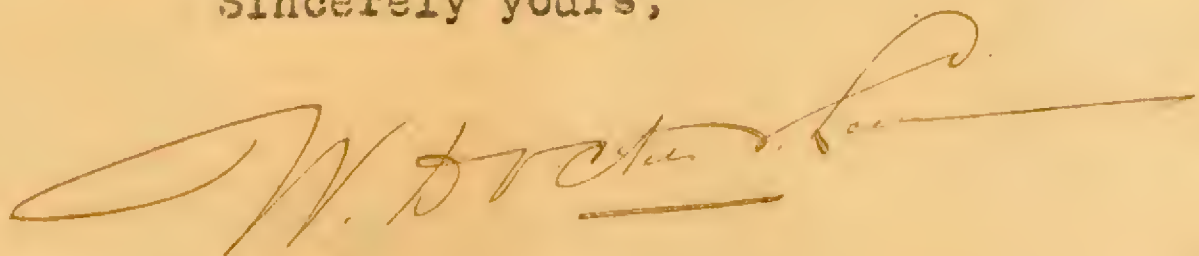
The Director of the Botanic Gardens
SINGAPORE.

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Dear Mr. Holttum,

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of Raciborski's
original description of Acrostichum Smithii, but I regret to have to
inform you that Fee's Mémoire is obtainable nowhere in our colonies.
Perhaps Kew will send you a type-written copy of it.

Sincerely yours,



Director of Botanic Gardens.

LEERSUM

July 30th 1935.



To the Director of the Botanic
Gardens, Singapore.

Your letter of July 18th. No. 293/

Dear Dr. Holttum,

I am very glad to be able to write an article on tropical botany in honour of Mr H.N. Ridley. I am busy writing my book on Krakatau, and have arranged all the annotations on the dispersal of plants by bats that I have made during my stay in Java. In a couple of weeks I can be ready with this article, but unfortunately I have to write to Buitenzorg for the name of one of these fruit-eating bats. Nevertheless I am sure that I can send you my contribution in time for the special issue of the Gardens Bulletin.

Sincerely Yours

W. Docters

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DRAFT

Fair Copy

Signed by

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To

Honble. C. S.

Sir,

Requests permission for a retiring gratuity to Ramasamy, coolie at Waterfall Gardens, Penang.

I have the honour to request that a gratuity be ~~given to~~ ^{given to} Ramasamy, coolie at Waterfall Garden, Penang, who retires owing to old age and general debility (medical certificate attached). Ramasamy has continuous service since 1-2-27.

2. Ramasamy ceased work on the 10th instant and is being paid a subsistence allowance on half-pay as laid down in C.S.O paper 7528/1936.

3. I ~~propose~~ recommend that he should be repatriated ~~to India~~ with a free passage for himself ^{to India} at the earliest opportunity; ^{this wife is dead and his children are in India.} He can draw the gratuity in India through the Labour Office if it is approved.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant
D.H.L.
J. J. L.

DRAFT

Fair Copy }
Signed by }

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To

C.S.

Sir,

Requests ~~a~~ ~~purchase~~ permission for purchase
of a ~~special~~ ~~lawn-mower~~ ^{mower} for Government
Rouse Domain, as Special Expenditure

I have the honour to ask your
permission to purchase a Lawn-mower, as
specified in Paragr. 3, ~~in order~~ for use
on the new tennis-courts at Government
Rouse Domain.

2. These tennis-courts ~~were~~ ^{are} ~~have~~ ^(C.S.O. refers)
just been made by Mr. Kleinmann and it
is ~~not~~ ^{is} necessary that they should be cut
by a special hand-mower, ^{as} none of the
mowing-machines in use at ~~the~~ ^{Government}
Rouse Domain or at the Botanic Gardens ^{is} ~~are~~
suitable..

3. The machine which it is intended
to buy is the J.P. Lawn Mower, 14" size,
at a cost of £140 (less discount). The
agents are Robinson & Co Ltd, Raffles
Place. This is the best of machines used at

the Singapore Cricket Club and at Bukit Bukit Timah
Golf Club for fine 'green work'.

It is urgent that the machine should be
available as soon as possible for the next cutting of
the courts. Further use of the existing machines at Government House
~~is not possible as it will damage the courts~~
5. The cost of the machine may be met by a

Special appropriation either this year or next.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Verzoeken bij beantwoording het nummer van dezen brief aan te halen. Adres: **AAN DEN DIRECTEUR VAN HET RIJKSHERBARIUM, LEIDEN** (zonder vermelding van persoonsnamen).

Sent by registered post.

Duplicate

LEIDEN, October 8 1935

Please, refer to number of this letter. Address: **THE DIRECTOR, RIJKSHERBARIUM, LEIDEN, HOLLAND** (without mention of personal names).

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No. 1447

Dr. R. S. HOLTUM
Director Botanic Gardens
S I N G A P O R E.
Strait Settlements

BIJGEVOEGD (apart): 1 ms.
ANNEX (separate cover):

ONDERWERP:
CONCERNS:

ANTWOORD OP:
REFERENCE:

Dear Dr. Holtum,

I am mailing today by common mail steamer to Singapore the ms. of a small paper promised to you in my letter of July 26 (ref. your letter of July 18th no. 293/35). I hope this contribution on behalf of Dr. Ridley's jubilee on December 10th may be deemed suitable and acceptable.

I also hope that the contribution is arriving in time, sending it by air mail would have been too expensive. May I ask for 150 reprints with cover and title for which I will be glad to pay.

With kind regards,

yours sincerely,

H. J. Lam

HJL/Kvab

(H. J. Lam).
Director, Rijksherbarium.

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Dear Dr. Holttum,

I am including an improved figure which is meant to replace the corresponding one I forwarded some time ago by mail (Pl.II). Please apply the same size reduction and add in the ms. the following lines:

Ms. p.7 line 14, after Burckiana add: (cf. Pl.III).

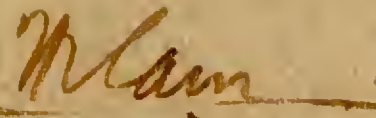
Ms. p.9 line 17, after Philippines add: , cf. Pl.IIb, arrow from Mindanao to Borneo.

Legenda to Pl.IIb add: from the accepted centre of dispersion and area boundary of the Eumadhucae (- - - -).

Many thanks for your kind help in this matter and best wishes for a success of the Ridley number.

With kind regards,

yours sincerely,



(H.J.Lam).

Director, Rijksherbarium.

HJL/Kvds

no. 1447

Dr. R. E. HOLTUM
Director Botanic Gardens
SINGAPORE.
Strait Settlements.

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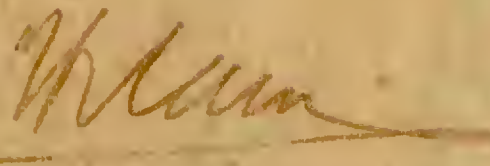
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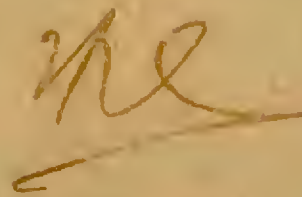
yours sincerely,



HJL/Kvds

(H. J. Lam).
Director, Rijksherbarium.

P.S. Hope to reply soon concerning ms. Carr's Collection.



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DRAFT.

FAIR COPY

SIGNED BY

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DATED

2nd Aug. 1912

To

~~SIR.~~

Tham an Jandana Sathinathan.

With regard to the irregularity - I observed in this morning's checkroll I shall not make use of the regulation respecting fines, but I take this opportunity to caution you that any further irregularity will be reported to Government.

The check roll is to be called at 6 a.m, prompt, and again at 1 pm prompt, and each man must hand in his tools at 5 pm when it should again be observed that all hands make a present report themselves.

I would also caution you that it is not enough to be above irregularities you must also be above suspicion.

A. Perry

Fair Copy signed by

To

Dear Sir,

The Horticulturist in Charge
Bureau of Plant Industry
Washington

BOTANIC GARDENS
No.....
Received.....
Replied.....

I much regret ~~that~~
 an error in my letter
 of the 7th inst. The seeds
 then acknowledged should
 have been Guaiacum
 officinale and not Avocado.
 The letter arriving later in
 poor condition; fourteen
 seeds only being worth
 sowing.

The Guaiacum seeds
 have germinated very
 freely.

Yours faithfully
 G. S.

DRAFT.

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Pat. Office

BOTANIC GARDENS	
No.	390/28
Received
Replied	7/9/28

Dear Sir

Horticulturist in Charge.
 Bureau of Plant Industry
 Washington.

I have to acknowledge
 with many thanks the
 receipt of seeds of West
 Indian avocados. They appear
 to be in good condition.
 We will let you know
 what success we have
 in germination.

Yours very
 faithfully
 G. S. Gentry

R.C.P.

1. The Council Secretary has approved the printing of the Guide; the MS is completed & has gone to the Printing Office today.
2. The S.P.O. estimates that with plan & 12 illustrations an edition of 1500 copies could be printed at a cost of about 25 ds per copy. 1000 copies would probably cost rather more than 25 ds each to print.
3. If the Guide were used by the schools & sold through tourist agencies I should think an issue of 1500 would not be too large.
4. I should be grateful for your opinion please

26.1.30

P. J. Williams
Director of Gardens

Straits Settlements

Minute paper No.

Sheet No.

Committee

1. I now enclose a draft for a guide, covering the parts of the Garden adjacent to the Lower Circular Road. I propose to complete the guide by description of the upper parts of the Garden during my next visit.
2. The present draft could naturally be expanded considerably by adding fuller notes on the plants concerned, but I think it is probably sufficient for most visitors.
3. I would be grateful for your opinion on this draft.
4. I propose that we should hold a meeting about the middle of December, when any discussion could take place.

19-10-33.

R. S. S.
 Director of Gardens

DRAFT

Fair Copy signed by

6.2.34

To

SIR,

Repts that the Gardens Bulletin will in future be printed at the Printing Office.

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I have the honor to report that I have consulted the Superintendent, Government Printing Office concerning the printing of the Gardens Bulletin, and that the Printing Office is able to undertake the necessary work.

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BOTANIC GARDENS
 No. 78/34
 Received 6/2/34
 Replied

2. There is not present in our equipment at the Printing Office for the making blocks for illustrations; it will therefore be necessary to retain the Gardens Bulletin account to pay for illustrations until the Printing Office has the necessary equipment to undertake the work also.

3. The present balance of the Gardens Bulletin account is £ 4, which is being retained for this purpose.

4. I am attached to the practice to credit your account for sales & subscriptions to the Bulletin account; in future these will be paid into the general account of the Gardens.

DRAFT

Fair Copy signed by

24th April, 1933

To

Dear
SIR,

Sydney Skipt,
 Depot Master,
 C. G. R.,
 Colombo,
 Ceylon.

I have to inform you that
 we are posting to you today one box
 containing the following:—

- plants
 9 *Phalaenopsis grandiflora*,
 1 " *Caecogyne asperata*,
 1 " *Oncidium spheerocellatum*,
 1 " *Spathoglottis plicata*, white

A certificate of examination of
 plants is attached.

Yours faithfully,
 J. Leeson,
 Assistant Curator, Parks.

DRAFT

Fair Copy signed by

27th July 1933.

To

M^{rs} Robertson,
Langgah Batu Estate
Malacca.

Sir,

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter with enclosure of \$3-00 and to inform you that we are forwarding to you by rail today four large pots of *Leivastona Palms*, six pots of *Adiantum tenerum*.



Yours faithfully,
J. L. Leeson,
Assistant Curator, Parks

DRAFT

Fair Copy signed by

29th June 1933

To

M^{rs} Robertson,
Langga Batu Estate
Malacca.

Sir,

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant with enclosure of five dollars for plants enumerated in your letter. I have to inform you that the cost of the following plants

are.

4 Large pots Livistona	\$2-40
6 Adiantum tenerum	3-00

~~There are also plants...~~
We don't understand what you mean by Rotas palms with yellow stems; hence we cannot supply. Will you kindly let us know what these palms actually are.

Please note that freight & packing charges are extra.

Yours faithfully

J Leeson

Assistant Curator, Parks

HBS

TELEGRAM ADDRESS: "UTAN."
TELEPHONE NO. 2946.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY,

F. M. S. & S. S.

KUALA LUMPUR 23rd October, 1935.

In reply please quote

No. (5) in Ad. F. 378/35.

Dear Holttum,

Thanks for your 293/35 of October 22. I had just completed the attached when your letter arrived, and hope that it will fill the bill. It seems to follow very much the lines indicated in your letter.

I'm coming down to Singapore at the end of the week but don't know whether I shall have time to look you up. But I'll ring you up and find out whether you have anything to say about this note.

Perhaps it would be best if it were anonymous?

Yours sincerely,



R. E. Holttum, Esq.,

Director of Gardens,

Singapore. S.S.

FOREST DEPARTMENT.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "UTAN."

TELEPHONE NO.: 2946.

In reply please quote
addressing by official designation
and not by name.

KUALA LUMPUR F.M.S.

21st October, 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your 293/35 and very much regret that your letter of August 20th has remained unanswered.

2. The fault is entirely mine. Mr. Symington was asked to put up a note but did not feel competent to do so. Mr. Strugnell was then approached and furnished a rough draft which I thought might possibly be elaborated, but with which I have done very little.

3. The preparation of such a note is by no means easy. Mr. Ridley's real service to forestry was indirect through the medium of his botanical investigations. His direct achievements amounted to very little judged by present day standards, though he must be given considerable credit for having urged the necessity for forest reserves.

4. I will let you have a note by the end of the week, but I fear that it will be very short. It might, therefore, be preferable to abandon the idea of a special section devoted to his achievements in this field and to refer to them in a more general way.

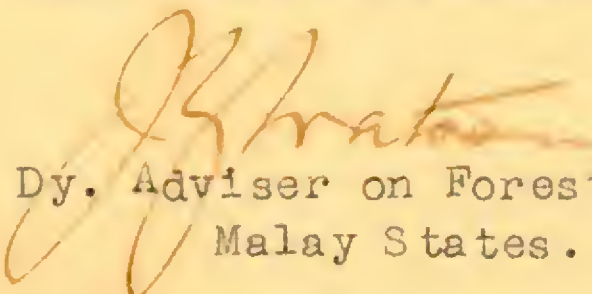
To,

The Director of Gardens,

Straits Settlements,

Singapore.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,


Dy. Adviser on Forestry,
Malay States.