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From Whom ...	H. E. GOVR. - GENL.
Place ...	CANBERRA.
Date ...	6/12. 10-11-38.

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Government of a supply of Australian
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SINGAPORE.

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(1) LETTER from H.E.Govr.Gen. CANBERRA.

(2) ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Copy of minute by H.E.the Governor.

C.S.

We had better first make sure from Director of Forests that Maple trees are suitable.

Intld. T.S.W.T.
5.12.

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Referred.

sd.

~~Forest Department~~ f.c.s.
6.12.38.

C.S.

I am afraid that this department has little information to offer regarding the suitability, or otherwise, of Flindersia Brayleana for this country. The tree is a native of the Queensland tablelands, where the annual rainfall exceeds 50 inches, but where the climate is almost certainly temperate.

2. It is just possible, however, that the tree may have been tried at one time or another in the Botanic Gardens, Singapore, and I would therefore suggest reference to the Director of Gardens.

sd.Hodgson.
for. D.of Forests.
xxxxx 14.12.38.

C.S.

We have two trees of Flindersia Brayleana, planted out ~~3~~ 3½ years ago. Both have grown well, and I think are likely to be successful. They are said to be tall handsome trees when full grown.

sd.R.E.Holtum.
DIRECTOR OF GARDENS, S.S.
1912.38

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No.7965/38.

6th December 1938.

The Governor of the S.S. presents his compliments to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra, and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of his letter dated the 10th November, 1938, on the subject of the presentation by the Commonwealth Government of a supply of Australian trees for planting along Canberra Road, Singapore.

DRAFT

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To

Sir,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

CANBERRA,

10th November 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour, at the instance of my Prime Minister, to inform your Excellency that the Commonwealth Government is desirous of presenting a supply of Australian trees for planting along Canberra Road, Singapore.

It has been suggested that Maple trees (*Flindersia brayleana*) would be suitable for the purpose, and I am pleased to say that the Government of Queensland has generously agreed to supply the necessary number of trees.

In regard to the question of the spacing trees, the Premier of Queensland has intimated that it is considered that either 30' or 40' would be suitable, but that 30' should produce an avenue that would be effective in much less time although the avenue would ultimately be less effective. ~~Arr~~ Arrangements are being made for sufficient plants to be forwarded to Singapore to fill the avenue at a spacing of 30'.

The plants will not, however, be ready for transport to Singapore until the winter of 1939.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

sd. Gowrie,
GOVERNOR GENERAL.

His Excellency
The Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
of the S.S. Singapore.

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