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No. 287. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 27th March 1872, No. 21:—

Government in their Order in the Revenue Department, 19th January 1872, No. 123, sanctioned Rupees 840 for an iron entrance gate to the Botanical Gardens at Ootacamund.

The plan which accompanied the Superintending Engineer's letter of the 30th December 1871, No. 215, was traced from a drawing (20-B) in a catalogue which Morton and Co. of Liverpool (Iron Fence Makers) lately sent me.

Captain Morant thinks that if I sent the accompanying plan direct to Morton and Co. with an order to ship the gate *via* the Cape as soon as possible, we might expect to see it here in August.

Before moving on the matter, I wish to know if I have the sanction of Government for this course, and if Rupees 840 are available to me.

2. I avail myself of this opportunity to report that the seed house and herbarium, sanctioned in Government Order, 9th November 1871, No. 1887, are making satisfactory progress, and will be completed, I hope, before the monsoon.

To get the foundation of the buildings level and square with the approach, it was found necessary to excavate to the depth of two feet or so on the left-hand side as you enter, where the ground slopes upwards towards the old seed-house. For appearance sake, therefore, it will now be necessary to slope the ground from the red letters ABC (on plan) to the new seed-house and lay it out afresh. Mr. Jamieson estimates the cost of this at 100 Rupees. Then the whole of the ground DDDD outside the garden gates, and which forms a carriage stand, has been much cut up by carting building materials and is now deep in dust and in the rains will be a mire. To metal this Captain Morant calculates will cost 200 Rupees. This must be done before the monsoon, or the gardens will be nearly inaccessible.

3. When these improvements have been effected and the gates hung, the entrance to the gardens will have a pleasing appearance marred only by that triangular bit below the tank and the entrance which now that the old seed-house and cooly lines have been pulled down is little better than a rubbish heap. It is true that it is partly hidden by stunted Acacias (of the *Dealbata* species), but these, because of their propensity to throw up root-suckers, should be eradicated at all cost. To divert the stream from EE to FF level and lay out the triangle, and to run a neat iron* rail harmonizing with the gates along the fifty yards from G to H which are visible from the approach, will cost as follows:—

* See drawing A.

	Rs.
Iron rail, at 10 Rupees a yard	10 × 50 = 500
Brick-work, 50 yards	50 × 5 = 250
Total ...	750

4. Thus the whole cost, for which to save time I have telegraphed for sanction, will be as follows:—

	Rs.
Levelling and laying out the ground	100
Metalling the approach	200
Iron rails	500
Brick-work	250
Clearing, levelling, and laying out the triangle...	150
Total ...	1,200

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1872, No. 390.

The orders of Government sanctioning the proposed charge of Rupees 840 for a new entrance gate empowered the Commissioner to incur expenditure to that extent.

2. The further charge of Rupees 1,200 referred to in the above letter has also been sanctioned in G. O., 26th March 1872, No. 379.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, with two enclosures returned.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEILGHERRY HILLS, &c., &c.,

Dated March, 30th.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., 30th March 1872, No. 390.

MARCH.
Nos. 287-288.

Intimating that the charge of Rupees 1,200 for railing, &c., and improving the approach to the Ootacamund Botanical Gardens, has been sanctioned in G. O., 26th March 1872, No. 379.

Commissioners office
Ootacamund 27th March 1872

No 21

From J. W. Brooks Esqre
Commissioner Nilgiris

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

Government in their Order in the Revenue Department 19th January 1872 No 123 Sanctioned Rs 840 for an Iron Entrance Gate to the Botanical Gardens at Ootacamund.

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The * Plan which accompanied the Superintending Engineers letter of the 30th December 1871 No 215 was traced from a Drawing (203) in a Catalogue which Morton & Co of Liverpool (from whom he had) lately sent me.

Captain Morant thinks that if I sent the accompanying * Plan direct to Morton & Co with an Order to ship the Gate viâ the Cape as soon as possible, we might expect to see it here in August.

Before moving in the matter I wish to know if I have the Sanction of Government

forenment for this Course and if Rs 840 are available to me.

2 I avail myself of this opportunity to report that the Seed-house and Verbarium sanctioned in forenment Order 9th November 1871 No 1887 are making satisfactory progress and will be completed I hope before the Monsoon.

To get the foundation of the Buildings level and square with the approach it was found necessary to excavate to the depth of 2 feet or so on the left hand side as you enter, where the ground slopes upwards towards the Old Seed-house. For appearance sake therefore it will now be necessary to slope the ground from the red letters A.B.C. (on Plan) to the new Seed-house and lay it out afresh. Mr Jamieson estimates the cost of this at 100 Rs. Also the whole of the ground D.D.D.D. outside the forenfates and which forms a Carriage stand has been much cut up by Carting building materials and is now deep in dust and in the rains will be a mire. To metal this Captain Morant Calculates will cost 200 Rs. This must be done before the monsoon or the grounds will be nearly inaccessible

3 When these improvements have been effected and the fates hung, the Route to the forenf will have a pleasing appearance marred only by that triangular bit below the tank and the entrance which now that the old Seed-house and cooly lines have been pulled down is little better than a rubbish heap. It is true that it is partly hidden by stunted Acacias (of the Babul-bala species) but these, because of their propensity to throw up root-suckers should be grubbed at all cost. To divert the stream from E.E to F.F, level and lay out the triangle, and to run a neat iron* rail harmonizing with the fates along the 50 yards from G to H which are visible from the approach will cost as follows:-

* see Memo A

		Rs.
Iron rail at 10 Rs a Yard	10×50 =	500
Brick work 50 Yards	50×5 =	250
	Rs	750

4 Thus the whole cost for which to save time I have telegraphed for Sanction will be as follows:-

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	Rs
Levelling and laying out the Ground	100
Metalling the Approach	200
Iron Rails	500
Brick Work	250
Clearing. Levelling and laying out the triangle	150
Total Rs	1200

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

I. W. Breeks
Commissioner

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No. 21
Date— 27th March 1872
Rec'd 30th

Commissioner's Office,
Ootacamund.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Enclosures. (3)

Botanical Gardens.

SUBJECT. Sanctioning the charge of Rs 1200 for railings and improving the approach to the Gardens.

30th March 1872. No. 390

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Neilgherry Hills, dated 27th March 1872 No. 21.

Order thereon 30th March 1872 No. 390.

The orders of Govt. sanctioning the proposed charge of Rs. 840 for a new entrance gate empowered the Commissioner to incur expenditure to that extent.

The further charge of Rs. 1200 referred to in the above letter has also been sanctioned in G.O. 26th March 1872 No. 379.

E. K.

To
The Commr. Neilgherry Hills. with two Encls. each 30th
Public Works Department. 21
Revenue Department. 15
each 30th

486. 840.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

Financial

To

The Commr. Religious Endts.

&c

Dated Mar. 30
Recd. } 1872, No. 390.

Nos. 287. 288.

Intimating that the charge of Rs. 1200 for raising tea and improving the approach to the Ootacamund Botanical Gardens has been sanctioned in G.O. 26 March 1872 No. 379.