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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN,
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28th September 1953.

Dear Dr Rook,

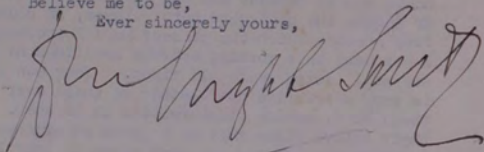
Yours of the 25th and a great pleasure to hear from you again. I have been in the hands of the surgeons for some three months but am very much better although I shall have to go quietly for some weeks. I am disturbed that you too have been somewhat on the sick list but you have come through on all occasions marvellously that I am sure you will do it again.

What a loss Lord Aberconway has been. I see that you sent him a lot of seeds from the high grounds of Hawaii. Dr Kemp, the curator here, tells me that he made a call a few weeks ago at Bodnant and was able to get some seedlings from Mr Puddle the head gardener. These, of course, would be the five species which the present Lord Aberconway has mentioned. I saw Kemp this morning and the seedlings he got a short time ago are still doing quite all right. Your own account of the plants is very attractive but whether we shall ever be able to raise these to flowering stage remains to be seen. To see them in their native place must be a great experience. A note has been taken of the details you have given in your letter and you may be assured that every endeavour will be made to bring them to flowering stage. I was aware that a very large percentage of the Flora of Hawaii is endemic and consequently there is every chance of what has come from Bodnant proving to be entirely new to us. You may be assured that if you do get any more seed from Hawaii I shall be very glad to make trial of it here. I note that Kew has already got some items and that they have reached the seedling stage.

I shall arrange for you receiving some material before you leave for America on or about the 14th October. Some items should do perfectly well in the neighbourhood of Vancouver. So far no one to my knowledge has obtained seed in this country from Primula Rockii but I can spare you a living plant if you could take charge of that in the plane across. I shall also be able to find for you some packets of seed of Primula of good kinds as well as a reasonable selection of the better species of Meconopsis. Just drop me a line as soon as you can regarding the plant of P. Rockii. It could, of course, be sent one or two days before you leave.

I am just back from a short stay on the West coast for the benefit of my health and I have not yet been able to go into any more detail with Kemp than what is contained in this letter.

Believe me to be,
Ever sincerely yours,



Dr J. F. Rock,
25 West Park Road,
Kew Gardens,
Surrey.

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN,
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2nd October 1953.

Dear Dr Rock,

Yours of 30th September. I am glad to know that you got the seeds safely and that they are exactly what you would like for Seattle. As I said I have no seed of *Primula Rockii* but I can let you have a plant of it which I shall send to you carefully packed leaving here on 7th October to your address at Kew Gardens. I am glad to have your hint as to how it should be grown. I can see quite well that it will not favour level ground and ought to be in some kind of a cleft. I have now unfortunately nothing in the way of seed of *Meconopsis Sherriffii*. As things are just now you are very lucky in getting even ten seeds from Major Sherriff.

Thank you for your kind promise to send me seeds of high level plants from Hawaii. Should these include spores of *Cibotium* these also will be very welcome.

I will see what can be done regarding recent publications of this Garden. The complete set is now entirely out of print. What is available of recent issues will be sent to your address at Far Eastern Institute. During the war our publications were suspended as happened also to Kew. I think, however, I can send you in the first instance what has been published since the war ended.

Ever sincerely yours,

Dr J. F. Rock.

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THE REGIUS KEEPER.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN,
EDINBURGH, 4.

26th June 1954.

Dear Dr Rock,

Thank you very much for yours of 10th June. I am very glad to know that you are taking the trouble to get further seeds from Hawaii.

I am still a little puzzled about sending you copies of the Notes. As you know the great majority of the issues are already out of print. I am, therefore, glad to have from you a list of those issues which you already have. However, I can still give you the following of which we have only one or two copies left:—

Vol. 6 Nos. 28, 29-30 and Additional Plate No. } 5 copies
" 12 " 56 and 59

I find that I have sent you recently the following numbers as stated:—

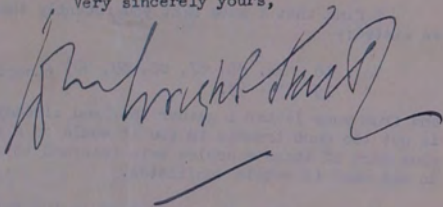
Vol. 18 Nos. 86, 87, 88, 89, 90 } 6 copies
" 19 " 93.

and from your letter I gather that you already have them. If it is not too much trouble to you it would be a very kind action on your part if these 6 copies were returned to me as naturally you do not want to retain duplicates.

The only thing I can think of is the fairly numerous papers which Fletcher and I published on the Primulas of the world. Many of these papers, of course, were soon out of print but quite a number of the sections of Primula concerned Chinese species.

Owing to the confusion at the time of publication, as we were in the middle of the War or just in the year or two past it, I have no record of the number of people to whom I sent my reprints although I did buy an additional 100 or more. I attach a list which gives a statement of the various sections published and I have marked with a cross those sections which contain Chinese species. Copies of these publications may be consulted in many parts of America - certainly at the University of California at Berkeley, and also at the headquarters of the American Primrose Society at Portland, Oregon.

With my very best regards,
Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Wright". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized hand. Below the signature is a single horizontal line.

Dr J. F. Rock.

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Dr. J. F. Rock,
c/o Far Eastern Institute,
University of Washington,
Seattle 5,
Washington,

U.S.A.

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Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 4.

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Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 4.

26th September, 1956.

My dear Rockiana,

Let me say straight away that your recent visit to Edinburgh afforded Mr. Kemp and me the greatest possible pleasure - a pleasure the equal of which we have not had for many a long day - and I need hardly say how keenly we both look forward to your return visit next spring when there are so many wonderful and lovely things for you to see. I promise you that we will have an utterly marvellous time together.

You say in your letter that when you return to Seattle you will make a codicil to your will leaving your diaries, photographs and maps to the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. All I can say is this: if you do this, you will bestow on this Garden, which, more than any other, has been and still is, greatly interested in the flora of China, the most splendid gift which the Garden has ever received. I shall count myself the proudest man in the world to have been in office when the gift was made (this is taking it for granted that I shall be in office). I cannot adequately find words with which to express my gratitude to you for your kindness and generosity but I know you will understand my feelings.

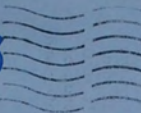
Now, for your desperate. Please rest assured that at any time you have only to ask for something and it is yours, if we have it.

- (1) With this end in view I shall send to you a Seed List of the Garden by Airmail immediately this is available.
- (2) There will be seed of Rhododendron glischrum var adifensum - the form that will be called 'Rockianum' - but as yet the seed, of course, is still very unripe.
- (3) Prinzula and Meconopsis seed can be sent once the seeds are cleaned.
- (4) The plant you saw in the Rhododendron House with red flowers was R. facetum, seeds of which will be available in due course but, of course, much later than the other Rhododendrons.
- (5) Seeds of Lilium mackliniae will be sent in the next few days and bulbils are available if you would send a Mailing Tag (permt) from the United States Department of Agriculture.
- (6) There will be seeds of Gentiana ^{ferax} ~~sp.~~ later but there will not be seeds this year of Meconopsis regia, neither the yellow nor the other, because these plants have not yet flowered.

With renewed thanks and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. R. Fletcher
(H. R. Fletcher)



I am glad to have from you a list of the species of Rhododendron of which you would like seeds. Please rest assured that when once the seed has been harvested and cleaned you will get from us all that we have available.

Please take care of yourself and accept our best greetings from us all.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Walter A. Preece

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Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 4.

14th November, 1956.

Dear Dr. Rock,

I am so pleased to have received your letter of November 5th yesterday, telling me you have received seeds of Betula japonica var. Rockii. At the same time I am very distressed to learn that you have been so ill. It would seem that by now, however, you have completely recovered from your attack of flue and pleurisy. Please for goodness sake keep well during the winter and let nothing stand in your way of returning to Scotland next May.

I agree with you that the international situation is depressing beyond all telling and, as you say, it would appear that there is no hope for peace in the world until these Russian gangsters are completely wiped out.

The Professor is still in the Nursing Home and I see very little prospect of his returning home, at any rate for some considerable time. Occasionally he is quite bright and cheerful but more often than not very depressed and very poorly with no desire to see anyone. At such times he is very pathetic.

I am grateful to you for having sent the seeds of Bauhinia corymbosa which, if they will all germinate and we are able to raise the seedlings, should prove a most valuable acquisition to our collections. Please do not hesitate to send anything from your part of the world which you think will be reasonably hardy and which you think ought to be represented in our collection.

I have consulted Davidian about the two Rock Numbers 3275 and 3277. Apparently they represent two different things. 3275 is Rhododendron stereophyllum and 3277 R. racemosum.

I was interested to read of your walking beside Forrest whilst he was being carried in a chair.

You are perfectly correct in saying that the Primula you collected under the Number 17373, and which at first was determined as Primula bullata, is not that species but Primula forrestii, and Number 17373 has been listed under Primula forrestii in our paper on the Section Bullatae in the Transactions of the Royal Society, Volume XLI, page 460.

/I am glad

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Send seeds of *Clermontia nevadensis* Loos,
" *hawaiiensis*
Cyanea acuminata.

Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 4.

21st December, 1956.

Dear Dr. Rock,

Your letter of December 13th has arrived with the seeds of *Clermontia montis-loa*. As you say, I hope we shall be successful in growing this plant.

For your information, the Lobelioids which are now growing in Edinburgh are as follows:-

Lobelia grayana
Trematolobelia macrostachys var. *kohalae*
Clermontia drepanomorpha
Cyanea bryanii
" *duvelii*
Clermontia caerulea
" *arborescens*
Cyanea aculeatiflora
" *hamatiflora*
Clermontia kakeana
" *pleiantha*

I am glad the seeds of *Rhododendron glischrum* var. *adenosum* and *Filium mileanicae* reached you safely. The *Rhododendron* was indeed the one which Davidian proposed naming *Rhododendron rockianum*. However, this I fear cannot be for there is already a *Rhododendron rockii* and it will not be possible to break the laws of botanical nomenclature by confusing the issue with a *Rhododendron rockianum*. If the variety 'adenosum' is raised to a specific rank, it will have to be called *Rhododendron adenosum*.

Best seasonal greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature: H. R. Fletcher
(H. R. Fletcher)

Dr. J. F. Rock,
c/o P. O. Box 497,
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KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

7th November, 1957.

Dear Dr. Rock,

It was good to hear from you once more and to receive the packet of seeds of Cyanea shipmanii. I certainly hope that we shall be able to grow this newly described species.

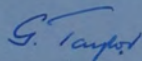
Now that you are back in Hawaii you will be able to let us have herbarium specimens of the many interesting plants you have been describing from Hawaii in recent years.

Will you kindly send me the import licence to cover the plants and seeds which we shall shortly send you from Kew. Unfortunately the only fruit on the Aristolochia grandiflora was misappropriated by a visitor to the Gardens but cuttings of the species have been struck and will be sent to you. There will also be cutting material of Osmanthus delavayi in the consignment which will come.

You may not yet have had official news of the honour which the Royal Horticultural Society proposes for you. The Council yesterday decided to elect you to Honorary Fellowship which, I may say, is the highest honour which the Society can bestow. I very much hope that you will accept, because no one more richly deserves this honour and I would want to be the first person to congratulate you.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. G. Taylor)
Director

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P.O. Box 497,
Honolulu 9, T.H.,
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November 12, 1957

Professor C. Leo Hitchcock
342 Johnson Hall
University of Washington
Seattle 5, Washington

Dear Professor Hitchcock:

I have received so far 64 sheets of *Rhododendron* species grown from original seed sent from S. W. Asia, Yunnan and Himalayas, in the Royal Botanical Garden at Edinburgh. Mr. Davidian, who is revising all the *Rhododendron* species, went with me through the Garden last spring and we collected the specimens then in flower. Other species had already bloomed, and again others bloomed after I left. There are many still to come.

All the specimens were identified by H. H. Davidian of the Edinburgh Botanical Garden.

I am giving these and other specimens to come to the University of Washington Herbarium with the proviso that I may borrow them when I shall write the plant geography of S. W. Yunnan and S. E. Tibet, to refresh my memory. I am leaving for Hawaii Thursday.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Rock

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My Honolulu address is:
c/o P. O. Box 497
Honolulu 9, Hawaii

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

D9217

13th November, 1957.

Dear Dr. Rock,

The following plant material is ready for despatch to you and I shall send it immediately you let me have delivery instructions. I understand you need an import licence and permit and if this can be sent to me I shall give the matter prompt attention.

<u>Tubers</u>	Achimenes	Royal purple
	"	Mauve Queen
	"	longiflora
	"	" major
	"	purpurea elegans

<u>Seeds</u>	Streptocarpus	grandis
	"	comptonii
	"	wendlandii
	Crossandra	undulataefolia
	Primula	mooreana
	Tropaeolum	speciosum

<u>Routed</u>	Aristolochia	grandiflora	var.	sturtevantii
<u>Cuttings</u>	Streptocarpus	nymph		
	Acanthus	eminens		

Seedlings Crinum moorei.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

G. Taylor

(Dr. G. Taylor)
Director

Prenanthes pudicissima
from Sikkim. Pterocarpoides
Namatalaya.

Dr. J. F. Rock,
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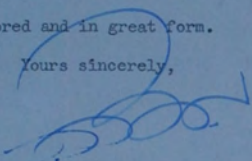
Dear Dr. Rock,

Happy New Year to you and many thanks for the seed of Cassia excelsa.
We are always grateful for what you send us and would value cuttings of
Calyconhyllum candidissimum.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the spring and matters like
"Pelargonium Cuttings" and "Head Gardener" can wait till then.

Dr. Taylor is fully restored and in great form.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. N. L. Borner)
Assistant Director

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To open

Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 3.

22nd May, 1958.

Dear Dr. Rock,

I am just back from Chelsea Flower Show and find your letter of May 13th, with your further generous gift of seeds, awaiting me. It is extremely kind of you, and I am glad to learn that even after an illness you are able to go so far afield still collecting. I think you are quite remarkable. I shall think about you in the late Autumn flying over the North Pole and shall be anxious to see you in Edinburgh. I hope to goodness, however, that the weather will not be too cold for you and that you will be able to spend a pleasant time with us.

I had a wonderful time in America travelling from Boston to Miami. I was only there for eighteen days and of course was quite unable to get over to the West Coast. However, I shall hope to go over to the Botanical Congress next year when I shall do everything I possibly can to come West. Possibly the highlight of our brief tour was the Fairchild Tropical Garden at Miami. Here there are eighty acres with a further hundred to develop and over four hundred species of palm, the biggest collection of Cyads in the Western Hemisphere as well as a wonderful collection of Aroids, Bougainvillaeas and about five hundred cultivars of Hibiscus. I have never seen a botanical collection of plants more beautifully landscaped. The day we spent in Corkscrew Swamp, a piece of Florida untouched by man with stands of Taxodium seven hundredyears old, was something I shall never forget.

Do keep well. With greetings from us all and with renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely,

H. R. Fletcher
(H. R. Fletcher)

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24th May, 1958.

Dear Dr. Rock,

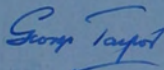
Your good letter of 14th May, with the wonderful selection of seeds, reached me safely a few days ago. As this is Chelsea week and we are overwhelmed with work and the attention one must pay to the many visitors, I hope that you will excuse a dictated acknowledgment.

Every item you have sent is most welcome and Souster in the Temperate House is very happy indeed to have so many unusual and interesting species. He also would like to have further seeds of Vaccinium pelcanum and in addition the two composites Reilliardia montana and R. arborea. It is also good of you to offer seeds of Wickstroemia phylliracoides, Sideroxylon aurantum, Bauhinia galpinii and Aleurites Remyi. Bauhinia galpinii particularly interests me as I saw this species in the Northern Transvaal in 1928 and was greatly struck by its beauty.

I hope that you will be able to get to Kew before the summer is over and you know how pleased we shall all be to greet you here.

All good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



(Dr. G. Taylor)
Director

Dr. J. F. Rock,
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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

My dear Joseph Rock.

19th July, 1958.

I am doubly in your debt - first of all for the copy of your fine book on Tibet, which I am particularly pleased to have to add to my collection of literature of the country. I am also grateful for the kind inscription which you have put in it and I shall always value this volume. Secondly, I must thank you for the magnificent collection of seeds which have come in accompanied by your letter of July 9th. Your continued kindness to Kew is most sincerely appreciated and I can assure you that every care will be taken to give your material the best possible attention.

I look forward to seeing you in September. I shall be away for a few days at the beginning of that month in Scotland and I go off to Washington, U.S.A. at the end of the month, but surely there will be some opportunity to greet and entertain you here. I sincerely hope so.

Every good wish

Yours most sincerely
George Taylor

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN,
EDINBURGH, # 3.

14th August, 1958.

Dear Dr. Rock,

It was good to have your letter of August 6th and to note that although you have had a spot of trouble with your heart you are now fit enough to make the journey to Europe by September. I need hardly say how wonderful it will be to see you again in Edinburgh.

You ask if I am still travelling. Let me assure you that one trip such as I have had this year comes to Government Servants in Britain on an average of once in a lifetime so quite obviously your invitation to Honolulu will have to be postponed for some considerable time.

Yes, I did indeed receive seeds of Hibiscus brackenridgei as well as Hibiscus brackenridgei var. molokaiana in May of this year and acknowledged receipt of them on the 22nd May. We have plants of H. brackenridgei growing but as yet seeds of the variety have not germinated. Let us hope, however, that there is still time for them.

Of the five items of seeds you request in your letter, only seeds of Primula forrestii and Osteomeles schwerihiae are at this time available. I have asked Mr. Kemp, however, to retain seeds of Acacia reniformis and Jasminum rex and polyanthum from the next seed harvest.

With kindest regards from us all,
Yours sincerely,

H. R. Fletcher
(H. R. Fletcher)

Dr. J. F. Rock,
3860 Old Pali Road,
Honolulu, Hawaii.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Kew, Richmond, Surrey

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15th August, 1958.

D5661

Dear Dr. Rock,

Dr. Taylor is away at the moment so I am answering your letter of the 6th August.

The seeds of Schizolobium have germinated and the seedlings are doing well. There is no sign of the Pritchardias so far but this does not disturb us since seeds of this genus frequently take several months to germinate.

Several of your Strelitzia reginae are at present flowering freely in the Palm-House. Young plants of Gossypium tomentosum are flourishing.

I am sending by Air Mail 5 packets of Pelargonium seed, 1 of Protea angolensis, Cedrela sinensis, Celtis sinensis, Eucalyptus gunnii, Podocarpus andinus. I hope these arrive safely.

We should very much like to have seeds of Bauhinia binata.

For South African leguminous seeds and those of Protea, Banksia, etc., you should write to Dr. J. Beard, 77, Durban Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. N. L. Bor)
Assistant Director

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P.O. Box 497,
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KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

QG.163.

22nd September, 1958

Dear Dr. Rock,

Many thanks for the seeds of Bauhinia
binata, Lonchocarpus, and the Cyanea. You did
send us seed of Hibiscus brackenridgei but not
that of var. kensiana. The seed of the other
species of Hibiscus viz. kokoio, youngianus and
waimese has germinated and the young plants are
doing well.

I hope this gets to you before you leave
for Europe. In any event you will be a very
welcome visitor here. Dr. Taylor leaves for
the U.S.A. on 27.9.58 and will be away for a
fortnight.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. N.L. Bor)
Assistant Director.

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P.O. Box 497,
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Dr. J. F. Rook,

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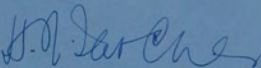
Dear Dr. Rock,

I was wondering why I had received no word from you about your arrival date in Edinburgh but now your letter has arrived with the explanation. I am very glad that you still intend to visit us and we all look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh soon. I am just sorry that you missed the wonderfully warm weather we had during September.

My grateful thanks to you for your further kindness in sending us seeds of Cyanea marksii and Hibiscus brackenridgii var. kanaiana.

I am sorry the seeds of Primula forrestii I sent you did not germinate but we will be able to give you fresh seed when you come here.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,


(H. R. Fletcher)

Dr. J. F. Rock,
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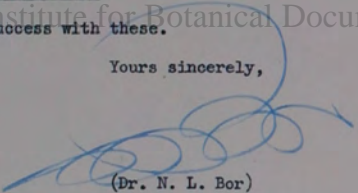
Dear Dr. Rock,

I am sending by air some more seeds of Pelargonium, viz. -

1. P. quercifolium
2. P. tomentosum
3. P. reniforme
4. P. amplissimum

I hope you have success with these.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. N. L. Bor)
Assistant Director

Dr. J. F. Rock,
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Kew, Richmond, Surrey

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AIR MAIL

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D8164.

20th November, 1958.

Dear Dr. Rock,

The following is a note from Mr. Ballard about your
Elaphoglossum.

"I have examined Dr. Rock's Hawaiian Elaphoglossum which is a freakish specimen of a member of the group of E. conforme (Sw.) Schott. The appearance of sporangia on "sterile" fronds is not unusual. It occurs in many genera with dimorphic fronds. The spores have been sown and it will be interesting to see what arises."

Pelargonium bowkeri rarely sets seed here. We can however send you cuttings of this and of the other interesting African species of Pelargonium if you will obtain the necessary permit.

-- I enclose a packet of seed of Exacum macranthum received from Ceylon. I hope this does well.

We should like seeds of Cassia excelsa.

Dr. Taylor has been into hospital for a small operation, but he is now home again and has made a most remarkable recovery and was back at work in a week!

With regards from us all,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. N. L. Bor)
Assistant Director

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P.O. Box 497,
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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

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23rd January, 1959.

Dear Dr. Rock

I was very happy to receive your letter of January 18th, and to know that we may shortly expect to see you in London, accompanied by some of your Honolulu friends. You may be sure that all will be most welcome and will, I hope, take full advantage of the facilities and amenities of Kew. I shall do my best to be present for your and their entertainment. I hope that you will be able to stay over until the 2nd June when we are having our Bicentenary Garden Party, at which the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh will be present - you will certainly be invited to attend. Since you were last here you will see one or two changes and alterations in fulfilment of the planned developments. I need not go into details now because I hope to have the pleasure of conducting you personally to the various features.

I am very pleased indeed that your magnum opus has been completed and that the manuscript is now in the hands of the publishers in Rome. I congratulate you on the completion of this task though I imagine you may have to burn much midnight oil on proof reading before the book is really launched.

Thanks very much for the seeds of Erythrina senegalensis.

With every good wish for this New Year, and with kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

George Taylor

(Dr. G. Taylor)
Director

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P.O. Box 497,
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KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

28th February, 1959.

Dear Dr. Rock,

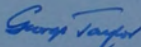
You are quite the most enthusiastic collectors of plants for Kew of anyone I know and it is always heartening to have your letters containing the seeds which you select for us. I am most grateful for the batch which has just arrived, including the rare Araliaceous plant Tetraplasandra hawaiiensis, and I very much hope that we shall be able to get it going here.

It is true that we have had a very bad winter with far too much fog to be healthy to plants and man; however the last few days have seen a great improvement and temperature is going up and we have seen the sun once more. The spring flowers such as Galanthus and Crocus are at their best and are most attractive after the long wait we have had to welcome them.

The seed catalogue is just about to be issued and a copy will certainly be sent to you.

With every good wish,

Yours very sincerely,



(Dr. G. Taylor)
Director

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P.O. Box 497,
Honolulu 9, T.H.,
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Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 3.

3rd March, 1959.

Dear Dr. Rock,

How kind you are to send us some more seeds and I am indeed grateful. Tetraplasandra will be a wonderful addition to our collection.

The last few weeks have been very mild and there is quite a bit of blossom about - a welcome sign of Spring.

We all look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh in May.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

H. R. Fletcher

(H. R. Fletcher)

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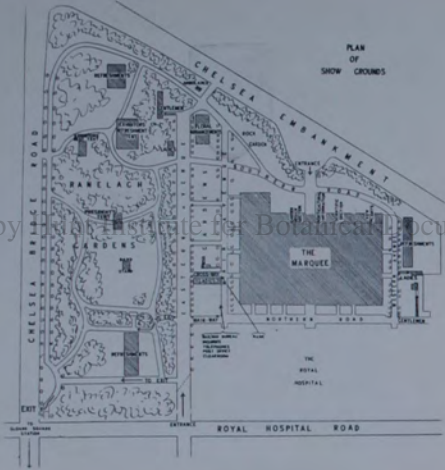
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Royal Botanic Gardens

Kew

Richmond

Surrey

31st July 1959

Dear Joe,

I am very sorry
indeed that you are not stopping

here on your way to Rio. It

would, as always, have been a
great pleasure to welcome you here.

However this is surely a pleasure
deferral as I know that we can
expect you here again in 1960.

I envy you your trip to Rio -
from all accounts one of the most
fascinating and expensive cities in
the world to visit. Also I have
not met the Director of the garden there.

nor do I know much about him.
According to the 3rd Edition of the
Index Herbariorum published in 1956
the garden was founded in 1808 and
includes the garden and a research
institute. Work is done on the flora of
Brazil and then on the taxonomic
systems plus the Director, Dr P.
Campos Porto who is interested in
Crotidaceae and Casuarinaceae. I

can give you an open testimonial
which, if not, I assure you, the usual
empty verbiage. I am quite sincere
in all that I have said about you
and if that was allowed I should
have had it translated into Spanish
and Portuguese. I only hope that it
will be understood and will be helpful
to you.

Also the two magnificent plants which we have
in Blomelia orthoceras have dropped off!

All good wishes
Yours sincerely
George Taylor

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

14th September, 1959

Dear Joe,

I have just got back this morning from the meetings of the British Association to find your three letters awaiting me, and also the nice collection of seeds which you have collected during your travels. I am delighted always to have the results of your collecting as you are so discriminating and have a splendid idea of what we can attempt to grow at Kew. I was most interested to read the accounts of your travels and to know that you had seen so many interesting people and places in Peru and Ecuador. You will now be home in Honolulu and I hope none the worse for all the effort you have put in your journeys.

I do not know whether I have left unfulfilled any promises that I made to you in regard to seeds of plants from Kew. If I have defaulted, you must let me know in what way so that I can repair any omissions.

With every good wish,

Yours most sincerely,



Dr. G. Taylor
Director.

Dr. J. Rock,
P.O. Box 497,
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Dr. J. F. Rock,

at a scientific exhibition in the Herbarium at 5.30 p.m. on

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in the Orangery.

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16th September, 1959.

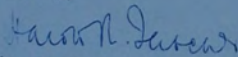
Dear Dr. Rook,

Once again seeds of another precious plant from you in the form of Solanum quitense. Do you know that this plant was first introduced into this country from Peru by a man called R. Barclay, Bury Hill, Surrey, and that plants flowered out-of-doors in his garden in 1826 and from these plants a figure was made and an account written for the Botanical Magazine in the Bot. Mag. tab. 2739, 1827. I do not remember ever seeing this plant in Edinburgh and certainly it is not with us now and therefore your gift is all the more appreciated. But apart from the seeds it was, of course, good to hear from you again and to learn that soon you will be back in the land you love most of all.

I suppose it is the irony of it that you should choose not to come to Scotland when we have had our driest spell of weather for over one hundred years. The Garden is very rapidly approaching the Sahara Desert for we have only had 8" of rain so far this year and, as you know, our normal is about 25". Had you come not only would you have seen the Garden at its best but you would have appreciated the nice, warm, sunny weather.

The photograph of Wikstroemia lichiangensis has been sent to your Honolulu address.

Greetings from us all,
Yours sincerely,


(H. R. Fletcher)

Dr. J. F. Rook,
P. O. Box 497,
Honolulu,
Hawaii.



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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,
KEW.

21st September, 19 59.

DEAR SIR,

I tender my thanks for the contribution mentioned in the margin, made by you to the Royal Botanic Gardens, which, is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Seeds of *Lupinus* sp. and
Seeds of *Heteropteris* sp.

3 packets of Seeds from Equator.

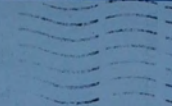
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KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

10th October, 1959.

Dear Joe,

I have just returned from Kenya to be greeted once more with your very kind letter (which had just arrived) accompanying another consignment of seeds that we shall be very glad to have at Kew. Thank you again for your continued splendid help. I shall also look forward with pleasure to receiving the Gardenia seeds and cuttings and the rare Hibiscus species that you say will be coming shortly. We do indeed value all that you are doing for us.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Dr. G. Engelmann
Director

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P.O.-Box 497,
Honolulu 9, T.H.,
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Dr. J.F. Rock,
P.O.Box 497,
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Dr. J.F.Rock,
P.O.Box 497,
Honolulu,
Hawaii.

15.10.59

Dear Dr. J.F.Rock.

It has been a great pleasure for me to hear from you again and I thank you heartily for the seed enclosed in your letter. We shall do our best in trying to germinate the seeds and grow the plants. We are looking forward to see the very rare *Kokia* *Cookii* growing in our garden.

The *Lobelioids* are doing very well after having been moved to a temperate house.

I am sorry to tell you that our *Argyroxiphium* is not too good - it has not increased since you paid us your visit in May last.

Hoping this will find you in good health. Kind regards from Dr. Thorv. Sørensen and my wife.

Yours very sincerely

Ernst Ploto

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Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 3.

20th October, 1959.

Dear Dr. Rock,

How good of you to write once again and how good of you to send more seeds. I am sure you will be glad to learn that we have had two fruits on Clermontia arborescens although whether or not these fruits will mature I do not as yet know. At the present time Clermontia rookiana is in flower and Clermontia hawaiiensis in flower bud. All this is extremely promising and we look forward very keenly indeed to the future development of these fascinating plants.

The best summer I ever remember in Edinburgh is now past and it is a pity that you could not have been here to have enjoyed the wonderful weather. I doubt very much, however, if you would have enjoyed the Garden so much for it has been the worst season from the Garden's point of view that I can remember. To start with we had a rotten winter last year. Not a single flake of snow but on the other hand two solid weeks of thick black fog, a thing which Edinburgh hardly ever has. During these two weeks there was a bitter frost all the time. As a result we suffered many losses in the Rock Garden especially Cistus and Helianthemum and strangely enough many losses in the Heather Garden as well. And then on top of all this we have had this fantastically dry summer. It is now the 20th October and we have just hit the 9" mark of rain for the year. As you probably know our average is round about 25". Although we have been able to do a certain amount of watering this has now had to cease because Edinburgh is being water rationed; the water is turned off in various districts in the city for twelve hours every day. Reservoirs are almost empty and I believe Edinburgh has a supply of water only for another thirty days or so. I have no doubt that when the rain does come it will come in some force. Meantime it is all extremely depressing.

On the other side of the shield, however, is the interesting fact that certain plants have flowered as they have never flowered before. Plants such as Osmanthus armatus and Osmanthus heterophyllus and strangely enough plants such as Veronica speciosa, in spite of the last deadly winter, have never been better.

I note that you are still as active as ever and whenever I hear that you have been on further expeditions I always wonder if you are wise to do this. However, I can but trust that you take care of yourself and that we shall see you in Edinburgh in the spring of 1960.

With renewed thanks for all your kindness,
Yours sincerely,

Harold R. Fletcher
(H. R. Fletcher)

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P. O. Box 497,
Honolulu,
Hawaii.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Kew, Richmond, Surrey

Telephone: RICHMOND 1171

31st October, 1959.

Air Mail

Please reply to
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D8574

Dear Joe,

I was delighted to have your letter from Honolulu of the 24th October, with the 6 packets of most interesting items for Kew. From your descriptions they are all very exciting and rare plants and I certainly hope that we shall be able to establish them here. I assure you we shall do our utmost to succeed in this object.

I have asked Mr. Stenning about Pelargonium bowkeri and he had not forgotten that you wanted to have cuttings of this rare species. When we previously sent some plants to you the Pelargonium was still in active growth and therefore not in a fit state for cutting. Now, however, we can send you a piece for propagation and also an offset of Clivea nobilis but you will need to let me have a permit so that there shall be no risk of the material being impounded before it reaches you. If you will do this soon I shall see that the material is sent off to you.

I am not sure of the Zingiberaceous plant resembling Phaenaria which you admired in the Temperate House. The only two possibilities which occur to me are Hedychium spicatum which is 5 ft. high and has pale lemon flowers and H. densiflorum which is 3 - 4 ft. high and with small but rather attractive orange-red flowers. Seeds of these two species have just ripened so I am sending you a packet of each for you to try. I hope one or

/other

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P.O. Box 497,
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KEW, MIDDLESEX, ENGLAND
1st October, 1933.

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other of these plants is what you really want. I trust that you keep fit and well, and obviously from your projected trip up in the mountains next month, you must be in good shape.

Every good wish

Yours ever,

George Taylor

(Dr. G. Taylor)
Director

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN,
EDINBURGH, \pm 3.

9th November, 1959.

My dear Dr. Rook,

Even though your long letter of October 25th does ask an awful lot of questions and has taken me a long to reply to, I am nevertheless extremely happy to have received it and happy too to have received further donations of very exciting and interesting seeds.

I attach a list of plants we have growing in the Garden which you have sent us from 1953 onwards. You have gone to a very great deal of bother, I know, collecting seeds of all these plants but I am quite sure you regard the labour and expense involved as being well worth while when you see the success we have had with the material. I regard it as quite wonderful that so many extraordinarily rare plants are represented here as a result of your labours and I am tremendously grateful to you.

Now for your further questions.

1. Clermontia kohalae is represented by young plants at present in the Propagation Department.
2. Cyanea marksii is not represented in the collection.
3. Pistacia weinmannifolia, Hibiscus aridicola and Sophora vicifolia are not represented in the collection.

/4. Any

Dr. J. F. Rook,
P. O. Box 497,
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Hawaii.

4. Any further seeds of rare Hawaiian plants you care to send will be most greatly appreciated by the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.
5. I am deeply sorry to have to say that we do not have seeds of Primula forrestii available this year. Please rest assured, however, that whenever seed is available it will be sent to you.

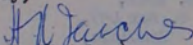
Thank God the drought has broken. The Garden is now wet and what is more important the level of the water in the reservoirs is slowly rising. Still Edinburgh is being rationed for twelve hours every night and will be until the water in the reservoirs has risen many more feet. It would almost seem that we shall have water rationing certainly until the end of the year. Here in Edinburgh the rainfall has now reached the 11" level so a very wet November and December is anticipated if we are going to get anywhere near our average of 25" in the year.

Our seed catalogue will of course be sent to you immediately it is ready.

I trust that you keep well.

With kind regards not only from me but from my family and your friends in the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

Yours sincerely,


(H. R. Fletcher)

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quoting the following number:—

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KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

D9148

12th November, 1959.

Dear Joe,

The packet of seed of Pinus yunnanensis reached me safely this morning and I shall send it on immediately to Sir Geoffrey Evans, with your kind regards. I am sure that he will be very pleased indeed to have the seed and also to know that it came from progeny raised from your original seeds from Lichiang.

I have again tried to determine the plant which you called Torch ginger and which you said was in the Temperate House at Kew. Mr. Stenning thinks that what you have in mind is Zingiber spectabile which grows in our Aroid House. A small piece will be despatched to you with your other desiderata when conditions permit.

We are now in the throes of extremely cold and foggy weather which is not suitable for man, beast or plant.

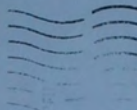
Every good wish,

Yours ever,

Gary

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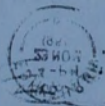
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Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 3.

23rd November, 1959.

My dear Dr. Rock,

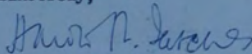
Once again thank you for your further letter of November 16th and for your kindness in sending further seeds of Argyroxiphium sandwicense. I am grateful too for the paper on Argyroxiphium sandwicense var. kaeuense which you and Miss Neal have described. With this information I can now amend our records.

I note that you are sending seeds of three endemic species of Pritchardia. These, if we can germinate them, will be a welcome and valuable addition to our palmhouse collection. It is quite an exciting thought, isn't it, that Botanic Gardens are in a position to cultivate so many plants which are liable to become extinct in nature.

We are all very well here and at last the rains have come with the result that in the Garden we have had enough water, and in fact the reservoirs supplying water to Edinburgh now contain enough water to permit water rationing to end.

I trust that you yourself keep well and that you will not overdo things.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,



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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

23rd November, 1959.

Dear Joe,

The fresh seed of the genuine Hawaiian Silverweed Argyroxiphium sandwicense has just reached me and I look forward to seeing this handsome plant growing at Kew. Thank you very much for this continuing kindness to us. All your trouble and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

Every good wish,

Yours sincerely,



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D9728

KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

Dear Sir,

27th November, 1959.

The further consignment of precious seeds has reached me in excellent condition and also the two packets of Acacia Koa which came with your letter of the 20th November.

A day or two ago we sent off material of Pelargonium bowkeri, Clivea nobilis and Zingiber spectabile. I hope that they reached you safely and that you will make them all happy in their new home.

Yours yours

George

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LIST OF PLANTS DONATED BY DR. ROCK IN PROPAGATION DEPARTMENT
NOVEMBER 1959

Name	Donation Number	Storage
<i>Argyroxiphium sandwicense</i>	512.57	Primula Pit
" spec. nov.	457.56	" "
" sandwicense var. macrocephalum	123.57	" "
<i>Coprosma waimeae</i>	158.56	" "
" <i>rhynchoarpa</i>	1.57	West Range
<i>Cyanea tritomantha</i>	162.57	Primula Pit
" <i>acuminata</i>	1.57	" "
" <i>longipendunculata</i>	325.57	" "
" <i>shipmanii</i>	387.57	" "
<i>Clermontia parviflora</i>	162.57	" "
" <i>kohalae</i>	343.57	" "
" <i>hawaiiensis</i>	16.57	" "
" " hybrid	6.57	" "
" <i>caerulea</i>	198.56	Electric Pit
" <i>moutis loa</i>	481.56	Primula Pit
" "	325.57	" "
" <i>loyana</i>	199.57	" "
" <i>rockiana</i>	198.56	" "
" <i>arborescens</i>	234.57	" "
" sp. 5	4.54	Electric Pit
" sp. 2	454.57	Primula Pit
" sp. 3	454.57	" "
" sp.	325.57	" "
" <i>pyrularia</i> hybrid	234.57	" "
<i>Dodonaea eriocarpa</i>	RK58/2712	" "
<i>Dubautia plantaginea</i> var.	21.56	West Range
<i>Gossypium tomentosum</i>	RK58/2709	Hot Pits
<i>Hibiscus kokio</i>	RK59/635	Primula Pit
" sp.	RK59/633	" "
" <i>arnottianus</i>	82.57	" "
" hybrids	17.54	Back Range
" <i>brackenbridgei</i>	RK58/2710	Hot Pits
<i>Ilex sandwicensis</i>	97.56	Primula Pit
<i>Kadua centranthoides</i>	159.57	" "
<i>Kokia rockii</i>	97.56	Back Range
<i>Lobelia grayana</i>	27.56	Primula Pit
<i>Metrosideros lutea</i>	302.57	" "
<i>Maba sandwicensis</i>	97.56	" "
<i>Myrsine lessertiana</i>	RK59/2073	" "
<i>Nothoestrum latifolium</i>	46.54	Hot Pits
<i>Osteomeles anthyllidifolia</i>	519.57	Primula Pit
<i>Pseudomorus sandwicensis</i>	97.56	" "

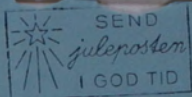
Name	Donation Number	Storage
Pittosporum glabrum	RK59/454	Primula Pit
" monae	255.57	" "
" "	199.57	" "
" hawaiiensis	RK58/2712	" "
" sp. 25730	255.57	" "
" sp. 25731	255.57	" "
" hosmeri	169.54	West Range
" " var. longifolium	198.56	" "
Pteralyxia macrocarpa	147.56	Back Range Primula Pit
Phyllostegia grandiflora	255.57	Primula Pit
Railliardia arborea	298.53	" "
" linearis	8.54	West Range
Reynoldsia sandwicensis	283.54	Back Range
^u Strapsia kaduana	255.57	Primula Pit
^u Stracessia hillebrandii	97.56	" "
Seaevola chamissoniana	177.56	" "
" " bracteosa	RK58/2713	" "
Solanum guttense	RK59/4075	" "
Stemmadenia galeottiana	6.57	" "
Sapindus oahuensis	147.56	" "
Tetraplasandra hawaiiensis	RK59/756	" "
" ^{honiensis melandra}	223/54	West Range
Vaccinium penduliflorum	162.57	Primula Pit
" peleanum	21.56	" "
Xylosoma hillebrandii	306.54	" "
<i>Clermontia caerulea</i>		
<i>Pittosporum monae</i>		

LIST OF PLANTS DONATED BY DR. ROCK IN GLASS DEPARTMENT
NOVEMBER 1959

Name	Donation Number	House No.
Astelia veratrifoides	295.53	No. 1
Brexia madagascariensis	123.57	No. 16
Coprosma ernodeoides	298.53	No. 1
Clermontia arborescens	4.54	No. 2
" rockiana <i>flowered</i>	198.56	No. 2
" parviflora	162.57	No. 10
" hawaliensis	16.57	No. 10
Cyanea shipmanii	387.57	No. 10
Heliconia ^a psittacorum	137.57	No. 16
" aurantiaca	137.57	No. 16
" 'Allerton'	137.57	No. 16
Lobelia grayana	27.56	No. 1, No. 10.
Medinilla magnifica	123.57	No. 8
Raillierdia arborea	298.53	No. 1
Sadleria cyatheoides	(from Kew)	No. 11
Vaccinium penduliflorum	54.54	No. 2

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Hawaii.

. Dear Dr. J.F.Rock.

Returned from a holyday trip to Teneriffa - where I broke one of my legs - I found a letter from you with nine packets of rare seeds sent on oct. 26. Yesterday we received the six portions of Pritchardia-fruits in a very fine condition. It has now been sown and we hope it will give us a good result. Thank you heartily for your very welcome gift to our garden where several Hawaiian plants now are established. With kindest regards also from my wife and Dr. Sorensen.

Sincerely yours

Ernst Gloto



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Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 3.

2nd December, 1959.

Dear Dr. Rook,

I am happy to write to tell you that the seeds of the four species of Fritchardia arrived here safely. It will be wonderful to have these plants in our Palmhouse and I am as usual grateful to you not only for your kindness in sending this material but for all the trouble and expense you go to over the matter.

In your letter of November 20th I find seeds of Acacia koa which again will be a welcome addition to our collection here if we manage to get them growing away. Often, of course, we are, as you well know, able to do this and keep the resulting plants for many years and then the damn things die on us. This, I fear, was the case with one of the most interesting you have ever sent to us - Geranium tridens. We had at least two plants - one was planted out as you quite correctly remarked near to the Astelia. The other was retained in its pot. Sad to say both plants died.

By the way when I sent you the list of your material which is growing here I omitted to mention Pittosporum monae as well as Clemmontia cerulea. Both these plants are doing extremely well indeed.

Kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Harold R. Fletcher
(H. R. Fletcher)

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D9749

Dear Sir,

4th December, 1959.

I was beginning to worry about the cuttings of the various Hibiscus species which you had told me previously had left Honolulu. Now I am relieved to be able to tell you that this material arrived here in good shape and I am very pleased indeed to add this interesting species to our collections. Mr. Stenning is also delighted to try these rare plants. I do very much hope that they will thrive at Kew where we seem to have reasonable success with Hibiscus.

May I also acknowledge gratefully the Pritchardia and Aleurites, which also arrived in excellent order.

*Yours sincerely,
George*

(Dr. G. Taylor)
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Xmas New Year Greetings

from

Harold Betty Fletcher

Dr. J. F. Rock

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Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 3.

16th December, 1959.

My dear Dr. Rock,

Your wonderful Christmas letter telling me of your exciting trip to see the eruption of the volcano has just arrived. How you do see life and how you do see the world. As soon as you sit down and get all your experiences on to paper, or some of your experiences on to paper, then the better for an awful lot of people. To see a fountain higher than the Empire State Building and a fountain which makes the Eifel Tower look a piggy must be some sight. One of these days I suggest that you take me with you, if only for me to carry your case, so that I might see some of these things as well.

And naturally your splendid Christmas gift of another collection of extremely rare seeds is greatly appreciated in Edinburgh. I know full well, a great deal of trouble and even what a great deal of expense you go to in obtaining this material and I would assure you that we shall try to do all we can to maintain in cultivation so many of the plants which are threatened with extinction in their native haunts. Already, when the plants are not so very big, they cause a great deal of interest to knowledgeable people who visit us.

I do not suppose I shall be hearing from you again during 1959 but hope so much that 1960 will be a good year for you and that we shall indeed see you once again in Edinburgh.

All my thanks and gratitude for all your kindnesses in the past and a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

H. R. Fletcher
(H. R. Fletcher)

Dr. J. F. Rock,
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RICHMOND,
SURREY.

AIR MAIL

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THE DIRECTOR,

21st December, 1959.

quoting the following number:

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My dear Sir,

Your letter of 13th December, with the seeds of Sapindus oahuensis, has just come in and I am very pleased, as always, to hear from you. You say that the package with the cuttings of Pelargonium, Clivea and Zingiber has now reached you, but I wonder in what state? If you want any of these items replaced with other material I shall see that this is done and arrange for more rapid air transit.

I find that I have not acknowledged your letter of 10th December. The box which you sent containing Hibiscus cuttings and young plants of Gardenia, seems to have been chilled in transit. Practically all the leaves on the Gardenias have turned brown and we cannot say at present if any of the young plants will survive. I shall let you know in due course so that if replacements are called for I hope I may once again take advantage of your kindness and good nature.

-- I am enclosing with this letter some seeds of Sophora vicifolia which you requested. It is one of my favourite Kew plants and I am glad to think that it might become established with you in Honolulu.

With best seasonal greetings,

*Yours ever,
George*

(Dr. G. Taylor)
Director

Dr. J. F. Rock,
P.O. Box 497,
Honolulu, Hawaiian Isles.



Royal Botanic Garden,
Edinburgh, 3.

29th December, 1959.

My dear Dr. Rock,

This, I am quite sure, is going to be my last letter to you for the year 1959 and I fear a scrounging letter it is going to be. First of all allow me to thank you once again (I don't know how many times this has been during 1959) for another wonderful consignment of seeds of extremely rare plants. It will not be long now before we have as strong a representation of Hawaiian plants in the Garden here as we have of Asiatic plants. You offer us further seeds in the form of Oncoba spinosa, Aleurites rewyi, Sida fallax and Hibiscus youngianseus. Please for goodness sake let us have anything that you have available. Anything of this nature is, as you well know, invaluable to an Institution such as this.

Now I want to try, if possible, to scrounge from you. I am wanting to give a lecture some time between January and May 1960 on certain highly desirable horticultural plants from Western China which have never been introduced into cultivation and I should like, if possible, to illustrate the lecture by photographs of the plants in situ and hereby take the liberty of appending a list of the plants in question.

Saussurea gossypiphora, *leucoma*, *velatina*, *superba*, *obvallata*, *queroifolia*, *delavayi*.

Lactuca souliei, *grandiflora*, *atropurpurea*.

Crepis glomerata, *gillii*, *rosularis*, *umbrella*.

Cremanthodium nobile, *campanulatum*.

Saxifraga pulchra, *caloiccola*, *bulleyana*.

Pedicularis delavayi, *longiflora*, *pantlingii*, *rex*, *cernua*, *cephalantha*, *elwesii*, *filiocula*, *hirtella*, *integerrima*, *likiangensis*, *luliscens*.

Corydalis benecinetota, *hemidicentra*, *tibetica* var. *pachypoda*, *hamata*, *delavayi*, *pachycentra*, *caloiccola*, *pulchella*.

Sohms-Laubachia pulcherrima, *linearifolia*, *xerophyta*.

Farrya forrestii

Braya forrestii

Scutellaria forrestii

Arenaria ionandra, *forrestii*, *longistyla*, *roseiflora*, *lichiangensis*, *smithiana*, *polytrichoides*, *salweenensis*.

Potentilla articulata, *dumosa*.

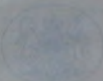
Leontopodium aurantiacum

Polygonum forrestii

Campanula caloiccola, *chrysosplenifolia*, *delavayi*.

Myosotis hookeri

Dr. J. F. Rock,
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Hawaii.



Myosotis hookeri
Astragalus skythopos, yunnanensis, forrestii.
Hedysarum tangutioum, sikkimense, pseudoastragalus.
Swertia decora, patula, delavayi, calycina, tibetica, atroviolacea,
forrestii, handeliana.
Lomatogonium longifolium

Lloydia delavayi, tibetica and var. purpurascens.
Do you please have photographs or negatives which you would be kind enough to lend me for this purpose. I know that I am asking a great deal of you and you would not do so did I not believe that I knew you well enough not to unduly upset you by the request.
The best of good wishes to you for 1960.

Yours sincerely,

(H. R. Fletcher)

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Cliffs, screes and alpine pastures from 14,000 ft. to the limits of vegetation;
open stony alpine pastures from 12-16,000 ft.; conifer belt.

Myosotis hookeri

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