

PO. No 28 - Com.
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Dear Dr. Dutta,

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1. I thank you for your letter No 143, dated the 11th Feb. I am glad to learn that the sanction for Rs 1200/- for the Statistics Department of my college will be forth coming very soon.

2. It is very necessary that arrangements for filling up the vacancy in place of Mr. Alward Ali is made at an early date. We are actually carrying on our work with one man short in the department of English which is hampering into the tutorial work in the different classes.

3. Regarding the transfer of Dr. ^{Sures Chandra} Sen Gupta to this college I should tell you that this ^{proposal} ~~letter~~ if ~~has~~ ever ^{has} been rejected by Government that must have been done on non-academic considerations. What I have told you in this connection

I repeat, that for the teaching of Organic Chemistry I require here services of an Organic Chemist, which I am not getting in the person of Dr. Rakshit. He does not hold any ~~degree~~ qualification to teach Organic Chemistry. Compilation of a book in Organic Chemistry jointly with another person and

and particularly a book like the one referred to in your letter, which has been condemned by ~~for~~ specialists in Organic Chemistry as one giving very wrong information to ~~the~~ ^{the} readers, does not qualify Dr Rakshik to take Organic Classes. When he joined Presidency College, I offered him Organic Chemistry class in the Undergraduate Department which he said he ~~was~~ ^{was not} competent to conduct. The Post graduate classes, can ~~be~~ ^{therefore} means be entrusted to him. These are the observations from me who was once responsible to bring him into the Presidency College. He will be all right as a teacher ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{for} Undergraduate classes but not at all suitable for Post graduate department + still less so in Organic Chemistry branch. I therefore fail

to understand how you conclude that there is no reasonable ^{leaving} ~~in~~ ~~expectedly~~ asking for his transfer. I hope you will agree with me that the staff of the Presidency College should be such as would be able to inspire ~~confidence~~ the students to undertake higher work. Dr. Rake I have watched the work of Dr. Rakshit from close quarters ^{for several years now and} I am sorry to say he is not a teacher of that type for the Post Graduate Department. I should therefore request you once again to give effect to my suggestion and not to ~~ever~~ give up the proposal on non-academic considerations. I want to ~~improve~~ ~~own~~ ~~teaching~~ ~~with~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~leave~~

4. Although I received orders ~~regarding~~ granted to Mr. Mahalanabis, upto Dec and then ~~upto~~ ~~about~~ lending his services to the ^{Government} Government of India till June next, ^{the} ~~the~~ ~~orders~~ ~~about~~ officiating arrangements in the Subogy vacancy have not yet been communicated. There is also a case for a house allowance connected with the same question, where

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for reasons of temporary nature of the vacancy
the Post of the Principal Presidency College and
non-availability of a house very near within
the distance limit mentioned about it
I have asked for relaxing the conditions
relating to the distance limit for the present; ^{by} ^{the}
regarding this also have not yet been issued.
These are causing difficulties some and therefore
I requested you to please expedite the issue
of the orders.

5. Yes, the J.A. bills referred to were
for excursions in Chemistry for teachers
who accompanied the excursions. Excursions
are equivalent to Practical Classes.
In the matter of the number of teachers
accompanying an excursion, this ~~rule~~
the ordinary rule prescribed by the
University, namely ~~that~~ one teacher for
every 15 students in the B.Sc. Classes
and one teacher for every ten students

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for the Post graduate classes, is always followed
for Botany and Geology where excursions
are taken for quite a long time, this same
rule is ^{followed} ~~followed~~. Moreover in consideration
of ^{probable} accidents, illness etc of ~~the~~ some
students on excursions, which may
necessitate the removal of that student
by a responsible officer, even in a
small party of 10 or 15 students two
teachers accompany. In taking out
excursions in chemistry this same rule
had been followed. ~~The~~ ~~opinion~~ ~~is~~
is that the University rule mentioned
above should be very strictly followed
when taking out students in ~~the~~
Excursions. The objections of govern-
ment if any, must have been based
on ~~some~~ misapprehension, which should

on our work in the way we should.

If I expect ^{to} I have now made
the different points touched in your
letter quite clear. If ever now you
feel ~~desire~~ the necessity of discussing
any of these points, I shall be only too
glad to do. I should however request
you to kindly expedite the matter.

Yours sincerely
W. K. L.