

Port Elizabeth  
4. Box 343  
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Dear Sir,

Re our conversation on your recent visit to Port Elizabeth:

Now that the Dablia shows have been held, I am able to add a few extra splendid varieties to my list, which I have much pleasure in enclosing, and feel sure you will appreciate the beauty of each Bloom. They are all top notchers.

Bulbs are to be planted 3 feet apart, after which each Bulb is to be safe guarded with three sticks thus: 'o' (any class of timber  $6' \times \frac{7}{8}" \times \frac{7}{8}"$ ) allowing 9" from the Bulb, these can be driven in the earth 1" which gives 5' for tying the sticks with linen strips or strong tape as the plant grows in height. This assists the plants to a great measure against the strong winds. Dablias should always be planted where there is a certain amount of protection or break from the wind, as they have frail stems & easily break. Do not allow more than two stems to each plant, cut the extras off at bottom.

Should you require any further assistance, just let me know, your requirements, when I shall do everything possible to assist you.

I long to remain,  
Yours faithfully,  
A. J. Mitchellbrook