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Botanic Gardens, Singapore,
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

27th December 1911, 190

Re-The Management of Botanic Gardens after
the retirement of the Director.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward by
request of the Committee of Management of
the Gardens, the following extract from the
Minutes of a meeting held on December 23rd.

After the ordinary business of the meeting
was concluded a discussion took place regarding
Mr. H. N. Ridley's retirement and what that entails
not only to the Botanic Department but more
especially to the Agricultural interest in the Far
East with which the interest of this Colony are
so closely connected, the Committee having no
knowledge of any qualified Scientist being appoint-
-ed to fill the vacancy, Mr. Ridley's resignation
having been notified to Government so long ago
as February last it was then resolved:-

"That having regard to Mr. H. N. Ridley's retire-

"ment from the service of this Colony and the

"impossibility of filling such an appointment

"locally it is undesirable to fill the vacancy

"by appointing the Curator to act pending the

arrival from home of a Scientist who possesses

"the necessary qualifications, and further discuss

"-ion ensued on matters arising from the above.

"Resolution and it was finally resolved:-

"That the Chairman shall forward to the

"to the Government the following Recommendations
"from this Committee-

"a) That the Committee of Management of the
"Botanic Gardens be strengthened by the appoint-
ment for the ensuing year of at least five Members,
"such persons to be selected for the interest
"they take in the Botanic Gardens and the Depart-
"ment generally and who will attend meetings.
"(and a list of persons who are willing to serve
"has been handed to the Chairman).

(b) That until a qualified Director is appointed,
"the Curator, or Assistant Curator, should be
"appointed Secretary to the Committee of Manage-
"ment who would select their own Chairman.

"(c) That meetings should be held monthly until
"a new Director is appointed.

"(d) That the Secretary of State should consult
"Mr. Ridley on his arrival in London as to his
"successor.

(e) That the new Director appointed should be paid
"a salary commencing at not less than £600 per
"annum with free house.

I have the honour to be
sir

Your obedient servant

Chairman, Gardens Committee

The Hon'ble

The Colonial Secretary

Singapore.

~~W.E. Hooper Esq~~

~~F.M. Elliot Esq~~

~~G.E.V. Thomas Esq~~

~~V.A. Flower Esq~~

~~St. V.B. Down Esq~~

List of persons who are willing to serve in the
gardens Committee:-

W.E.Hooper Esq

F.M.Elliot Esq

G.E.V.Thomas Esq

V.A.Flower Esq

St.V.B.doun Esq

(To be incorporated in Minutes 23/12/11.)

Mr Ridley A discussion (then) took place regarding Mr H. N. Ridley's retirement and what that entails, not only to the Botanic Department, but more especially to the Agricultural interest in the Colony with which the interests of this Colony are so closely connected, the Committee having no prospect of any qualified Scientist being appointed to fill the vacancy, Mr Ridley's resignation having been notified to Government so long ago as February last, it was then

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- 1 That having regard to Mr H. N. Ridley's
 - 1 retirement from the service of this
 - 1 Colony and the impossibility of filling
 - 1 such an appointment locally, it is
 - 1 undesirable to fill the vacancy by
 - 1 appointing the Curator to act pending the
 - 1 arrival from home of a Scientist who
 - 1 possesses the necessary qualifications.
- Further discussion ensued on matters arising from the above Resolution and it was finally

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- 1 Government the following Recommendations
- 1 from this Committee:
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- 1 Botanic Gardens be strengthened by the
- 1 appointment for the ensuing year of at
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- 1 selected for the interest they take in the
- 1 Botanic Gardens and the Department
- 1 generally and who will attend meetings.

" (a list of persons who are willing to serve
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(b.) That until a qualified Director is appointed
" the Curator, or Assistant Curator, should be
" appointed Secretary - to the Committee of
" Management, who would select their own
" Chairman.

(c.) That Meetings should be held monthly
" until a new Director is appointed.

(d.) That the Secretary of State should request
" Mr Ridley on his arrival in London
" as to his successor.

(e.) That the new Director appointed should be
" paid a salary commensurate with his
" position - £600 - per annum - in gross.

The Chairman was requested to forward a copy
" of these minutes to the Government.

W. R. Hooper.
J. M. Elliot
G. E. V. Thomas.
V. A. Howard.
S. V. I. Brown