

Graded educational officers posted to the Presidency College are to be styled Professors

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From — The Offg. Director of Public Instruction,
To — The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department

Dated Fort William, the 18th January 1876.

Sir,

With reference to Column of pages 121 and 122 of the Civil List just issued, I have the honor to point out that certain officers of the Education Department are designated Assistant Professors simply because they are attached to the Presidency College while others of a lower standing in the service are styled Professors. As an instance I may cite the fact that Mr. N. (?) G. Willson is styled an Assistant Professor while his brother Mr. James Willson who is junior to him in the service is called Professor.

2. I beg that under the circumstances stated above, all the graded officers employed in professional work be called Professors as otherwise much misconception as to the importance of their services may prevail.

3. I cannot of myself alter a designation which has received the sanction of Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H. Woodrow.
Offg. Direct of Public Instruction

18th January/76 no. 15/16
Memo (Ch 1 (?), Br. 2)

The Reason why certain officers are styled Assistant Professors when posted to the Presidency College, but Professors when transferred to a mufasil college is as follows: The staff sanctioned for the Presidency College on its formation consisted of a certain number of Professors on Rs. 600 and Assistant Professors on Rs. 300. The Professors, it was ____ (?), taught the higher classes and

the Assistant Professors the lower classes of the College. On the introduction of the graded service the distinction as to pay between Professor and Assistant Professor was swept away, but the different designations continued to be kept up. As the practice of specifying the subject taught by Professors and Assistant Professors has ceased to be followed, every member of the Graded Service attached to the Presidency College may now unobjectionably be styled Professor.

No. 133 of 1/2/76

The Govt. of Bengal,
Appointment Department,
1st February 1876

To — The Offg. Director of Public Instruction

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 143 of 18 January 1876 I am directed to inform you that the Lieutenant-Governor has no objection to the adoption of your proposal that all graded officers of the Education Department posted to the Presidency College be called Professors.

No. 134

Forwarded to the L.G. for guidance.