

Principal B. M. Sen

I am leaving confidential
papers relating to members of
the staff separately in the
iron safe, as I have found
that confidential information
of a confidential nature
have leaked out from
the College.

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LETTERS

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I received this by post without any covering letter.

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COLLEGE BURSAR

(TO THE EDITOR "STAR OF INDIA")

Sir,—I understand that the post of the Bursar, Presidency College, Calcutta, will soon fall vacant. The practice followed in filling the post has been to give it alternately to a member of the Arts and the Science department of the

hence the turn is of an Arts man.

May I, in this connection, suggest to the authorities the appointment of a Muslim member of the Arts department of the College? I should like to emphasise that never in the history of the College has a Muslim been appointed to this post which, to say the least, is hardly fair to the community. Professor Md. Sana-ulla, the senior Professor of Arabic and Persian, has been on the staff of the college for the past 16 years or more, but his claims have always been overlooked, which is extremely regrettable indeed—
Yours, etc.

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Confidential Note for Mr. B. M. Sen

Ref: Grade I post in Botany

As Prof. S. C. Banerjee of the Dept. of Botany saw me with ^{a representation} ~~an application~~ re: the newly created Grade I post. I discussed the question ~~was~~ with the A. D. P. I., and suggested that in view of his long service whether Mr. Banerjee could not be confirmed with advertisement. Mr. Sen said he would try & see what can be done in this matter. In the meantime he strongly advised that Prof. Banerjee should not send in a representation. I advised Prof. Banerjee accordingly.

After a few days, without consulting me, Prof. Banerjee went and saw the D. P. I. This has had an unfortunate effect. The A. D. P. I. tells me that he created a very unfavourable impression, and it looks likely that the post will be advertised.

J. C. Mahalingam

29/2/36

Confidential No. P-1.

From P.C. Mahalanobis Esq. I.E.S.

(Offg.) Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

Bengal.

Confidential file for Mr. B. N. Sen

This letter will explain
itself

P. C. Mahalanobis

29/2/36

And many Mr. Mimp
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26th February, 1936.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the subject of transfer of Babu Surendranath Majumdar, Professor of History in the Presidency College. He has been officiating as Professor for a long time and has also been nominated by the Principal to act as the Treasurer of the College Union for a number of years. I am of opinion that his influence over the boys in connexion with the work of the College Union has not always been conducive to good discipline. I have strong grounds for believing that indirectly he has been largely responsible for certain unfortunate incidents in February 1936 in connexion with the Annual Sports of the College when all the competitors stayed away from the Heats and the Sports had to be abandoned. He is strongly partisan in spirit, and during the two short periods when I acted as the Principal of the College I have been in some ways hampered by him in maintaining College discipline. His presence in the College for any further period is not desirable. I recommend therefore that he may be transferred elsewhere.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(Offg.) Principal,

Presidency College, Calcutta.

Confidential Note for Mr. B. M. Sen

I wish to leave on record a few impressions of the office staff. I got willing service from every one. The Head Assistant, Suren Bala is a nice, well meaning person genuinely interested in the welfare of the College. He is not very efficient, but tries to do his best. Dhiren Bala is clever but apt to ~~shirk~~ be rather lazy. I got a ~~all~~ good deal of work out of him, but pressure had to be applied all the time. The typist gave trouble at first, but later on worked fairly satisfactorily.

S. Mahalingam
29/2/36