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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,

[Handwritten signature]

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:



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,

New Guinea

Fairison W. Broun

Sydney would be too cold.

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ROBOTANIC GARDENS
Name
Address
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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,

Larrison W. K. ...



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,

Director.

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

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

*Herbarium file
H. 12.2.32*

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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

*hr Holttum
noted*

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

TO FILE

25/1/37



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

Kew,

26th May, 19 37.

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.

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.



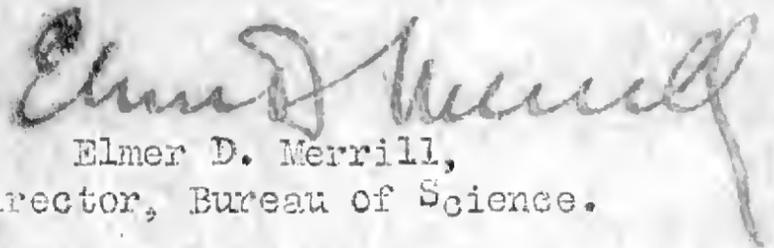
March 9, 1923.

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.

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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.



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 Pahang, 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.

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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.

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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

F37/11

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

12 December 1935

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 sent to inspect Rathinam and report
further. ~~papers~~ ~~sent~~

~~list~~ 1-12-36

Mr. Hollett

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

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

J. C. [unclear]
2/12/36.

Minute Paper No. 306/39.

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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.

Sr. 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.

Sr. 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.

Sr. W. E. Rigby
11. 10. 39

C. of Labour

D. G.

Please see ...

Sr. A. Hayward Waddington

f. c. s. 12.10.39

C. S.

See ...

Sr. A. Hayward Waddington

C. S.

See ...

Sr. A. G. Holtman

D. G. 20.10.39

Mr. Nansen

Please see minutes for 18.7.39 ...
no further increases of ... wages are to be given to
daily paid labourers ...

Resolution
Director of Gardens
Singapore

D. G.

Noted. I take it that there is no
objection to giving a man ...
is really notwithstanding ...
at ...

[Signature]

Assistant Curator
Penang

A. C. P.

No objection, but the vote must not be exceeded.

26/10/39 R. Holtman

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,


Assistant Curator,
Gardens Dept; Penang.

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

Sir,
and
2.9.39

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Request returned to account
of the ... in account

To

SIR,

CS

With reference to the ... account
of ... in ... 153 ...
... arrangements could
be made to the ...
... about May, ...
... until ...

The printing programme has
increased considerably, since that ...
... The ...
... is now being printed, and ...
... the ... in the
... which ...

The balance in the ...
... pay for all the illustrations ...
... is ...

Yours
[Signature]



DRAFT

Fair Copy signed by

To

SIR,

Return under Circular of 30th May 1934
 (~~that~~
 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 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~~ number of illustrations required ^{would therefore} increase, ~~in proportion.~~
- (iii) The only printing 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.

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V. G. 34



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} 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 monograph of *Symplocos* subg. *Cordyloblaste* ± 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 *Juncarole* plants. Bacher sent already a short contribution he informed me of.

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THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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HENRY DE LA MONTAGNE, JR.

Aug 6 - 1935

Dear Mr. Holttum:

Just received your letter regarding the number of the Garden Bulletin you very ably proposed 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 ~~Rivley~~ 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 undocumental. Yet I'll give 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 should 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,

T. F. Chipp

*Merrill for Chipp
28/3/31*

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.

Repeater 2
No 39
22/7/27
Complete
10/2/28
24
31/8/27

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 7/8/27, by 20 cent. Complete sent 8/11/27*
- *Averrhoa Carambola *Sent 22/1/27*
- Garcinia Mangostana *Sent 10/2/28*
- *Carica Papaya. *50 seeds sent 22/9/27*
- *Sapota Achras. *Sent 8 seeds on 9/1/27, by 10 cents 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. Clifton
Assistant Director.

The Director,
Botanic Gardens,
Singapore,
Straits Settlements.

HEEMSTEDE, Holland, Rembrandtlaan 13.
August 8 1975.

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.

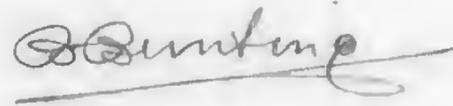
Kuala Lumpur, 14th. March, 1931.

Dear Holttum,

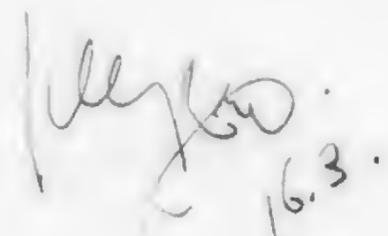
Many thanks for your letter No.17 in
349/29, dated the 13th. March, 1931 regarding the
origin of the Avocado Pear seedlings which you
kindly supplied to this Department last July.

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,



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


16.3.

Ciara

- Elcham Park

Trarua

24 Feb. 1920

My dear William,

By this date you will have received your stock & the journals Bulletin 6 no. 1, and the bill.

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

Exactly now as time being ready for the press is the MS of 6 no. 3. I cannot tell you. Jimmie has been ill, and again has troubles in consequence of the illness of a brother; and I 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 walk
for 3 weeks - a part of a walk. but
of being unable to get over to New
regularly I have passed of writing
off a lot of half finished articles
at home

Yours ever
Mary Buckle

P.S. You have not forgotten the Study
Explanations. 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 1951 in answer
to my report of 28th 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 your office
and the telephone wire
was carried close against
the pole. I have
during the interval, as
you are aware, paid a
bill for \$23.00 for damage
done to the wire in
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 ~~settles~~

~~you to pay~~ (which I was

for damage after your ~~letter~~ first bill

had ~~settled~~) entitles

you to payment 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

Wm

MEMORANDUM

From

To

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29-5-34

Dear Henderson

Many thanks for your memo of the 22nd

25th inst.

Gradishi 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 Jennings)

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

Guide sales go into General Revenue? I take it
that the sales are subject to audit & 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?

Any thing else you have some access 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 sow 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
J. H. S. P. S. P.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON

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CORRESPONDENCE
 NO. 390/28
 DATE 6/9/28
 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 warden 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.

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

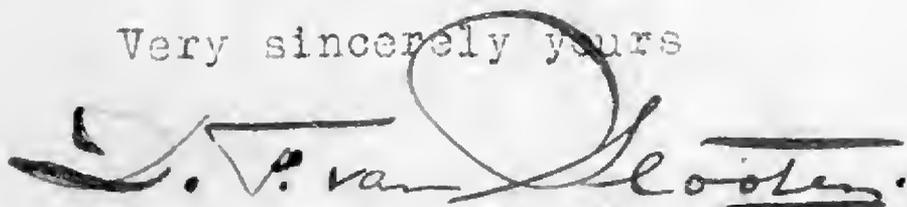
Dear Mr. HOLTUM.

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.

v. Slo.



**BOTANIC GARDENS
BUITENZORG JAVA.
„ISLANDS PLANTENTUIN”**

BUITENZORG, August 17th 1929.

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

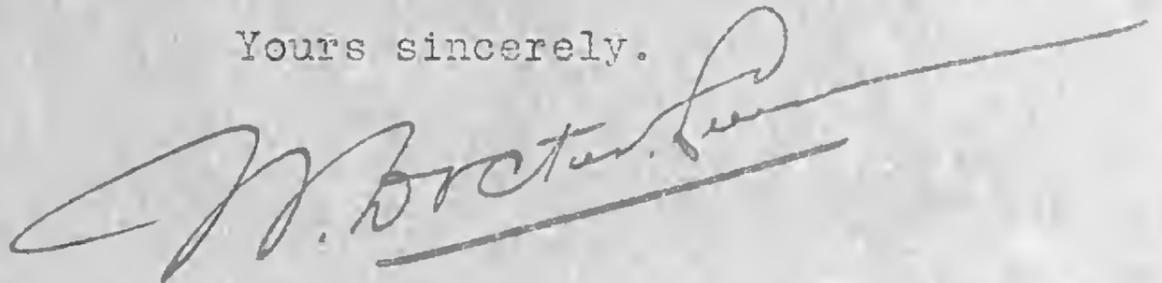
No. 674

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 assistant, Miss Reijnvaan is accompanying me.

Yours sincerely,



BOTANIC GARDENS
BUITENZORG JAVA.
„s LANDS PLANTENTUIN”

BUITENZORG, August 27th. 192 9.

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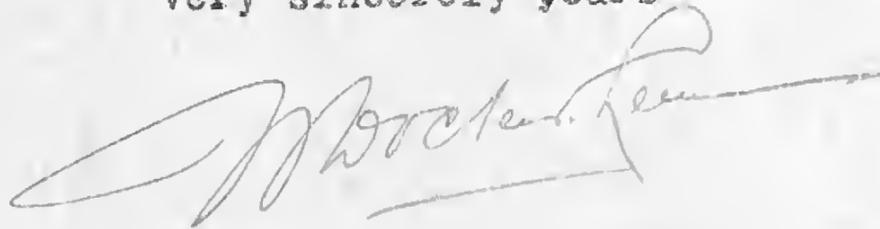
the Director of Botanic Gardens
SINGAPORE, S.S.

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.

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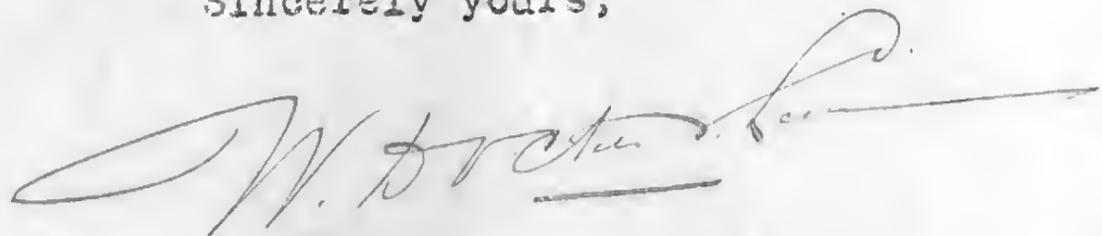
The Director of the Botanic Gardens
SINGAPORE.

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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.

July 20th 1955



To the Director of the Bureau

of Prisons, Singapore

Yours faithfully

Dear Sir,

I am very glad to hear that you are well and hope you are enjoying the summer holidays in the States. I have been very busy since my return and have arranged all the necessary papers for the release of the prisoners that I have made during my stay in Java for a number of weeks. I am very ready with the necessary papers and would like to see you for the purpose of the release of these prisoners. I am sure you will be very glad to see them and I am sure they will be very glad to see you. I am sure you will be very glad to see them and I am sure they will be very glad to see you.

Yours faithfully

W. Docters

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DRAFT

Fair Copy

Signed by

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To

Humble. C. S.

Sir,

Requests permission for a return of
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 Gardens, 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.C.
Dyer.

DRAFT

Fair Copy

Signed by

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To

C.S.

Sir,

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

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

2. These ~~tennis-courts~~ ^{were} have just been made by Mr. Kleinmann ^(C.S.O. refers) and it is ~~not~~ necessary that they should be cut ^{by} a special hand-mower, ^{as} none of the mowing machines in use at ~~the~~ Government House Domain or at the Botanic Gardens ^{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 Robenson & Co Ltd, Raffles Place. This is the ~~best~~ ^{best} machine used at

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 2, 1935

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

AAN

No. 1447

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

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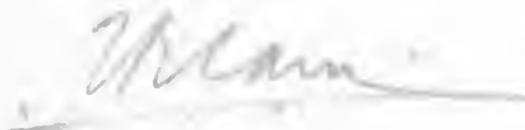
Dear Dr. Holtum,

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,



HJL/Kvab

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

1504

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).

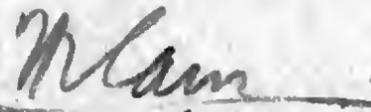
Ms. p.9 line 17, after Philippines add: , cf. Pl.IIb, arrow from Mindanao to Borneo.

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

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.
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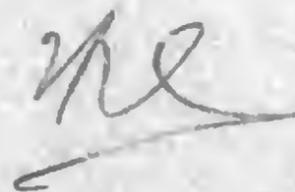
yours sincerely,



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.~~

Zeem an Jandane 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 marked 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.

Pat. C. 12-18

BOTANIC GARDENS	
No.	398/28
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 truly,
 G. B. S. P.
 G. B. S. P.

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

26.1.34

R. H. 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. G. 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.

CA

I have the honor to refer 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.

2. There is no special equipment in
equipment at the Printing Office for
making blocks for illustrations; it will
therefore be necessary to return the
Gardens Bulletin account to pay for
illustrations until the Printing Office
has the necessary equipment is able to
undertake this work also.

The price for the Bulletin
is \$ 4, which is
sufficient for the purpose.

4. I am attached to the printer's
credit was advised for the printing of
the Bulletin account; in future the
will be paid into the Government
of the day.

RECEIVED
NO 78/34
6/2/34
REPLYED

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 " *Coelogyne asperata*,
 1 " *Oncidium spruceanum*,
 1 " *Spathoglottis plicata*, white

A certificate of examination of
 plants is attached.

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

DRAFT

Fair Copy signed by

27th July 1933.

To

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

~~Mr.~~

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 *Levinsonia Palms*, six pots of *Adiantum tenerum*.

Yours faithfully,
J. L. Lawson,
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

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

~~These are not 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

HRS.

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 Holtum,

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. Holtum, 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,

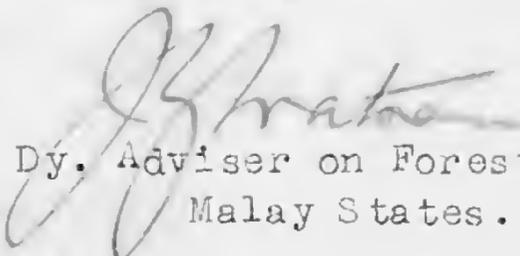
The Director of Gardens,

Straits Settlements,

Singapore.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Dy. Adviser on Forestry,
Malay States.