

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL

OFFICE OF.....

DEPARTMENT.  
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CONFIDENTIAL

No. 262

FROM

Babu Bankim Chandra Chatterji, B.A.,

Head Master, Hare School,

To

B. M. Sen Esq., M.A., I.E.S.,

Principal, Presidency College.

Subject:—

Calcutta, Dated. the 13th January, 1933.

Sir,

With reference to the Director of Public Instruction,

Bengal's Confidential No. 30C, dated the 7th January, 1933, forwarded with your endorsement of the same date, I have the honour to make the following observations on the subject of accommodating the evening classes of the Government Commercial Institute, Calcutta, in the Hare School building, after 5 p.m., :—

1. that the school boys play their Compulsory Games upto 4.30 p.m., and other games till dusk, on the adjoining playing-fields and in the verandahs, and some of the teachers are, therefore, on duty till 6 or 7 p.m.
2. that there are no spare rooms which can be used as the Office Room and the Teachers' Room of the Commercial Institute. At present there is no Common Room for the boys of this school, who, therefore, use the western corridor on the first floor, for the purpose. There is no Sitting Room for the twenty one teachers of the school either, who have been accommodated in the different parts of the school building, including the passage in the middle of the building on the ground floor. The Head Master has no

separate room to himself, and occupies a portion of the passage on the first floor, leaving the rest for the School Library.

The Library has thus been split up and accommodated in different parts of the building to the great inconvenience of teachers and students alike.

3. that the sweeper begins to sweep the rooms of the building at about 5 p.m. and cannot finish the work before dusk.

4. that the locking and unlocking of the rooms is done by two menials - one for the upper floor and the other for the ground floor, who are also responsible for supplying ink to the classes, the ink-pots being fixed to the desks. These menials attend to their duties at 9.30 a.m. and leave the school at about 6 p.m. So it is impossible to detain them any longer.

5. Often the teachers and the students meet in the school rooms even after dusk on special occasions.

From what has been stated above it will appear that the Hare School has not sufficient accommodation even for its own normal work - a fact that has been emphasised in the annual reports year after year. This want is keenly felt whenever any school function has to be held, for the school has no hall of its own, where all the teachers and students can meet. Having @ such inadequate accommodation, the Hare School can ill-afford to accommodate another ~~another~~ institution.

While still on this subject I have the honour to invite your attention to the difficulties inherent in a proposal like this. The evening classes of the Commercial Institute are under the control and supervision of the Principal of that institute, while the Hare School building is in charge of the Head Master. Therefore, before any decision is taken, it has also to be considered how two independent authorities may be permitted to carry on their work in the same premises and how the clash of interests and other differences which are sure to arise, may be avoided or reconciled.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,  
R. C. Hare,  
Head Master, Hare School.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL

OFFICE OF the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Education DEPARTMENT.  
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No. ....  
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FROM

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,

To

B. M. Sen, Esq., M.A., I.E.S.,  
Principal, Presidency College.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject:—

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Bengal Retrenchment Committee have recommended the closing down of the Government Commercial Institute, Calcutta, but that the Commercial Institute Board press for the retention of the Institute as a Government School.

2. At present the total expenses of the Institute are about Rs. 72,000/- per annum. Of this Rs. 18,000/- alone is paid for house rent of the premises occupied by the Institute.

3. The Institute has two departments (1) Day Classes and (2) Evening Classes. It has been suggested that the Institute be retained as a Government School with only Evening Classes, which will assemble after 5 P.M. and that the classes be accommodated in a Government School building not in use after 5 P.M. so as to avoid house rent.

4. Before addressing Government on the subject the

Director of Public Instruction wants to know whether you have any objection to the classes being held in the Hare School buildings from July 1934.

5. The case is very urgent and the favour of a very early reply is requested.

6. It may further be enquired whether the School has any spare room or rooms which can be used as library and office rooms.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Wolfenden

Assistant Director of Public Instruction,

Benn L.

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Forwarded to Mr.  
R. wolfenden.

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Confidential. No. 255

Hare School,  
Calcutta,  
January 6, 1933.

B.M. Sen Esq., M.A., I.E.S.,  
Principal, Presidency College,  
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

I find that Babu Haripada Basu. B.A., B.T., Assistant Head Master, Hooghly Collegiate School, has been appointed assistant Head Master, Hare School, in place of Babu Jogesh Chandra Datta, transferred to the Ballygunge Govt. High School as Head Master.

Haripada Babu is a Mathematics man whereas we want one strong in English. we have no room for a mathematics man in as much as we have five such men, including two B.Sc and one M.A. The senior mathematics teacher, Babu Lalit Mohan Sinha, is a First Class M.A. and has been teaching his subject in the top classes with conspicuous success for several years. I am afraid Haripada Babu can in no way be a better substitute for Lalit Babu as the senior teacher of mathematics in this school.

Besides, Haripada Babu served under me for over eight years in the Hooghly Collegiate School and I know him well. Personally, I considered him good enough for that school, but I am definitely of opinion that he will not fit in here. I had originally recommended Babu Krish Chandra Guha of our school for strong reasons. Perhaps you will

will agree with me that he is a very good teacher of English, able to handle senior classes successfully. Besides, I have <sup>often</sup> brought to your notice his other qualifications entitling him for the post.

I would, therefore, strongly urge that Babu Srish Chandra Guha be appointed to the post. If, however, it is found absolutely impossible to consider his case, the second nominee, Babu Ashitish Chandra Pain, may be appointed.

Yours Sincerely,

*R. C. Chatterjee*

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Presidency College, Calcutta.

The 16th January 1935.

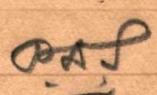
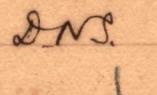
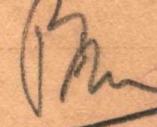
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*Pyne*  
Principal, Presidency College.

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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Signature</u>
1. Prof. P. C. Ghosh M.A. Senior Prof. of English.	
2. Dr. P. D. Shastri M.A. Ph.D. D.E.S. Senior Prof. of Philosophy.	
3. Prof. D. N. Sen M.A. Senior Prof. of History	
4. Dr. J. C. Sinha M.A. Ph.D. Senior Prof. of Economics.	
5. Prof. H. H. Vidyabhushan Senior Prof. of Sans. & Bengali.	
6. Prof. M. Samanullah M.A. Senior Prof. of Arabic & Persian.	
7. Prof. N. C. Ghosh M.A.  Senior Prof. of Mathematics.	
8. Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis M.A. D.E.S. Senior Prof. of Physics.	
9. Dr. P. Neogi M.A., Ph.D.  Senior Prof. of Chemistry.	
10. Prof. N. C. Bhattacharya M.A.  Senior Prof. of Physiology	
11. Prof. S. C. Banerji M.A., B.Sc.  Senior Prof. of Botany.	
12. Dr. M. M. Chatterjee M.A., Ph.D.  Senior Prof. of Geology.	

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D.O. M. 2 (Con)

4th January 33

My dear Stapleton,

Your office No. 6938-46 C of the 24th December enclosing copy of a letter from Dr. W. A. Jenkins.

As the Presidency College serves the entire province, the question raised in Dr. Jenkins' note does not affect us. There can be no doubt that boys of tender years are best cared for if they live with their parents or near relatives. But there is no reason to suppose that the parents would willingly let their boys live in Hostels specially in these days of financial stringency, except under pressure of circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Stapleton.

H. E. Stapleton, Esq., M.A., B.Sc (Oxon.)

D. P. I. Bengal.

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Oliver Dabbs

My dear Stapleton, 6938-46C  
Your D. O. No. 21781

dated the 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. enclosing copy of a  
letter from Dr W. A. Jenkins.

As the Presidency College serves the entire  
province, the question raised in Dr Jenkins' note  
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let their boys live in Hostels ~~or~~ especially  
in these days of financial straits, except  
under pressure of circumstances.

Yours truly  
Oliver Dabbs.

No. 6938-46-C  
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From

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,

To

The Principal,

*Presidency College, Calcutta.*

Confidential.

Calcutta, the 24<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to this office letter No. 3943-520, dated 28th July 1932 regarding the admission of students into Government Colleges, and to forward herewith for favour of an expression of your opinion a copy of a D.O. letter No. 2178/10, dated 19th December 1932 from the Principal, Rajshahi College.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*M. G. D. I. B.*

for Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

A.G.

23.12.32

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D. O. No. 2178/10

Rajshahi College,

Rajshahi.

6938 46-C  
The 19th December, 1932.

My dear Stapleton,

When discussing the question of students and undesirable political activities I forgot to put forward one suggestion which it seems to me should be considered.

My experience is, and I believe this will probably be confirmed by enquiries in other colleges, that a great deal of the trouble is caused by students who migrate from their homes and join colleges elsewhere in the province. I suggest that admissions to Government Colleges should be scrutinised carefully and that where a student is not known he should invariably be interviewed. In particular, students coming from certain localities and from places where there is a college affiliated to the University should be required to give satisfactory reasons for their migration. No Colleges are full now and normally there appears to be no reason why a student say from Mymensingh should come over to Rajshahi. There are of course reasons which justify such a change but in general I think it would be wise at the present time to keep students as near their homes as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. W. A. Jenkins

N. B.

This is another matter which I think the Principals could with advantage discuss.

True copy.

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23.12.32

60. no. 397

20th Decr. 32

My dear Wolfenden,

It is possible that Babu Jogesh Chandra Dutta, Assistant Head Master of the Hare School, may be transferred elsewhere on promotion. In that case the Head Master would like to have as his assistant a gentleman who has had experience of Calcutta schools and specially of the educational atmosphere in College Square. The name of Babu Sris Chandra Guha has already been recommended, but in case he is not found eligible, will you please consider Babu Charu Chandra Nandy, Assistant Head Master, Darjeeling High School and Babu Kashitish Chandra Pyne, Assistant Head Master of the Uttarpara High School for that post, both of whom possess the necessary experience ?

Yours sincerely,

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R. Wolfenden, Esq., M.B.E., M.Sc.

A. D. P. I. Bengal.

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14th Decr. 32

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My dear Stapleton,

Your D. O. No. 2066 of the 5th instant regarding the control over Hostel Libraries. There is a library attached to the Eden Hindu Hostel, purchases for which are made out of contributions by the boarders themselves. The list of books is carefully scrutinised by the Superintendent.

On going through the catalogue I find three old books which, though not prescribed, I consider undesirable. They have accordingly been removed.

Yours sincerely,

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H. E. Stapleton, Esq., M.A., B. Sc (Oxon.)

D. P. I. Bengal.

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scrutinised by the Superintendent.

On going through the Catalogue I find there  
~~the~~ ~~following books which are undesirable.~~  
old books which though not proscribed ~~are~~  
undesirable. They have accordingly been  
removed.

Yours & C  
Preston.

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

D. O. No. 2066

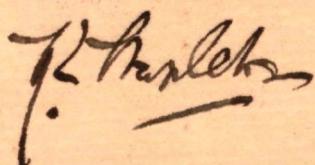
Writers' Buildings,

Calcutta, the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1932.

My dear ~~B. M. Sen~~,

I enclose copy of a letter received from Dr. Jenkins, regarding undesirable books in Hostel Libraries. Will you please let me know whether Libraries exist in the hostel(s) under your control, and, if so, whether any check is made of the books kept in these Libraries. I should be glad if you would make personal enquiries into the contents of any such Libraries before sending a reply to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



To

B. M. Sen, Esq.,  
Principal, Presidency Coll.

*Phd  
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D. O. No. 2024

Rajshahi College,  
Rajshahi.  
The 29th November, 1932.

My dear Stapleton,

I have just learned that in addition to the ordinary College Library there are in existence Hostel Libraries over which the supervision is neither well defined nor satisfactory. I have before me a book sent on to me by the Head Master of the Lokenath School. It was found in his Gymnasium. His Gymnastic instructor was appointed I believe in 1931 to be additional Physical Instructor here (It was an internal arrangement and he was paid out of athletic funds). I mentioned the matter to you and he has ceased his connection with the College. The book is in Bengali and is called 'Mitchell and the Irish Rebellion' and is a book taken from the H.K. Hostel Library. I do not know whether it is prescribed or not, it probably is, but in any case its connection with the present revolutionary propaganda is obvious. I am informed that the Hostel Libraries are conducted and maintained by the students themselves. Books are bought by the students from their common funds and also are presented by individual students. The present superintendent informs me that when ~~he~~ he took over charge last year he found a number of very undesirable books in the library and eliminated them. Others were missing and this is apparently one.

I am of course taking steps to ensure adequate control of the hostel libraries of this College in future but as this is a possible source of undesirable propaganda in Government Colleges I am informing you in order that you may take such action as you think fit. Possibly other Colleges have no such libraries or if they have they are properly controlled at any rate I hope so.

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/- W. A. Jenkins

To

H. E. Stapleton, Esq., M.A.,  
Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

True Copy,

*W. A. Jenkins*

Asstt. Office of the D.P.I.,  
Bengal.

Driven Sales  
Please make the  
necessary entries in the  
Register. Tom  
2/12/32

Narendra Nath Sanyal  
Roll No 88 1<sup>st</sup> year Science  
is suspended for gross  
misconduct ~~against~~ in spite of  
previous warning.

Archana K Basu  
Roll No. 115 1<sup>st</sup> year Science  
is fined Rs 3/- for <sup>unmannly</sup> ~~unaccord~~  
conduct. She is warned that  
serious notice will be taken  
of any repetition of <sup>similar</sup> ~~the~~ offence.

Dmrs 2/2/32

Copy to- the Senior Bf of Chemistry

Presidency College, Calcutta.

The 2nd December 1932.

Narendra Nath Sanyal, Roll No. 88, 1st Year Science, is suspended for gross misconduct in spite of previous warning.

Archana Kumar Basu, Roll No. 115, 1st Year Science, is fined Rs 3/- for unmannerly conduct. He is warned that serious notice will be taken of any repetition of similar offence.

Sd. B. M. Sen.

Offg. Principal, Presidency College.

No. 3394.

The 2nd December 1932.

Copy forwarded to the Senior Professor of Chemistry, Presidency College for information.

B. M. Sen.

Offg. Principal, Presidency College.

D.O. No. 387.

2nd December 32

Dear Sir,

I regret to have to inform you that your son Narendra Nath Sanyal of the 1st Year Science Class has been found guilty of gross misconduct inspite of previous warning. I have, therefore, to request you to remove him from the College as he has an undesirable influence on his fellow-students.

Yours faithfully,

*B. J. Sanyal.*

Principal.

Babu Jitendra Nath Sanyal, B.A., M.R.A.S.

Sanyal House, Bally P. O. Dt. Howrah.

OO No. 388

2nd December 32

Dear Sir,

I regret to have to inform you that your son  
Archana Kumar Basu of the 1st Year Science Class has  
been found guilty of unmannerly conduct and fined Rs 3/-.  
He is warned that serious notice will be taken of any  
repetition of similar offence.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Sen

Principal.

Santosh Kumar Basu, Esq.

Advocate, High Court, Calcutta.

10 A Gopal Ghosh Lane, Kidderpore.

Senior Bdg of Chemistry  
What is the exact nature  
of the unmannerly conduct?

Bomber  
— 28/11/32

Principal

Mr. Hossain's report that about the ~~exact~~  
~~these boys were passing~~ nature of  
the unmannerly conduct is sent  
herewith.

I would suggest that you kindly  
communicate the reports of Mr. Hossain to  
the guardians of those boys asking  
them to take ~~these~~ ~~have been~~ them  
take transfer certificates of this ~~body~~  
as their presence in this College is not  
considered desirable.

P. Neogi  
29. 11. 32

Senior Professor of chemistry

I often hear a few boys calling me by the names before I enter the class and when I begin calling the rolls these boys begin to whistle or making hissing sound. Sometimes they produce high sounds by striking the wooden platform of the lecture theatre with their feet. On the 28th November I heard 3 or 4 boys calling me by the name with a very loud voice and when I entered the room they began to make whistling sound. to such an extent that calling of rolls became impossible and I came to report before you. I however selected the two students mentioned and I think they are the ring leaders.

M. A. Hossain  
29/11/52

Principal

These <sup>but</sup> students have  
been previously <sup>been</sup> reported against  
by Prof. Hossain & also by Mr.  
Bengaluru Natt Sein M.Sc. when  
he officiated as Demonstrator.  
I remember <sup>to have</sup> <sup>personally</sup> called Prof.  
88<sup>th</sup> & warned him. They seem  
to be incorrigible & in the interest  
of College discipline should be  
asked to ~~to~~ take transfer  
within a week's time failing which  
their names are to be removed  
from the College register.

P. Neogi

28. 11. 32

To

The Senior Professor of Chemistry  
Presidency College, Calcutta.

Sir,

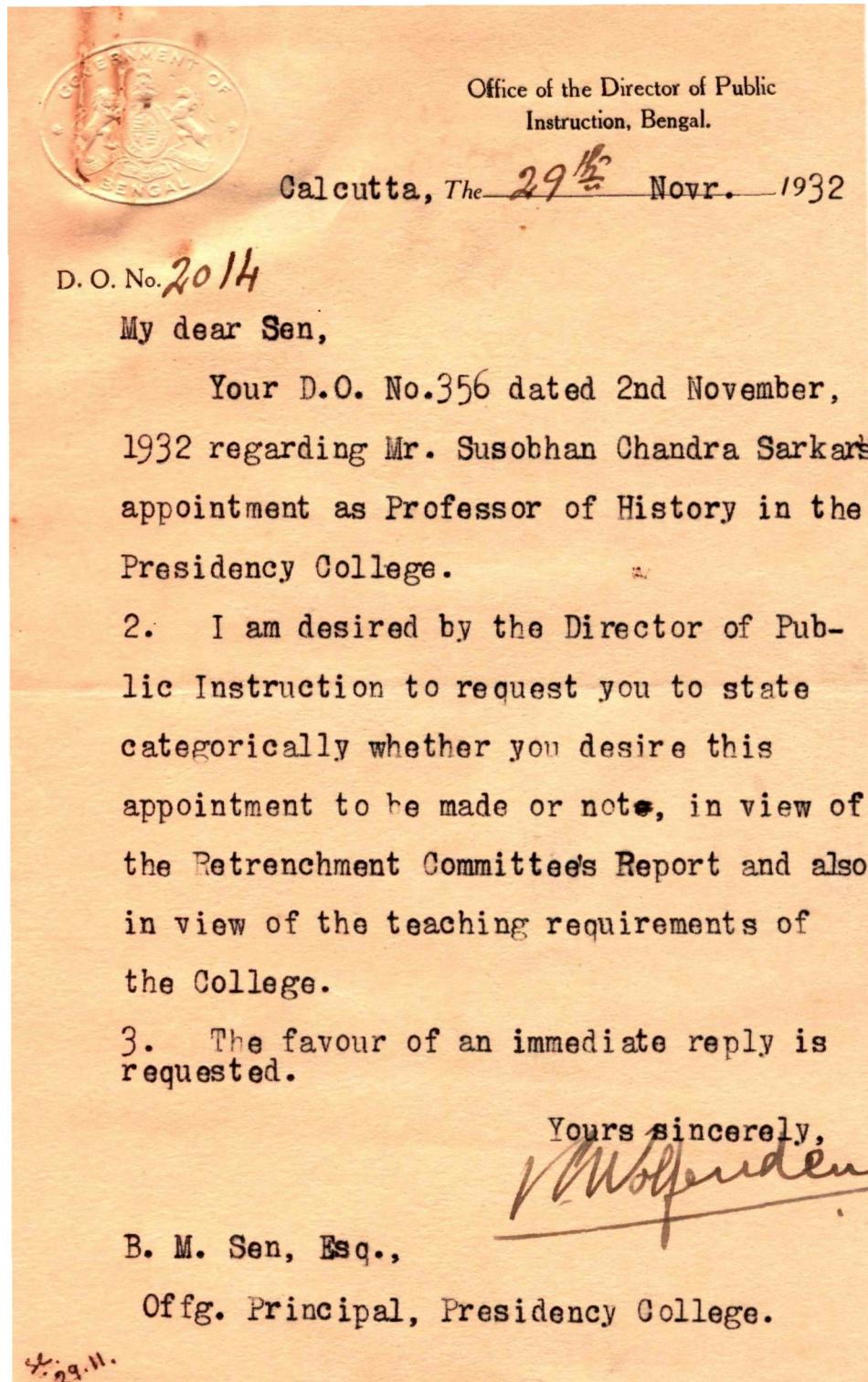
I beg to report that a few students of the first year I.S.C. class Section B, occasionally disturb me in the most unmannerly way at the time of calling rolls. To day I have detected two of them and I beg to suggest that deterrent punishment may be awarded to them so that it might serve an example to the whole class.

The detected students are —

Roll 88, Narendranath  
Sanyal.

" 115 Archan Kumar  
Bash.

I beg to remain  
Sir,  
Your most obedient Servt.  
M. Hossain  
Lecturer in "Chemistry"  
28/4/32



Confidential

30th November 32

385 (Con.)

My dear Wolfenden,

Your D. O. No. 2014 of the 29th instant regarding the appointment of Mr. Susobhan Chandra Sarkar as Professor of History.

I am decidedly of the opinion that if the Department of History is to be maintained at anything like the past standard, the appointment is absolutely necessary. It would, moreover, be of undoubted advantage to the College if Mr. Sarkar could join at an early date as in that case the outgoing Honours students will have the benefit of his tutorial classes for about six weeks before they take their examinations.

When I met the Vice-Chancellor of Dacca University in October last at Darjeeling, I told him that unless Mr. Sarkar could join at once, Government might be inclined to defer the appointment till July & next. He gave me to understand that both Mr. Wilkinson and the Hon'ble Minister were prepared to accommodate the Dacca University and would not object to Mr. Sarkar joining the post in January.

Yours sincerely,

R. Wolfenden, Esq., M.B.E., M.Sc.  
A. D. P. I. Bengal.

*W. Wolfenden*

~~Cont~~

My dear Wolfenden,

Yours D.O. No 2014 dated

The 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. re the appointment of Mr  
Sisothan Ch. Sarkar as Professor of History.

I am decidedly of the opinion that  
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Color photo of 1958 ~~and~~ Your kind regards  
from Son.

of the country - will all have to be made  
and suitable, and kept within  
reasonable, and reasonable prices. It is  
desirable to have a  
factory - a Canning plant - a large  
factory, and a large plant for  
the production of flour. It  
will not be possible to have  
a large flour mill, but  
a small flour mill will be  
desirable, and will be  
a good source of employment  
and a good source of revenue.

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B.M.S.  
2/12/32

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,  
Bengal.

D.O. No. 2038

Calcutta, the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1932.

CONFIDENTIAL.

My dear Sen,

Your demi-official letter No. 376 (Con), dated 24th November 1932.

You may have seen in the Calcutta Gazette the Government Notification appointing Dr. Mahendra Nath Sarkar, Professor of Philosophy, Sanskrit College, as Professor of Philosophy and Logic, Presidency College with effect from the 18th November 1932, or any subsequent date on which he joins the appointment.

As one post of Professor of Philosophy at the Presidency College is to be held in abeyance according to your recommendation, I would ask you not to allow Dr. Sarkar to join his appointment at the Presidency College until you receive further instructions from this office.

I am trying to find out a suitable vacancy to which Babu Umesh Chandra Bhattacharji can be transferred so that Dr. Sarkar may be taken in his place at the Presidency College.

Yours sincerely,

*Wolffenden.*

To

B. M. Sen, Esq.,  
Principal, Presidency College (Offg:).

P. 2-12-32.

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No. 3334 (Con.)

Confidential

From

B. M. Sen, Esq., M.A.(Cantab.), M.Sc (Cal.), I. E. S.

Offg. Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Dated Calcutta, the 25th November 1932.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 9135 A dated the 22nd November 1932, I have the honour to inform you that the correspondents Matiur Rahman and Tamizuddin Ahmed were asked to see me at the college -- office, but they did not turn up. A boarder of the Carmichael Hostel who is a student of the College, tells me that there is nobody of the name of Matiur Rahman at the Hostel.

2. As Maulvi Syed Ali Akhter is on leave, he could not be examined on the points raised.

3. The original letters are returned herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

  
Principal, Presidency College.

Confidential.

No. 9135 A  
6M-47a/32

From The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,  
To B. M. Sen, Esq.,  
Principal, Presidency College.

Calcutta, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Novr. 1932.

Sir,

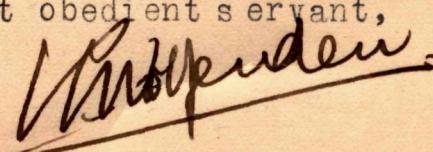
I have the honour to forward herewith the margin-

1. Letter dated 7th November  
1932 from Maulvi Tamezuddin  
Ahmed.  
2. Letter dated nil from Maulvi  
Matiur Rahman.

nally noted letters and to  
request you to return the  
same to this office with a  
report on the points

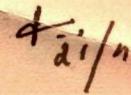
raised in them.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,



Asstt. Director of Public Instruction,  
Bengal.

A.M. 21.11.



No. 3371 (cont)

From

B. M. Sen, Esq., M.A. (Cantab.), M.Sc (Cal.), I. E. S.  
Offg. Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

To

The Principal, Medical College, Calcutta.

Dated Calcutta, the 30th November 1932.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 162/C dated the 29th November 1932 regarding the information about Ahmed Kabir, I have the honour to state that it appears from the records of this College that his present and permanent address is 8 Bolai Dutt Street, Calcutta, but his home district is Delhi.

There is no such record from which his guardian's income can be ascertained, but he enjoyed one of the Part-free Studentships (Provincial Concessions) which are awarded to poor and deserving students.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. M. Sen.

Principal, Presidency College.

Confidential

To

The Principal, Medical College, Calcutta.

Sir,

With ref. to your no. 162/c (Can) of the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 32 regarding the information about Ahmed Kabir, I wish to state that it appears from the records of this College that his present & permanent address is 8 Bolais Dutt St, Calcutta but his home district is Delhi.

There is no such record from which his guardian's income can be ascertained, but he ~~was~~ enjoyed <sup>of the</sup> ~~assisted~~ <sup>and</sup> part-time studentships (Provincial Calcutta) which are ~~generally~~ awarded to poor and deserving students.

I & S.  
P. M. Sen  
M. S.

Done  
30/11

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL, MEDICAL COLLEGE, CALCUTTA.

DEPARTMENT,  
GROUP.  
BRANCH.

No. 162/c

FROM

Lt. Col. T. C. Boyd, I.M.S.,  
Principal, Medical College, Calcutta.

To

The Principal,  
Presidency College,  
Calcutta.

Calcutta, Dated the 29th Novr. 1932.

Subject:—

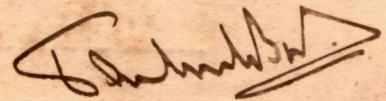
Sir,

I have the honour to state that Ahmed Kabir, son of Hakim Golam Kabir who has passed the I.Sc. examination in the second division from your College has been admitted to this College. The student is an applicant for a Mohsin scholarship which is open only to Bengali Muhammedan students who can not afford to meet their educational expenses. It is understood that his native residence is outside Bengal. As this information is essential in deciding his claim, I would request you kindly to let me know the home address of the student as registered in your office. Any information as to his guardian's income will also be of material help in the matter. I would therefore request you kindly to furnish the above informations at your earliest convenience.

Please

Please treat this as strictly confidential.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,



Lt. Col., I.M.S.,  
Prindipal, Medical College, Calcutta.



D. O. No. \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENCY COLLEGE,  
CALCUTTA.

The 14th Septr 19 32

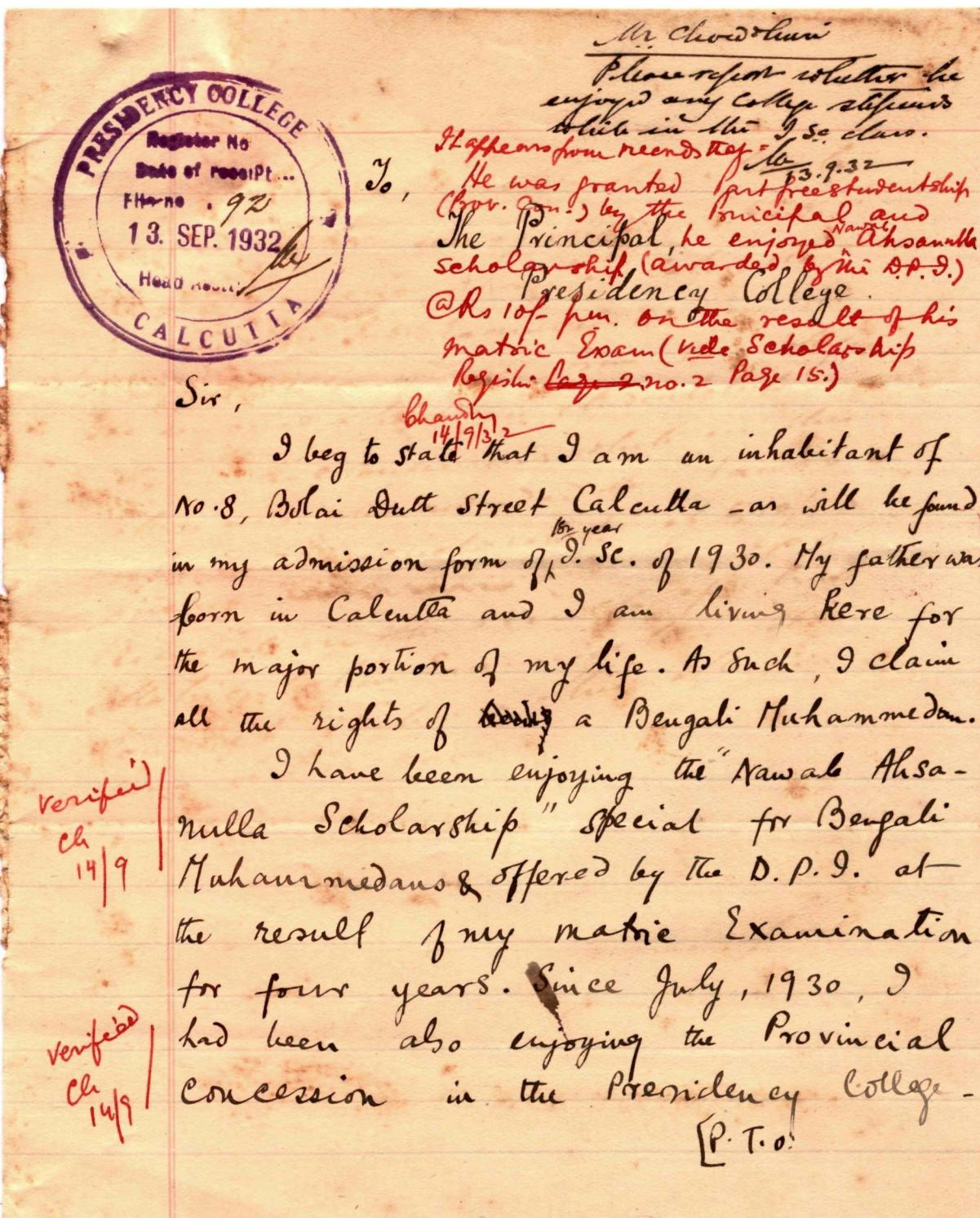
This is to certify that Master Ahmed Kabir,  
son of Maulvi Hakim Ghulam Kabir Khan resident of  
Calcutta, passed the I.Sc. Examination in the Second  
Division, in 1932, from this College. He enjoyed a  
part-freestudentship (Provincial Concession) while  
in this College and was awarded the "Nawab Ahsanullah  
Scholarship" of Rs. 10/- a month ~~for 4 years~~ by the  
Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, on the result  
of his Matriculation Examination. His conduct while  
in this College has been good.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Sen".

PRINCIPAL

This is to certify that Master  
Ahmed Kabir son of Moulvi Hakeem  
Ebrahim Kabir Khan, <sup>resident</sup> of Calcutta  
passed Mys. I. S. C. Examination in the  
Second division in 1932 from this College.  
He enjoyed a part-free studentship  
(Provincial Councilman) while in this  
College and was awarded the "Nawab  
Ahsanullah Scholarship" of Rs. 10/- a  
month ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~years~~ by Mys. S. S. G.  
Rengal on the results of his  
Matriculation Examination. His  
conduct while in this College  
has been good.

Prin. Secy.  
Prin. Secy.



from where I passed my D.Sc. this year.  
I am now, a student of the Pr. Sc. M.B.  
Class of the Cal. Medical College.

There, also, several scholarships  
are reserved for Bengali Muhammadans.  
I, therefore, beg that you will be good  
enough in giving a <sup>Special</sup> certificate  
as to my being an inhabitant of Cal-  
cutta and enjoyed these scholarships & concessions  
at your college.

I, remain,

Sir,

Yours most Obediently

Ahmed Kabir  
Roll No. 7, old  
Second yr. D.Sc.

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Confidential

D.O. No. 376 (con.)

24th November 32

My dear Wolfenden,

Your D. O. No. 1957 of the 22nd instant.

I would prefer to have Dr. Mohendra Nath  
Sarkar here in place of Babu Umesh Chandra Bhattacharya. But  
as Umesh Babu has been appointed University Lecturer till the  
end of the current session, the transfer can be effected only  
when the session closes in April.

Yours sincerely,

W. Wolfenden

R. Wolfenden, Esq., M.B.E., M.Sc.

A. D. P. I. Bengal.

*Copy*  
My dear Hoffenden,

Yours D.O. No 1957  
dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1957

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the place of Sabu Umesh Ch.  
Shakkacharya. But <sup>as</sup> Umesh Sabu  
has been appointed University  
lecturer till the end of the  
current session, the transfer  
can be effected only when the  
session closes in April.

Yours truly  
B. M. Sen

Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Confidential.

D. O. No. 1957

Writers' Buildings,  
Calcutta, the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1932.

My dear Sen,

Will you please refer to your official letter No. 3113, dated 3rd November 1932 in which you recommend that the post of Additional Professor of Philosophy, Presidency College, which has fallen vacant owing to the retirement of Mr. R. K. Dutt, may be held in abeyance for the present ?

2. As orders have already been passed by Government appointing Babu Umesh Chandra Bhattacharji as Addl. Professor of Philosophy, Presidency College in place of Mr. Dutt, it is proposed that the vacancy in the post of Professor of Philosophy, Presidency College consequent on the retirement of Rai Khagendra Nath Mitra Bahadur may be kept in abeyance.

3. In this connection I would inform you that it has been decided by Government that the Bengal Educational Service post of Professor of Philosophy, Sanskrit College held by Dr. Mahendra Nath Sarkar is to be reduced to Subordinate Educational Service in the Lecturer's scale. This makes it necessary to find a permanent post for Dr. Sarkar. I would therefore enquire whether you wish to retain Babu Umesh Chandra Bhattacharji at the Presidency College or would like to have Dr. Mahendra Nath Sarkar. If you prefer Dr. Sarkar steps will be taken to transfer Dr. Sarkar to the Presidency College by transferring Umesh Babu elsewhere.

4. The favour of an immediate reply is requested.

Yours sincerely,

B. M. Sen, Esq., M.A., I.E.S.,  
Principal,  
Presidency College, Calcutta.

*W. Wolfenden*

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D. O. No. 1125



Office of the Director of Public Instruction,  
Bengal

The 16th July, 1932.

My dear Sen,

Your D.O. letter No. 218, dated the 9th instant on the subject of the appointment of Babu Umesh Chandra <sup>as</sup> Bhattacharjee to act/Honorary Lecturer under the University of Calcutta.

2. Umesh Babu can take up the work <sup>at once</sup> subject to the ~~subsequent~~ approval of the Senate being obtained and the case sent up to Government without delay.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. B. M. Sen

B. M. Sen, Esq.,

Principal, Presidency College,

Calcutta (Offg.)

May I show this to Prof. Bhattacharjee?

Yours

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50 No. 218.

9th July 32

My dear Wolfenden,

The Secretary of the Post Graduate Council (Calcutta University) has written to me to say that Babu Umesh Chandra Bhattacharya, M.A., Professor of Philosophy, has been recommended by the Executive Council for appointment as Honoray Lecturer. I would like to know if the Department has any objection to Umesh Babu starting his work in anticipation of the sanction of the Senate and the Government.

The work can be undertaken without detriment to his work in the College. It is in fact highly desirable that members of the College should be associated with Post Graduate teaching.

As the classes have started, an early reply is requested.

Yours sincerely,

*R. Wolfenden*

R. Wolfenden, Esq., M.B.E., M.Sc.

A. D. P. I. Bengal.

*Sab Chabi*

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~~Forwarded~~  
My dear ~~Wolffenden~~  
The Secretary of the  
Post-graduate Council (Cal. Univ.)  
has written to me to say that Baba  
Umesh Ch. Bhattacharya Prof.  
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Honorary Lecturer. I would like  
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objection to Umesh Baba undertaking  
the work of starting his work  
in anticipation of the sanction of

The Senate and the Govt.

The work can be undertaken without  
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It is in fact highly desirable that  
members of the College should be  
associated with post-graduate teaching.

As the classes have started, an  
early reply is requested.

Yours truly  
J. B. Miller

When replying please quote  
this letter number and date.

No. 186 P.G.A.



*To be submitted  
Mr. S. J.*

From

Satis Chandra Ghosh, Esq., M.A.,

Offg. Secretary, Council of Post-Graduate Teaching in Arts, & Science,  
Calcutta University.



Asutosh Building, The 7th July, 1932.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Executive Committee at its meeting held on the 28th June, 1932 recommended the appointment of Mr. Umeshchandra Bhattacharyya M.A. as Honorary Lecturer in the Department of P h i l o s o p h y. The matter comes up before the Senate on the 23rd instant. In the meantime, if the authorities of the College have no objection, he may be allowed provisionally to commence teaching work pending the decision of the Senate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Satis Ghosh*  
S E C R E T A R Y. 8/9

No. 2242

From

B. M. Sen, Esq., M.A. (Cantab.), M.Sc (Cal.), I.E.S.

Offg. Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Dated Calcutta, the 7th September 1932

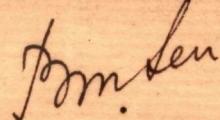
Sir,

I have the honour to forward for your consideration an application from Prof. Harihar Banerji of the Sanskrit Department who is due to retire in June next year for an extension of service for another year and copy of a note from Prof. Nilmani Chakravarty. I endorse generally the opinion expressed therein on the work of Prof. Banerji and shall be glad to have him in the College for another year, but I do not see any public reason for an extension.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Principal, Presidency College.

Sir

I enclose to forward ~~with you~~ for your  
consideration an application from Prof  
Haribar Banerjee ~~for~~ who is due to retire in  
June next year for an extension of service  
for another year and a note from Prof  
Nilmani Acharyaki: I endorse generally  
the opinion expressed therein on the work  
of Prof Banerjee, but I and shall be glad  
to have him in the College for another year,  
but I do not see any public reason for  
an extension.

J. H.

Nilmani Acharyaki

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forwarded for favourable consideration. Harihar Babu  
is serving in this college for nearly twentyfive years.  
He is a highly successful teacher and is very  
popular with the students. He is a sound scholar  
in Sanskrit and was a bonafide student of  
the Sanskrit College, reading from the lowest class  
in the school up to the M.A. A scholar of his  
type with thorough grounding in Sanskrit grammar  
is hardly met with now-a-days and it will be  
very difficult to find out a suitable successor  
in his place. He is still in good health and  
does his work with great energy and devotion.  
I hope his services will be retained in the  
College as long as possible.

Nilman Acharya  
Senior Professor of Sanskrit  
2/9/32.

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The Director of Public Instructions, Bengal.  
(Through the Principal Presidency College)  
Dated Calcutta, the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following prayer for your kind and sympathetic consideration.

I am an officer of the B.E. S, posted as Professor of Sanskrit in the Presidency College. I am due, under the rules of the Service, to retire on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1933, on account of superannuation.

I have throughout the period of my service enjoyed very good health, and am still in possession of full vigour which would enable me to discharge the duties of my post with unabated efficiency. I have ~~never~~ availed myself of ~~any~~ <sup>medical</sup> leave for a month only and have rendered solid service

to the Deptt. Many brilliant students including the present Minister Hon'ble <sup>Mr.</sup> Bijayprasad Singhatkey and the Ex. Minister Mr. Bhupendra Narayan Sinha - Raja Bahadur of Naskipur, have passed through my hands. If a reference is made to my Confidential report, I believe they would be found to be very favourable.

That the brilliant University results in Sanskrit achieved by the Presidency College was in no small measure due to my labours and intimate personal relations with my students was thankfully acknowledged by the officers under whom I have directly served

In these circumstances, I venture to submit, June 1933, that you may be pleased to move <sup>to grant the request of</sup> to grant me an extension of service for a year.

I have the honour to be, Sir, <sup>in possession of full</sup> <sup>which would enable me to</sup> <sup>discharge the duties of my post</sup> <sup>most ably and</sup> <sup>united efficiency.</sup>

Yours & most obedient servant,  
Professor, Presidency College

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Confidential.

Circular No.2.

5M-208-G-31.

Calcutta, the 8th January, 1932.

The attention of all officers is drawn to Rule 3 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules which relates to the acceptance of presentation address etc.

2. A case recently occurred where an officer applied for permission to accept such an address at such short notice that it was impossible to obtain in time the order of Government on the case.

3. The Government of Bengal ( Ministry of Education ) has ordered that in future the provision of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules should be strictly observed, and has stated that in no circumstance will they permit an officer to accept an address etc. on the occasion of his ( her ) transfer.

SD: J. M. Bottomley,  
Director of Public Instruction, Bengal (Offg:).

Copy forwarded to all Inspectors of Schools (including the Inspector of European Schools, Bengal) ; Inspectresses of Schools ; Principals of all Government Colleges (including the Teachers' Training Colleges and Bengal Engineering College) ; Principals of Ahsanullah School of Engineering, Dacca and Eden High School for Girls, Dacca ; Principals of Government Commercial Institute, Calcutta and Government School of Art, Calcutta ; Principals of Calcutta and Chittagong Madrasahs ; Superintendents, Hooghly and Rajshahi Madrasahs ; Superintendent, Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Alipore and the Librarian, Bengal Library, for information and guidance.

*M. Wolfenden*

Assistant Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

*R. Ganguli*  
8/1/32.

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Do. No. 178

1st June 32

My dear Stapleton,

It is reasonably certain that the new post in the Economics Department cannot be filled before the end of August, even if the Selection Board makes its recommendation by the end of June. We shall thus have to carry on with a makeshift arrangement. May I therefore suggest that you move the Government for the continuance of the temporary post (in which Mr. Upendra Nath Ghoshal officiated and which ceased on the last day of the last term) until the new post is filled?

As there is just a month before the College reopens, prompt action is requested.

We are still waiting for the Government approval of the draft advertisement of the proposed post in History. Unless the matter be expedited, there will be difficulty when Mr. B. K. Sen leaves to join his new appointment.

Yours sincerely,

B. M. D.

H. E. Stapleton, Esq., M.A., B.Sc(Oxon.)

D. P. I. Bengal.

My dear Stapleton,

It is reasonably certain that the new Economics post in the Economics Dept cannot be filled before the end of August, <sup>even if</sup> the Selection Board makes its recommendation by the end of June. We shall then have to carry on with a makeshift arrangement. May I therefore suggest that you move the Govt. for the continuance of the temporary post (in which Mr Upendra Nath Ghosal officiated and which ceased on the last day of the last term) ~~? He may be~~ until the ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> post ~~comes~~ is filled?

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We ~~have~~ are still waiting for the Govt. approval of the draft advertisement of the proposed post in History. Unless the matter be expedited there will be difficulty when Mr B. K. Sen leaves to join his new appointment.

Yours truly  
D. M. Sen

D.O. No. 201 (Con)

CONFIDENTIAL.

17th June 32

Dear Mr. Wolfenden,

In reply to your D.O. No. 962, dated the 15th instant, I am to inform you that on receipt of your letter I consulted Mr. B. K. Sen, Senior Professor of History of the College who writes " I am of opinion that our new member of the History staff Mr. D.N. Sen, who is a very experienced teacher is quite competent to take Islamic History in the Post-Graduate Department ". Prof. Devendra Nath Sen was signing his joining report in my room when your letter was being opened by me. He informed me that he was actually lecturing on Islamic History to the B.A. Honours Students at the Rajshahi College and would be glad to lecture on that subject when appointed University Lecturer in History. I would think that Mr. Sen would be appointed University Lecturer in History on the re-opening of the College when he would be able to lecture on Islamic History.

Yours Sincerely.

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R. Wolfenden, Esqr., M.B.E., M.Sc., etc.,  
Asstt. Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

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P.M.

Dear Mr. Wolfenden,

In reply to your letter

D.O. No. 962 dated the 15-11-1947 I am to  
inform you that <sup>on receipt of your letter</sup> I consulted Prof. B.K.  
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College who writes: "I am of opinion  
that our new member of the History  
staff Mr. ~~Devindra~~ N. D. N. Sen  
who is a very experienced teacher  
is quite competent to take up I.-  
lamic History in the Post Graduate  
Department". Prof. Devindra N. Sen  
was ~~soon~~ signing his joining  
report in my room when your letter  
was being opened by me. He  
informed me that he was <sup>actually</sup> leaving

an Islamic History to the P.A. Honours  
Students at the Peshawar University  
as that subject when appointed  
University Lecturer in History. I  
would thank that Mr. Sen will be appointed  
University Lecturer in History after the  
re-opening of the College. P. M.  
When he will be able to lecture  
on Islamic History

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that our new member of the History  
Staff Mr. Devindra N. D. N. Sen  
is a very experienced teacher  
and I hope he will be competent to take up the  
teaching of Islamic History in the Post-Graduate  
course. Devindra Sen is a very  
good man and you will  
be well pleased to meet him  
when you come to Peshawar.

20th June 32

D. O. No. 207.

Dear Mr. Wolfenden,

We have received no information regarding the appointment of a successor to Prof. Benoy Kumar Sen now under orders of transfer to Dacca as Principal of the Intermediate College. The last communication on the subject was D. O. No. 127 dated the 26th April from Mr. B. M. Sen to yourself informing that the qualifications mentioned in the draft advertisement were in order. Mr. Sen came to the College today and was ~~enquiring~~ wanting to know if any information was available. I would be glad if you would kindly let me know if the draft advertisement has been approved by Government and if so, the present position on which the matter now rests.

Yours sincerely,

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R. Wolfenden, Esq., M.B.E., M.Sc.

A. D. P. I. Bengal.

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40. No. 127

26th April 32

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My dear Wolfenden,

In reply to your letter No. 2906 A dated the 20th April, I write to say that the qualifications mentioned in the draft advertisement are in order. I take it, however, that no promise for Grade 1 is implied as the claims of Dr. Upendra Nath Ghosal will have to be considered when the grade is brought into existence and selections are made.

Yours sincerely,

R. Wolfenden, Esq., M.B.E., M.Sc.

A. D. P. I. Bengal.

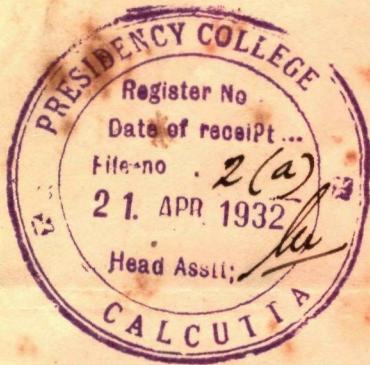
Confidential

My dear Wolfenden,

In reply to your letter No. 2906 A dated the 20<sup>th</sup> April, I have to write to say that the qualifications mentioned in the draft of advertisement are in order. I take it however that no promise for Grade I is implied as the claims of Dr Upendra Nath Ghosal will have to be definitely considered when the grade is brought into existence and selection are made ~~ppm~~

To  
Submitted  
Mr  
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GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, BENGAL.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.  
..... GROUP.  
APPOINTMENT BRANCH.

No. 2906 A  
4A-31a-32.

FROM

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,

To

The Principal, Presidency College.

Subject:—

Calcutta, Dated the 20th April, 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a draft advertisement, inviting applications for the post of Professor of History, Presidency College, in place of Mr. Binay Kumar Sen, who has been appointed, in Government Notification No. 1246-Edn., dated the 4th April 1932, to act as Principal, Dacca Intermediate College, with effect from the 19th September 1932. The appointment will be against the Indian Educational Service vacancy of Mr. J. N. Das Gupta, deceased, and on Grade I terms.

2. I have to request you to be so good as to let this office know whether the qualifications required in the advertisement are in order.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*W. Wolfenden*

WANTED a Professor of History for the Presidency College, Calcutta, with effect from the 19th September 1932, or as soon after that date as possible, on a pay of Rs. 297-8-0 to Rs. 637-8-0 a month, according to the age of the selected candidate. Overseas pay, varying from Rs. 170/- to £ 25-10-0 a month, according to age, will also be allowed to the selected candidate if he is of non-Asiatic domicile. The appointment will be a temporary one in the first instance.

2. Candidates, who should be British subjects and not above 35 years of age, must possess a first class M.A. degree of an Indian University, or a good Honours degree (or a Doctorate) of a European or American University, and have considerable experience in teaching. They must have specialised in some branch of European history and produce evidence of capacity for research work and organisation of the teaching work in a College department.

3. Canvassing for the post will be regarded as a disqualification.

4. Applications, supported by copies of testimonials, with certificates from two persons of position, will be received by the Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta, up to the 30th June 1932.

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D. O. No. 498



Office of the Director of Public Instruction,  
Bengal

Calcutta The March 16th, 1932

*Whitton return*  
*Whitton Pond*  
My dear Sen,

I understand from my Personal Assistant that you wanted, if possible, to have a meeting of the Governing Body of the Presidency College some time this month or early in next month.

With office work in the morning and Council in the afternoon I am, as you can imagine, pretty busy. The Council will continue up to the 31st instant and I go on tour that night, returning on the 5th April.

I suggest that unless there is any thing very urgent to be disposed of immediately the meeting may be held after Mr. Stapleton's return on the 8th April.

Yours sincerely,

*R. D. Sen*

B. M. Sen, Esq.,  
Principal, Presidency College.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

OFFICE OF.....

DEPARTMENT  
GROUP.  
BRANCH.

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No. .... 12.00 (C.W.)

FROM

B. M. Sen, Esq., M.A. (Cantab.), M.Sc (Cal.), I.E.S  
Secretary, Governing Body, Presidency  
College, Calcutta.

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Dated. The 13th May 1932

Subject:—

Sir,

With reference to your confidential No. 2227C dated the 11th May 1932, I have the honour to submit herewith, for favour of your approval, a copy of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Governing Body with necessary corrections as suggested therein.

As Sir N. N. Sircar does not wish to be re-nominated, I beg to state that Mr. S. N. Mallik should take his place and Rai A. C. Banerji Bahadur be allowed to continue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*B. M. Sen*  
Principal, Presidency College.

Secy. G. B.

GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

OFFICE OF the Director of Public Instruction

DEPARTMENT.  
GROUP  
BRANCH.

Confidential No. 2227C

FROM The Director of Public Instruction,

B E N G A L.

To B. M. Sen, Esq., I.E.S.,  
Secretary, Governing Body,  
Presidency College, Calcutta.

Calcutta Dated May 11th 1932

Subject:—

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your memo No. 1102 dated the 28th April 1932 with which was forwarded for my approval a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the Governing Body of the Presidency College held on the 27th April 1932.

I am sorry that, owing to the necessity of consulting Sir N.N.Sarkar as to whether he desired to serve again on the Governing Body, a reply to your memo was not sent earlier. I would however like to suggest the following modifications:-

(1) I presume that, in the Proceedings in the final form, instead of "All the members except Sir N.N.Sarkar Kt. were present" "The names of the members of the Governing Body who were present at the time will be given.

(2)

(2) Item 3 The words "in future be chosen" should ~~be~~ replace the words "be" in the last line of the sub-para.

(3) Item 4 The words "decided with ~~the~~ regret" may replace the word "regretted" in the first line.

Item 7 - It is not understood what is meant by "and it was resolved that the ~~Pr~~incipal be authorised to take further steps in the matter".

It should be made clear what action and in what direction the Principal was authorised to take steps.

Item 8 - sub-para. This may be rewritten as follows  
"It was further resolved that the Principal should dispose of such matters of discipline in future".

Item 11- For 'the visitor' read 'Visitor'.

As Sir N.N. Sarker does not wish to be renominated, ~~Please~~ state if Mr.S.N. Mallik (who is willing to serve) should take his place and Rai A.C. Banerji Bahadur be allowed to continue (vide your Conf- No.667 dated 10th April 1932); or if the request of Khan Bahadur Dr. Hidayet Husain might be complied with by letting him replace Rai Bahadur A.C. Banerji.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Confidential

D.O. No. 154 (Con)

6th May 32

My dear Stapleton,

In continuation of my D. O. No. 149 (Con.) of the 5th instant regarding the deprovincialisation of the Presidency College, I would like to raise the question of rates of fees in the College. The figures in Appendix I will show the average number of students in the College for the last three years. The fact is that the rush of seats (specially in the I. A. and B. Sc Classes) which was so noticeable a few years ago has disappeared and we have had to lower our standard of admissions in these classes.

The fall is specially noticeable in the Post Graduate Classes, where the students of the College get the same tuition as their confreres in the University, but have to pay Rs 7 extra for the M. A and Rs 6 extra for the M. Sc. Practically our admissions in the M. Sc Classes begin only after the seats at the University College of Science have been filled. The rates of fees charged in the two missionary colleges and the University College are given in Appendix ii.

If you agree to re-open the question for discussion, I would tentatively suggest the following figures :

I. A-- Rs 12/-

I. Sc-- Rs 13/-

B.A., B.Sc |  
M.A., M.Sc | Rs 14/-

*B. M. D.*  
Yours sincerely,

H. E. Stapleton, Esq., M.A., B.Sc(Oxon.)

Director of Public Instruction, Bengal

Appendix 1.

Number of students.

Year	1st I.A.	2nd	1st I. Sc	2nd	3rd	4th	3rd B.Sc	4th	5th Year M.A.	6th Year M.Sc
1929	85	89	117	109	136	124	112	123	39	59 31 57
1930	56	77	118	118	123	113	74	110	24	40 36 56
1931	66	54	133	107	130	127	128	88	35	50 22 43

Appendix ii

Rates of Fees

College	I. A. Rs	I. Sc Rs	Pass Rs	B.A. Rs	Pass Rs	B.Sc Rs	Pass Rs	B.Sc Rs	M. A. Rs	M. Sc. Rs
Presidency	14	15	15	16	16	17	17	17	17	18
Scottish Churches	8	10	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10
St. Xavier's University	7	9 (or 11 with Botany)	8	9	11	12	12	12	12	12

Offg. Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta

Dr. D. M. D.

	D.A	D.Sc	<del>D.A</del> Pan Hon	<del>D.A</del> Pan Hon	B.Sc	H.A	N.Sc	MA
Presidency	14	15	15	16	16	17	17	18
Scottish Ch	8	10	8	8	10	10		
St. Xavier's	7	9 (or 11 with Botany)	8	9	11	12		
University					10	12.		

	No. of students								5th yr		6th yr	
	1A		2A		B.A		A2		M.A	M.Sc	M.A	M.Sc
1929	85	89	117	109	136	124	112	123	39	98	31	88
1930	56	79	118	118	123	113	74	110	24	64	36	92
1931.	66	54	133	107	130	127	128	88	35	85	22	65
									50		43	
									186			
									156			
									150			

My dear Stapleton,

In continuation of my letter to

date dated the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. re the  
deprovincialisation of the Presidency College,  
I would like to raise the question of the rates of  
fees in the College. The figures quoted below  
will show the average number of students in the  
College for the last three years. The fact is that  
the rush for seats (especially in the I.A. and ~~I~~ B.Sc  
classes) ~~has~~ which was so noticeable a few years  
ago has disappeared and we have had to lower  
our standard of admissions in these classes.  
The fall is specially noticeable in the post-graduate

classes, where the students ~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> of the College  
get ~~the~~ the same tuition as their ~~colleagues~~ in the  
University, but have to pay Rs 7/- extra for  
the M.A. and Rs 6/- extra for the M.Sc. ~~Rs~~  
~~as~~ <sup>Practically</sup> ~~most~~ students our admissions  
~~assent~~ ~~is~~ <sup>in effect</sup> begin only after the seats at the University College

of Science have been filled. ~~The~~ The rates  
of fees charged in the two missionary Colleges and the  
~~fully~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~realise~~ that University College are given in

If you agree to re-open <sup>Appendix II</sup> the question for  
discussion, I ~~will~~ would tentatively suggest  
the following figures

I.A. Rs 12/- I.Sc. Rs 13/- B.A. B.Sc.  
M.Sc. Rs 14/-

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149 (Con.)

5th May 32

My dear Stapleton,

Your D. O. No. 419 C dated the 30th April regarding the deprovincialisation of Presidency College.

(a) The College serves the entire province rather than any particular district. It has inherited a long and honourable tradition counting among its alumni the most distinguished men of Bengal for the last hundred years. Even now, in spite of the severe handicap of high fees, it attracts most of the best students and the University results are uniformly good. The standard of teaching and discipline (in spite of lamentable lapses) and the tone are, I claim, superior to those of any other first grade college in the province, though of course, there is scope for improvement.

It is, I am convinced, absolutely necessary for the province.

(b) The abolition of the College will be a disaster. The next best first grade colleges are both maintained by missions, and it will certainly be inconsistent with the self respect of the Bengali people to rely entirely on missionary effort for good collegiate education.

(c) It would certainly be undesirable to deprovincialise it. There is of course room for improvement but deprovincialisation would certainly have the contrary effect. I may refer you in this connection to the Report of the Presidency College Committee which covered the entire ground of efficiency and economy in 1926-27.

A committee can probably be formed to take it further, but the scope for economy without the sacrifice of efficiency is small and the chances of efficient management are slight.

Yours sincerely,  
H. E. Stapleton, Esq., M.A., B.Sc(Oxon.)

D. P. I. Bengal.

D.O. No. 414c



Office of the Director of Public  
Instruction, Bengal.

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The Calcutta,  
20th April 1932.

My dear Sen,

You are aware that the question of the deprovincialisation of Government High Schools is now a general topic of discussion, but the question has almost always been discussed in purely general terms. I would, therefore, request you to favour me with an expression of your opinion on the following points in regard to the High School(s) under you:-

- (a) Is the School absolutely necessary for the district or locality which it serves ?
- (b) Would the abolition of the School be a disaster from the point of view of the educational facilities of the district or locality ?
- (c) Would it be desirable to 'deprovincialise' the School, and in that event is it certain that a strong local Committee of Management could be formed to take over the school and to run it on efficient and economical lines on a grant-in-aid system ?

2. As an important discussion takes place on the 12th May on this subject your reply should reach me by the 8th idem without fail.

Yours sincerely,

*K. Shapdeh*

To

B. M. Sen, Esq.,  
Principal, Presidency College.

No. (1) 1131 9 2/5/32

“(2) 1132 ”

Copy forwarded to Mr. H. M. Hindu <sup>Hare</sup> School with the request that he will be so good as to favour this with an expression of his opinion in the form of a short note by the 4th idem without fail.

sol. P.M. Sen.  
PL. P.C.

*Hand  
copy*

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148 (Con.)

5th May

32

My dear Stapleton,

No. 414 C

Your D. O. of the 30th ultimo regarding the  
deprovincialisation of Hind u & Hare Schools.

(a) Both the schools have inherited a great tra-  
dition with a long list of distinguished names who received their  
early training in these schools. They are largely patronised by  
the gentry of North Calcutta and are absolutely necessary.

(b) Without using so strong a term as disastrous,  
I certainly think that their abolition would mean a very definite  
set-back to education and real hardship to the residents of North  
Calcutta. ~~especially Hindoo~~

(c) A strong local committee can certainly be  
found to manage the school. But economy can be effected only by  
cutting down the pay of the staff, even if the schools be allowed  
to continue in their present sites. This would certainly mean  
discontent and slackness. There is, I admit, even now scope for  
improvement but there is a greater chance of these improvements  
being effected if the teachers are reasonably well-paid. There  
is not the least doubt that the standard of teaching and disci-  
pline and the tone will be definitely lowered if the control be  
transferred to private bodies.

Yours sincerely,

*J. M. S.*

H. E. Stapleton, Esq., M.A., B.Sc(Oxon.)

Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

10/1/1932  
13/1/32

Copy forwarded to H. E. S. <sup>His</sup> for reference  
that he will be so good as to favour him with an expression  
of his opinion in the form of a short note to the following  
without fail.

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From

P.C.Mahalanobis, Esq., F.R.S., I.E.S.  
Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta,

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal

CONFIDENTIAL.

Calcutta, the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1946.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the  
~~special~~ Confidential Reports on my staff for the  
year ending 1945-46.

Please acknowledge receipt.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*P.C.Mahalanobis*  
Principal,  
Presidency College.