

proceeding in getting

June 20

Captain D. L. Richardson

Principal to the Western College.

Sir, Recd 25 Feb 1849

In reply to the assertion made by Mr. Jones in the last part of his letter to your address dated the 11th Instant, allow me to make the following observations in my defence, and to beg that you will submit the same to the Committee of Management.

1st That the charge of incapacity on my part of exercising a proper control over my class, is similar to that attempted to be proved by him and Mr. Kerr in the Examination Report for 1845-46, and I take this opportunity of answering both.

2^d That I wrote to Mr. Kerr, who communicated the subject of Mr. Jones' remarks to me, to be favored with any instructions or suggestions which he might think proper to give on the subject of discipline. In his reply he returned my letter to be submitted through the Head Master. In doing so Mr. Jones told me to withdraw my letter, and I did so.

3^d That the incapacity which is apparent to Mr. Jones, is traceable to an apparent laxity of discipline in the College.

4th That the details of discipline, according to Rule 51, are the peculiar care of Mr. Jones the Head Master, to whom the Committee of Management have entrusted the exclusive charge of them; so that if he has any reason to complain, he has the remedy in his own hands.

5th That many instances of gross misconduct on the part of students have occurred, to my acquaintance as well as that of other subordinate Masters, but have not been dealt noticed by Mr. Jones when reported to him. It is possible that this circumstance may serve to weaken the hands of the

6th That the authorized modes of punishment under Rule 93 are six - of which four can be inflicted by the Principal alone and two by the Head Master. The mode usually adopted by the subordinate Masters in the special case of petty offences is to make the offender stand up on the bench - but even this I was once forbidden by Mr. Jones to use; for, as he said, if I looked into the Regulations, I should find no such kind of punishment laid down.

7th That the failures in the Examinations to which Mr. Jones alludes have been already accounted for by me, and the papers are in the possession of the Committee of Management. They are attributable to other causes than to incapacity of exercising control but chiefly, as I have of late discovered, to indiscriminate promotions of students made without reference to their merits.

8th That the incapacity noticed by Mr. Jones is highly exaggerated. It does not exist in any degree greater in my class than in any other, and that which actually exists is owing to the cause stated in my 3^d Observation. The Students appear to have been led into the belief that our system of discipline is a system of lenity counterfeiting severity; and that so long as they do anything which does not come immediately to the notice of the Principal or the Committee of Management, those who are inclined may set the Regulations at defiance.

9th That this Report of Mr. Jones on my incapacity does not amalgamate with his report on a case of assault intended to be perpetrated by a student of my class during my absence on public duty, and in the streets after School hours; and had Mr. Jones given the Students a timely admonition, it might have been prevented.

Thank the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Hindoo College

The 31st January 1849.

W. Harrison

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to the
Principal

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Principal Hindu College
April 22

Captain D. L. Richardson
Principal Hindu College -

The Humble Petition of
Girish Chunder Bose & Senantha
Chatterjee Students 1st class. In
Dept. Hindu College.

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners beg most
respectfully to state that they have been expelled
from the College on a charge of insubordination
& disobedience to proper authorities - as their
conduct has been enquired into and reported to
the Committee, they have nothing to state in
their defence but heartily regret to find
themselves dismissed & thereby deprived of the
benefits of education - Your petitioners are
sincerely repent for their past misconduct
and beg to be permitted to continue their
studies in the College; they solemnly promise
that should they be pardoned on the present
occasion, they will not in future give the
least cause of dissatisfaction to any of the
masters of the Institution.

Your petitioners are in
Wm. Chatterjee

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to
Mr. J. D. [unclear]

Captain [unclear] Richardson

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Received of [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
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The enclosed application for leave of absence for 3 months from the 19 Inst. is from George Cant Swinson, the 5 master of the *Pantakala*, who states that owing to some religious ceremonies which he will to perform, he is under necessity to go up the Country and can not come back in less than 3 months. Should the Committee be disposed to grant the leave applied for, it will be necessary to provide a substitute in his place.

I have the honor
to be Sir

A. C. Partridge
8 February 1849

Your most Obedt Servt
Walter Ingham Esq