

## JOSEPH HOOKER ACCEPTS JOB AS DIRECTOR

Since Joseph Hooker was seven, he had a passion for plants. Recently this botanist has accepted the job as the Director of The Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew. Despite being a ~~surgeon~~ surgeon in the Navy, Hooker wanted to go pioneering and on expeditions because he had a passion for plants. Joseph Hooker himself quoted, "I adore travelling and discovering new new species of plants!"

Even though Hooker didn't have much money, he gained a government grant to travel to India because the government thought it would be useful. In India, he collected around 7000 species of plants - that's including 25 new species of Rhododendron - and in the northern areas of the ~~Himalayas~~ Himalayas, he was imprisoned by the Rajah of Sikkim for exploring where he shouldn't have. Hooker became famous; he made a lot of great discoveries. His skills will be all-encompassing at Kew. If you could find the time to visit Kew ~~Gardens~~ Gardens and possibly meet Joseph Hooker, please do.