Directions concerning
the Botanic Garden in July & Aug 1825

The following things must be attended to during my absence this Summer.

1. The front fence must be put up according to the plan and contract agreed upon with Mr. Joseph Megowan, as soon as 50 posts 10 feet high can be procured. The fence is to be 8 feet high without such, the boards are to be nailed alternate on 3 posts, which are to be laid 6 feet apart, and the boards are to be well joined & embrazed.

2. Two gates are to be made. One in the nearest corner next to Mr. Houston's lot 6 feet wide, and another at the end of the main walk 12 feet wide, for wagons to enter. Mr. Megowan has agreed to make them for Seven Dollars.

3. A rail and sink is to be made, in the branch under the fence, for the water to pass.

4. The vineyard must be hewed & weeded once a month at least.

5. The Potato patch must be hewed frequently and the vacant space planted.

6. None of the Weeds are to be allowed to go to seed, in any part of the ground, but cut down before that time, except the Dock and Elder.
7. The castor bean & Ochra must be well attended to, and the seeds collected when ripe.
8. The Clover seed must be gathered when ripe.
9. The seeds of all the plants must be gathered as they get ripe, and put in paper
10. If any of the vegetables can be told green let it be done: if not let them be allowed to go to seed and the seeds gathered.
11. The Walks must be kept clean, and the borders well weeded.
12. The Spring must be cleaned and made deeper.
13. When the front fence is put up, the rails must be employed to make the back between our lot and Mac' Callough: where there is none now.
14. The Orchard must be kept clean.
15. Manure must be collected in the fields, from the weeds cut down & other offal.

Other small matters will suggest themselves.

Conduct the Gardener is engaged at $4 per week, I paid him the first week, the other must be settled weekly. Perhaps it would be better to try to engage him for $9 or 2½ in Silver.

Billy, the black man of Col. Mead is rather a lazy fellow, & must be attended to. He came back from the country after his sickness.
the 31st of May last: his month's board will be due the last of June to Rachel when he boards. It is $3 per month in Commonwealth.

Lexington 16th June 1825

[Signature]

Superintendent

To Mess. Dicklin, Mr. Smith, Manager in my absence W. A. Leary

A. Annexed is a Plan of the Garden.