Public Subscription for a Band.

MEMORANDUM.

From _____

To _____

14th. June, 1905

My dear Mr. Stevens,

Date _____

1905

By ~~being~~ ~~going~~ ~~to~~ ~~London~~, I learned a fortnight ago that you have formed a committee which is collecting subscriptions to defray the cost of having additional band evenings in the Botanical Gardens. I have therefore awaited a communication from you regarding the proposal such as I might lay before the Gardens Committee; but none has come. As I was about to proceed to Paris, I ventured to join the correspondence.

Would you be good to let me know what the committee wishes.

The Gardens Committee at present defrays the cost of the music in the Gardens, the two Regiments assisting the Committee in keeping the cost down; so that what the public enjoy, is half a charity of the Regiments and half a charity of the Committee. If your committee is desiring to put backfunds raised into the hands of the Committee of the Gardens to be used for the purpose of paying the cost of extra band-evenings, I believe that there will be no difficulties in our way: but on the other hand the Gardens Committee can not permit other bodies to give direct instructions regarding events which are to take place in the Gardens.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Stevens, Esq.

C. J. Beck, Macgregor & Co.,
SHANGHAI, HONG KONG, SINGAPORE.

Telegraphic Address
CALDBECK, SINGAPORE."

Macgregor, Caldbeck & Co.
London & Glasgow.

Singapore, 16th. June 1913.

Dear Mr Burkhill,

I duly received your letter of the 14th instant.

It is quite true that I am getting up a subscription, to endeavour to obtain the services of the Brahman's Band for every Monday, to play for the benefit of the children of Singapore. It is not necessary that it should be in the Gardens. There are other places, such as Government Hill (which I have no doubt His Excellency will readily grant), and further, there are lots of private houses with suitable gardens.

In the event of anything taking place in the Gardens, I should naturally first consult you; but I don't think you have any reason so far for supposing that I have in any way gone outside the Committee. But the first matter is for me to obtain the money, and this is not a very easy thing to do. Then I can enter into schemes.

Colonel White offered the services of his Band once a week, provided I could get sufficient money to provide for transport, and this is really what I am collecting the money for.

I would have nothing to do with evening music in the Gardens (if this is in your mind), which, after so many years of residence here, I never have, and cannot even now approve of. To my mind, they are the most uninteresting, over-crowded, and uncomfortable entertainments that I have ever been to.

I certainly could not consent ^{at present} to put the funds I have raised into the hands of your Committee. I am acting solely on my own initiative. If we want the Band to play in the Gardens, necessarily we would have to ask your permission, but as I have said before, we are not tied up to the public Gardens. I always

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have in view however that when the Band plays in some public place, it gives all children an opportunity of attending.

You will excuse me saying so, but I think you are somewhat premature in saying that "the Gardens Committee cannot permit other bodies to give direct instructions regarding events, which take place in the Gardens"; when you write this to me, who has never had the slightest intention of going outside you or your Committee in any way, or given you any cause to jump to such a conclusion.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. A. Stevenson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

I. H. Burkhill, Esq.,

PRESENT.

17th June 1913

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I write to thank you for your letter of 16th June 1913 regarding your subscription list for music in some public place. It explains your position sufficiently. You understand that my information was derived solely from being asked to subscribe as was said to me, toward the expenses of engaging the band of the Brahmans to play in the Botanical Gardens, where now they play by promise on the first Monday of every month.

Do not please take the statement of a fact made in my last sentence for an *accusation* as it was not intended to serve a further purpose than to enable you to understand my position.

Yours sincerely

Jms

Porter & Co.
Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,
SHANGHAI, HONG KONG, SINGAPORE.

Telegraphic Address:

"CALDBECK, SINGAPORE."

Macgregor, Caldbeck & Co.
London & Glasgow.

Singapore, 19th. June 1913.

Received 20.6.13

Answered.....

The Director.

The Botanical Gardens.

P R E S E N T .

Sir,

I have the honour to request permission from the Botanical Gardens Committee, to allow the 3rd Brahmans Band to play in the Botanical Gardens on Monday next, the 23rd inst, from 5 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

I may mention that this Band is being supplied by subscriptions obtained by me from the public, on behalf of the children's Band Fund.

I would ask for your immediate reply, as of course, it is necessary for me to make arrangements somewhat ahead.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

K. A. Stearns

*I have no objection to
the Band playing on Monday
but the value of future performances
should be fixed by the Director and
by Mr. Stearns.*

H. F. B.

J. F. B.

From whom ...

Place ...

Date ...

Mr. Stevens Committee for providing
a band to play in the Botanical
Gardens.

Former Papers.

Gardens Committee MINUTES.

Final Paper.

Mr. K.A. Stevens and a committee got
together by him have raised funds
proposing to employ the Band of the
3rd Buffs to play music about
sunset once a week in the Botanical
Gardens.

I submit that there is only one
way in which Mr. Stevens purpose
can be fulfilled namely that he
should hand over the money to the
Gardens Committee to be used at their
discretion.

In 1911 there was very little music
in the Gardens; in 1912 the Buffs
played their band on several occasions
and the drums and pipes played for
the children regularly. In 1913 the
K.O.S. came, and played music out

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Give us offence: I am ready to employ coolies on time to prepare the bandstand and to clear up afterwards; and I will arrange for the controlling of the traffic and announcing of band evenings in the press. That the Stevens Committee has already shown such a blindness to the situation that I will have no interference from it.

It is certain that the public ascribe what occurs in the gardens to the management of the garden and not very competent fingers pushed into the gardens again from outside will not be recognized by the public as mentioned fingers.

I anticipate a second application from Mr. Stevens

at an early date, and ask the ~~committee~~ ^{authorities} of the Garden Committee in advance to lay down any conditions.

Henry Burke

23.6.13.

all we are concerned with is a proposal for additional hand-performance. Mr. Stevens has undertaken to provide the funds for this. It is up to the Committee to do all in their power to further the proposal by arranging accommodation & traffic control. This is cause no difficulty as arrangements must naturally be on the same lines as on other occasions.

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The Director.

This correspondence is to be regretted.

We all want bands to play in the Bot Lyds as often as can be arranged.

Mr Stevens presents being asked to hand over the money he has collected for a special object and I fail to see why the Committee need interfere with the arrangement he has made.

All he asks is for permission for the band to play for children on Monday afternoon and I am strongly in favour of granting it.

Yours truly
J. E. Stephens

Mr Stevens has collected money for an afternoon performance only for children. I don't think that it will be right to ask him to hand over the money to the Com^{tee} for general band

expenses as this money is not intended for the afternoon band performances.

I see no objection to letting the band play on Monday afternoon ^{once a week} ~~twice a month~~ as a fixture. General permission might be given to this effect, if other performances are to be given, special permission sh^d be obtained.

28.6.12.

J. E. S.

I fail to see any objection to Mr Stevens' proposal, so long as the band staff is not over-streained by the additional work. - It is, I believe, our duty to make the gardens as attractive as possible; - & with that object the more music we have the better. - I do not anticipate the slightest risk of any jealousy between the 2 Regts being caused by the proposal.

2-7-12.

J. E. Stephens

The Director.

I am strongly in favour
of having as much music
as possible in the Botanic
Gardens. and have been
working with this object in
view for many years.

Therefore I think Mr Stevens
request should be granted.

I can appreciate Mr Stevens
objection to handing over the
Garden to him - he collects - to the
Garden Committee. But I
think some contribution should
be made from Mr Stevens'
fund - to defray the extra
cost of labour incurred by
the Garden staff due to their
extra performance, the
Garden funds being very
limited.

Mr Stevens - takes some
satisfaction of an impression
in music. and I think it
very desirable that he should
recognize that the Director
of the Botanic Gardens is the
office alone responsible
for all that takes place in
the Botanic Gardens, and he
should first be consulted on
all matters pertaining to them.

Ed. D. A. C.

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No minutes should be written on this page. A separate half-sheet to
be used if required.

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Penang. Camp

23 June 1913.

Dear Mr. Stevens

I acknowledge the receipt this afternoon of your request that the Burmese band should play tonight in the Botanical gardens.

It is possible that the various members of the committee who have seen your letter, have given permission.

In any case I cannot improve on his decision now. You knew that I was going on tour, for I opened our correspondence on that account. I shall return to Singapore early in July: and before a second permission can be given, it is desirable that you should tell my committee, how often permission will be asked.

Yours sincerely,
(signed) Harry Buckell.

Ad. Stevens Esq.

Botanic Gardens, Singapore,
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26th June 1913 191

Gentlemen,

In the absence of the Director, I have the honour to ask that the permission as requested in the attached letter, may be granted Mr. K. A. Stevens.

I would point out however, that the idea of the Band promading round the "Upper Ring Road" is not to be encouraged for the present at any rate, until visitors become acquainted with the existing regulation for control of the traffic.

Should you give the necessary sanction, I shall inform the Police; but we have no power to prohibit vehicles from entering both ends of the "Upper Ring Road".

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

Members of The Gardens Committee

H.E. Major-General Stephenson C.B.

Hon'ble J.O. Anthonisz - *grant permission*

Messrs. St. V. B. Down *grant permission*

W. E. Hooper

H. W. Firmstone

F. M. Elliot

I. H. Burkill

approved

SINGAPORE, 25th. June 1913.

The Director.

The Botanical Gardens.

PRESENT.

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Sir,

Children's Band Fund.

I have the honour to ask permission for the Band of the 3rd Brahmins to be allowed to play in the Gardens on Monday next, the 30th inst, between 5 and 6.15 p.m.

I have asked the Colonel and Officers to instruct light Music to be played, suitable for the children, and to instruct the Band-master to march his men round the ring during the last two tunes, as this affords great satisfaction to the children, and I ask your permission again for this to be allowed.

Last Monday the attendance at the Gardens was the largest I have ever witnessed, as regards children and adults.

Naturally I haven't advised the Police of any of these performances, thinking that this would be interfering, but I would respectfully suggest that the Chief Police Officer be asked to send up one or two more men there, as Motor Cars do not obey your instructions of going in at one end and coming out at the other. They enter at both ends of the ring still.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SINGAPORE, 4th. July 1913.

I. J. Burkill, Esq.,

Director:- Botanical Gardens,

T A N G L I N .

Dear Sir,

I have arranged for the 3rd: Brahmans' Band to play in the Gardens at 5 p.m. on Monday next, and if I do not hear from you in reply, I shall understand that the Committee have given permission.

Yours faithfully,

K. A. Steadman

*Replied permission from
Mr. S. put notice in the paper - but
band did not come
over*

Received No. 7:13.
SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, 10th. July 1913.

The Director.

Botanical Gardens.

T A N G L I N .

Dear Sir,

With the permission of the Committee (which I shall take for granted if I do not hear from you further), I have arranged for the Band of the 3rd Brahmans to play in the Botanical Gardens at 5 p.m. on Monday next, the 14th inst.

Yours faithfully,

R. A. H. H. H.

Permission given I letter of 11. Jul 1913
& when wanted at same time.

Received 16.7.13.

16.7.13.

SINGAPORE, 15th. July 1913.

The Director.

Botanical Gardens.

T A N G L I N .

Dear Sir,

Children's Band Fund.

The Band of the K.O.Y.L.I. Regiment will play in the Botanical Gardens at 5 p.m. on Monday next, with the permission of your Committee.

Is it necessary to ask permission for each Monday? In the event of the Band not playing, I should of course advise you.

Yours faithfully,

K. A. Tanglin

advised police. 18.7.13.

replied 1) giving permission
2) saying that I can sanction programme
if submitted several weeks ahead
MRS

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO

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Telegraphic Address,
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LONDON & GLASGOW.

Singapore 22nd. July 1915.

The Director.

Botanical Gardens.

T A N G L I N .

Dear Sir,

The Children's Band Fund.

The Band of the 3rd Brahmans will play in the Botanical Gardens at 5 p.m. on Monday next, the 28th inst, with the permission of your Committee.

Before Mr Stevens' departure ~~for~~ Penang, he asked me to write to you for permission.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. C. Lane.

Sanction of return of post
diris

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LONDON & GLASGOW.

Singapore 31st. July 1913.

The Director.

Botanical Gardens.

TANGLIN.

Dear Sir,

THE CHILDREN'S BAND FUND.

With the permission of your Committee, the Band of the 3rd
Brahmans will play in the Botanical Gardens on Monday next, the 4th
prox, at 5 p.m. I would ask you to kindly let me know if this has
your sanction.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. C. Lane

Permission given

After advised. but no one came

As! answer to the future

Not

14.8.43
14.8.43

SINGAPORE, 13th. August 1943.

The Director.

Botanical Gardens.

TANGLIN.

Sir,

THE CHILDREN'S BAND FUND.

With the permission of the Committee, the Band of the K.O.Y.L.I. Regiment will play in the Botanical Gardens on Monday next, the 16th inst, at 5 p.m.

On the same occasion, the Bag-pipes and Drums of the Associated Scottish Pipeband of Malaya have kindly offered to play during the intervals, and I shall be glad to know if ~~the~~ ^{both are} sanctioned.

I take this opportunity, - once for all, of apologising ~~to~~ for the Band to play every Monday, instead of being put to this trouble of writing every week. You have seen what kinds of excuses are given, and how fully appreciated they have been by the public. Any performance of an unusual nature, the Committee would be addressed about.

I have also pleasure to say, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

K. A. Henderson

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14th Aug 1883.

Sir,

~~The sanction is given for the appointment of~~
 The band of the Kings Own Yorkshire
 Light Infantry and the ~~pipers~~ ^{pipers} &
 Drummers of the Arsonah Scottish Pipes
 of Malaya may play music in the
 Marine park on Monday next the
 18th at 5 pm.

With regard to your further request that
 I will give sanction ^{once and for all} to a band to
 play on every Monday without limit, I
 must repeat that it is not
 convenient to do so. But to meet
 you I have agreed by my letter of
 July 18th to sanction a programme
 of several weeks: and if you will
 give me that programme, sanction
 will be given.

Yours faithfully
Ans

P.S. Marching round the Upper King road must
 not be contemplated as there is certain to
 be a crowd of carriages on it. You do not
 mention if the pipes want to march.

K.A. Stewart Esq.

SINGAPORE, 21st. August 1913.

The Director.

Botanical Gardens.

T A N G L I N .

Dear Sir,

Permission is requested for the Band of the 3rd
Brahmans to play in the Gardens on Monday next, the 25th inst, at
5 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

K. A. Stevens Esq.

Botanic Gardens,

Singapore.

23rd. August. 1913

Dear Sir,

Permission for the band of the 3rd. Brahmans to play
music in the Botanic Gardens, Singapore, at 5 p. m. on Monday
next the 25th. is given.

Yours faithfully,

Received	1-9-13.
Answered	

SINGAPORE, 29th. August 1913.

The Director.

Botanical Gardens.

T A N G L I N .

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of yesterday's date, and I will let you know later as regards the sitting accommodation of the Austrian Troupe. It is my desire to put you to as little inconvenience as possible, and ^{I am} ~~we are~~ quite willing to defray any extra expenses that are incurred by the Band playing.

With thanks,

Yours faithfully,

K. A. Nicolson