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Guptanibas,
Krishnagar.
16.10.30.

Dear Mr. De,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your D.O. NO 371 dated 13.10.30 conveying DPI's regret to accede to my request, and shall be thankful if you will kindly go through the whole correspondence once again & let me know definitely what this request is, to which the D.P.I. has referred. Personally I can not clearly make out what this can be, particularly as the communication has come from the DPI. For I made no request to him directly or through the Principal, and the one that was made to Mr Barrow, on the eve of the retirement, was for obtaining his permission to contest for the Chairmanship of the Krishnagar Municipality to which I have been a member ever since 1915. As he (Mr Barrow) appeared to be reluctant to grant my prayer and that-in spite of my pointing out to him that Mr Stapleton, when he was Principal, gave such a permission rather freely, I thought that the matter was at an end ^{accordingly} & gave up the idea of standing for election to the Chairmanship, in future.

I was, therefore, quite unprepared for an order of this nature, especially from the DPI. It is quite likely, however, that Mr. Barrow might have referred the matter, afterwards to the DPI and, ^{what} was his reluctance then, has been translated into an order from the DPI now. If this be the correct interpretation, I can assure you that I ~~shall~~ not accept the Chairmanship even if it were thrust upon me by an unanimous Board.

I remain, yours sincerely
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