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Arrangements for providing accommodation for applicants for admission into the Civil Engineering Department

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ENGINEERING CLASSES, PRESIDENCY COLLEGE

No. 2370, dated Fort William, the 19th July 1873
From — W.S. Atkinson, Esq., Director of Public Instruction
To — The Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal, General Department

I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the correspondence noted in the margin for His Honor's consideration and orders. It seems clear that until further accommodation can be had for the engineering classes and greater teaching power, it will be necessary to refuse admission to out-students, as suggested by the principal.

[File 81.-2] No. 827, dated Presidency College, the 18th June 1873.
From — C.H. Tawney, Esq. M.A. Offg. Principal, Presidency College,
To — W. S. Atkinson, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction.

I have the honor to solicit your orders on the subject of admitting out-students to the Civil Engineering College. It was formerly customary to admit any applicant in the condition of his paying Rs. 60 in advance. But owing to want of space, it has lately become necessary to refuse a great number of applicants, and I have, since taking charge of the college, been obliged to refuse more than a dozen. If it is thought desirable to admit all applicants, it will become necessary to hire another house for the accommodation of the students of the Engineering Department. Before leaving for England, Mr. Sutcliffe advised me to refuse admission, as general rule, to this class of students, but so many have applied, I think it necessary to refer the matter to your decision.

[File 81-3] No. 834, dated Presidency College, the 19th June 1873.
From — C.H. Tawney, Esq., M. A., Offg. Principal, Presidency College
To — W. S. Atkinson, Esq. M.A., Director of Public Instruction.

In continuation of my letter No. 827 of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report that already 109 regular students have been admitted into the first year class of the Engineering Department; and that it is expected that twenty or twenty-five more students are likely to be admitted into that class.

[File 81.-4]. No. 2447, dated Fort William, the 12th July, 1873
Memo by — W.S. Atkinson, Esq. Director of Public Instruction.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Government of Bengal, General Department, in continuation of this office No. 2370, dated 9th July 1873.

[File 81.5] No. 864, dated Presidency College, the 3rd July 1873
From — C.H. Tawney, Esq., M.A. Offg. Principal, Presidency College
To — W.S. Atkinson, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction

I have the honor to report that there are now altogether 256 students in the Engineering Department of Presidency College, distributed as follows:

First year or newly-admitted class	158
Special or Civil Service class	32
			(newly admitted)	
Second-year class	39
Third-year class	27
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			Total:	256

And this, as the First-year class is already so large as to be almost unmanageable, I have been obliged to stop all further admission both to that class and the special class.

[File 81.-6] No. 2626, dated Calcutta, the 24th July 1873
From — C. Bernard, Esq., Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal,
To — the Director of Public Instruction

On receipt of your endorsement No. 2370, dated 9th July 1873, the Lieutenant-Governor's wishes were demi-officially conveyed to you that arrangements should at once be made, either by hiring fresh buildings or other-wise, for accommodating all applicants for admission to the Engineering College.

2. You had now intimated that two rooms can be made available in the old Presidency College building - that the third year of the Engineering College can be accommodated therein. If this be done, there will then be room for sixty additional students in the building at present occupied by the Engineering College. You explain, however, that an additional teacher must be employed to take one of the sections into which the first-year will have to be divided. For such a teachership you nominate Babu Okhoy Kristo Bose on a salary of Rs. 125 a month.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor approves the arrangements you have made, and sanctions the appointment of an extra teacher on Rs. 125 till the end of the present session. His Honor desires that on no account should intending students be turned away from the engineering college, and he must remark that last year he gave a similar order regarding the exclusion of out-students from the civil service survey classes.