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Title: Science and Colonial Expansion: The Role of the British Royal Botanic Gardens Created Date: 20160808041208Zscience and colonial expansion: the role of the British Royal Botanic Gardens LUCILE H. BROCKWAY-Chappaqua, New York Until the last few decades, anthropology has concentrated its attention on theScience and colonial expansion: the role of the British Royal Botanic Gardens Reviewed by Janet Browne Unit for the History of Medicine, University College LondonBotanic gardens have contributed significantly to the colonial expansion of the West through active participation in the transfer of protected plants and their scientific development as plantation crops for the tropical colonies of the mother country. Cinchona, rubber, and sisal are prime examples.