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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
13th July 1875.**

Read the following :—

**MEMORANDUM.**

No. 361.

THE accompanying estimate of Rupees 822 provides for 5,060 yards, or not far short of 3 miles of turfed ride, of which 2,090 yards will be on both sides of the carriage road and 2,970 yards on one side only.

2. The mode of forming the ride may be seen on the part of the road running westwards from Erin cottage on the north side of the lake, a length of a few hundred yards having been done by the Sappers as an experiment and to ascertain the rate.

3. It is thought that twelve to fifteen hundred rupees laid out annually in this way would be a very reasonable allotment for the comfort and safety of equestrians, who naturally dislike riding over loose sharp stones, or on road sides with a dangerous transverse slope.

Ootacamund,  
5th July 1875.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,  
Offg. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

**ABSTRACT ESTIMATE NO. 20 OF 1875-76.**

NILGIRI DISTRICT.

**Work.—Cost of forming a Turfed Riding Path alongside of the lake road north and south of the lake and below the Willow Bund.**

| Quantity. | Particulars.                   | Rate.     | Per.   | Amount.   | Total.    |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|
|           |                                | RS. A. P. | R. yd. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. |
| 7,150     | Running yards turfing ... ..   | 0 1 9     |        | 782 0 6   | 782 0 6   |
|           | Contingencies at 5 per cent... | ...       | ...    | ...       | 39 15 6   |
|           | Total Estimate ... ..          | ...       | ...    | ...       | 822 0 0   |

Ootacamund,  
1st July 1875.

(Signed) J. L. L. MORANT, Captain, R.E.,  
District Engineer.

No. 362.

ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1875, No. 1,990.

**CIVIL WORKS, No. 26.**

THE estimate of Rupees 822 for turf rides round the lake at Ootacamund is sanctioned, but there being no funds available at present under Provincial, the further construction of the rides must be postponed, and the District Engineer will report whether he can provide for the adjustment of the expenditure on the experimental strip by transfer from funds allotted to other works under this head.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,  
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nilgiris.  
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.  
Exd. S. T. Austin.  
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*W. H. (True) 10th July 1875*

Public Works Dept.  
Batavia und 5<sup>th</sup> July 1915.

Memorandum.

The accompanying estimate of Rs. 822 provides for 5060 yards or not far short of 3 miles of turfed side of which 2090 yards will be on both sides of the carriage road, and 2970 yards on <sup>one</sup> side only.

The mode of forming the ridge may be seen on the part of the road running westwards from Grim Cottage on the North side of the Lake, a length of a few hundred yards having been done by the Sappers as an experiment and to ascertain the value.

It is thought that 12 to 15 hundred Rupees laid out annually in this way would be a very reasonable allotment for the comfort and safety of equestrians, who naturally dislike riding over loose sharp stones, or on road sides with a dangerous transverse slope.

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Bis. Chief Kyo. M. d.

Detailed Estimate No. 20 of 1875-76.

Kailgherry District

Work. Last of forming a turfed riding path  
along side of the Lake Road North & South  
of the Lake & below the Willow Bund

No Length  
distance

Particulars

2 2090 1480 From below "Orin Cottage" near the  
Willow Bund round North of Lake  
to sluice on both sides of road.

2970 From below St. Thomas Church  
near Willow Bund round South  
of Lake to where lower Lake  
road meets Fern Hill Road, on  
outer side of road only —

7150 Running yards turping

Abstract Estimate No. 20 of 1875-76

Kailgherry District

Work. Last of forming a turfed riding path along  
side of the Lake Road North & South of the Lake  
& below the Willow Bund.

Quantity

Particulars

Rate per Amount Total

7150 Running yards turping — 19 p. 782.6

Grand Total 782.6

Part Turping 2 sides. 1480 yards. Contingencies 058 p. 39.15

Total Estimate 822.6

By the Engineer's office  
C. A. Cunningham  
July 1875

J. H. Morant Captain R.  
District Engineer

12367/62

From 6th 12.7.75

Estimated for  
fencing or barbed  
wire for the  
land of the Police Road

200 1/2 miles 3/18/15

to Mr. S. S. S. S.

Sum

Rs. 1875 00/00  
Rs. 453 8

20 1/2 miles 3/18/15

50 sep-28-75  
28 Sep-28-75  
50 sep-28-75  
ms. 18-7-75

For making this  
Assess

P. H. D. Cl. W. H. 76

# Proceedings of the Madras Govt. Read the following.

Memo by the Chief Engineer  
P. H. D. dated 5 July/75

Sum 1/2 in  
Council of  
M.

G.O. No. 1990 of 13 July/75  
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by transfer from funds  
allotted to other works  
under this head.

The District Engineer  
will prepare estimates within  
a limit of Rs. 1200

I think if we give esplanade  
a 3 mile course of turf  
it is quite enough. I would  
not spend any more money  
than is required for this  
There are plenty of bridle  
paths over the hills -

for forming similar  
rides at the sides of the  
metalled or gravelled  
roads in the station,  
which are considerably  
frequented by equestrians  
and these when approved  
will be entered in the  
Budget Estimates for  
1876/77.

Scarcely think that it  
is much needed or  
that the narrow bridge  
opposes the really useful  
road as it will not  
admit of two horses  
moving & break

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To

Wm. H. Ingr.  
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State by transfer from funds  
allotted to other work under  
this law.

of funds around the State  
at Beltsville. The  
amount of \$2,925 for the  
sanctioned, but funds not  
being available at present  
the further construction  
of the fort pond & the D.C. to  
which whether he can provide  
the adjustment of the  
expenditure in the future.