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Stonehouse Park.

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No. 240. Order thereon, 26th June 1875, No. 1361.

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2*nd.*—The High Road from Coonoor where the grounds first become visible after passing the cutting.

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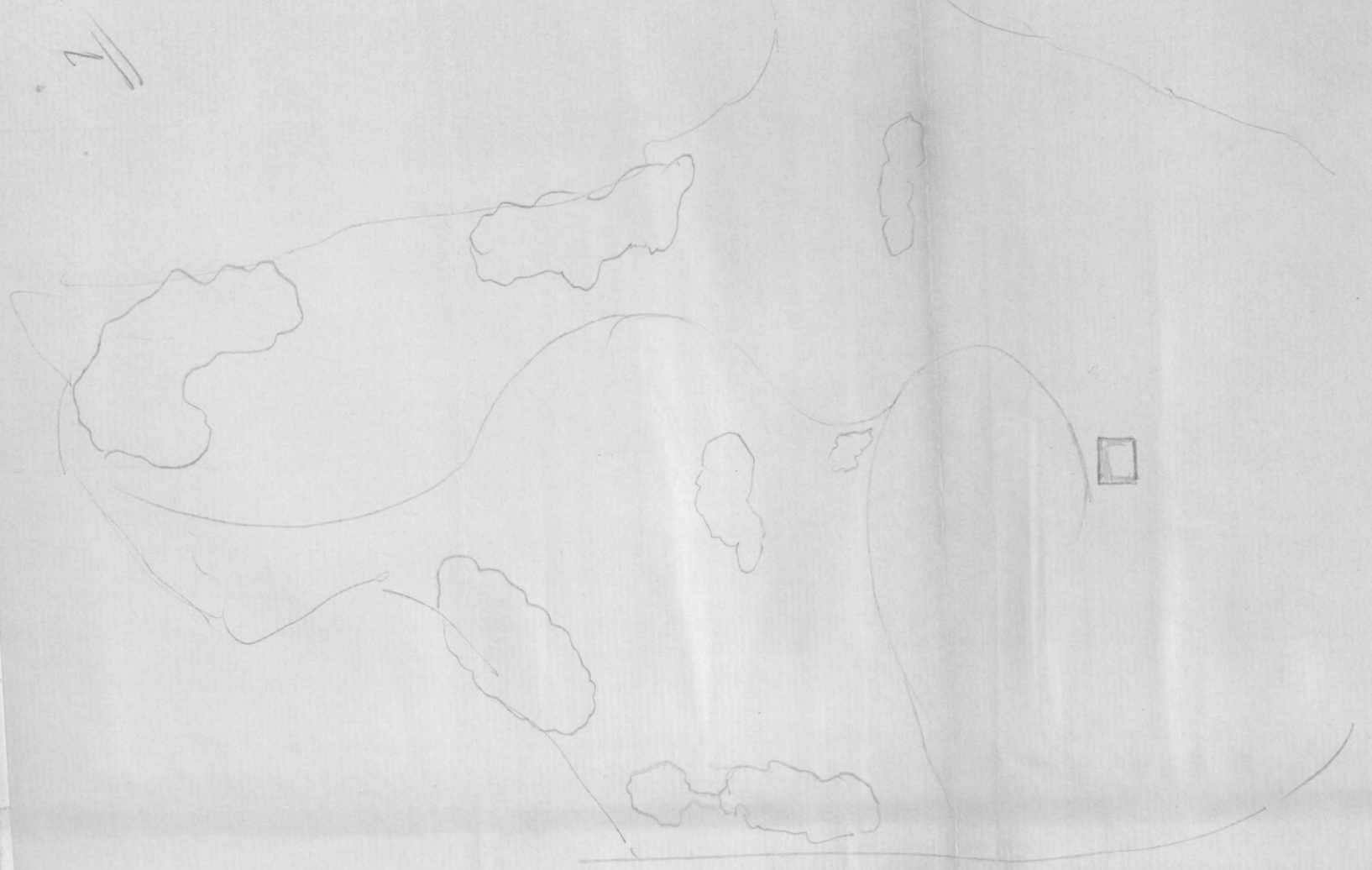
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(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
" Public Works Department
" Accountant-General.



Govt. of {1875} Madras.

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To THE COMMISSIONER OF NILGIRIS,
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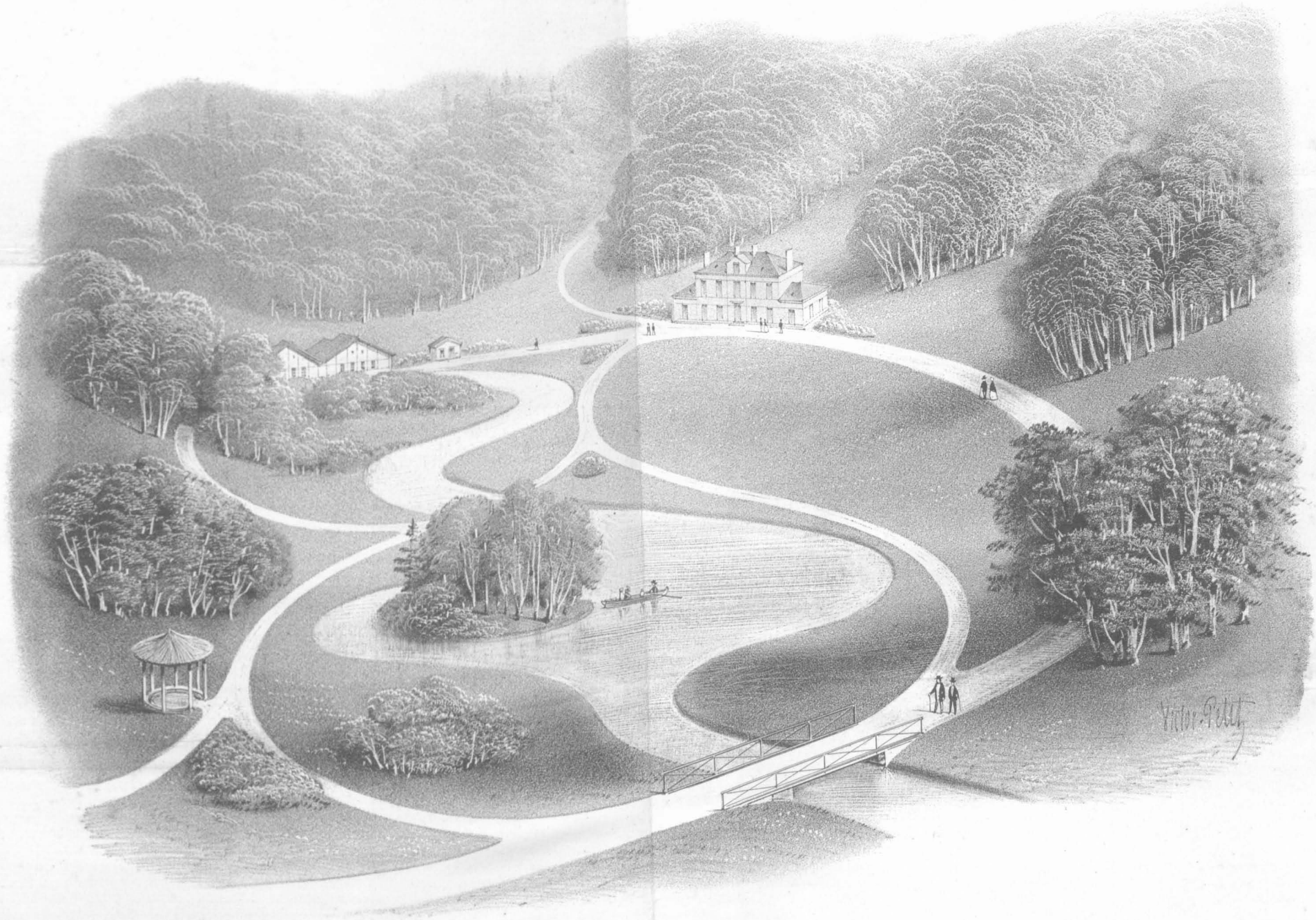
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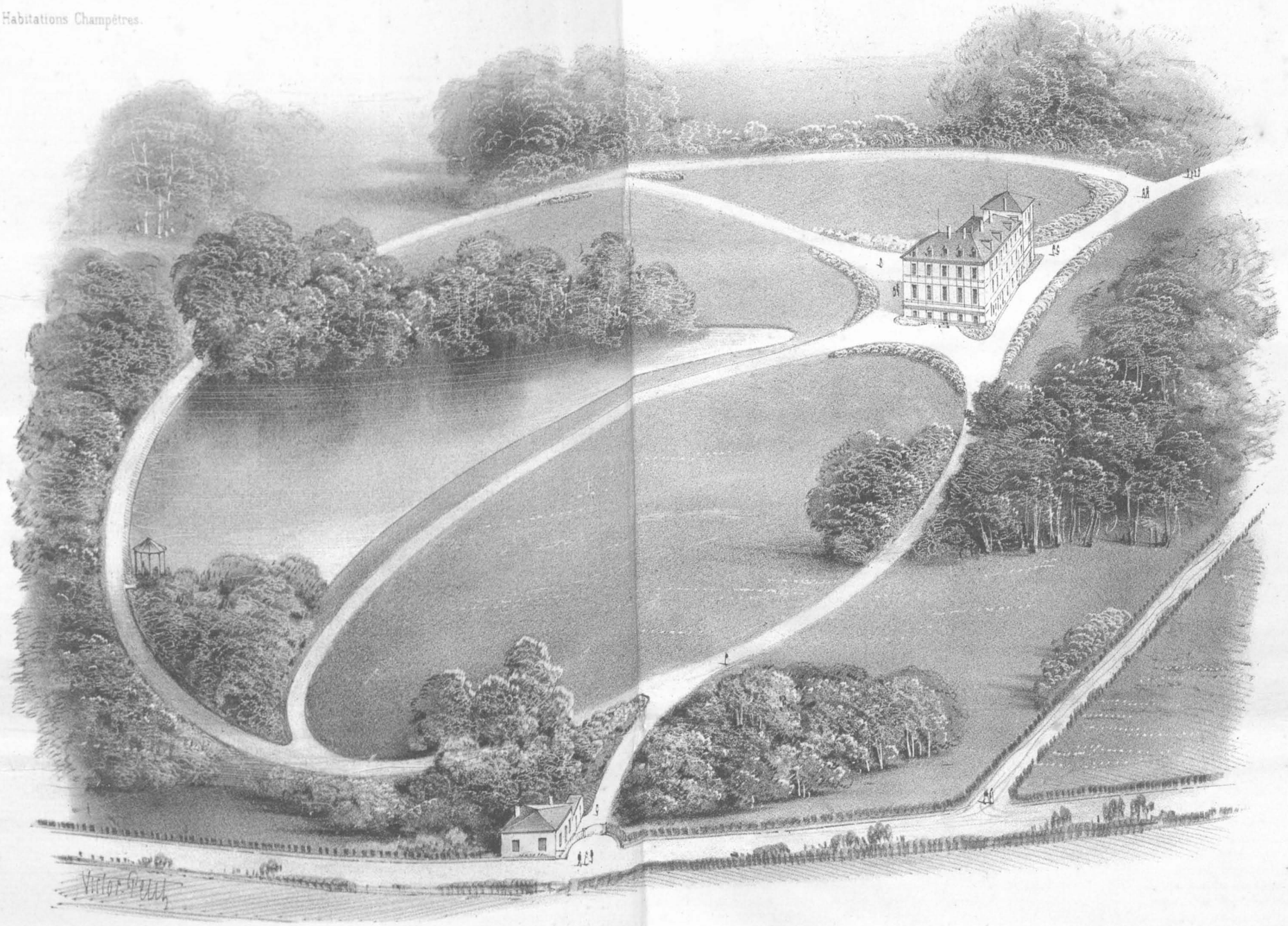


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Lay it down in grass -
fence the hedges, grass &
along the roadside.
plant out "old Orchard"
with Eucalypti. &
gradually bring the
grounds in order. The
cattle should be excluded
altogether. The stock
subsequently kept to fenced
the carriage sheds &c
Enclosed & the grass mowed

2 cows and 2 horses is
but advanced I think -
& don't think
it can be intended to give
U. Jamieson more - or
even 1000 £. - I don't
admire his plan. &
would only at present
recommend reclaiming
the Bluff Ground.

of the Line to check. & then
plant the rest from the
Governor's road. Let Jamie
talk learn as time & this
fit. I think your
letter time & the papers
Home incl.

Yr. truly
L. Stonehewer

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My dear Studholme.

The Governor asked
me to see about the
work of keeping and the
grounds at Stonehouse
being carried on.
On keeping I learn
that there was no order
in writing kept
in reference to what
was agreed on when

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W. Jamieson attended.

I observe that Cockerill concludes by asking for 4000 R. and I presume that the next step is to place him in funds sooner than the work proceeded with. I do not know what passed at the discussion or whether it was proposed that funds should be obtained.

I should be much obliged if you would tell me what should

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2 dear Machin Col: his
is written here in the
same matter as the P.M. sept. 25
Exam[illegible] by reason of the
Extraordinary pressure of
Office to which
You refer but I did not take
offence it - his suspicion is
that it was left at the Exam-
iners Office and not in my room
I cannot say what became
it is evident when the letter
referred to Robinson was written
[illegible]

to Mr Jamieson it was taken
by the latter about a month.

Yours sincerely

Edmund Hillary

17 June

A. Sharpeyer Esq
for
The Secretary
Govt
"Forwarding the plan
of the proposed track
the first division of
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it:

He begs he
with his kind
remembrances
at 3 P. M. tomorrow

To be attached with
G. O. 28 June 75
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No. 460.

From The Commissioner, Nilgiris.

Dated 23d March 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

I approve generally of the
plan - but we should arrange
at Office before passing orders
On Ridge Avenue &c
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of Earth nearest the house -
(Holdich on one side of the
Avenue). The first step the
Sooner it is taken out the lead
of the two approaches from
below - this will evidently

N.V.

Respecting reconsideration the
angle at which the new principal approach turns in the direction of the terrace is bad.
On this matter Col Walker will be able to advise Sir Edward the use of the instrument.

And I submit that it might be well to alter the carriage ~~direction~~ approach altogether & bring the road round the flank of the building at that it now the back of the building - when the new Conical room will stand this will leave room for a fine terrace & lawn in front - & the approach on

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East approach
25/3/01

I fear there is danger of the
gradual absorption of the unrecorded
space in front of our residence in Prospect
Place unless - some positive
action be taken at once -
if the practice is to continue, the
aggregate cut will be serious.
And then an ~~new~~ increased
encroachment at Mrs Conrad's
about 1/16th perch or less

I agree with W.E.
R.V.E.

Park in connexion with the Stonehouse property at Coty

FOR ORDERS.

with plans in the case.

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Pres. of the Madras Govt

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– Public Works Deptt.
– Accountt General.

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Stonehouse for purity

Government Gardens
Botacamund
16th March 1875

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From (4)
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To
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& Government
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with plan on
the case.

Mayor &c

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