My dear Wolfenden,

I spoke to you the other day about a request of Mr. Hem Chandra Dutta Gupta of the Chemistry Department of this College to be allowed to stand for membership, and if elected for the chairmanship, of the Krishnagar Municipality. I told Mr. Dutta Gupta that I presumed there was no objection to his standing for membership, but that I imagined that the chairmanship must entail a considerable amount of work and that I must take the D. P. I. 's opinion before giving sanction.

In reply Mr. Dutta Gupta, who seems extremely anxious to become chairman, sent me a letter setting forth his view which I enclose

I should be glad to know

- (1) whether there is, according to the practice of the Department in these matters, any objection to Mr.

 Dutta Gupta's standing for the membership, and
- (2) whether the D. P. I. would approve of his standing also for the chairmanship, should he be elected a member.

If necessary, would you kindly refer to the D. P. I.? It is possible, however, that a definite rule has been laid down to cover such proposals.

My own view would be, I think, that Mr. Dutta Gupta might fairly be allowed to stand for membership, but that the duties of the chairman would be likely to interfere with the performance of his college work.

Yours sincerely,

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