

Water supply  
from lake to Gardens.

Laying of pipes commenced - Rep. 1907 p. 1  
Completed Rep. 1908 p. 4

G.A. Williams 3501

From whom

Dir. of Gardens

Place

Date

15. 11. 04

States that owing to drought during the last few months it has become necessary to employ all the Cisterns in carrying water. That as this is expensive, it is suggested that water should be laid on parts of the Gardens, Ask if an officer of the S.W. Council could advise.

Former Papers.

MINUTES

Final Paper.

C.B.

Please report

S/d E.S. 18/4

S.

1. I regret the delay in reporting on this subject but it has been unavoidable.
2. Enclosed I forward a tracing of what is necessary to provide water for the gardens together with an estimate of the cost.
3. It is proposed to extend the Municipal water main from the junction of Grange and Daughlin Rd as far as the point A, along Cluny Road, with 4" pipes at a cost of about \$5,800.
4. This cost should be properly borne by the Municipality but if they are not yet prepared to carry out the extension

I would suggest that Govt. do it, on the understanding that the Municipality would refund the cost whenever they made other connections to the main.

5. It would be possible to obtain water if this main were extended only as far as B. with a decrease in the cost of about \$1500 as regards the main but with an increase as regards the actual water service inside the Gardens of about \$900.  
6. From this main it is proposed to lay an  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe to a Reservoir capable of holding 12,000 gallons or about 3 days' dry weather supply and from there to lay 1" supply pipes to the plant house and a  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " pipe to a point near the band stand.

7. The Director has also asked that water may be laid out to a point near his house and this is also provided for in the Estimates.

8. The estimated cost of the Reservoir and pipes in the Gardens is \$3300 and

Extension of the main \$5800  
or a total of \$9100

9. The object of the Reservoir is to provide against any shortage of water by the Municipality cutting off the water in times of drought.

Sd. C. S. L.  
18/7/05

S.  
It no doubt cost money to carry water during dry weather but it w<sup>d</sup> not be so expensive as this proposal. I shall be surprised if either Government or the M.C. or both together will spend 9000 to 10,000 dollars on this.

Ask, however, the M.C. if they are prepared to extend the main to "A" as suggested by the S. W. S.

Sd. D. J. 20/7.

3500  
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Water Supply to Botanical Gardens

Estimate of the Expense necessary to be incurred for Water Supply to Botanic Gardens 3500  
04

Specification	Quantities	Rate		Amount		Total	
		\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢
Excavation Cubes .....	64.5		60	38	70		
Portland Cement Concrete "	23	36	00	828	00		
Cement rendering 3/4" thick square yards .....	136	00	90	122	40		
Cement rendering 1/2" thick "	36	00	60	21	60		
Cement rendering on bottom average thickness 1 1/2" sq yrs..	36	1	60	57	60		
Steel joists 6"x4 1/2" .....	2240		20	448	00		
1 1/2" iron supply pipe including screwed and leaded joints elbows etc .....	320	00	60	192	00		
3/4" Pipe .....	1500	00	30	450	00		
1" Pipe .....	1050	00	40	420	00		
2" C.I. Overflow pipe .....	14	1	60	22	40		
2 1/2" C.I. Sledge pipe .....	14	2	00	28	00		
4" Earthenware drain pipes .....	40	00	63	25	20		
Stopcock 1 1/2" pipes Nos. ....	3	5	00	15	00		
Stopcock 3/4" pipes Nos. ....	2	4	00	8	00		
Strong sledge valve No. ....	1	15	00	15	00		
Taps for 3/4" pipes Nos. ....	2	4	00	8	00		
Taps for 1" Pipes Nos. ....	4	5	00	20	00		
Strong ball tap for supply No. ....	1	10	00	10	00		
Rose for outlet No .....	1	5	00	5	00		
Labour-Fitters and Coolies Days .....	10	5	00	50	00		
Transport of pipes .....				10	00		
Brickwork in manhole in Cement mortar Cubic feet .....	128	00	64	81	92		
3" Flag manholes covers sq. ft .....	24	00	60	14	40		
Portland cement drip stones for band stand and Supts's house	08	00	36	2	88		
Iron ladder 9' long No. ....	1	10	00	10	00		
Galvanized iron pipe Nos. ....	200	00	30	60	00	\$2,984-10	

Add 10% Contingencies ..... 296-41

5% Supervision ..... 163-02

\$3,423-53

sd. C. S. May  
S. W. S.

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be used if required.

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*Col. Secretary 9589* (G 3)  
*CS*

From whom	Colonial Secretary
Place	Singapore
Date	II- II- 05.
Water Pumping apparatus for the Botanic Gardens.	

<i>Former Papers.</i>	MINUTES	<i>Final Paper.</i>
Muncpl. 9173/04	C.E.	
-do- 8288/04	What will be the cost of pumping apparatus for the Botanical Gardens. It is useless taking Municipal Water because it will not be fully available when it is most wanted.	
Card. 3500/04	Intd. E.L.R. II-II-05	
	C.S.	
	The cost of deepening and enlarging the present well, providing a two throw pump with pumping main, constructing service tank on the hill, and laying distributing mains to the Plant Houses etc will be \$5000.	
		sd. E.T. for CE
		29-II--05
	Y.E.	
	Mr. C.S. Murray spoke about this in Council. It is no use having Municipal Water as that may be cut off when most needed. Besides it would be through a meter and I expect rather costly. I understand that the up-keep of the pumping installation will cost \$500 a year.	
		sd. E.L.R.
		3-12-05

To. P.C. If they want it I am not going to stand in the way.

sd. J.A.

8-12-05

Treasurer

Please refer to the P.C.

sd. W.S. for C.S

9-12-05

C.S.

Would it not be better to refer this to Mr. Ridley first, I understand that he has collected information from various sources as to design of pumping etc. The proposal of the Gardens Cttee. was that the water should be pumped up from the pond to a storage reservoir at the top of the hill and this distributed by gravitation. I was under the impression that he had written in about it.

sd. J.O. A

11-12-05

D. of Gardens

For your observations.

sd. E.L.P.

12-12-05

Hon. Col. Sec

Herewith the plans from the public Works Dept. The proposal to deepen the well is unnecessary. The supply at present is adequate in the well, and as the water is of exceptionally good quality it would be risky to deepen and perhaps spoil the water. The pump proposed by the P.W.D. is a hand pump. I understand. There is always a difficulty

in getting coolies to work this. I enclose also an Estimate by Hogan's firm for a hot air Engine. This is a little more expensive but has advantages in probably requiring less cooly labour.

sd. E.N.L.

Dec. 22 05

I should say that hand pumps would be more satisfactory, at any rate at first- and would probably cost much less than a power pump in the hands of unskilled men.

sd. E.P.S 22-12-05

C.E.

What will be the total estimate with the hot air pump and also what will be the cost of up-keep annually.

sd. E.L.P.

22-12-05

C.S.

The total estimate allowing for a gas engine and pump will be \$6,700. This allows for a small engine shed.  
2.- The cost of up-keep will be \$750. per annum.

sd. E.T. for C.E

30-12-05

Plan & estimate retained.

Treasurer

This may go to the Finance Committee and if they desire it a vote can be marked in Council.

sd. E.L.P. 2-1-0



# Memorandum.

FROM Treasurer, S.S.

TO The Members of the Finance Committee, Singapore.

DATE 3rd. January, 1900.

(G.P.D.-10,000-Feb., 1902.)

The attached papers are herewith submitted for the consideration of the Finance Committee. Will you please state whether it is your wish that a vote amounting to \$3,700 for provision of pumping plant at the Botanical Gardens and \$750 for its up-keep should be taken in Council.

sd. J.O. Anthonisz  
Treasurer S.S.

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| The Hon'ble , Auditor General , S.S. | Yes. sd. E.C.F. 4-I-03   |
| ,, W.P. Waddell                      | I am not in favour of the expenditure. sd. W.P.W.  |
| ,, Tan Jiak Kim                      | The expenditure is too heavy<br>sd. T.J. Kim II-I  |
| ,, John Anderson                     | Capital expenditure too heavy<br>in my view sd. J.A.   |
| ,, Hugh Fort                         | Droughts are not very common,<br>and I doubt whether it is worth<br><i>while incurring this expenditure. H.F.</i>  |
| ,, G.S. Murray                       | The amount now asked for is<br>much more than originally es-<br>timated \$4,300. If Mr. Ridley<br>says he must have the pumps I<br>do not oppose. sd. G.S.M. |

C.S.

The F. Committee consider that  
the expenditure is too heavy.

sd. J.O.A

17-I-06

Y.E.

Submitted

sd. E.L.B. 18-I-06

I agree with the Committee

sd. J.A. 18-I-06

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## Botanic Gardens. Singapore.

No: - 44/06

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

31st. January 1906. 190

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the matter of the Water Supply was again referred to the Gardens Committee, who agreed unanimously that the Estimate of the Public Works Department was far too high and desire to state that the requirements of the Gardens could be met at a much more modest expenditure, and they request permission to be allowed to call for tenders for the work from outside.

What is required is a pump, preferably a hot air Engine and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch piping for 1,650 feet, a cement tank an iron rivetted tank to hold 2,000 gallons of water and 3 or 4 stand pipes.

The whole cost should not exceed 4,000 dollars. The cost of up-keep estimated by the Public Works Dept. at \$750 per annum would cost not more than \$200. viz one Engine driver at \$12. a month = \$144 and Contingencies say \$50 = \$194 per annum.

As probably any of the large firms would execute the work at about the figure estimated by the Gardens Committee, I would ask that tenders might be called for for the work.

T.C.S.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

*H. N. Ridley*

Director of Gardens S.S.

Gardens 2/16

From Whom ...	Director of Gardens
Place ... ..	S.
Date ... ..	31-1-06      No. 44-06

Water Supply to the Botanic Gardens.

Requests permission to call for tenders for the work.

*Former Papers.*

MINUTES.

*Final Paper.*

C.E.

What can be done for \$4,000?

sd. E.L.B. 1.2.06

C.S.

The estimate can be reduced to \$4,000 by making the following omissions and deductions:-

a.- Leaving the well as it is at present.

b.- Omitting the brick tanks provided for the storage of water at the various Plant Houses and asked for by Assistant Superintendent of Gardens (Mr. Derry).

c.- Providing a temporary Engine House formed of plank walling and a thatched roof in lieu of brick walls and tile roofs.

2.- With reference to (a) & (b) the Director of Gardens should be informed as he considers these items unnecessary now he will not be allowed to Requisition for them afterwards and thus seriously cripple the Minor Works Vote.

3.- Regarding the cost of upkeep referred to by the Director in his letter it would be interesting to know how the hot air is to be generated for the engine as nothing is allowed in his estimate for liquid fuel neither do I see any provisions made for engine oil waste and other necessaries to say nothing for repairs or upkeep. To the lay mind these items cost nothing but as to how much they do cost will be inferred from a comparison between the Director's estimate of upkeep and that prepared by this Department.

4.- The amount allowed too for the wages of engine driver is absurd, if we could obtain a competent man for double the figure we should be lucky.

sd.A.M. 14/2/06

Y.E.

Submitted. I think that it might now wait till next year and we might ask the Council for \$4,000.

sd.E.L.B. 15/2/06

sd.J.A. 15/2/06

Draft to D of Garden's

sd.E.L.B.

Garden 516  
1906

Botanic Gardens  
Singapore  
Jan 31 1906

Sir

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viz the engine driver at 12 dollars a  
month, = 144 dollars

Contingencies say 50 dollars = 194 dollars  
per annum

As probably any of the large  
firms would execute the work  
at about the figure estimated  
by the Gardens Committee, I would  
ask that tenders might be  
called for for the work.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Henry R. Riley





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LOW

we could

Mr Fox came from Pomeau 3 days after I  
had left and received all the correspondence  
was shown by my clerk the arrangements  
made, line of pipe & positions of engine  
& tank etc., and as we then had enough  
money in the vote from rubber sales asked  
Government permission if this money was  
sufficient used for the water works. The  
Government agreed and called for tenders  
were called for from Messrs Howarth  
Eskine Riley Hayreave and the Borneo Co  
He also Mr Fox made enquiries of  
various persons from Mr Alex, Mr Price  
and Mr Cooney, and Mr Pigott and a  
number of other engineers. I quote below all  
the references I can find to Mr Fox in  
the correspondence. The tenders were received  
and submitted to the Gardens Committee Mr  
Fox had put a brickwork tank in the  
specifications, but Messrs Howarth Eskine  
wrote a steel tank etc. The other tenderers  
declined and wrote that as this was different  
from the specifications fresh tenders were  
should be called for. This was valid enough  
and the tender was given to Messrs  
Howarth Eskine and the work nearly  
finished at my return. In fact the engine  
was started on the day of my return, Mr  
Keneedy came up several times and  
taught my headman Sahib to run  
the engine. I saw to its working all right  
I never heard of Mr Cooney in connection  
with the water works. The Mr Heston mentioned  
it on Sunday. He certainly never came here.

Water supply laid on  
to the Botanic Gardens,

The main water supply for the  
plant houses till a few years ago  
was derived from a well in the  
further side of Garden road, which  
was furnished with a hand pump  
and being in private ground  
was pulled up on the opening up  
of the Nassim Hill estate, since then  
water has had to be drawn by  
carts from the lake to the plant  
houses, owing to the extremely  
dry weather during the past  
two years the water carts have  
had to be employed regularly  
every day for some months  
at a cost of 75 dollars a  
month to which has to be  
added the cost of four coolies  
employed all day in filling  
and emptying the carts, at  
9 dollars a month (each), so that  
this expense amounts to  
about 1300 dollars a year.

It was suggested last year that  
the water should be laid on from  
municipal water supply, but  
this was negated on account  
of uncertainty as to whether the  
municipality would be able  
to supply it when needed.  
It was then suggested to have

the water laid on to the plant-  
houses and bands laid by  
the a hot air engine from  
the well by the lake and an  
estimate was obtained for  
this work from Messrs. Hogan  
(copy enclosed)

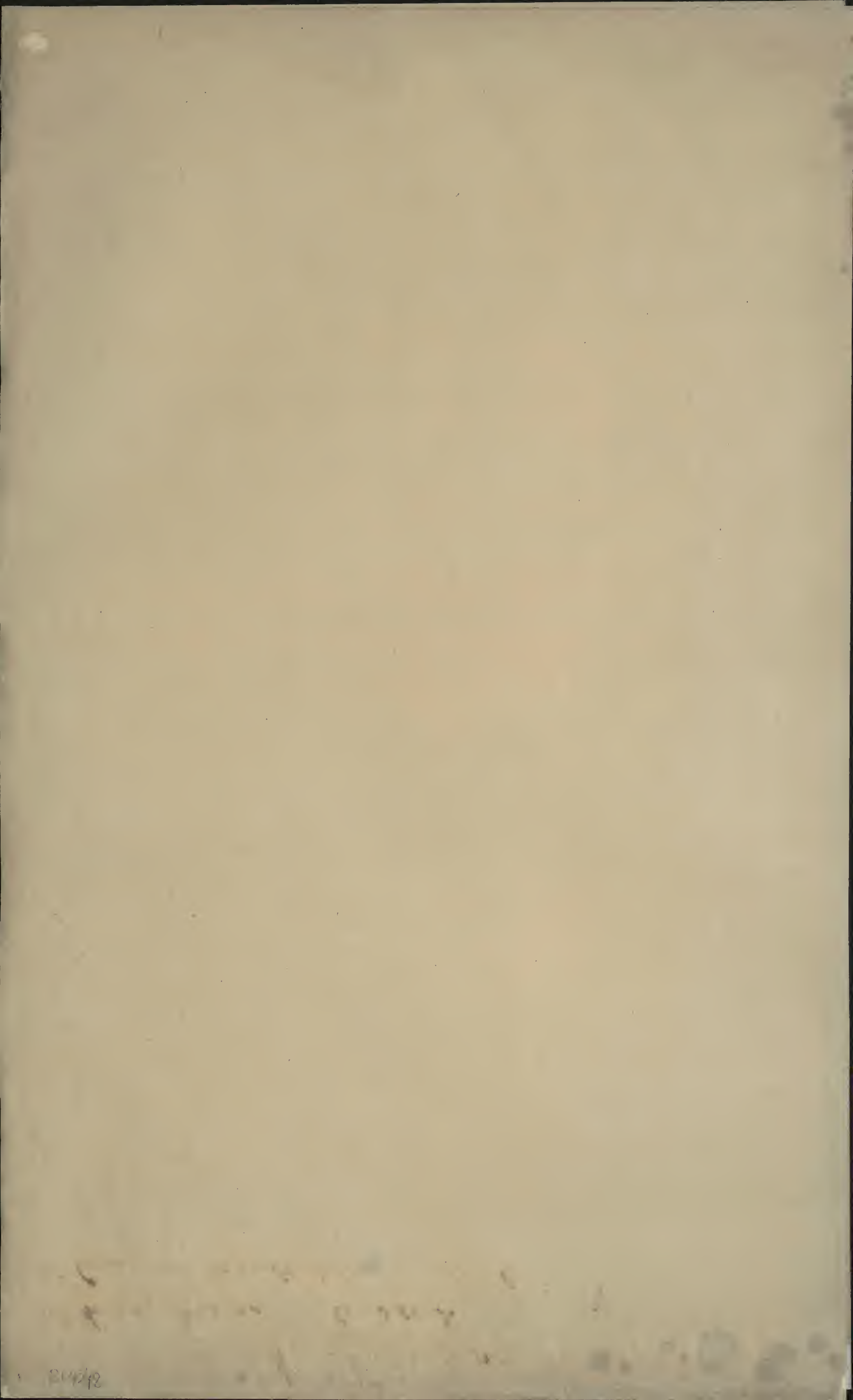
The P.W.D. would build a tank  
or reservoir on the bank stand  
to which the water could be  
pumped up and then distributed  
over the garden where necessary  
in pipes

The cost of the engine would  
be \$850 and the P.W.D. estimate  
the cost of the tank at  
\$3,500

This would give a very much  
larger supply of water than  
the carts do and also save more  
expense in cooly labour, as the  
water would be actually laid on  
to the places requiring it where as  
the carts can only deposit  
the water at one or two places  
The carts only carry 100 gallons  
which at 6 trips a day each gives  
600 gallons a day. The pump would  
supply if required about 4,000  
gallons a day

## Specification

1. One 2 H.P. oil engine - with <sup>engine</sup> house  
~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> force pump attached - together with all  
necessary fittings - suction pipe, etc.
2. About 2000 feet of galvanized  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch  
delivery pipe.
3. one storage tank of brick + cement  
capable of holding 10,000 gallons of  
water & to be covered, <sup>on top</sup> with 2" thick  
planking -
4. Six stand pipes with necessary cocks  
etc. + five taps.
5. Widening & deepening the present well  
from 4'-9" in diameter & 8' feet deep  
to 10' in diameter & 25' deep.



Primary cost of Sique  
pipes & tank

\$4,300.

Cost of water on present  
system

per annum \$1,300

Thus the whole cost of the installa-  
tion would cost less than four  
years consumption on the present  
system and supply more than  
six times the amount of water

1-11-05

This letter was sent to Mr. S. O. B.  
down for the perusal of Mr  
G. S. Murray



K. S. V 17. 7. 07

W. Harvey. Mexico — seed seed

W. Cummins Negri Sambitum — plant,

Water supply

Galvanized

Pipe 1 1/2 inch to tank 920 feet  
at 50 cents = 460

Tank to plant stages  
200 = 140

Tank to Plant House  
direct 450 = 225

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875

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~~or to~~

or to small tank = 102.5  
365 ft

or

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782.50

Cost of Engine & erection  
with in shed & foundation 850

Tank

Stand pipes

Labour

Shed Engine

Foundations "



GARDENS 2184

From Whom ...	Director of Gardens
Place ... ..	Singapore
Date ... ..	April 3rd. 1907

Water Supply to Botanic Gardens

Regarding:-

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

Gards. 3519/06

C.S.

Gards. 716/06

C.S. 9589/05 ✓

Muncl. 9173/04 ✓

Muncl. 8288/04

Gards. 3500/04 ✓

I cannot find it in the Estimates for 1906., in what page and item it is shown. These pages to D of G to state. When the last drought occurred, and for how many days it lasted.

2.- Also to state whether the cost of up-keep will be \$750 p.a. as given in the C.E's Minute of 30th Decr. 05 in 9589/05.

sd. A.Y. 4/4/07

I don't think it was in the Estimates for 06. The Finance Committee was asked to approve \$6700, they considered this too much. Later on it was represented that \$4,000 would be enough and it was determined to put it off till 1907, but, it was cut out of the draft Estimates.

D of G

Please reply to the C.S's questions.

sd. E.L.B. 4/4/07

Hon. Col. Sec

Drought in 1907 Jan 20 to Feb 17th.  
March 26th to date but only 0.69 part  
of an inch has fallen since march 12th.  
So far this year two water carts have  
been employed on 29½ days each which  
including the services of two men for  
filling the carts cost \$106-20, even  
this is in advantage for the plant  
sheds only, and all the rest of the flower  
beds etc have to be supplied by water  
hand carried, practically using the  
services of the greater number of the  
coolies in watering instead of keeping  
the place clean grass cut etc.

The cost of up-keep will be very  
much less than that estimated from a  
well known Engineer in Singapore, who  
is well accustomed to this class of work.  
He estimates the cost at \$171-30 a year.  
This is only estimated for 60 days but  
if the Engine were required for a whole  
year the cost would come to about \$300.

sd.H.N.R. 9/4/07

C.E.

For your remarks on the Estimate  
for cost of up-keep.

sd.A.Y. 9/4/07

C.S.

The cost of working five hrs each  
day throughout the year will be \$750  
as stated in my minute of 30-12-05 in C  
S. 9589/05.

2 - It is now proposed to work the  
pump 60 days a year only according to  
the D of G figures., in this case his  
estimate \$183/30 is about correct

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Gardens 2184  
1907

(\$171-30 quoted by the D of G is not correct, attendants wages 60 days

at 40 cts = \$24 not \$12 as shewn).

According to the Director's estimate of 9-4-07 in Gardens 2184 of 07 he would possibly come considerably more than \$200 per diem in water carts and coolies if this was available.

I would suggest if the work is sanctioned that this working if do be placed in the charge of the Gardens Dept and paid it from the Gardens Vote.

sd. F. J. P? 16/4/07

Y. E.

I do not think there is anything to complain of as to the Botanical Gardens being kept clean and the grass cut.

I am not prepared to recommend \$4,000 or \$6700 should be expended on the purchase of this pump and there is also the amount "up-keep" to be considered.

sd. A. V. 18/4/07

I agree

sd. J. A. 18/4/07

D. of G

To note

sd. E. L. B. 19/4/07

Hon. Col. Sec

Noted

sd. H. N. R. 19/4/07

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Gardens  
2184  
1907

Singapore.

April 8th.1907.

H.N.Ridley, Esq. F.R.S. etc.  
Botanic Gardens.  
Singapore.

Dear Ridley,

In making the following estimate of the cost of running your proposed pumping plant, I assume that your requirements per day, during sixty days of drought in the year, will be : -

Supplied from high level tank . . . . .	3000 Gallons
Supplied from stand pipes . . . . .	600 "

After making ample allowance for obstructions in delivery piping and so forth I find that the pumping set recommended by Howarth, Erskine (which consists of a powerful force pump geared to a two horse-power oil engine) is easily capable of delivering 600 gallons an hour to the height you mentioned - 30 feet. The plant would therefore be running for 360 hours only and the detailed cost per annum would be as follows : -

a. Tank Kerosine Oil, 90 gallons at 27 cts. . . .	\$24.30
b. Attendant's wages at the rate of 30 cts per diem . . . . .	12.00
c. Waste, lubricating oil and sundries . . . . .	10.00
d. Repairs and renewals, say 5 per cent on the capital outlay of \$2500	125.00

A total of \$171.30 a year.

It is obvious that item "d" is absurdly over-estimated for the number of hours running and I have no doubt that H Howarth, Erskine would be prepared to guarantee to supply any necessary renewals and keep the plant in thorough working order.

order for half the amount, or less.

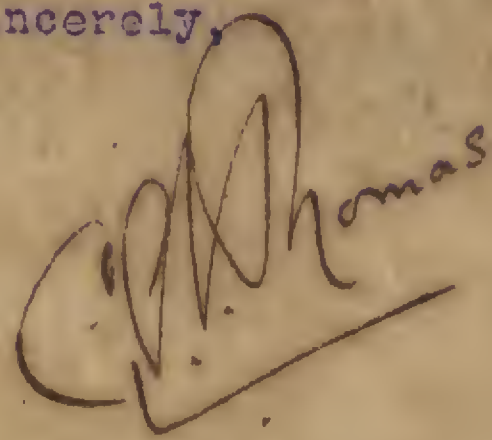
There would be absolutely no necessity to employ a man with any special qualifications as an engine attendant one of the Gardens coolies would acquire sufficient knowledge in a week to start and stop the plant and no attention at all is necessary during a six hours run.

The amount of kerosine oil required would actually be rather less than 90 gallons and the price at present is \$2.10 per case of eight gallons or rather less than the figure I mention.

As for item "c", I would only mention that you could easily purchase sufficient waste and lubricating oil for the whole year ( 360 hours ) for less than a quarter the sum allowed.

I hope this will be of some use to you. It seems really ridiculous to carry on with the present carting system when so much more could be done with the money.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C". A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.



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From Whom ...	D of Gardens
Place ...	S
Date ...	7-6-07 233/07

Regarding the water supply at the Botanic Gardens.

Request to authority to incur an expenditure not exceeding \$5,000 in providing a suitable installation

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

D. of G.

There is not only the Capital cost but also the annual up-keep to consider

A proper estimate of the cost and annual up-keep & how the latter is to be met should be stated.

S/d. A. Young 12/6/07

Hon. S.

I have seen the Supt. of Works & Survey about this. He is preparing a detailed estimate which I will submit when ready.

S/d W. F. 19/6/07

Treasurer,

Is there any objection to carrying out this work from sale of rubber receipts.

S/d A. Young

S.

11<sup>th</sup> July 07

Rubber receipts go to the Gardens Committee. It is for them to decide whether this work should be paid for out of this money S/d J. A. 13-7-07

D of G

What does the Committee  
Say.

D of Gardens

Treasurer  
Auditor General

Sd A. Young 16.7.07

To note

Sd A.H. L. 22/7/07

Hon S.

The Committee concurs.

Hon S.

We had a meeting on Monday  
Evening last. When I submitted  
the estimate of the P. W. D. They  
were of opinion that when autho-  
rity is granted to incur the neces-  
sary expenditure, public tenders  
should be called for to do the work.

Noted

Sd N. F. 23.9.07

Sd N. F. 17.7.07

But did they recommend that the  
cost should be met from rubber  
receipts.

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Sd. A. Young 18/7/07

Hon S.

Eps. They have agreed  
all along. but to make sure  
that they recommended I sent  
them a circular which I enclose

Sd. N. F. 20.7.07

Y. 2.

The £5000 may be expended  
and met from rubber receipts.

Sd. A. Young

22nd July 07

Sd

J. A.

*CSM*



No: -233/07

Botanic Gardens, Singapore,  
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

7th June 1907, 190

Sir,

With reference to Correspondence noted in the margin regarding the water supply at the Botanic Gardens I have the honour to ask for authority to incur an expenditure not exceeding \$5,000 in providing for this purpose a suitable installation

Gardens 3500/04

Muncl. 8288/04

Muncl. 9173/04

C.S. 9589/05

Gardens 716/06

Gardens. 3519/06

Gardens. 2184/07

2.- The question is not a new one .It has cropped up at different times as long as I have been connected with the gardens, and has always been dropped for want of funds. The necessity of dealing with the question becomes more urgent as time goes on, partly by reason of the <sup>increasing</sup> ~~greatest~~ accumulation of the collections of pot plants, partly by the supply of water that was formerly drawn from a well near the plant Houses having been cut off, and lastly by the prolonged droughts experienced lately.

3.- The present <sup>hauling</sup> ~~handling~~ system of water from the lake by bullock carts is a costly, obsolete and inadequate one and requires only to be mentioned to be condemned.

4.- Since I have been in charge the question has forced itself on my attention and I have gone thoroughly into the matter, I have spoken to several Engineers on the subject and Mr. Peirce the Municipal Engineer was good enough to send

The Hon'ble

the

The Colonial Secretary S.S.

This is a technical matter and I hesitate to give an opinion as to which is the best pump for our requirements.

I would like to see tender submitted by Mr. Peirce and to be guided by his opinion.

W. H. D. O. O.  
23/10/07

I am in favour of a Ram pump to get the required head of water and also approx suggestion of 5,000 gallon water tank 15 ft high. But as this was not specified for by the committee. It is only fair that the other tenderers should have an opportunity of quoting with their alterations.

W. H. D. O. O.  
24. 10. 07.

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Botanic Gardens, Singapore,  
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

23rd. August 1907, 190

TENDER FOR SUPPLYING AND ERECTING A WATER INSTALLATION AT  
THE BOTANIC GARDENS-SINGAPORE.

- 1.- The Borneo Coy.....\$3,561-12
- 2.- Riley Hargreave's .....\$3,850-00
- 3.- Howarth Erskine ..... \$3,800-00

Gentlemen,

The last named firm suggest having a steel tank of 5,000 gallons capacity raised 15 feet on steel tower to get a sufficient head or pressure for this they require an additional sum of \$450- bringing up their tender to \$4,250. This is an important point as it is not much use having a storage tank without pressure. As regards the Engine and pump I have consulted Mr. Pierce and Mr. Coveny and they both condemn a centrifugal pump for our purpose. It seems to rest between the 2nd and 3rd tenders, and from the pains they have taken in trying to meet our requirements I think we cannot do better than accept Messrs. Howarth Erskine's tender.

Will the Committee be good enough to vote for one or the other.

Hon. W. J. Napier  
 Hon. J. O. Anthony'sz  
 W. E. Hooper Esq,  
 P. T. Evatt Esq,  
 St. V. B. Down Esq,

The Borneo Coy.	Riley Hargreave's.	H. Erskine
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*J. T. Watt*

*H. J. M.  
 as Director of Works*

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Registered Telegraphic Address,  
"BORNEO, SINGAPORE."

*Borneo Company, Limited.*

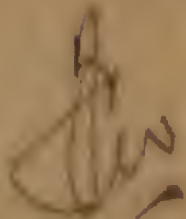
*Singapore,* 6th August, 1907.

Sir,

WATER INSTALLATION AT BOTANIC GARDENS.


We have the honour to hand you enclosed Specification of Plant and Materials to be supplied and erected at the Botanic Gardens Singapore.

Our inclusive quotation for the Plant, Materials and work is \$3,561.12 (Dollars three thousand five hundred and sixty one and cents twelve).

 We have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

 THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.



W. Fox, Esq.,

Acting Director of Gardens,

S i n g a p o r e.

SPECIFICATION FOR A WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION.

at

THE SINGAPORE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

OIL ENGINE  
&  
CENTRIFUGAL  
PUMP.

An Oil Engine  $2\frac{1}{2}$  H.P. coupled direct to a 5" Centrifugal Gwynne's Pump; of 150 Gallons per Minute capacity, at 550 Revolutions per minute, against a 20 ft head as per sketch, the Engine and Pump to be fixed over the existing well near the Lake, having a two way Cock on the Suction Pipe one branch leading into the well the other into the Lake thus enabling to Pump from either the Well or Lake.

SUCTION  
PIPES.

The Suction Pipe to the Lake to be a 5" Galvanised Iron Pipe laid under the road way between the Well and Lake, having a Large Rose and Strum Box fitted to keep weeds and grass from being drawn up by the Pump. The Suction Pipe to the well will also have a Rose and Strum Box fitted.

TWO WAY  
COCK.

The Two way Cock to be of C.I. with a Brass plug Cock properly marked so that Man in charge can see from which Suction the Pump is drawing water.

ENGINE  
HOUSE.

A suitable Engine House to be erected over the Engine and Pump about 15' x 12' x 8".

STORAGE  
TANK.

The Storage Tank to be built of Brick and Cement, dimensions 16' x 16' x 6'6" deep, capable of holding 10,000, Gallons of /



(2)

of water, the Tank to be covered in with 2" planking, having a Draw off Cock fitted to Distribution Pipe.

DISCHARGE  
PIPE.

The Discharge Pipe from the Pump to the Storage Tank to be 1½" Galvanized Iron, to be laid below the ground surface, in as direct a line as possible, Approx length 2,000 ft.

DISTRIBUTION  
PIPING.

The water to be Distributed from the Storage Tank through a 1" Galvanized Iron Pipe, to where required, Approx. length 2,000 ft.

STAND  
PIPE.

Approx. number required 10, made of C.I. placed at Convenient Distances apart along the line of Distribution Piping, having a Bib Cock on one side, and a Plug Cock and Hose Connection, without caps, on the other side, thus enabling Watering by hose or Bucket as may be desired.

GENERAL.

The whole of the workmanship and material to be of the best possible, all excavation work to be smoothed over after all joints along the lines of piping have been inspected and found tight.

TIME.

The approximate time required to complete the whole of the work to be about 3 months from the date of order.

GUARANTEE.

The Contractor will hand over the whole plant to the Authorities after having run same for one month after completion.

For THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

J. C. Wray

Riley, Hargreaves & Co., Ltd.

CIVIL, MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS,  
SHIPBUILDERS,  
IRON AND BRASS FOUNDERS  
AND  
GENERAL CONTRACTORS.

Telegraphic Address:  
"HARGREAVES," SINGAPORE.

CODES USED;

A. B. C. 4th & 5th Editions; A. I., Engineering,  
Lisber's and Private.

A.F./R.

SINGAPORE, 7th August, 1907.

The Ag. Chairman Gardens Committee,

SINGAPORE.

:-:-:-:-

Dear Sir,

Botanic Gardens Water Supply.

In answer to your esteemed enquiry of the 25th July re above,  
we beg to give you the following quotation:-

- (1). For building a brick and cement water tank capable of holding 10,000 gallons, covered with a suitable covering.
- (2). Supplying and erecting a "Samson" Pumping Plant; this plant is an Oil Engine and Single Ram Pump combined, which has a capacity of 750 gallons per hour and designed to work against any head up to 150 feet. Make the Campbell Gas Engine Co., Ltd., Halifax, England.
- (3). Supplying and laying 2,000 feet of 2" Galvd. Discharge piping to suit the above pump.
- (4). Supplying and laying 1,200 feet of 1" Galvd. Discharge piping.
- (5). Six ornamental C. I. Stand Posts with taps and connections for hose.
- (6). To connect well with lake in such a way that water level in well cannot fall below that in lake. Pump to draw from either.

7th August, 1907.

7th August, 1907.

No. 2.

(7). Engine and Pump to be fixed near well and covered in with a suitable covering.

Our price for this would be Dollars THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED & FIFTY ONLY

\$ 3850 <sup>00</sup>

In this price we have allowed 34½ Cents per foot for 2" Galv. pipe, and 17¼ Cents per foot for 1" pipe, laid complete.

The whole job would be carried out as per your instructions and finished to your complete satisfaction.

Hoping to be favoured with your esteemed order, which would receive our best attention,

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

*Alkumang*  
MANAGER

7th August, 1907.

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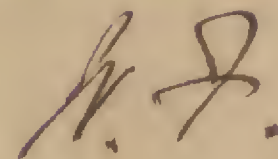
the Engineer in charge of the pumping station to give me his ideas on the subject. I have also read through the papers and Estimates by the Public Work Department, Messrs. Howarth Erskine, Messrs. Riley Hargreaves and Messrs. Hogan & Co. The Estimates range from \$7,400 to about \$3,000, so that in asking for authority for \$5,000 the best parts of each Scheme can be selected.

5.- The money that is to pay for this I would respectfully beg leave to take from the proceeds of our rubber sales. I have at present a credit balance of \$5,400 which will be increased to nearly \$7,000 in about two months when the next sale of rubber takes place, and as the monthly expenditure is only about \$100 it will be seen that there is plenty of money to do the work at once.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



Ag. Director of Gardens S.S.

The Hon'ble

The Colonial Secretary S.S.

Singapore.

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Tenders for supplying and  
erecting a water installation at the  
Botanic Gardens

	£	cts
1. The Borneo Co:	3561.	12
2. Riley Hargreaves	3850	—
3. Howard & Skine	3800	—

The last named firm suggest having  
a ~~steel~~ tank of 5000 gallons capacity  
engine raised 15 feet on steel pillars  
to get a sufficient head or pressure  
for this they require an additional

£1450 - bringing up their tender to £ 4250

This is an important point, as it is

As regards the engine and pump. I  
have consulted Mr. Preece & Mr.  
Covey - & they both condemn a  
Centrifugal pump for our purpose.

It seems to rest between the 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup>.  
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better than accept Mess Howard & Skine's  
tender -

Will the Committee be good enough to vote for  
one or the other.

1. Mess Howard & Skine
2. " Riley Hargreaves
3. " The Borneo Co.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

*General Note*  
*1908*

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Dorset House

Scotland Road

Penang, 18th May 1907

Dear Mr. Fox,

The system of pumping water at the Crag is by a combined Oil Engine and double plunge pump of two horse power. A tank at the top close to the hotel holding about 6 tons of water and a reservoir at the bottom below the pump holding about the same. An iron suction pipe from the pump to the bottom of the reservoir about 15 feet in length. From the pump to the tank on top 2 1/2" iron piping, 720 feet in length, and the actual height 300 feet as per sketch inclosed.

I really forgot the number of gallons per hour but it took from 2 1/4 to 3 hours to fill the top tank and an average of 3 hours working per day, used 5 tins of Langat Oil per month and driven by one of the Kaboons. The cost of the Engine and pump £112 F.O.B. the piping extra. It has been a great success working now 4 1/2 years with only few repairs.

The name of the Engine, Hallifex, I got it through Messrs. Alexander Young & Co, No. 8 Leadenhall Street London. These particulars are from memory and I have no books or papers with me.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

J. F. Ker



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TANK

ACTUAL HEIGHT 300 FEET.

720 FEET OF 2 1/2 INCHES PIPING.

ENGINE SEAT.

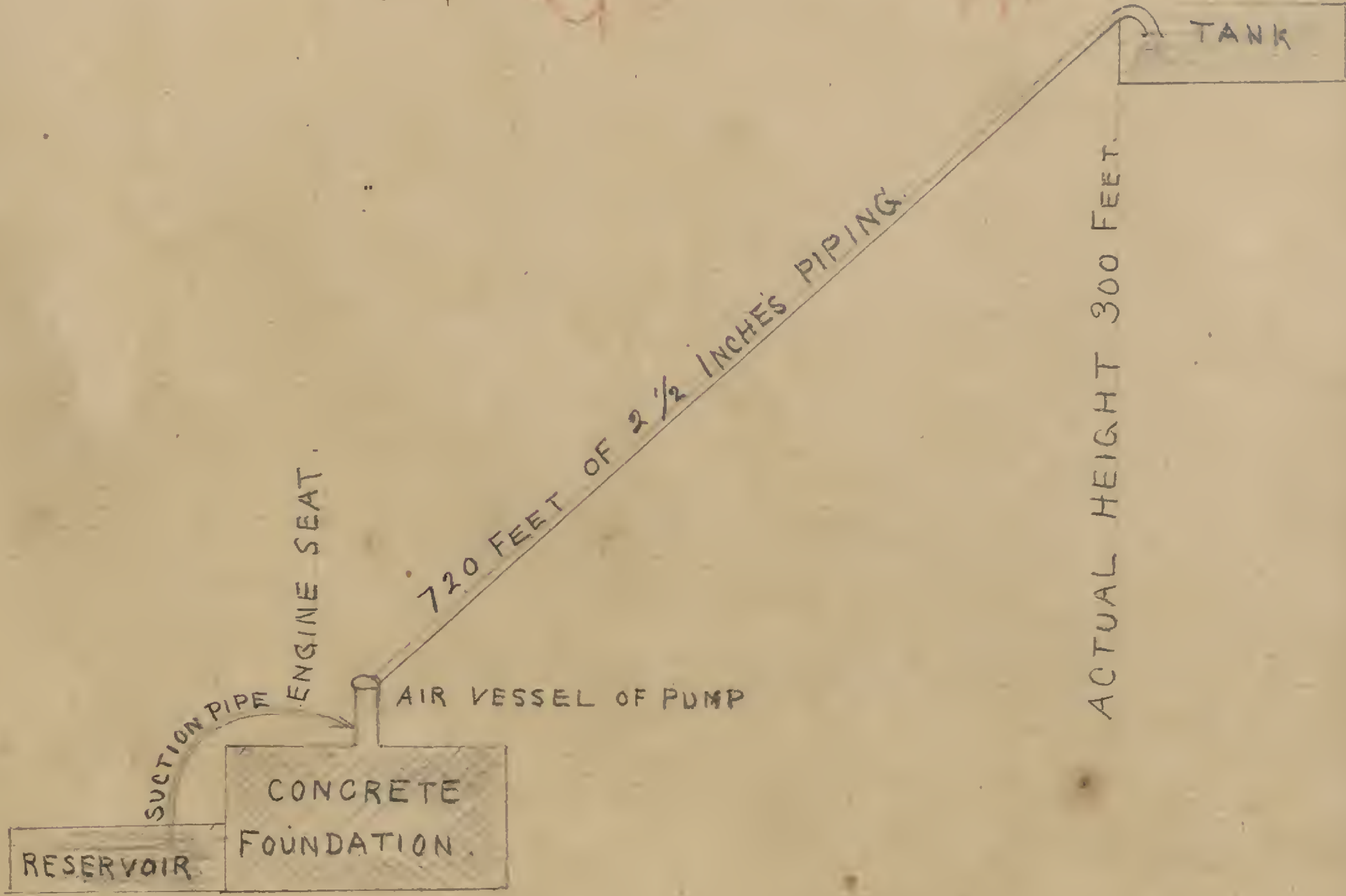
AIR VESSEL OF PUMP

CONCRETE FOUNDATION.

SUCTION PIPE

RESERVOIR.

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Garden No. 10  
1907

Office of Colonial Engineer &  
Surveyor General, Straits Settlements.

No: -134/06

Singapore, 6th July 1907.

Dear Mr. Fox

The estimated cost of providing A Water Supply to the Botanical Gardens as per your requirements is \$6,800. This includes a service reservoir to contain 10,000 gallons to be built next your house, an oil engine and force pump capable of lifting at least 2,000 galls in 6 hours, pumping main, an Engine House, (temporary) for same, distributing mains to Plant Sheds and Monkey House with a dozen stand-pipes, and enlarging the Well next the pond from 4'9" in diameter and 8' deep to 10' in diameter and 25' deep,

If the service reservoir could be built next the Band Stand the cost would be reduced to \$5,000.

Yours faithfully

sd. H. V. Townier

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... receipt from Cashier. No receipt will be recognised unless it bears the signature of the Manager, Director or Secretary. All Cheques to be crossed, and payable to order.

*2/08*  
**Dr. to Howarth Erskine, Limited.**

Bill No. **1184.J.** THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

Date of Supply.	NATURE OF SERVICE.	Amount. \$
	<u>The Botanical Garden</u>	
	per Walter Fox Esq., acting Director.	
Jan'y	To Supply and erection of 2 H.P. Combined pump and Oil Engine gear driven with suction to well & lake with strainers and footvalves. Supply & erection of a corrugated shed over engine, also 1 steel tank of 5000 Gallon capacity with tower 15 feet high. Supply & erection of six stand pipes as per Contract	2850 00
	2080 feet of delivery piping from Pump to Tank with two brass Non Pattern Valve as quoted 40c. per foot for 1 1/2"	832 00
	Two Non return Valves	26 00
	Price extra allowed for fitting 2 & 1 3/4" instead of 1 1/2"	50
	2188 feet of 1 1/2" Supply pipe to Garden	756
	3 Extra Stand Pipe with 1" piping & Cocks supplied	189
	1 Hose Reel complete with 150' of Delivering Hose, 1 Nozzle & Sprays	195 00
		\$ 4898

*Part payment on the above*

E. & O. E.

\$ 4000

**HOWARTH ERSKINE, LTD.**

*H. Berger*  
 ACTING SECRETARY.

... hereby certify that the above service has been duly performed, and that the prices are

*according to the Contract & fair & reasonable.* *W. N. Midley*  
 Received from the *Director of Gardens S.S.* Director of G.

Treasurer, \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of

When payments are made by Public Officers for Petty Expenses for which it is not practicable to obtain Under-receipts, the following certificate must be signed by such Officers.  
 I certify that the charges marked thus\*, amounting to \$ \_\_\_\_\_, have been actually incurred and PAID by me.

\* Witness to the payments made in my presence

HOWARTH ERSKINE, Limited.

No. 8901

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HEAD OFFICE,

Singapore, 30<sup>th</sup> January 1908.

Received from Colonial Government, Botanical Garden

the sum of Dollars Four thousand only

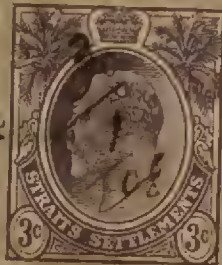
in payment of Bill No. 1184<sup>J.</sup> to a/c.

HOWARTH ERSKINE, Limited.

*W. E. Erskine*

Secretary.

*Actg*



*S. N. B.*

HOWARTH ERSKINE, LIMITED.

Frazer & Neave, Limited, Printers, Singapore.—3922-07.

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HOWARTH ERSKINE, Limited.

No. 8472

\$ 898 =

HEAD OFFICE,

Singapore, 11<sup>th</sup> April 1908

Received from The Botanical Garden

the sum of Dollars Eight hundred & ninety eight

only

in payment of Bill No.

HOWARTH ERSKINE, Limited.

Memberger

Secretary.



HOWARTH ERSKINE, LIMITED.

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# Dr. to Howarth Erskine, Limited.

Bill No. .... THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

Date of Supply.	NATURE OF SERVICE.	Amount.
		\$ c.
	<u>THE BOTANICAL GARDEN</u>	
	<u>per Walter Fox Esq.,</u>	
	<u>Acting Director</u>	
Jany	To Supply & erection of 2 H.P. Combined Pump and Oil Engine Gear Driven with Suction to Wall & Lake with Strainers and Footvalves. Supply and Erection of a Corrugated Shed over Engine, also One Steel Tank of 5000 Gallon Capacity with Tower 15 feet high. Supply & Erection of 6 Stand Pipes as per Contract.	2850 00
	2080 feet. of Delivery Piping from Pump to Tank with two Brass Non Pattern Valve as quoted 40 c. per foot for 1 1/2"	832 00
	Two Non return Valves	26 00
	Price Extra allowed for fitting 2 & 1 1/2" instead of 1 1/2"	50 00
	2188 feet of 1 1/2" Supply Pipe to Garden	755 00
	3 Extra Stand Pipe with 1" Piping & Cocks supplied	189 00
	1 Hose Reel complete with 150' of Delivery Hose 1 Nozzle & Sprays	195 00
		\$ 4898 00
	Received on 30/1/08 The Sum of	4000 00
	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>	\$ 898 00

Paid to Howarth Erskine Ltd  
 30/1/08  
 1907

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 I certify that the charges marked thus\* amounting to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ have been actually incurred and PAID by me.

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E. & O. E.

HOWARTH ERSKINE, LTD.

*Mos. D. Canaing*

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I hereby certify that the above service has been duly performed, and that the prices charged are according to the Contract

Received from the Director of Gardens *J. W. Bradley*  
 Director of Gardens

Treasurer, \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of Dollars

*Eight hundred & ninety eight and no/100*



Above Service which I have

HOWARTH ERSKINE, Limited.

No. 8463

\$129.<sup>29</sup>

HEAD OFFICE,

Singapore, 25 March 1908.

Received from Botanical gardens

the sum of Dollars One hundred twenty nine cents  
twenty three only.

in payment of Bill No. 1427 J.

HOWARTH ERSKINE, Limited.

*Kemberger*  
Secretary.

*M*  
Collector.



HOWARTH ERSKINE, LIMITED.

Fraser & Neave, Limited, Printers, Singapore.

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Date of Supply.

NATURE OF SERVICE.

Botanical Gardens

O/N. 3302

08 Febry

- To One Tell tale for Tank as quoted
- 3194. Supplying Erecting & Connecting 36 ft. of pipes as, Drain from Tank Well to Lake 65
- 2857. 25 lbs. Wire Nails 1
- 3492. 200 lbs. Carriage Bolts & Nuts 2" x 3/8" 36 " ditto 2 1/2" x 3/8" - 34 lbs. at 22c. per lb.
- 3872. 6 Road Stampers with Handles at 2.50 ea. 1

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E. & O. E.

HOWARTH ERSKINE, *Secretary.*

I certify that the charges marked thus\*, amounting to \$ \_\_\_\_\_, have been actually incurred and PAID by me.

When payments are made by Public Officers for Petty Expenses for which it is not practicable to obtain Under-Receipts, the former must be signed by such Officers.

21/42/45  
I certify that the above marks and payments made in my presence,

I hereby certify that the above service has been duly performed, and that the prices charged are *fair & reasonable*

Received from the *Director of Gardens* *Director of Gardens*

Treasurer, \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of Dollars

*one hundred & twenty nine cents & twenty three only*

for the above Service, which I certify has been duly performed.

*Singapore*  
*25th March 1905*

[Note—No signature should be here until payment has been actually



TELEGRAMS, ERSKINE.

A.I. STEVENS ENGINEERING,  
LIEPERS, WESTERN UNION,  
A.B.C. 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> EDITIONS,  
& PRIVATE CODES USED

AND AT  
RANGOON, PENANG, IPOH,  
KUALA LUMPUR, BANGKOK,  
& CANTON

LONDON OFFICE,  
3, LLOYDS AVENUE.

Dict. J.L.H./F.D.M.

**HOWARTH ERSKINE, LIMITED**  
ENGINEERS, IRON FOUNDERS  
& CONTRACTORS.

*Singapore*

August 7th. 1907

B.No. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Walter Fox Esqre.,

Acting Chairman Gardens Committee.

Botanical Gardens.

Singapore.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your esteemed enquiry for cost of supplying Water Installation in Botanical Gardens as per your Specification, we have much pleasure in quoting for same and also alternative schemes as discussed with your goodself.

TENDER NO.1 - Widening and enlarging well as per specification, supplying & erecting a 2 H.P. Hornsby Combined Oil Engine and Gear driven plunger pump on common bedplate including necessary foundations. Erecting a Corrugated iron shed over Engine, and pump. Building a brick and Cement tank in ground as shown on our plan No. 6200, marked "Alternative Design" with timber cover; Supply and erection of Six (6) Stand pipes at various points consisting of a Galvanized Tee and Upright pipe with Elbow and Brass cock arranged to take a hose connection and the whole clamped to a Vertical Steel Upright driven into ground.

Price for above Dollars Three thousand five hundred ( \$ 3,500:00 ) only.

Piping 1½" Galvanized @ forty ( 40 cts ) cents per foot run laid in position.

" 1" -do- @ thirty ( 30 cts) -do- -do- -do-

With regard to above tender we would suggest ; Instead of enlarging well which is a most expensive operation and almost impossible to estimate closely upon, in view of its close proximity to the lake, that it be only cleaned out and that the suction pipe from pump be carried into it and a branch from same carried to lake so that if well should run dry a supply could always be got direct from lake.

With this alteration a reduction of Dollars One thousand one hundred ( \$ 1,100:00 ) could be made on Tender No.1 .

TENDER NO.2 - As there will be practically no head of water with tank as in tender No.1 and therefore no pressure of water at level of walk round Sand Stand, we propose if a 10,000 gallon capacity tank must be adhered to, that a re-inforced concrete tank as shewn on Plan No.6200 marked "Proposed Design" be built on the surface of the ground thereby giving a head of roughly 3 feet when tank is full.

Extra price on Tender No.1 for this type of tank will be Dollars Two hundred and  
and ninety ( \$ 290 : 00 ) only.

TENDER NO.3 - To make effective use of a Sprayer on hose pipe we think that at least 20 feet head will be necessary at highest point and therefore propose a steel tank of 5,000 gallons capacity placed on a Steel Tower 15 feet high to design as shewn on Plan No.6199.

The additional price for this type of tank to Tender No.1 would be Dollars Four hundred  
and fifty ( \$ 450 : 00 ) only.

The following is a summary of all above tenders :-

<u>TENDER NO.1</u>	
<u>Well enlarged.</u>	<u>Well not enlarged.</u>
§ 3,500:00	§ 2,400:00
<u>TENDER NO.2</u>	
§ 3,790:00	§ 2,690:00
<u>TENDER NO.3</u>	
§ 3,950:00	§ 2,350:00
All piping 1½" Galvanized full lengths per foot run laid. = 40 cts.	
-do- 1" -do- -do- -do- = 30 cts.	

We trust that our additional proposals may be of service to you and hope that you may be able to place the order with us.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

HOWARTH ERSKINE LIMITED.

*J. S. Crawford*

*P. P.* ACTING SECRETARY.

No. 366

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MEMORANDUM.

From

BOTANIC GARDENS,

SINGAPORE.

To

Messrs. H. Jackson & Co  
Singapore

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1907

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in informing you that your tender no. 3 (ie with the steel tank) has been accepted and to ask you to put the work in hand at once.

Yours faithfully  
Sd Walter Fox

TELEGRAMS, ERSKINE.

A. STEVENS ENGINEERING,  
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# HOWARTH ERSKINE, LIMITED

ENGINEERS, IRON FOUNDERS  
& CONTRACTORS.

*Singapore*

September 5th. 1907

*Ans'd  
no 375/10  
9/9/07  
W.F.*

B.No .1

Walter Fox Esqre.,

Acting Director.

Botanical Gardens.

Dear Sir,

We beg to thank you for your esteemed favour accepting our tender for Water Supply Scheme for Botanical Gardens and beg to confirm same as follows :-

- Supply and erection of a 2 H.P. Hornsby Oil Engine and Gear Driven Plunger Pump on Common Bed plate with Suction pipe laid to well and lake. Each suction with strum box.
- Supply and erection of a corrugated iron shed over Engine.
- Supply and erection of 5,000 gallon steel tank erected on a Steel Tower 15 feet high & including foundations.
- Supply and erection of 6 stand pipes as before described.

All for the sum of Dollars Two thousand eight hundred & fifty.

( \$ 2,850 : 00 ) . ✓

Piping	1½"	Galvd	in full lengths laid	@	40 cents	per foot.
"	1"	"	-do-	@	30	-do-

Regarding our conversation about using different sizes of pipes on discharge side of pump ; The delivery opening on pump being 2" the best arrangement would be a 2" pipe all the way but as

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this ~~is~~ would be expensive we recommend instead - 2" piping @ 62 cts per foot laid for first third of the total length and 1½" @ 50 cents per foot laid for second third of length and 1½" to finish to tank.

We have put the whole work in hand for quickest delivery and hope to complete in about 3½ to 4 months from date.

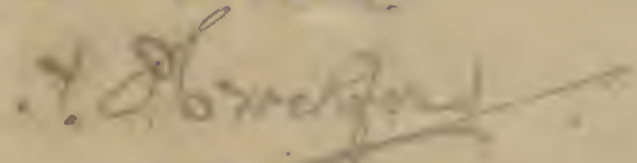
We would be glad to have your final instructions as to piping as soon as possible so that we may put this in hand also.

Again thanking you for your esteemed order.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

HOWARTH ERSKINE LIMITED.



ACTING SECRETARY.

No. 375

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Ag. Director

MEMORANDUM.

From

BOTANIC GARDENS,

Singapore

To

Assoc. N. Erskine Esq.  
Singapore

9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1908

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. and confirm your quotations for the supply & erection of our Water installation as therein set forth. With reference to my conversation with you regarding the size of pipe leading directly from engine I should be glad if you would put a two inch pipe for a short distance - but not to make the additional expense for this purpose exceed fifty dollars.

Yours faithfully  
S. W. Fore

No. 419  
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MEMORANDUM.

From

Ag. Director  
BOTANIC GARDENS,

SINGAPORE.

To

Mess. H. Isthm Co  
Singapore

19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1907

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the Water Installation you are erecting for us. I should be glad if you would quote me a price for the hose & reel I wish to use in connection with the scheme. The reel should be of india rubber. Strong and made to fit the one inch delivery pipe. Length about one hundred & fifty feet. also a nozzle & sprayer for same. The reel should be on wheels.

P.S. would the hose be  
in sections??

Yours faithfully  
Sd H. Isthm



TELEGRAMS, ERSKINE

A. I. STEVENS ENGINEERING,  
LIEBERS, WESTERN UNION  
A.B.C. 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> EDITIONS,  
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LONDON OFFICE,  
3, LLOYDS AVENUE

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No 431  
24.10.1907  
Singapore*

October 19th. 1907

W. Fox Esqre.,

Acting Director Botanical Gardens.

Singapore.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your esteemed enquiry - we have much pleasure in handing you herewith Blue Print shewing Hose Reels. This machine consists of a strong carriage on which is mounted a reel having a hollow axis connected with the outside of the drum by means of a short pipe, to which one end of the hose is attached. The other end is coupled to a standpost or hydrant and as the machine is drawn forward, the water passing round the reel to the axis is distributed by means of a short length of hose, as shown in Blue Print. An improved chain gear arrangement is fitted for winding up the hose after use.

When required the branch pipe is detached and affixed to the other end of the hose, which is then run off, as with the ordinary hose reel, while the end to which the branch-pipe was attached is fastened to the hydrant or water-post.

Price to be Dollars One hundred & ninety five ( \$ 195:00 ) complete with 150 ft. delivery hose, 1 nozzle and 1 sprayer.

Hoping to be favoured with your esteemed order.

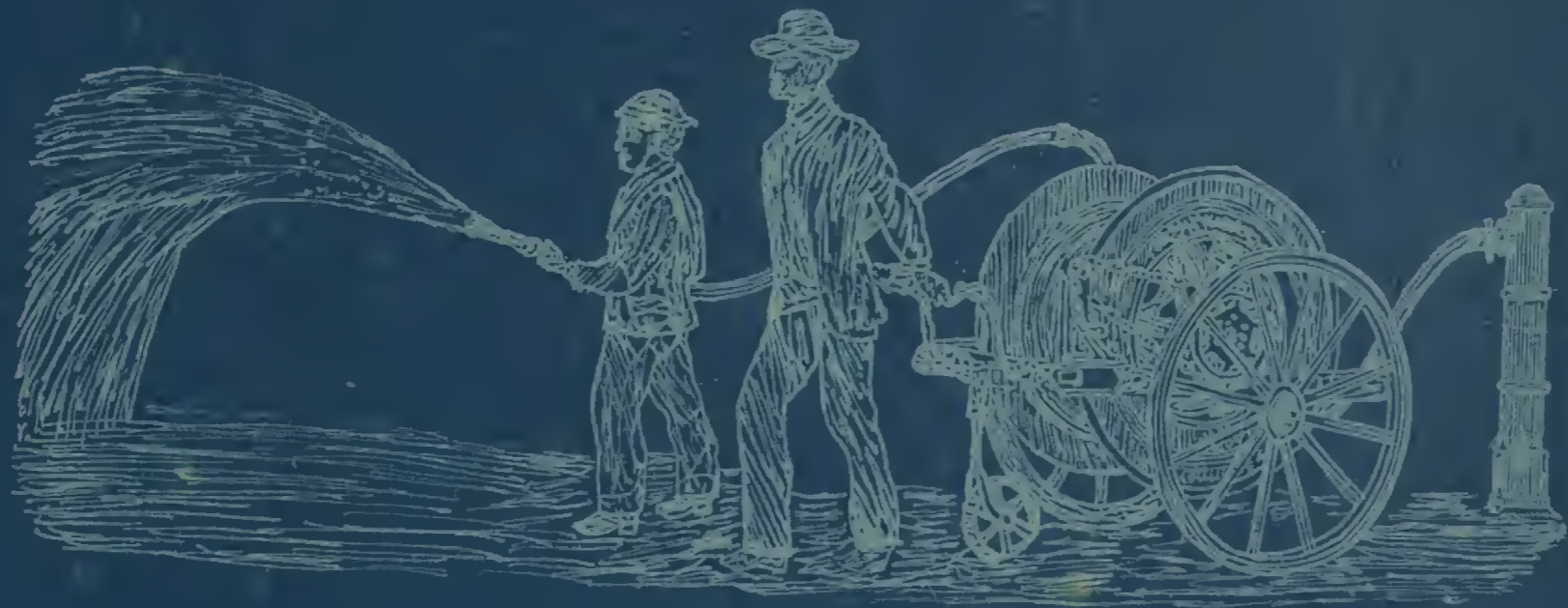
Yours faithfully,  
HOWARTH ERSKINE LIMITED.

*William Linn*

ACTING SECRETARY.

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ENGINEERS, IRON FOUNDERS  
& CONTRACTORS.

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*Singapore*

October 26th. 1907.

B.No.1

W. Box Esqre.,

Acting Director Botanical Gardens.

Singapore.

Dear Sir,

We beg to thank you for your esteemed order of yesterday's date confirming your verbal acceptance of our tender for the supply of a Hose and Reel for the sum of \$ 195:00.

This is now in hand and will be expedite delivery as early as possible.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

HOWARTH ERSKINE LIMITED.

*J. D. Crawford*