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Gleason's

In Q. O. No 380

Financial Department
dated 20 March 1872

As 1200 were sanctioned
for improving the entrance
to the gardens. viz.

Leveling & laying 100.
out ground

Distances approx. 200.

Iron rails. 500.

Work - 250.

Cleaning levels 150

& laying out a
road 1200.

When I took charge
of the Census office
I received a letter from
Messrs Norton & Co.
saying they had received
70 to. & the rails were
cost 105 to. The rails
arrived recently.

The note of Messrs Norton
for freight - landing
charges rail in
is 198 - 10 - 6

The carriage from
Baltimore to Oak
was 25 to.

~~More than 25 to.~~

Shown when the
Cork was being
set up the
rails. They arrived
in a very broken

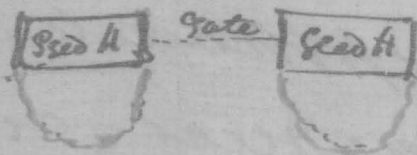
condition. For this
the remedy is expediting
difficult to obtain
impossible.

There are 150 feet of
rail set down in
dumps in the bar
~~which~~ ~~more~~
has received only.

130 feet - If this
is the case dumps
in the bar will be
reduced accordingly.

The approach to
the gardens - is
so much as here
that it is now

thought necessary
to erect the rails
as originally designed
Accordingly I have
surveyed on the following
plan. I hope it
will receive your
approval.



Yours
W. C. Coker

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30th March 1872.

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:—

	RS.
Iron rail, at 10 Rupees a yard	10 × 50 = 500
Brick-work, 50 yards	50 × 5 = 250
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Total	750
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* See drawing A.

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

Levelling and laying out the ground	rs.
Metalling the approach	100
Iron rails	200
Brick-work	500
Clearing, levelling, and laying out the triangle... ..	250
	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.)

[Signature]

Officiating Chief Secretary

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

Ed. J. Wright.

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Revenue Department

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To
THE COMMISSIONER OF THE
MELIGHERY HILLS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 30th.

Recd. 4th 10.

Encl.

G. O., 30th March 1872, No. 380.

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Nos. 287-288.

To the Board of Revenue

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. 370.

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Communicated to the
Board of Revenue

13th 4/72