

Col. Gardens
Singapore, June 4th 1919.

Sir

I have the honor to
submit the following report
of Gardens operations since
the date of the last Committee
meeting - April 10th 1919.

The road past the Dept's office
has been repaired as far as the
junction of the footpath leading
to the Economic Garden.
I would suggest the propriety of
carrying it out as far as the
long border.

The road leading to the Dept's
house is now almost unfit for
traffic and requires to be metalling
very badly.

The house also is much in need
of painting and repairing as
nothing has been done to it for
years or more. The roof is also
leaky.

The beds near the aviary have

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been laid out and are being
planted.

The border behind the Head
Gardener's house is ready for
planting, and I am now
waiting for the Gardener's
Catalogue, to enable me to
arrange the Zingiberaceae
Muscaceae, Convolvaceae, Marantaceae
and Aroidae systematically,
as this border is the only place
in the garden adapted to their
successful cultivation.

The ~~border~~ heap below the
band stand has been cleared away
and the surplus soil has been
utilized for filling up the hollow
places in the lawn near the
lake, by which the appearance
of the lawn has been greatly
improved.

The new pond for the
Tapias & Heliconias is
now finished, and the walks
near it are being arranged.
I have been unable to lay out
the front near the Terrace as the
Gardener's bullocks have been sick.

and unfit for work, and I have
not been able to get the new
work started. I will be pushed
not sharply now however.

The road leading into the
Wey has been repaired, and
new drains made,

A brick staging for show
plants in pots has been erected
in the Orchid-house, and I
await the reaction of the Committee
for plants 12" thick for the plants
to stand on

Sheds for plants have been
put up by the gardeners Coster near
the new packing shed. The old
attap have been used for the
purpose.

The deer fence is approaching
completion, but no arrangements
seem to have been made for keeping
the deer from crossing the lake to the
gardens

Economic garden. Some famous
varieties of Sugar Cane from the
Sandwich Islands have been
planted.

The Liberian Coffee fruit is

Referring and some has been
shown.

In the nursery a lot of
fresh seeds has been sown.

A large number of plants
have been supplied to the F. C. M. O.
for Law Lock Camp Hospital.

A few plants have been
taken to the Explorers, and
I have commenced planting on
Shoby Green.

Our exchanges continue satisfactory
and contributions are increasing
in numbers monthly.

The Books are submitted
herewith.

A large number of plants of
the famous ironwood of Brazil
(*Casalpinia fevea*) will soon
be ready for transplanting.

My out house grounds have
taken up a considerable portion
of my time.

D. O. Peccari has sent me
the first 3 fascicles of his valuable
work "Malaisia". His letter is
submitted herewith. I propose
to incorporate these with the garden

Library

I have made a short trip to Muea
and brought back a good number
of rare plants.

The seeds ordered from
Messrs Jans & Co. have
arrived and are being sown.

The trees are being put in
good order.

4 of the best men left on
the 30th with me to Muea.

The large monkey presented by
Dr. Laye has been killed in a
tragedy with the attendants.

Both attendants were severely
biten - the old one seriously!

I have been obliged to give
up herb work ~~altogether~~ owing
to pressure of other work.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obed^t servant
W. H. Mason

Superintendent

The Hon^{ble}

Charles C. Smith
Chairman of the Gardens Committee
Singapore