

To

The Hon^{ble}

Cecil G. Smith

Chairman of the Gardens Committee

Singapore

Bot. Gardens

Singapore, 4th June, 1879

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following report of Gardens operations since the date of the last Committee meeting - April 10th 1879.

The road past the Supt^s Office has been re-metalled as far as the junction of the foot path leading to the economic gardens would suggest the propriety of carrying it on as far as the

Botanical Gardens
Singapore, 11th July, 1879

Sir

I have the honor to report as follows on Gardens operations since June, 5th

The road past the office is ~~com-~~
~~pleted~~ as far as the men steps, and the road to the Superintendent's House almost completed. Some few loads of laterite are still required for repairs in various parts of the Gardens. The turf on the right side of the main drive from the front entrance past the lake has been taken up and the hollow places inside the main filled up, which has much improved the appearance of the lawn.

The palm clump has had most of the vacancies filled up. The bamboo fences have been trimmed and the Lily lake cleared out.

Two lengths of staging have been erected in the orchid House and a number of plants have been posted to fill them but some of the best ferns *Polypodiums* and *Begonias*

have been stolen. The sugar cane
in the economic garden is also
visited almost every night. A large
number of Forest-tree seeds have
been received from Calcutta and
sown in the nursery; and some
~~sent~~ to Dr. Rowell for San Jock
Sung's Hospital.

The deer fence against the road is
completed and the fence along the
lake almost finished.

Our exchanges continue satisfactory
as will be seen by the books. The
work on Sholyp green is progressing
slowly but I hope to have the work
completed by the end of August.

The soil is extremely bad and I
doubt if the plants will ever do
well there.

All the young trees on the esplan-
ade have been gone over and pruned
where necessary and some fresh
ones planted.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

H. J. Marten
Supt