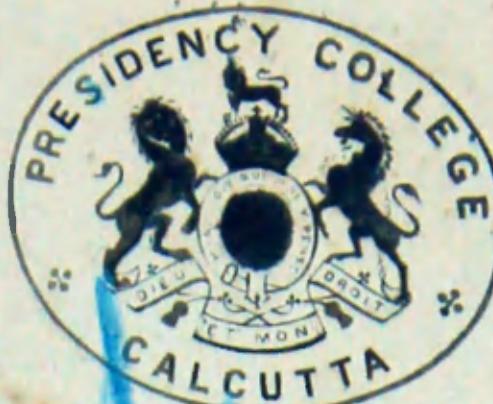


Land acquisition  
in connection with  
the Presidency College  
Improvement Scheme.



The 6th July,

1914.

Dear Sir,

The notice regarding withdrawal of land acquisition in connection with the Presidency College Improvement Scheme will be found in Notification No. 590 T.R. dated 10th May 1908 published at page 1033 Part 1 of the Calcutta Gazette of the 27th May of the same year.

The estimated cost of the area given in the original declaration was 11,49,544/1/8.

I remain,

Yours truly,

*Brahmashankar*

Steward, Presidency College.

To

R. N. Gilchrist Esq., M.A.

Offs. Asst. Director of Public Instruction,

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No. 2225, dated Calcutta, the 6th April 1911.

From—J. G. CUMMING, Esq., I.C.S., Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Genl. Dept.,  
To—The President of the Presidency College Improvement Committee.

In connection with the Imperial grant of 8 lakhs towards the improvement of the Presidency College, I am to request that Government may be favoured with the advice of the Committee as to the utilization of this grant. The existing orders of the Government of India direct that the grant is for the acquisition of land, but I am to state that the Government of India are being requested to permit the grant to be utilized towards the objects which have been included in the items of improvement which the Committee have previously submitted to Government.

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No. T. 90, dated Darjeeling, the 5th May 1911.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. G. W. KÜCHLER, C.I.E., M.A., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to report that in accordance with the orders contained in General Department letter No. 2225, dated the 6th April 1911, the matter of the allocation of the Imperial grant of 8 lakhs for the improvement of Presidency College was placed before the Improvement Scheme Committee at its fourth meeting, twelve copies of the proceedings of which are herewith enclosed for the information of Government.

2. In view of the fact that approximately 4 of the 8 lakhs had already been assigned to the completion of laboratories (*vide* my letter No. 21128, dated the 21st December 1910, and Government letter No. 896, dated the 10th February 1911), it only remained for the Committee to consider the distribution of the remaining 4 lakhs. After some discussion it was decided to recommend that—

- (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs be allotted for the acquisition of land for the new Hare School at Bhawanipur, and
- (2)  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs for the acquisition of additional land for Presidency College.

The considerations which determined this distribution are stated in paragraph 2 of the proceedings. It may at the same time be explained that the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs proposed to be utilized for the acquisition of land for the new Hare School represent the cost as accurately as could be determined at this stage by the Land Acquisition Deputy Collector of a site which was selected after careful consideration by a special sub-committee.

If the distribution recommended by the Committee be approved by Government, I shall take steps to have final plans and estimates of cost prepared for the acquisition of land for both projects.

The favour of early orders on the proposed scheme of the allocation of the Imperial grant is requested.

A complete set of the proceedings of the meetings of the Committee and the sub-committees up to date is enclosed for information.

## 4TH MEETING, GENERAL COMMITTEE.

*Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Committee appointed to consider the Presidency College Improvement Scheme held Thursday, April the 6th, at 5-15 P.M.*

## Present:

THE HON'BLE MR. G. W. KÜCHLER ... President.  
 " " DR. ASUTOSH MOOKERJEE.  
 " " MR. DEVA PRASAD SARBADHIKARI.  
 " " BHUPENDRA NATH BASU.  
 MR. F. A. A. COWLEY.  
 DR. P. C. RAY.  
 MR. C. W. PEAKE.  
 " H. M. PERCIVAL.  
 " H. R. JAMES.

1. The note of [the Proceedings of the Hare School Removal Sub-Committee was first placed before the meeting. The President supplemented the note by a statement of the progress that had been made with the project since the meeting was held.

(a) *Hare School.*—The plans for the Hare School at Bhawanipur considered by the sub-committee had been referred to Mr. Crouch. The result of the consultation was that Mr. Crouch's plan (No. 3 in paragraph 2 of the sub-committee's agenda) was now put forward. The estimated cost was Rs. 1,87,000.

(b) *Hindu School.*—Two plans for alterations to the Institute Hall Building and the Hall of the Hindu School had been prepared by Mr. Cowley. Their object was to provide the Hindu School with extra accommodation for 300 boys. The area provided was roughly 4,900 feet. The estimated cost was Rs. 70,000.

These plans were placed before the committee.

(a) Mr. Crouch's plan was accepted.

(b) Various objections were raised. The general opinion was that the proposed alterations were not entirely satisfactory and could only be regarded as a temporary makeshift so far as the Hindu School was concerned.

Finally, the President put it to the committee that the only practicable alternative was the Hon'ble Mr. Sarbadhikari's proposal to demolish part of the Hindu School and put up a three-storeyed building on the site thus cleared. This was negatived by 6 to 1 (Mr. Sarbadhikari alone recording a vote in favour of the proposal). It was thus decided that though there were obvious objections to the scheme proposed yet in view of the difficulties attending the alternative proposals considered the present plans should be accepted.

(2) The committee next proceeded to consider the allocation of the grant of eight lakhs from Imperial revenue. This was found to be for practical purposes a grant of four lakhs only because four of the eight lakhs had already been assigned to the completion of laboratories. The alternatives suggested by the President for the allocation of the grant were—

- (a) to the scheme for the removal of the Hare School;
- (b) to land for the Presidency College scheme.

It was pointed out that (a) was in this unqualified form excluded because the total cost of the removal scheme (including additional accommodation at the Hindu School) was five lakhs, and the four lakhs of the grant was therefore insufficient. This proposal was accordingly modified to the form (a).

(a) The four lakhs to be divided between the Hare School scheme—the purchase of land for Presidency College in the following proportions:—

2½ lakhs, the cost of the land to be acquired for the Hare School, Bhawanipur (10 bighas);

1½ lakhs for the purchase of land for the Presidency College scheme.

This alternative being put to the vote six votes were given for (a), the division of the four lakhs between the purchase of lands at Bhawanipur and land for the Presidency College site, one vote only (Mr. H. R. James) was given for (b). The reason for determining the purchase of land at Bhawanipur was the expectation that land in the southern suburb was as the President and Dr. Mookerjee pointed out, rising much more rapidly in costliness year by year than land on the Presidency College site.

3. The President observed that the course of the business of the meeting had shown that it was not possible at the stage now reached to give final form to the scheme for certain parts of the scheme plans had still to be made and estimates prepared. Another meeting must therefore be held in July when probably the committee would be in possession of all the plans and estimates required. It might possibly be found necessary to

hold a further meeting of the second sub-committee (for details of buildings), but this also could not be till July.

4. A bird's-eye view of the new buildings when complete was laid on the table and approved by the committee.

G. W. KÜCHLER.

The 10th April 1911.

[No. 110.]

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No. 1123 T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 26th June 1911.

From—J. G. CUMMING, Esq., I.C.S., Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Genl. Dept.,  
To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

I AM directed to refer to your letter No. T.-90, dated the 5th May, in which you submit proposals for the allocation of the balance of the 8 lakhs granted by the Imperial Government for the Presidency College.

2. As you have stated, Rs. 4,13,000 have already been assigned for the completion of the laboratories; this assignment, however, is under discussion with the Government of India. As regards the remaining Rs. 3,87,000, or roughly 4 lakhs, it is proposed by the Improvement Scheme Committee that  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs should be allotted for the acquisition of land for the new Hare School at Bhawanipur and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs for the acquisition of additional lands for the Presidency College. As both these projects are devoted to the acquisition of land they are covered by the existing orders of the Government of India. I am to say that Government approve this general distribution. The amounts, however, should be proportionately reduced if the actual expenditure on the laboratories exceeds 4 lakhs.

3. As regards additional land for the Presidency College, I am to state that in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council it is desirable that the plot which may be acquired should be one on which the new hostel can be erected, for the construction of which a sum of 1 lakh has been separately assigned out of the 6 lakhs grant for the collegiate hostels in Calcutta in my letter No. 735 T.—G., dated the 29th May 1911. It is understood that the two plots which are proposed for acquisition to the north of the existing site of the new laboratories consist of the plots A measuring 1.8 bighas, and B measuring 3.5 bighas, in the plan which is forwarded herewith. Plot A, however, is more suitable for a playing ground; and if acquired it should be devoted to this object. Plot B is a suitable one for the erection of a new hostel to be attached to the Presidency College; and I am therefore to state that the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs for the acquisition of additional land for the Presidency College should be devoted to acquiring the plot B as a site suitable for the erection of the new hostel. I am finally to request that you will have plans and estimates of cost prepared for the acquisition of land for the above two projects.

[No. 111.]

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No. 4447, dated Calcutta, the 26th June 1911.

From—F. A. A. COWLEY, Esq., Superintending Engineer, Central Circle,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

As desired in your telegram,\* dated the 15th June 1911, I have the honour

\* See notes.

to submit herewith a map showing sites of existing buildings and proposed extensions in connection

with the Presidency College, Calcutta.

[Nos. 112-13.]

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No. 2618 L.A., dated the 18th August 1911.

DECLARATION—By the Government of Bengal, General Department.

WHEREAS it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that land is required to be taken by the Government at the public expense for a public purpose, viz., for the extension of the Presidency College in the town of Calcutta, pargana Calcutta, zilla 24-Parganas, it is hereby declared that for the

above purpose two plots of land, together measuring more or less 6 bighas 18 cottahs and 15 square feet of standard measurement, bounded as follows:—

PLOT A.

*North*—By Bhowani Charan Dutt Lane, and premises Nos. 17 and 26, Bhowani Charan Dutt Lane.

*East and south*—By the land already acquired for the Presidency College.

*West*—By the land already acquired for the Presidency College, and Bhowani Charan Dutt Lane.

PLOT B.

*North*—By a municipal sewer ditch, premises No. 10, Nilmadhab Sen Lane, Bhowani Charan Dutt Lane, and Nilmadhab Sen Lane.

*East*—By Bhowani Charan Dutt Lane, Nilmadhab Sen Lane, and the land already acquired for the Presidency College.

*South*—By Nos. 45 and 5, Bhowani Charan Dutt Lane, Peary Charan Sarkar Street, and the land already acquired for the Presidency College.

*West*—By Krishna Behari Sen Lane, premises Nos. 45 and 5 and the remaining portion of No. 4-1 Bhowani Charan Dutt Lane, and Bhowani Charan Dutt Lane.

are acquired within the aforesaid town of Calcutta.

This declaration is made under the provisions of section 6, Act I of 1894, to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

No. 2778.

COPY with eight spare copies, forwarded to the General Department of this office for information and communication to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council,

W. A. MARR,

*Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.*

CALCUTTA,

The 29th August 1911.

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No. 1848 T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 26th September 1911.

Memo. by—J. G. CUMMING, Esq., I.C.S., Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Genl. Dept.

THE undersigned is directed to request that the Financial Department of this Government will be so good as to transfer to the credit of the Public Works Department the sum of Rs. 2,50,756 made up as follows:—

	Rs.
1. Construction of laboratories in the Presidency College	... 2,34,756
2. Electric installation for the new Physics Laboratory of the Presidency College	... ... ... 16,000

from the lump provision of Rs. 12,00,000 made in the current year's Education budget out of the Imperial grant of Rs. 24,50,000.

No. 1849 T.—G.

COPY forwarded to the Public Works Department of this Government for information.

No. 1850 T.—G.

COPY forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council,

H. A. F. LINDSAY,

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

DARJEELING,

The 26th September 1911.

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No. 1195 T.—F., dated Darjeeling, the 30th September 1911.

Memo. by—M. G. HALLETT, Esq., I.C.S., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

COPY forwarded to the General Department for information, with reference to that department memorandum No. 1848 T.—G., dated the 26th September 1911, and with the intimation that the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, has been informed.

No. 1192 T.—F., dated Darjeeling, the 30th September 1911.

Memo. from—M. G. HALLETT, Esq., I.C.S., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Public Works Department.

THE undersigned is directed to convey sanction to an additional grant of Rs. 2,50,756 to the Public Works Department during the current financial year to meet the cost of the projects noted in the margin. The charge will be met from the lump provision of Rs. 12,00,000 made in the Education budget for the year 1911-12 out of the Imperial grant of Rs. 24,50,000.

	Rs.
1. Construction of laboratories in the Presidency College	2,34,756
2. Electric installation for the new Physics Laboratory of the Presidency College	16,000
Total	2,50,756

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No. 2073 T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 16th October 1911.

From—H. A. F. LINDSAY, Esq., I.C.S., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,

To—The Commissioner of the Presidency Division.

I AM directed to forward for your information a copy of a declaration, No. 2618 L.A., dated the 18th August 1911, published in the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 23rd August 1911, regarding the acquisition of certain plots of lands for the extension of the Presidency College and to request that you will be so good as to have an estimate of the cost of the acquisition of the lands prepared and submitted to this Government as soon as possible in order that administrative approval may be formally accorded to the acquisition.

No. 2074 T.—G.

COPY together with a copy of the declaration and of the plan forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, for information. The plan should be forwarded to the Principal of the Presidency College.

No. 2075 T.—G.

COPY together with a copy of the declaration forwarded to the Public Works Department of this Government for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council,

H. A. F. LINDSAY,

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

DARJEELING,

The 16th October 1911.

[No. 118.]

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No. 47 R. L. A., dated Calcutta, the 27th October 1911.

From—The Commissioner of the Presidency Division,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

WITH reference to Government Order No. 2073 T.—G., dated the 16th October 1911, asking for an estimate of cost of the land to be acquired under Declaration No. 2618 L. A., dated the 18th August 1911, for the extension of the Presidency College in Calcutta, I have the honour to say that the estimate amounting to Rs. 5,56,211-6-3 of the cost of the land notified in the declaration as prepared by the Land Acquisition Deputy Collector, Alipore, has been submitted to the Board of Revenue with this office letter No. 183 R. L. A., dated the 20th October 1911, for countersignature and transmission to Government for necessary orders, through the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

[No. 119.]

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No. 4937, dated Calcutta, the 19th December 1911.

From—H. A. F. LINDSAY, Esq., I.C.S., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,

To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

IN continuation of endorsement No. 3615, dated the 23rd August 1911, I am directed to convey the sanction of Government to a grant of Rs. 40,000 to be placed at the disposal of the Principal of the Presidency College for furniture and fittings for the new laboratories in connection with the extension of the college. The charge will be met from the allotment of Rs. 8,00,000 made by the Government of India for the improvement of the Presidency College and will proceed against the lump provision of Rs. 12,00,000 made in the current year's Education budget out of the Imperial grant of Rs. 24,50,000.

No. 4938.

COPY forwarded to the Financial Department of this Government for information and for communication to the Accountant-General, Bengal.

No. 4939.

COPY forwarded to the Public Works Department of this Government for information with reference to that department endorsement No. 1408 B., dated the 16th August 1911.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council,

H. A. F. LINDSAY,

*Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.*

CALCUTTA,

The 19th December 1911.

[No. 120.]

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No. 305, dated Calcutta, the 22nd January 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. J. H. KERR, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,

To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

I AM directed to refer to Mr. Cumming's letter No. 1123 T.—G., in which sanction was accorded to the proposals of the Committee appointed to consider the Improvement Scheme for the Presidency College for the allocation of the balance of the grant of 8 lakhs made by the Imperial Government for that college. It was proposed that out of the sum available, amounting roughly to 4 lakhs of rupees, 2½ lakhs should be allotted for the acquisition of land for the new Hare School at Bhawanipur, and that 1½ lakhs should be devoted to the

acquisition of additional land for the Presidency College as a site for the erection of a new hostel, for the construction of which a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 has been separately assigned out of the grant for the collegiate hostels in Calcutta.

2. It is understood that the acquisition of the site for the erection of the hostel is now estimated to cost Rs. 4,30,000, and also that the estimate for acquiring land at Bhawanipur for the new Hare School has been raised to Rs. 2,65,000. It is therefore necessary to reconsider the whole question, and I am to ask that it may be laid before the Improvement Scheme Committee at an early date, and that revised proposals may be submitted for the consideration of Government. Sir William Duke has recently visited the Presidency College and is of opinion that the recent extensions of the college, which it is understood will be ready for use within a few months, make the need for additional hostel accommodation more pressing. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is accordingly disposed to think that the money available should be devoted first of all to this purpose. It would seem advisable to confine the acquisition of land for the present to the area which is required for the hostel, and to proceed with the building, as far as the money available will go. It is understood that the plan for the building is a simple one and that there is no necessity to carry out the whole scheme at once. One wing at least might be left out. It is also suggested that the removal of the Hare School might be deferred, until it has been decided what effect the transfer of the capital to Delhi will have on the scheme for the utilization of the land which Government has acquired at Bhawanipur. It will be understood that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has come to no final decision in regard to the utilization of the grant for the improvement of the Presidency College, but he thinks that these suggestions may be useful to the Committee in their consideration of the question.

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No. 3137, dated Calcutta, the 22nd February 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. G. W. KÜCHLER, C.I.E., M.A., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to submit a copy of the proceedings of the fifth meeting of the sub-committee appointed in connection with the scheme for the improvement of the Presidency College which was held on Thursday, the 8th February 1912. The proceedings have not yet been confirmed but they may be taken as substantially correct.

2. It will be observed that the Committee endorses the proposal that the balance of the 8 lakhs grant made by the Imperial Government after providing for the completion of the new laboratory block should be spent on the acquisition of land on the site of the Presidency College. The latest estimates with regard to the cost of the laboratory buildings show that the sum required to complete their construction is Rs. 4,40,000. This will leave accordingly Rs. 3,60,000 for the acquisition of further land.

3. I should therefore recommend that the Land Acquisition Deputy Collector be asked to demarcate a portion of the site of the area already notified for acquisition, which would cost approximately the above amount and which would be sufficient to contain the new hostel buildings, plans and estimates for which have already been prepared. The exact position which it is intended that the hostel should occupy in the whole plot marked out for acquisition has been noted on the plans previously drawn up, copies of which are in the possession of the General Department.

4. The Committee has also recommended that the project of the new hostel should be proceeded with as a whole. The total cost has been estimated at Rs. 1,90,000, and in the letter of Government, No. 305, dated the 22nd January 1912, it has been suggested that as only one lakh is at present available from the special grant which was made for the purpose of a hostel in Calcutta, a portion of the building, say one wing, should be proceeded with at first, leaving the remainder to be completed later on when funds become available. The sub-committee however which considered this proposal in detail came to the

conclusion that it would be extremely difficult to give effect to this recommendation, and the General Committee have now endorsed this opinion. The recommendation that is now made is that one lakh should be spent during the next financial year on the building, supplemented, if possible, by a grant of Rs. 50,000 from Provincial revenues, and that the balance should be provided from the same source early in 1913-14. As the sub-committee was assisted in its deliberations by Mr. Cowley, Superintending Engineer, its opinion carries considerable weight, and although it is not contended that the construction of a small portion of the hostel, to begin which is impossible, it would be well if Government could see its way to carry out the recommendation now made.

5. Another matter which was brought forward for the consideration of the Committee was the final estimate for the cost of building the whole scheme of improvement. The various items are given in the list which is included in the proceedings of the Committee, and the total amounts to Rs. 17,02,200. This is exclusive of the cost of land for the Hare School, which in view of the possibility of it being obtained free has been left out of consideration. The estimate is naturally approximate, but it may be taken as giving a very fair approximation, inasmuch as rough plans and estimates have been prepared for practically all the individual items of the project. It is not intended, however, to put forward the scheme as one requiring administrative sanction as a whole. As originally contemplated, the several parts of the project should be taken up in due order as funds permit, and the detailed account of the scheme now given is only meant to show with a reasonable amount of accuracy the lines on which it will proceed and to afford a rough estimate of the expenditure ultimately involved.

6. With the submission of these details the work of the Committee has now come to a conclusion, and it is hoped that the record of its proceedings will be of use to Government in enabling them to decide what funds should from time to time be devoted to the project and in what order the various parts should be taken up. When the laboratories and the hostel buildings are completed the balance of opinion appears now to be in favour of acquiring the remainder of the land, whose ultimate acquisition is necessary, before proceeding with any other part of the project.

*Proceedings of the fifth meeting of the Special Committee appointed by Government to consider the scheme for the improvement of Presidency College held on Thursday, the 8th February 1912.*

PRESENT.

THE HON'BLE MR. G. W. KÜCHLER	...	...	Chairman.
SIR ASUTOSH MUKHERJI	...	...	
THE HON'BLE BABU BHUPENDRA NATH BASU	...	...	
THE HON'BLE BABU DEVA PRASAD SARBADHICARY	...	...	
MR. F. A. A. COWLEY	...	...	Members.
MR. W. C. WORDSWORTH	...	...	
DR. P. C. RAY	...	...	
MR. C. W. PEAKE	...	...	Secretary.

THE Chairman opened the proceedings by informing the members of the Committee that he had been asked by Government to submit for their consideration certain suggestions in connection with the Improvement Scheme which had been put forward in view of the following circumstances. Out of the Imperial grant of 8 lakhs for the improvement of Presidency College 4 lakhs (approximately) had been utilized for the completion of the laboratory buildings. The question of the distribution of the balance had been considered by the Committee at their fourth meeting held on the 6th April 1911, and on the basis of their recommendation Government had agreed that  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs should be devoted to the acquisition of a site at Bhawanipur for the new Hare School and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs to the acquisition of land for a new hostel for Presidency College for the construction of which a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 had been separately assigned out of the Government of India grant for collegiate hostels in Calcutta. Since then a new situation had arisen. In the first place the cost of the land which it was

proposed to acquire for the purposes indicated above was far in excess of the funds actually available for the purpose—the Land Acquisition Deputy Collector's estimates amounting to Rs. 2,65,000 for the site for the new Hare School at Bhawanipur, and Rs. 4,30,000 for a plot of land for the new hostel for Presidency College. Secondly, the sum allotted for the construction of the new hostel for Presidency College fell far short of the estimated cost of the building according to the original design; and, lastly, there was the possibility that land would be available for the Hare School on the site acquired at Bhawanipur for the provision of residences for Government officials which might not now be required for the purpose owing to the transfer of the seat of Government to Delhi. It was therefore necessary to reconsider the whole question in the light of the observations contained in General Department letter No. 305, dated the 22nd January 1912.

2. The Chairman suggested that they should first deal with the question of the purchase of land.

The Hon'ble Sir Ashutosh Mukherji said that an important question was raised here. He strongly protested against any action being taken, which would deprive the Hare School of its present building, before suitable arrangements had been made for its accommodation in a new building elsewhere. The Chairman stated that he could assure the meeting that there was no intention whatever of disturbing the Hare School until a new building was ready for its accommodation. After some discussion the Committee agreed to accept the proposal to apply the surplus after the laboratories had been paid for to the acquisition of land for the construction of a hostel. Mr. Cowley pointed out that the cost of completing the new laboratories would exceed Rs. 4,30,000.

3. The Committee further recorded its opinion that Government should do its utmost possible to place at the disposal of the Hare School a portion of the site set free at Bhawanipur owing to the transfer to Delhi.

4. The question of the application of the one lakh to the hostel building was then discussed by the Committee. The Chairman said that this question had been referred to the sub-committee, who had been asked to express an opinion as to whether a portion of the proposed building could be erected at a cost of one lakh. After their report on the point had been read the Committee resolved that they should recommend to Government that the building of the hostel should proceed according to plan as a complete project, according to the recommendation of the sub-committee; that the one lakh should be spent during the next financial year on the building, supplemented, if possible, by a grant of Rs. 50,000 from Provincial revenues, and that the balance should be provided from the same source early in 1913-14.

5. The final estimate for the cost of completing the scheme was then considered, and the Committee after approving the report of the sub-committee accepted the following as the nearest approximate possible under the conditions :—

Project.	Estimate.
	Rs.
1. Cost of land	8,40,000*
2. Cost of new Hare School building	1,87,000
3. Fitting old Physical Laboratory for chemical purposes	34,000
4. „ apparatus for physical, chemical	6,000
5. New hostel (in addition to one lakh now available)	90,000
6. Hall	1,57,000
7. Professors' flats	1,32,500
8. Principal's house	62,500
9. Gymnasium and Superintendent's house	83,200
10. Plumbing and electrical light for 5, 6, 7 and 8	43,000
11. Adapting first floor, Hare School, for purpose of library	25,000
12. Covered way to Hare School	15,000
13. Levelling site	10,000
14. Roads	12,000
15. Unfiltered water-supply	5,000
	17,02,200

\* The land still to be acquired amounts approximately to 15 bighas and the estimated cost is Rs. 12,00,000 at the rate of Rs. 80,000 per bigha, which in the opinion of the members of the Committee is a safe estimate of the present value of the land. Deducting from this a sum of Rs. 3,60,000 which is available out of the current year's Imperial grant of 8 lakhs for the improvement of Presidency College, Rs. 8,40,000 entered above is the net amount required for the acquisition of the necessary extent of land under the scheme.

N.B.—The cost of land for the new Hare School at Bhawanipur has not been included in the above estimate pending the settlement of the matter of utilization of the land already acquired for residences of Government officials.

[No. 123.]

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No. 1575, dated Calcutta, the 19th March 1912.

From—R. N. REID, Esq., I.C.S., Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Genl. Dept.,  
To—The Commissioner of the Presidency Division.

I AM directed to refer to your letter No. 47 R. L. A., dated the 27th October 1911, regarding the acquisition of land for the extension of the Presidency College.

2. As will be observed from Declaration No. 2618 L. A., dated the 18th August 1911, published in the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 23rd August 1911, two plots of land have been declared to be acquired for the purpose. Plot A is estimated to cost about Rs. 1,25,786 and plot B, Rs. 4,36,425. It is now proposed to proceed with the acquisition of as much of plot B for a site for a new hostel for students as can be acquired with a sum of Rs. 3,60,000 which is at present available. I am to request that you will be so good as to ascertain from the Land Acquisition Deputy Collector and to report to Government whether a sufficient site can be purchased with this amount. He should also be instructed to demarcate the portion now required in the accompanying plan, in consultation with the Principal of the Presidency College.

No.1576.

COPY forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, for information with reference to his letter No. 3137, dated the 22nd February 1912.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council,

R. N. REID,

*Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.*

CALCUTTA,

The 19th March 1912.

[Nos. 124-25.]

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No. 3 R. L. A., dated Calcutta, the 20th April 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. E. W. COLLIN, I.C.S., Commissioner of the Presy. Divn.,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

WITH reference to Government Order No. 1575, dated the 19th March 1912, regarding the acquisition of land for the extension of the Presidency College, Calcutta, I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of a letter No. 147 L. A., dated the 17th April 1912, from the Collector of the 24-Parganas, and the land plan in original, duly demarcated. The Collector reports that with the amount now available for expenditure, viz., Rs. 3,60,000, the portion of plot B required for the site of the new hostel up to the line drawn in the plan with blue chalk may be acquired.

No. 147 L. A., dated Alipore, the 17th April 1912.

From—H. F. SAMMAN, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of the 24-Parganas,  
To—The Commissioner of the Presidency Division.

IN reply to your memorandum No. 401 R. L. A., dated the 23rd March 1912, for warding copy of letter No. 1575, dated the 19th idem, from the Government of Bengal in the General Department with enclosures on the subject of the acquisition of the land required for the extension of the Presidency College, Calcutta, I have the honour to state that the Principal of the Presidency College whom the Land Acquisition Deputy Collector consulted in the matter very strongly recommends the acquisition of the entire plot B; but if the balance of the estimated cost be not available, the portion of plot B required for the site of the new hostel up to the line drawn in the plan with blue chalk may be acquired for Rs. 3,60,000 only.

2. The plan received with your memorandum is herewith returned.

[No. 126.]

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No. A 126, dated Calcutta, the 2nd May 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. S. L. MADDOX, M.A., I.C.S., C.S.I., Chairman of the Corporation of Calcutta,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Municipal Department.

THE declaration published in the *Calcutta Gazette* on the 24th May 1911 or the acquisition of land required for the Presidency College laboratory is,

it is understood, part of a large scheme for providing additional buildings required for educational purposes and contemplates the acquisition of the area bounded on the south by Peary Charan Sircar Street, north by Nilmadhab Sen Lane, east by Khowani Charan Dutt Lane and west by Sen Lane.

As the area referred to above includes certain public roads and sewers, I have the honour to enquire if it is really intended to be acquired by Government, and if so, what proposals, if any, have been made in respect of those roads and sewers which will be affected by the scheme. If a plan has been made showing how it is proposed to deal with the public roads in the area to be acquired, I beg to request that a copy may be supplied for my information.

[No. 127.]

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No. 689 T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 5th June 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. J. H. KERR, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,

To—The Chairman of the Calcutta Corporation.

WITH reference to your letter No. A-3—122, dated the 2nd May 1912, regarding the acquisition of land for the extension of the Presidency College, Calcutta, I am directed to refer to Declaration No. 2618 L.A., dated the 18th August 1911, published in the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 23rd August 1911, by which two plots of land have been declared to be acquired by Government for the purpose. It is, however, proposed to proceed immediately with the acquisition of plot B up to the line drawn in the accompanying plan with blue chalk. It will be seen that there are three lanes within the portion of plot B which it is now proposed to acquire. It has, however, been suggested that the lanes in question are not of the nature of thoroughfares, and that as they serve only the area which it is proposed to acquire, it is unnecessary even to raise the question of a diversion. I am, however, to request that you will be so good as to furnish Government with your advice as to the manner in which the public lanes and sewers falling within that area should be dealt with. I am to ask that a reply to this letter may be sent at a very early date.

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No. 1025 T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 29th June 1912.

Memo. by—R. N. REID, Esq., I.C.S., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

THE undersigned is directed to request the Financial Department of this Government to be so good as to transfer to the Public Works Department the sum of Rs. 56,313 required for the completion of the physical laboratories of the Presidency College, Calcutta, out of the lump provision of Rs. 16,84,000 for non-recurring expenditure in the Education budget estimates for 1912-13.

No. 1026 T.—G.

COPY forwarded to the Public Works Department of this Government for information.

No. 1027 T.—G.

COPY forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, for information.

By order of the Governor in Council,

R. N. REID,

*Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.*

DARJEELING;

The 29th June 1912.

[No. 129.]

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No. 1623S., dated Calcutta, the 8th July 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. S. L. MADDOX, C.S.L., I.C.S., Chairman of the Corporation of Calcutta,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

WITH reference to your letter No. 689 T.—G., dated the 6th June 1912, regarding the manner in which the public lanes and sewers falling within the area which has been declared for acquisition by Government in Declaration No. 2618 L. A., dated the 18th August 1911, should be dealt with, I have the honour to state that the matter was laid before the Roads, Buildings, etc., Sub-Committee for consideration.

2. I enclose a plan prepared in my office, which will indicate the improvements which the Corporation had proposed in regard to the roads or public lanes lying within this area. The portions shown in hatched lines indicate the lanes which the Corporation had intended to widen to 20 feet. The red hatched lines indicate the widening which is to be effected at the cost of the Corporation, while the black hatched lines show which portions were to be widened at the cost of the owners of the bustee under section 407 of Act III (B. C.) of 1899. In view of the fact that Government proposes to acquire so large a portion of this bustee area, the Committee is of opinion that it will be inadvisable to effect the proposed improvements which were intended to provide proper access and ventilation for the bustees. They recommend, however, that a road should link up Krishna Behari Sen Lane with Madan Mohan Sen Lane as this would be a most useful thoroughfare. If the existing public lanes of this locality are closed up as proposed in your letter under reply, the public will suffer some inconvenience as there will be no road anywhere between Halliday Street and College Street linking up Harrison Road and Colootollah Street. It will be seen that the strip of land required to link up Madan Mohan Sen Lane with Krishna Behari Sen Lane will mainly fall in plot B which Government proposes immediately to acquire. Between Bhowani Churn Dutt Lane and Krishna Behary Sen Lane there will remain only a small piece of land not falling within the area to be acquired, which is at present partly covered by a small hut. The Committee suggests that in lieu of the public lanes which it is proposed to abolish, the Government should acquire and make over to the Corporation, free of cost, the strip of land 40 feet wide, aligned on the plan linking up the two lanes already referred to. The Corporation would construct the road and, when occasion offered, increase the width of the lanes so as to make the road of an uniform width of 40 feet between Harrison Road and Colootollah Street.

3. As regards the sewers of the area in question, I am informed that the summit is the point marked X in the plan. If Government does not propose to close up the portion of Bhowani Churn Dutt Lane marked X Y, there will be no difficulty in dealing with the sewers. If, however, this portion of the road is closed up, it will be necessary to remove the existing flushing chamber from the point X to the point Y, so that the sewers of Nilmadhab Sen Lane and Bhowani Churn Dutt Lane (marked Y Z in the plan) may be properly flushed.

I may state that there is also a flushing chamber at the point marked W in the plan, but the closing up of the public lanes in plot B will not necessitate the removal of this flushing chamber.

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No. 2688F., dated Calcutta, the 8th July 1912.

Memo. by—S. K. SAWDAY, Esq., I.C.S., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

COPY of the following forwarded to the General Department of this Government for information with reference to that department memorandum No. 1025 T.—G., dated the 29th June 1912.

No. 285F., dated Calcutta, the 8th July 1912.

Memo. by—S. K. SAWDAY, Esq., I.C.S., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

THE undersigned is directed to convey the sanction of Government to an additional grant of Rs. 56,313 to the Public Works Department during the current financial year to meet the cost of completing the physical laboratories of the Presidency College, Calcutta.

2. The charge will be met from the lump provision of Rs. 16,84,000 for non-recurring expenditure in the Education budget for 1912-13.

[No. 132.]

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No. 1332 T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 17th August 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR J. H. KERR, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,

To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

I AM directed to refer to your letter No. 3137, dated the 22nd February 1912, relating to the acquisition of land required for the construction of a new hostel for the students of the Presidency College.

2. In Declaration No. 2618 L. A., dated the 18th August 1911, two pieces of land named plot A and plot B have already been notified for acquisition. With regard to plot B it was contemplated that only so much of the land should be acquired as could be obtained for the sum of Rs. 3,60,000. The Corporation of Calcutta has pointed out that if the existing lanes of this locality are closed up, the public will suffer some inconvenience as there will be no road between Halliday Street and College Street linking up Harrison Road and Colootollah Street. The Corporation has therefore suggested that in lieu of the petty lanes which will be ultimately abolished, the Government should acquire and make over to the Corporation free of cost a strip of land, 40 feet wide, linking up Madan Mohan Sen's lane and Krishna Behari Sen's Lane. Only a small strip of this proposed road falls within plot B. His Excellency in Council has fully considered the matter, and I am now directed to say that acquisition of the whole of plot B and the extra piece of land required by the Corporation should be proceeded with at once. You are therefore requested to submit an estimate of cost for the additional piece of land it is now proposed to acquire, together with the usual draft declaration.

3. Of the expenditure, which will be involved, Rs. 3,60,000 should be met from the lump provision of Rs. 16,84,000 made in the current year's Education budget for non-recurring educational projects, the balance being met from the 10 lakhs Imperial grant made this year for the erection of hostels in Calcutta.

4. It is understood that the lanes and the flushing chambers in plot B will not be interfered with at present, and the Chairman to the Corporation has been informed accordingly. A copy of the Chairman's letter No. 1623, dated the 8th July 1912, together with the Corporation plan in original, is forwarded for your information.

No. 1333 T.—G.

COPY forwarded to the Financial Department of this Government for information and favour of communication to the Accountant-General, Bengal.

No. 1334 T.—G.

COPY forwarded to the Public Works Department of this Government for information, in continuation of this department endorsement No. 2075 T.—G., dated the 16th October 1911.

By order of the Governor in Council,

W. S. MILNE,

for Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

DARJEELING,  
The 7th August 1912.

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No. 1339 T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 17th August 1912.  
 From—THE HON'BLE MR. J. H. KERR, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government  
 of Bengal, General Department,  
 To—The Chairman of the Corporation of Calcutta.

With reference to your letter No. 1623, dated the 8th July 1912, regarding the public lanes and sewers falling within the area which has been declared for acquisition by Government in Declaration No. 2618L.A., dated the 18th August 1911, I am directed to say that, agreeably to your suggestion, Government will, in lieu of these lanes, acquire and transfer to the Corporation of Calcutta the strip of land, 40 feet wide, linking up Madan Mohan Sen Lane and Krishna Behari Sen Lane. I am also to say that the lanes and the flushing chambers will not be interfered with at present. This question will be left for future decision.

No. 1340 T.—G.

COPY forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, for information, in continuation of this department letter No. 1332 T.—G., dated the 17th August 1912.

By order of the Governor in Council,

W. S. MILNE,

for Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

DARJEELING,

The 17th August 1912.

[Nos. 134-35.]

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No. 11559, dated Calcutta, the 9th September 1912.

From—G. W. KÜCHLER, Esq., M.A., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,  
 To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1332 T.—G., dated the 17th August 1912, intimating that Government has decided to proceed at once with the acquisition of the whole of plot B for the new hostel for Presidency College, and the extra strip of land required by the Corporation in compensation for the closing up of certain thoroughfares running through plot B.

2. I have been asked to submit a draft declaration and an estimate of the cost of acquiring the extra land to be made over to the Corporation. I have addressed the Collector, 24-Parganas, asking him to submit the requisite documents as early as possible. In the meantime I suggest that steps may be instituted to take formal possession of plot B as soon as practicable. The land has already been declared and the cost of acquisition has been estimated to be Rs. 4,30,425 (*vide* estimate attached).

3. As explained in paragraph 4 of my letter No. 243, dated the 16th August 1912, a sum of Rs. 3,54,546, instead of Rs. 3,60,000 as previously estimated, is available for land acquisition out of last year's Imperial grant of 8 lakhs for Presidency College, and it was suggested that the balance Rs. 75,899 should be met from the new 10 lakhs grant for Calcutta hostels. Government have now indicated their approval of this method of financing the project, and all that remains to be done is to place the necessary funds at the disposal of the Public Works Department to enable them to complete the business. I recommend that this may be done as soon as the 10 lakhs grant has been placed at the disposal of the Local Government by the Government of India.

A portion of land proposed to be acquired and given to the Corporation lies within plot B, and the Collector has been asked to take this fact into consideration when estimating the value of the strip of land required by the municipality.

No. 5713 B., dated Calcutta, the 27th October 1911.

From—W. A. MARR, Esq., I.C.S., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, L.P.,  
To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

I AM directed to forward herewith, for necessary action, an estimate amounting to

Rs. 5,56,211-6-6 of the probable cost of the land which it is proposed to acquire for the extension of the Presidency College in the town of Calcutta, and to request that its receipt may be acknowledged.

Member in charge:  
THE HON'BLE MR. D. J. MACPHERSON, C.I.E., I.C.S.

Under Declaration No. 2618 L.A., dated the 18th August 1911.

2. The estimate has been countersigned under orders of the Board.

*Estimate of probable cost of acquisition of the land required for the extension of the Presidency College.*

	PLOT A.	Rs. A. P.
Area 1b. 14k. 11c. 29 sq. ft. at an average rate of Rs. 1,825 per cottah	... ... ...	63,378 3 1
Value of structures	... ... ...	43,115 12 4
		<hr/> 1,06,493 15 5.

*Add—*

Additional allowance at 15 per cent.	... ... ...	15,974 1 6
Damage, etc.	... ... ...	1,22,468 0 11
		250 0 0
Contingencies at 2½ per cent. ...	... ... ...	1,22,718 0 11
		3,067 15 3
	Total	<hr/> 1,25,786 0 2

PLOT B.

Area 5b. 3k. 4c. 31 sq. ft. at an average rate of Rs. 1,825 per cottah	... ... ...	1,88,509 13 3
Value of structures	... ... ...	1,75,470 5 9
		<hr/> 3,63,980 3 0

*Add—*

Additional allowance at 15 per cent.	... ... ...	54,597 0 5
Damage, etc.	... ... ...	4,18,577 3 5
		1,350 0 0
Contingencies, etc., at 2½ per cent.	... ... ...	4,19,927 3 5
		10,498 2 11
		<hr/> 4,30,425 6 4
	Totals for plots A and B	<hr/> 5,56,211 6 6

CERTIFIED that the above rates have been arrived at after local enquiry and inspection of the ground and with reference to previous acquisitions in the neighbourhood.  
The estimate is fair.

J. A. L. SWAN,  
Offg. Collector, 24-Parganas.

[No. 136.]

No. S.-2541, dated Calcutta, the 11th September 1912.  
From—C. F. PAYNE, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Chairman of the Corporation of Calcutta,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1339 T.—G., dated the 17th August 1912, informing me that the Government will, in lieu of the public lanes and sewers falling within the area which has been declared for acquisition for the extension of the Presidency College, acquire and transfer to the Corporation of Calcutta the strip of land, 40 feet wide, linking up Madan Mohan Sen's Lane and Krishna Behari Sen's Lane.

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In this connection, I find that this office letter No. S.-1623, dated the 8th July 1912, was not quite clear and that the proposals of the Roads and Buildings Sub-Committee were not very distinctly stated. It was intended that Government should be asked to make over to the Corporation also the narrow strip of land (coloured green on the plan) which I send herewith. This strip of land runs along the west side of the plot B which has been declared for acquisition. I regret that the Committee's proposals were not more clearly explained in the previous letter, and I request that you will be so good as to lay the matter again before Government for consideration whether this additional piece of land can also be made over to the Corporation.

I request that you will return this copy of the plan after colouring the copy which has already been sent to you for reference.

[No. 137.]

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No. T. 278, dated Darjeeling, the 16th October 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. G. W. KÜCHLER, C.I.E., M.A., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

In continuation of my letter No. 11559, dated the 9th September 1912, I have the honour to forward herewith a draft declaration and an estimate of cost amounting to Rs. 49,306-15-5 in respect of the proposed acquisition of a strip of land, 40 feet wide, linking up Madan Mohan Sen Lane and Krishna Behari Sen Lane, which it is proposed to make over to the Corporation in compensation for the closing up of certain lanes and thoroughfares running through the plot of land, known as plot B, for the Presidency College hostel.

2. The estimate relates itself only to those portions of the strip of land as lie outside plot B which is already under declaration.

3. The plan of the land received with your letter No. 1332 T.—G., dated the 17th August 1912, is returned herewith.

4. The cost of the acquisition of the land referred to in the declaration submitted herewith will have to be met out of the general reserve of the 10 lakhs grant.

[No. 138.]

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No. Bt. 546, dated Calcutta, the 7th September 1912.

From—The Accountant-General, Bengal,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Government of Bengal, General Department, No. 1332 T.—G., dated the 17th August 1912, a copy of which has been received under Financial Department endorsement No. 3548 F.—1333 T.—G., dated the 26th August 1912, intimating that the balance of the cost for the proposed acquisition of land required for the construction of a new hostel for the students of the Presidency College will be met from the 10 lakhs Imperial grant made this year for the construction of hostels in Calcutta, I request the favour of being informed of the particular estimate for the current year in which the provision in question has been made, as no such grant is traceable in the Education budget for 1912-13.

[No. 139.]

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No. 7191, dated Calcutta, the 16th December 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. J. H. KERR, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,

To—The Chairman of the Corporation of Calcutta.

With reference to your letter No. S. 2541, dated the 11th September 1912, I am directed to say that the strip of land (marked green in the accompanying plan) has been included in the draft declaration, which will shortly be published in connection with the acquisition of the strip of land, 40 feet wide, linking Madan Mohan Sen Lane with Krishna Bihari Sen Lane.

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No. 7192, dated Calcutta, the 16th December 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. J. H. KERR, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,

To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

WITH reference to your letter No. 11559, dated the 9th September 1912, I am directed to say that the Public Works Department of this Government has been requested to take formal possession of plot B of the land, which has been notified for acquisition by Government in Declaration No. 2618 L.A., dated the 18th August 1911, for the extension of the Presidency College. Of the estimated expenditure amounting to Rs. 4,30,425, a sum of Rs. 3,54,544 will be met from the balance available from the Imperial grant of 8 lakhs for the improvement of the Presidency College and the remainder, viz., Rs. 75,881, from the sum of one lakh allotted towards the Presidency College hostel out of the 6 lakhs grant. These grants have been included in the lump provision of Rs. 16,84,000 for non-recurring expenditure in the Education budget estimates for the current year.

No. 7193.

COPY forwarded to the Financial Department of this Government for information in continuation of this department endorsement No. 1333 T.—G., dated the 17th August 1912, with the request that the necessary amount may be transferred from the Education to the Public Works Department budget at an early date.

No. 7194.

COPY forwarded to the Public Works Department of this Government for information and necessary action in continuation of this department endorsement No. 1334 T.—G., dated the 17th August 1912.

By order of the Governor in Council,

J. H. KERR,

*Secretary to the Government of Bengal.*

CALCUTTA,

The 16th December 1912.

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No. 7195, dated Calcutta, the 16th December 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. J. H. KERR, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,

To—The Accountant-General, Bengal.

WITH reference to your letter No. Bt.-546, dated the 7th September 1912, I am directed to say that the estimated cost amounting to Rs. 4,30,425 for the acquisition of land for the Presidency College hostel will be met from the lump provision of Rs. 16,84,000 made in the current year's Education budget for non-recurring educational projects. The orders of Government communicated to you in paragraph 3 of this Government letter No. 1332 T.—G., dated the 17th August 1912, may be considered as cancelled.

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No. 7196, dated Calcutta, the 16th December 1912.

From—THE HON'BLE MR. J. H. KERR, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department,

To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

WITH reference to your letter No. T. 278, dated the 16th October 1912, I am directed to convey the sanction of Government to the acquisition of a strip of land, 40 feet wide, linking up Madan Mohan Sen Lane and Krishna

Bihari Sen Lane in Calcutta, which will be made over to the Calcutta Municipal Corporation in compensation for the closing of certain lanes and thoroughfares running through the plot of land acquired for the Presidency College hostel. Of the estimated expenditure amounting to Rs. 49,306.15.5, Rs. 24,119 will be met from the balance available from the sum of one lakh allotted out of the 6 lakhs grant towards the Presidency College hostel which is included in the lump provision of Rs. 16,84,000 for non-recurring expenditure in the Education budget estimates of the current year, and the remainder, viz., Rs. 25,187, from the Imperial grant of Rs. 1,32,000 for "hostels" in connection with the promotion of truly popular education for which an assignment of 4½ lakhs has been received from the Government of India and provided in the current year's Education budget.

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No. 7197.

COPY forwarded to the Financial Department of this Government for information and with the request that the necessary amount may be transferred from the Education to the Public Works Department budget at an early date.

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No. 7198.

COPY, with copy of the endorsement and the draft declaration, plan and estimate in original, forwarded to the Public Works Department of this Government for necessary action.

By order of the Governor in Council,

J. H. KERR,

*Secretary to the Government of Bengal.*

CALCUTTA,

The 16th December 1912.

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16. Letter from the Secretary to the Central National Muhammadan Association, dated the 18th February 1907,
17. Letter from the Secretary to the Muhammadan Defence Association, No. <sup>5272</sup> <sub>112 P.</sub>, dated the 18th February 1907,
18. Letter from the Secretary, Bihar Landholders' Association, No. 531, dated the 19th February 1907,
19. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Bhagalpur Landholders' Association, dated the 27th February 1907,
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22. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Indian Association, dated the 22nd March 1907.
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24. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, British Indian Association, No. 391, dated the 24th April 1907,
25. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Muhammadan Literary Society of Calcutta, No. 870, dated the 29th April 1907,

submitting their opinion on the question of the removal of the Presidency College.

26-27. Letter to Raja Peary Mohan Mukherji, C.S.I., the Commissioner of the Presidency Division, the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, etc., etc., etc., Nos. 1167-79½T.—G., dated the 20th June 1907, forwarding, for information, a copy of the Proceedings of an informal meeting held on the 13th May 1907 on the subject of the improvement of the Presidency College, and inviting them to a Conference to be held on the 3rd July 1907 to discuss the subject.

28-30. Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, No. 814T., dated the 15th June 1907, submitting proposals for the acquisition of land required for the extension of the Presidency College.

31. Proceedings of the Conference held on the 3rd July 1907, to discuss the future of the Presidency College.

32. Letter to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, No. 1614T.—G., dated the 24th July 1907, informing him that it is essential that an area of 22 bighas of land should be acquired within two years for the extension of the Presidency College, and requesting him to submit the necessary draft declarations, plans and estimates.

33-34. Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, No. 15057, dated the 13th August 1907, forwarding a copy of a letter from the Principal of the Presidency College, and asking for the deputation of a Public Works Department officer to help the Superintending Engineer, Central, Circle in the preparation of plans and estimates for the various buildings required.

35-36. Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, No. 16397, dated the 4th September 1907, submitting a declaration with plan in respect of the land required, with the request that the declaration may be published without delay.

37. Declaration issued by the Revenue Department, No. 3298L.A., dated the 7th September 1907, notifying the lands to be acquired for the extension of the Presidency College.

38. Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, No. 17316, dated the 16th September 1907, requesting that the plan of the land to be acquired may be returned for transmission to the Principal of the Presidency College.

39. Letter to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal No. 2652T.—G., dated the 28th September 1907, returning the plans.

40-41. Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, No. 22428, dated the 20th December 1907, submitting an estimate of cost of the acquisition of the land required for the extension of the College, with the request that, if possible, funds may be allotted for the initiation of the land acquisition proceedings (no present orders).

42-43. Memorandum from the Public Works Department of this Government, No. 43B., dated the 3rd January 1908, forwarding extract paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Proceedings of a Conference held at Belvedere on 3rd July 1907, with the remark that as the cost of the whole scheme will probably come to 18 lacs, the sanction of the Secretary of State will be necessary to the scheme (no present orders).

[No. 16.]

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Dated Calcutta, the 18th February 1907.

From—NAWAB BAHADUR SYED AMEER HOSSEIN, C.I.E., Secretary to the Central National Muhammedan Association,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I AM directed by the Committee of the Central National Muhammedan Association to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 93 of the 22nd ultimo, and its enclosure, regarding the Presidency College, and in reply, beg to state as follows.

2. After giving their best consideration to the opinions contained in the enclosure, the Committee are decidedly of opinion that the Presidency College should be removed to a healthy quarter in the suburbs of Calcutta. Perhaps a site in the northern suburbs will be preferable.

No. 327B.  
112P., dated Calcutta, the 18th February 1907.

From—MAULVI SYED M'D KARIM AGHA, B.A., Secretary, Muhammadan Defence Association,

To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I AM directed by the Committee of the Muhammadan Defence Association to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 99, dated the 22nd January last, re the site of the Presidency College, and in reply, beg to submit the following expression of the opinion of this Association on the subject.

2. It appears to my Committee that the principal reasons for the removal of the Presidency College from its present site are—

- (i) to convert it into a "Residential College," and
- (ii) to extend the laboratories.

3. Before proceeding to examine the points at issue, my Committee begs to place before you the considerations of the following additional points:—

- (a) Attitude of Indians to a Residential College.
- (b) Needs of the Presidency College.

In the first place, my Committee begs to say that, whatever be the benefits of a Residential College, the Indians up to the present moment look upon it with apprehension. As far as the Committee is aware from the condition of the Muhammadans, the natives of this country generally desire to keep their wards in their own charges.

In the second place, my Committee is of opinion that the Presidency College fulfils the local wants; it serves as a "model" for other aided and unaided colleges. Every resident of Calcutta, whether rich or poor, tries his best to put his wards in the Presidency College, hoping that they will get best possible education therein.

4. It may be stated here that the students of the Madrasah College reading for the F. A. Examination attend lectures in the Presidency College, and the Committee of this Association desires to see that, under the present arrangement, Madrasah one day will be raised to the position of the 1st grade college, giving more facilities to the Muhammadans in the direction of collegiate education. Madrasah has its "Elliot Hostel" attached to it. If the college is removed from its present site, a Muhammadan hostel is to be attached with the other hostels, otherwise the Muhammadans will be in a great disadvantageous position.

5. My Committee is of opinion that it would have been better to leave the question of a Residential College with the Ranchi College Scheme.

6. Considering the facts stated in paragraphs 3 and 4, my Committee is of opinion that improvement 2 (i) of this letter is not necessary at present; the question of Residential College be confined to Ranchi College Scheme as stated in paragraph 5 of my letter, therefore no change of site is necessary. In effecting improvement 2(ii), the local extension is sufficient as stated by Dr. P. K. Ray by acquiring 18 bighas of land in the neighbourhood of the College.

In respect of local extension, my Committee also supports the proposal of the Rev. Alex. Tomary, stated in paragraph 2(a) of his letter, dated the 25th May 1905.

7. In conclusion, my Committee begs to state that, if the removal is decided upon, it should not be towards the Cossipore side. The Cossipore site proposed by Dr. P. K. Ray is worst than described by the Rev. Alex. Tomary, in his letter dated the 27th May 1905. In addition, it would be far off from "the Madrasah Elliot Hostel" and from the Muhammadan quarter generally—this means a check to the collegiate education of Muhammadans.

My Committee prefers the Kidderpore site; it would be nearer to the populated town with its immoral sights, but through well ventilated maidan and European quarter. It would be nearer to the maidan, and the students will be able to take part in games more easily than if they are isolated in the mill district of Cossipore.

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No. 531, dated Bankipore, the 19th February 1907.

From—BABU MAHESH NARAYAN, Assistant Secretary, Bihar Landholders' Association, Bankipore.

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department, Education Branch.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 95, dated Calcutta, the 22nd January 1907, forwarding copy of Resolution No. 2624, dated the 13th November 1906, regarding the Presidency College, for an expression of opinion, and in reply I am directed by the committee of the Bihar Landholders' Association to state as follows.

In the course of the Resolution above referred to, it is said that "the Lieutenant-Governor is unwilling to take further step in the matter, until he is more fully informed of the trend of public opinion on this question, and the reasons for any difference there may be between the views prevalent in the metropolis and those which find acceptance in the districts." The reasons for this divergence of opinion between the metropolis and the mufassal on this question appear to be obvious. It is to the interest of the people in the mufassal that the Presidency College should be a residential college, located in a healthy site in the suburbs, away from the dirt and disease and temptation, inseparable from a congested quarter in a large city, so that they may safely send their wards for education there and rest assured that there is no danger, material and moral, to which they will be exposed during their sojourn. The people in the metropolis oppose this for what to them appears valid reason. They argue that the conversion of the college wholly or partly into a residential one, and its removal to the suburbs, means to them additional expenditure. But the Committee respectfully submit that the opposition and the approval of the people of the metropolis and the mufassal, respectively, need not alone form the basis for a decision of the question. That question, in the opinion of the Committee, is a large one, and with it is involved the question of higher education in Bengal. The question for the Government to decide is, whether the interest of higher education in Bengal will or will not be better served by the transfer of the Presidency College to the suburbs and its conversion into a wholly or partly residential college. If the answer to this is in the affirmative, no parochial considerations, such as the convenience or inconvenience of any particular section of the people, ought to act as a deterrent. And the opinion of the Committee is that that interest will be by far better served by the removal of the Presidency College to the suburbs, where it may be capable of being further expanded from time to time according as necessity might arise. Sight must not be lost of the fact that the decision of the question must be a decision which will affect the fate of the college for all times to come. It may be possible to acquire some land in the neighbourhood at the present moment at an exorbitant cost and give the college some of its most needful present-day expansion, but the question is, whether twenty-five years hence the necessities of the then situation will not demand further expansion, whether fifty years hence there will not be a crying want for more room, in fact, whether the college at its present site can continue to be the model college for all Bengal, if not for all India, and as such meet from time all the demands for an expansion at a reasonable cost? The Committee respectfully beg to submit that the question must be studied in this light to be understood in all its proper bearing. Some land may be acquired at an exorbitant cost in the neighbourhood—some improvement may be at present effected—but the question is, will that satisfy the requirements of the situation for all times to come? Everybody who gives the least thought to the matter must answer in a decided negative, and those who oppose the transfer are not the friends of the Presidency College, for the result of their opposition, if successful, can only be to retard the legitimate gradual growth of the Presidency College for all times to come. Then the matter has to be considered in another light. The Government of India has disapproved of the Ranchi College Scheme, and although the Government of Bengal has resubmitted, or is going to resubmit a modified scheme, it is at present problematical in view of the enormous cost which the improvement of the Presidency College will entail.

on the finances of the Bengal Government, apart from the question of its removal, whether even this modified scheme has any chance of being approved by the Government of India. But even taking it for granted that the modified Ranchi Scheme is sanctioned, the Committee beg to ask, will the Ranchi College, considerably shrunken from its original dimensions, meet the requirements of all Bengal for a residential college? Rightly or wrongly, the demand for residential colleges is a growing one, and with further lapse of time, there is every indication of its becoming an universal demand, and will a small college at Ranchi, supposing it comes into existence, suffice for all times to meet the demand? Indeed, the question to consider is whether the Presidency College should take a back place in the scheme of University Education in Bengal; whether 25 years hence it will not become somewhat antiquated as a mere day-college when the demand for residential colleges becomes universal; and whether as such it will be able to maintain its position, as the model college for Bengal, if not for all India? These are large questions, and upon their proper answer depends the proper decision of the question of the removal of the Presidency College to a site in the suburbs. Those who oppose it, do so from motive of present convenience, but in the opinion of the Committee, they leave the future out of consideration altogether; otherwise the Committee fail to see how any one, having the true interests of that college at heart, and considering the question of its future development, can oppose its transfer to the suburbs and thus prevent all possibilities of future expansion; rather such a proposal ought to be eagerly welcomed, and the Government of Bengal ought to receive the thanks of the entire community in these Provinces for making it, unless it is preferred that the Presidency College should be maimed and crippled for all times to come, because of its situation where healthy growth is a physical impossibility.

[No. 19.]

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Dated Bhagalpur, the 27th February 1907.

FROM—RAJ TARINI PROSAD BAHADUR, Honorary Secretary, Bhagalpur Landholders' Association.

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

THE letter of the Bhagalpur Landholders' Association, conveying the Association's opinion on the question of the transfer of the Presidency College, Calcutta, to some site in the suburbs, is posted to-day. I am sorry for the delay which has occurred in sending the same, owing chiefly to my endeavours to ascertain the opinion of the people of this division generally on the matter in question. They are not unanimous, but many people appear to me to think, as I myself do personally, that a residential College on some other site, if necessary, such as is contemplated by the persons who are in favour of the change, would be more convenient and afford greater advantages for boys from this and other divisions who would necessarily have to leave in Calcutta, all by themselves, in the midst of disadvantages and temptations incidental to town life. The letter referred to above, however, represent the views of the majority of the members of the Association.

No. 25, dated Cuttack, the 9th March 1907.

From—BABU RAM SANKAR Roy, Honorary Secretary to the Orissa Association,  
To—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 100, General Department, Education Branch, and to forward the following opinion of the Orissa Association arrived at a special meeting of the Association after full discussion in which some members of the Association who were formerly students of the Presidency College took part.

Of the three improvements in the Presidency College which have been proposed, the third, *i.e.*, the strengthening of the teaching staff, appears to be of the greatest importance. In this country people have always set greater value upon the acquirements of knowledge and the development of the intellectual powers than upon anything else. Whatever facilitates the imparting of knowledge and makes smooth the way to mental growth has a natural attraction for us; and the strengthening of the teaching staff is the best suited for the purpose. Further, it is admitted on all hands that the less the number of students placed in charge of a teacher or a professor, the better it is for the teacher and the taught alike. The large number of students at present crowded into a lecture room and entrusted to the care of a single professor affords very little opportunity for the exercise of the personal influence of the professor upon his students. There is no gainsaying the fact that professors hardly know one-half of the students who receive instructions daily from them. That is a disadvantage which minimises to a considerable extent the otherwise a very wholesome effect of the lecture room and it is likely to be obviated by increasing the number of professors and decreasing the number of students placed under each professor. So the third improvement proposed ought to be effected first, and whatever is left out of the funds in hand after meeting the additional expenses necessary for it may be allotted to other improvements.

As regards the second improvement proposed, *i.e.*, the extension of the physical and chemical laboratories and erection of new laboratories for Biology, Geology, etc., the cost of effecting it will certainly be very great. It is a much desired thing, and no amount of money ought to be grudged for the purpose. The extension of laboratories is calculated to furnish greater facilities for experiments being made. There cannot be two opinions on the desirability and necessity of placing within easy reach of students all sorts of appliances and materials which are a *sine qua non* to the proper assimilation of scientific instructions.

As regards the first improvement, viz., the conversion of the institution into a residential college, the advantages of such a thing are discounted by the caste considerations and the religious sentiments ingrained in the minds of parents generally. The diversity of races, sects and creeds represented in the Presidency College is a difficulty in the way.

The argument which is put forward to the effect that a residential institution will bring the students in constant touch with the professors does not seem to be practicable, inasmuch as the teaching staff in its higher ranks belong to a different nationality, and it is natural that they cannot mix in a way which is experienced in residential colleges in England and elsewhere owing to diversity of habits of life. Besides there is apprehension of the pupils disliking their traditional economical ways of living and take to foreign and expensive mode of life. On this matter the Association endorses the views expressed by Sir Gurudas Banerjee.

With regard to removal, it must be said that a case has not been sufficiently made out for it. The present site is convenient to the residents of all quarters of the city, and its surroundings does not seem to be undesirable. The Association subscribes to the opinion of Sir Gurudas Banerjee on the point which it considers to be very sound.

For the above reasons the removal of the Presidency College appears neither desirable nor necessary, and the Association does not approve of the proposal. All available funds ought to be applied in the first place to the strengthening of the teaching staff and, in the next, to the extension and addition of laboratories and lecture rooms.

Dated Calcutta, the 19th March 1907.

From—BABU RESHEE CASE LAW, President, Bengal National Chamber of Commerce,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 97, dated the 22nd January last, inviting an expression of opinion of the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce on the question whether the Presidency College should or should not be removed from its present site to a site in the suburbs of Calcutta, and in reply, I am directed by the Chamber to submit the following observations:—

The principal reasons urged in behalf of the proposed change are (1) the proposed conversion of the institution into a residential College with hostel accommodation and play grounds for the students and houses for the Professors and Principal. (2) Extension of laboratories and lecture rooms.

While admitting the necessity of the extension of laboratories and lecture rooms, the Chamber fail to perceive the utility of a residential College, such as is contemplated by Government. In a country like India, where such diversity of race and creed prevails and where the students in a College are so numerous and belong to so many different castes and creeds with inter-dining restrictions, the idea of a commingling of pupils in a residential College may not find favour with the parents and the high and low caste boys will also be placed in an awkward and uncomfortable position. The present site being a central one, is well suited for boys coming from all quarters of the town. It will be most inconvenient to send boys from Calcutta to Ballygunge or any other suburbs of Calcutta. It is doubtful whether even in a sanitary point of view the change will be for the better and productive of any good result, for the suburbs are generally malarious. The College, where it now stands, occupies the healthiest locality of the town and being close to the Hindu and Hare Schools, the supervision of which is under the Principal of the College, it cannot be removed to a distant place without impairing the efficiency of these two ancient institutions. So the idea of removing the College to the suburbs or to Ballygunge cannot be desirable from any consideration whatsoever.

Education of children and formation of a healthy character are dependent for their growth and development mainly upon parental and home influences, but the scheme propounded would have the effect of removing the majority of students from such salutary influences.

It is a notorious fact that the present-day professors generally keep themselves aloof from the students and hardly think of associating with them. Their rigidity and aloofness prevent the students from approaching them, and consequently they hardly exercise any moral influence, worth speaking of upon students. It is, therefore, not likely that mere living in close proximity to one another in a residential College, would bring about a more satisfactory relation. The experience at the Sibpur Engineering College in this direction lends weight to the above view.

Even supposing there were professors who would be willing to unbend and mix freely with students and to live with them in active sympathy with their aspirations, it is doubtful whether, considering the very large number of students who would go to live in the College, there possibly could be that effective supervision and that genuine sympathy which it is the object of the scheme to create. The extension of laboratories and playgrounds can be provided without the removal of the College, and if necessary lands may be acquired in the locality for the purpose.

In this connection the Chamber beg to observe that the teaching staff should be strengthened and enlarged particularly for the various science classes. At present there is no adequate staff of lecturers for the branches of Biology, Geology, etc., etc.

It further strikes the Chamber that if a residential College be established in Calcutta, it will be detrimental to the growth of a similar institution at Ranchi.

For the reasons stated above the removal of the Presidency College to the suburbs cannot commend itself to the approval of the Chamber.

[No. 22.]

Dated Calcutta, the 22nd March 1907.

From—BABU SURENDRA NATH BANERJEE, Honorary Secy., Indian Association,  
To—The Officiating Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal, General Department.

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 92, dated the 22nd January 1907, asking for an expression of opinion of the Indian Association on the question of the removal of the Presidency College from its present site.

2. In reply the Committee beg to say that the principle of a residential college which underlies the proposal commends itself to their approval. It may be urged that the aggregation of a large number of young men in a common residence has its evils, and sometimes serious evils too; but under proper and efficient control these may be greatly minimised, if not altogether removed.

3. While admitting the soundness of the principle the Committee feel that its present introduction in our country is not free from great difficulties. The diversities in race, religion and caste have to be reckoned with, and these are strongly calculated to render the success of the scheme problematical.

4. In the opinion of the Committee, the principal argument against the scheme is the regrettable absence of a feeling of sympathy between the teachers and the pupils. Unless the former take a living interest in the welfare of the latter and the connection between them is not purely of a mercenary character, a residential college can do but little good. There is no denying the fact that the relationship between the teachers and their pupils is not of the happiest kind, and the Committee do not believe that closer contact by common residence will improve it.

5. The Committee entertain the following especial objections to this particular proposal:—

(a) The close proximity of Calcutta to a suburban side will necessarily swell the number of day scholars and they may eventually form the majority. This circumstance will frustrate the idea of a residential college. The net result of the removal, the Committee apprehend, will therefore be to put the greater number of students to needless hardship in having to attend college from a distance.

(b) The unhealthy influences of Calcutta will remain and continue to operate as before, which the present scheme especially seeks to avoid.

6. On these various grounds the Committee feel bound to object to the removal of the Presidency College from its present site.

7. The Committee recognise the want of spacious grounds for the recreation and sport of the students. This, they submit, may be remedied by the extension of the Marcus Square.

8. The Committee also venture to suggest that greater attention should be paid to the actual teaching of students. This may be effected by an improvement of the teaching staff and by a greater exercise of supervision over their work. Increase of scientific apparatus and appliances is perhaps needed, but they go a very little way unless proper use is made of them by the professors and their pupils. It is not enough to have professors of high academic distinction or of capacity for original investigation. It is essentially necessary that they should have greater enthusiasm for their work and deeper sympathy for those whom they teach.

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Dated Calcutta, the 22nd March 1907.

From - A. CHAUDHURI, Esq., M.A., Honorary Secretary, Bengal Landholders' Association,

To - The Officiating Secretary, to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

In reply to your letter No. 98, General Department, Education Branch, dated the 22nd January 1907, requesting an expression of the opinion of our Association, I am directed to submit the following for the consideration of the Government.

Our Association is of opinion that the Presidency College should not be transferred from its present site. We fully recognise that it is necessary to strengthen it and extend its sphere of usefulness. Every one agrees that the premier College of Bengal should be worthy of its position. We may, however, point out that it now occupies a central situation in Calcutta, easily accessible from all parts of the town. Most of the students of the College are recruited from Calcutta and its suburbs, and it is very conveniently situated for them.

It is at present a day-College, and it is felt that if it was converted to a residential College and removed to some distance from its present site, the additional expense to the students would prove burdensome, and involve considerable loss of time in the journey to and from the College. There is hardly any chance, at present, of the guardians of this class of students agreeing to send their boys to a residential College. The College satisfies a real want, and if any extension of the building is necessary, the present premises can easily be enlarged. As regards the proximity of play-grounds, we may point out that we already have Marcus Square which was converted by Sir Charles Elliott to a play-ground for the use of students of the neighbouring Colleges. The Square is within a few minutes' walk of the Presidency College. The neighbourhood of the College is of an unobjectionable character, it being surrounded by various educational institutions. The proximity of the Hare and Hindu Schools is also an advantage. Its position in relation to the Senate House ought also not to be overlooked. No doubt the surroundings of Marcus Square are by no means satisfactory, but the neighbourhood can be easily rendered unobjectionable. We attach greater importance to the extension of the Laboratories and lecture rooms, and to the strengthening of the teaching staff, and would request that those improvements might be first taken in hand. If it were possible to form something like a University town in a healthy locality not far from the metropolis for the teaching of the different Arts and Sciences all at one place, we would have recommended the scheme for the consideration of the Government. Educational institutions are now distributed all over the town and the suburbs, and it would have been desirable to bring them together, but we fear the scheme is too ambitious and almost impracticable. Having regard to all the circumstances, we are unable to recommend that the Presidency College be transferred to a site in the suburbs of Calcutta.

[No. 24.]

No. 391, dated Calcutta, the 24th April 1907.

From—MAHARAJ-KUMAR SIR PRODYOT COOMAR TAGORE, Honorary Secretary,  
British Indian Association,

To—The Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

IN reply to your letter No. 91, dated 22nd January 1907, I beg to submit the following observations of the Committee of the British Indian Association on the question of the removal of the Presidency College.

The members of the Committee are divided in their opinion on the question. It is urged by the advocates of removal that the present College building is quite inadequate to the growing needs of the College as the premier College of India. It requires considerable expansion in several respects. Suitable recreation grounds, suitable quarters for professors, and a proper hostel for students are necessary for the spontaneous growth of better feelings and a mutual interchange of thought between the teachers and the students. It is desirable in their opinion to place the College in an atmosphere of learning by converting it into a residential institution and removing it from amidst the din and the dust of a busy city.

Those who are opposed to the removal of the College regard with pain and concern a proposal which would deprive the city of its most prominent educational institution, and the locality of its long-cherished associations. It is a College where a large number of those who occupy the highest offices of State and have otherwise attained to eminence, were educated. Apart from the question of sentiment there is the question of expense. It is not a fact that sons of rich men only attend the Presidency College. The majority of the students are recruited from middle class families. These will be put to great difficulty and expense by being obliged to live in boarding houses, proposed to be attached to the College, in its new site, outside the pale of parental authority. Most of them will have to give up the Presidency College and to take admission in one or other of the cheaper Calcutta Colleges. The College in its present situation commands a central position, and enjoys the advantages of proximity to the Senate House, the University Institute, the Hindu Hostel, the Marcus Square, and almost all the educational institutions of the metropolis. The removal of the College to a considerable distance from the Hindu and the Hare Schools, which may be said to be the main feeders of the College, will not only injure its own interests, but will have a prejudicial effect upon these two institutions.

It is admitted on all hands that the College requires improvements and expansion, but these could be carried out by acquisition of land to the west of the College building, and also by taking in the present Hindu School building with its compound. The Hindu School can be located in the present Hare School building, and the Hare School can with advantage be removed to the southern or northern part of the town. The cost for improvements and expansion of the Presidency College in the manner suggested above will be much less than what it would likely be if the College is removed elsewhere.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has in his recent Budget speech in the Bengal Council indicated that the Presidency College will not be removed. Having regard to the difference of opinion on this question, the Committee do not think it necessary to discuss it at greater length, or to submit any definite recommendation on it.

No. 870, dated Calcutta, the 29th April 1907.

From—The Honorary Secretary, Muhammadan Literary Society of Calcutta,  
To—The Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, General (Education) Department.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your No. 94,  
General Department Education Branch, dated the 22nd January 1907, asking for an expression of the  
opinion of the Muhammadan Literary Society of Calcutta on the question  
whether the Presidency College should or should not be transferred from its  
present site to a site in the suburbs of Calcutta.

In reply, I am directed to state that the Committee after careful consideration  
of the subject are strongly in favour of the removal of the College from  
its present site to a place outside Calcutta.

In view of the great importance of a sound and liberal education among  
Muhammadans of Bengal, the Muhammadan community are specially interested  
in strengthening the College and widening its sphere of usefulness on modern  
lines.

It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the great advantages which  
might be secured in the shape of closer contact between the teachers and taught,  
more commodious buildings, extensive play-grounds in close proximity, a better  
moral atmosphere, and more healthy surroundings, in a site outside Calcutta.  
The Committee believe it next to impossible to secure all these advantages,  
which are indispensable in an up-to-date College, in the present site of the Presidency College.

It should be borne in mind that the Presidency College was founded by  
Government not only for the Hindus but also for the benefit of Muhammadans,  
as the proceedings of the ceremony of laying the foundation stone in 1873  
would show. The Committee therefore respectfully submit that His Honour  
the Lieutenant-Governor may be pleased to direct that special provisions may  
also be made for the residence of Muhammadan students in the hostel attached  
to the College.

Nos. 1167—79½ T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 20th June 1907.

From—H. C. STREATFIELD, Esq., I.C.S., Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, General  
Department,

To—(1) Raja Peary Mohan Mukharji, c.s.i., (2) the Commissioner of the Presidency  
Division; (3) the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal; (4) C. Little,  
Esq., Officiating Principal, Presidency College; (5) W. W. Hornell,  
Esq., on special duty in the Education Department; (6) G. W. Kuchler,  
Esq., Inspector of Schools, Patna Division; (7) Hon'ble Mr. Justice  
Ashutosh Mukerjee; (8) Hon'ble Mr. Justice Saroda Charan Mitter; (9)  
Hon'ble Mr. Bhupendra Nath Bose; (10) Maulvi Seraj-ul-Islam,  
Khan Bahadur; (11) Nawab Bahadur Syed Amir Hossein, c.i.e., (12)  
Maharaj-Kumar Sir Prodyat Kumar Tagore; (13) Rai Sita Nath Roy  
Bahadur, Secretary, National Chamber of Commerce; (14) the Chair-  
man of the Corporation of Calcutta; (15) the Secretary to the Govern-  
ment of Bengal, Financial and Municipal Departments; (15) H. C.  
Streatfeild, Esq., I.C.S.

I AM directed to forward for your information the accompanying copy of  
Proceedings of an informal meeting on the  
subject of the Presidency College Scheme held  
on the 13th May 1907.

on Wednesday, the 3rd July 1907, at 5 P.M., to discuss the subject of the  
improvement of the Presidency College, Calcutta.

2. I am to add that adequate funds are not at present available for the  
proposed improvements, but that it is important to settle the lines on which  
the improvements are to proceed in order that the necessary land may be  
acquired and detailed plans and estimates drawn up.

*Proceedings of an informal meeting on the subject of the Presidency College scheme held on the 13th May 1907.*

PRESENT:

- (1) Mr. Küchler.
- (2) Mr. Little.
- (3) Mr. Hornell.
- (4) Mr. Earle.

1. We are of opinion that the biological and geological laboratories might be constructed in one building, a separate wing being provided for the geological laboratory. The biological laboratory will have to provide for the teaching of both botany and physiology. These will be big laboratories, and we consider that the building may be estimated at Rs. 1,00,000. We are of opinion that no psychological laboratory is required. We think that the astronomical observatory should consist of a single-storied building, and it is important that the instruments should be as near the ground as possible. The only reason why the observatory has hitherto been placed at the top of a building is that other buildings in the neighbourhood interfered with the view. This will not be the case when additional land is acquired. We think that the cost on account of this observatory may be estimated at Rs. 50,000. As regards the physical and chemical laboratories it is proposed to construct an entirely new physical laboratory and let the chemical laboratory remain where it is. The latter laboratory will require all the room to be vacated by the existing physical laboratory, as well as that to be vacated by the existing geological laboratory. We estimate that the new physical laboratory will not cost less than Rs. 2,00,000. We estimate the cost of a gymnasium at Rs. 10,000. As regards the provision of additional hostel accommodation and quarters for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the hostel, the case stands as follows: At present about 250 students are accommodated, but they are very much overcrowded, and it is estimated that quite double the amount of accommodation available is required. The lowest limit for hostel accommodation is 60 square feet floor space for each student, while it is estimated that at present each student is not allowed more than 30 square feet. There are also no dining rooms or suitable accommodation for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. Taking into consideration the fact that the recorded book value of the present buildings (the old and new blocks taken together) is Rs. 2,98,922, we do not think that additional accommodation could be provided at a cost of less than Rs. 2,00,000.

2. We now come to the question of the provision of houses for the staff. The Principal should have a house, and this is estimated at Rs. 22,818. We are also of opinion that it would be very desirable that the head professor of each department of science should live in the building to which his laboratory is accommodated. We think that it would be desirable to construct five flats for the five professors in charge of the botanical, biological, chemical, physical, and astronomical laboratories. Roughly these flats may be estimated at the scale allowed in the case of professors of the Indian Educational Service, viz., Rs. 13,964 each, that is to say, a total of Rs. 69,820.

3. We have now to consider the arts side. As a result of the tutorial system, which will be shortly introduced in accordance with the new regulations, additional accommodation is urgently required on this side. The biological laboratory rooms will be available for this purpose. But the accommodation thus provided will not by any means be adequate. More accommodation is also required for the library, and we estimate that a sum of Rs. 1,50,000 will be required for additional accommodation for the arts side and for the library.

4. The total of the figures referred to in the last two paragraphs is Rs. 8,01,638. On the other hand, if it is possible to combine the Hare School with the Hindu School, so as to leave the Hare School buildings available for the Presidency College, it may be estimated that Rs. 100,000 will be saved. In that case the estimate for buildings will be reduced to Rs. 7,01,638. We think that the suggestion about the removal of the Hare School and its combination with the Hindu School is one which should be carefully considered. It is a suggestion which falls in with the recommendation made by the Universities Commission as regards the removal of high schools from college premises.

5. Then there is the important question of the land to be considered. We are of opinion that all the buildings referred to above could be suitably accommodated in 10 bighas of land, the cost of which may be estimated roughly at Rs. 5,00,000. If, however, in addition, a play-ground is required, we think that not less than 5 bighas will be necessary. This would cost roughly speaking an additional sum of Rs. 2,50,000.

6. The total cost of the scheme would therefore be Rs. 15,51,638, if a play-ground is provided, or Rs. 13,01,638 if no provision is made for playing fields. The removal of the Hare School would, as indicated in paragraph 4, effect a saving of about Rs. 1,00,000. On the other hand, the cost of providing for the Hare School boys in connection with the Hindu School would cost at least an equal amount.

A. EARLE.

[Nos. 28-30.]

No. 814T., dated Darjeeling, the 15th June 1907.

From—A. EARLE, Esq., I.C.S., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to addresss Government as follows in regard to the question of the acquisition of land required for the extension of the Presidency College.

2. Government is aware from the Proceedings of the informal meeting held in Darjeeling on the 13th May 1907, at which the officers noted in the margin attended, that it is anticipated that about 10 bighas of land will be required for the construction of the necessary

buildings, and that an additional area of 5 bighas will be required if arrangements are to be made for a playing-ground. In anticipation therefore of further developments, I addressed the Principal of the Presidency College, and requested him to consider the matter of the acquisition of land and to submit definite proposals.

3. The Principal has submitted a report in his confidential letter No. 1011, dated the 12th June 1907, a copy of which, together with a copy of letter No 392L.A., dated the 8th June 1907, from the Land Acquisition Deputy Collector to his address, and its enclosures in original, is herewith forwarded for the information of Government. I also submit in original the paper chart which has been forwarded by the Principal.

4. As will be observed, the Principal recommends that a draft declaration should issue for the acquisition of the full area of the land required, viz., 14 bighas, 15 cottahs, and that this land should be taken up as funds become available. He suggests that in the present year three plots, marked A, B, and C, which form a portion of the whole land to be acquired, and which cover an area of 5 bighas 2 cottahs 10 chitaks, should be acquired at a cost of Rs. 2,71,823-5-6. It is not reported what the cost of the acquisition of the whole area of 14 bighas, 15 cottahs will amount to, but it may be assumed that the rate will be about Rs. 50,000 per bigha. This estimate is in accordance with previous information which I have received from the Revenue authorities. The object of issuing a draft declaration in respect of the whole area required is, as explained by the Land Acquisition Deputy Oollector in his letter No. 392L.A., dated the 8th June 1907, to prevent fictitious enhancement of the value of lands which cannot be acquired at once, but which will have to be acquired in connexion with the scheme.

5. I submit the papers at the present stage, because I think that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor will probably wish to see the lands himself before any further action is taken. If His Honour generally approves of the proposal to acquire plots A, B, and C, or one or more of these plots, in the current year, the proceedings will have to be formalised. As Government will observe, the present draft declaration has not passed through the hands of the Commissioner or the Board of Revenue.

6. Another reason why I submit the papers at the present time to Government is that the question of the provision of funds will have to be considered. A sum of Rs. 46,000 only has been provided in the budget for improvements to the Presidency College, whereas Mr. Little proposes—and I agree with him—that the acquisition of the three plots A, B, and C, will be desirable if it is decided to acquire land in the direction indicated by Mr. Little. The cost of the acquisition of such lands will amount, as stated above, to Rs. 2,71,823-5-6.

7. The return of the original papers submitted herewith in due course is requested.

No. 1011, dated Calcutta, the 12th June 1907.

From—C. LITTLE, Esq., Offg. Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta,

To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

As directed in your letter No. 204D., of date 25th April 1907, I have the honour to forward proposals and draft declarations for acquiring land in the neighbourhood of the

Presidency College, also a letter from the Land Acquisition Deputy Collector advising as regards the declarations, and an estimate of the cost of portions of the land signed by the Collector. I beg also to forward a paper chart on which I have made a few pencil notes for your guidance, and two plans prepared by the Deputy Collector.

As pointed out by you the most urgent requirements of the College at present are in the nature of laboratory extensions, and I am in agreement with you in thinking it undesirable, even if it were possible, to incur any considerable outlay in improvements to the present buildings. It is highly desirable that the Physical Laboratory should be moved from its present position of proximity to the main street with its traffic and electrical mains, and I would, on that account alone, urge that steps be taken for the early acquisition of a considerable portion of the plot of land. I have marked on the paper chart with two red arrows X and Y, the two possible directions of extension, that on the north being practically an extension of the site of the old chemical laboratory, now part of the physical laboratory. That continuity of the present and future buildings is the only argument I am able to put forward in favour of taking up land at present in the direction of the arrow X. On the other hand, there are many important arguments in favour of acquiring land on the south side following the direction of the arrow Y.

These arguments are—

- (1) On the north side by the arrow X there are large pucca buildings which will make the land much more expensive than on the south side where there are huts and small pucca buildings.
- (2) The north side will not be so suitable as the south side for the physical laboratory, because of the proximity of Harrison Road where there are electric tramways.
- (3) It is highly desirable that the neighbourhood of the hostel should be cleared as soon as possible of the huts and residents at present in close proximity. You will observe that the main front of the Hostel is separated only by Peary Churn Sirkar's Street from *busti* conditions which appear to me to be of the lowest kind.
- (4) If the whole opposite front of Peary Churn Sirkar's Street be taken up, the municipality will close that street of the public, and it will then be possible to include the hostel in the grounds of the College, an arrangement which I think is highly desirable.
- (5) Plot B on the smaller plan of the Deputy Collector is as far removed from College Street and Harrison Road as is possible under these conditions, and I would recommend it as a site for the physical laboratory. Part of plot A can be used for the proposed new biological and geological laboratory, and the remainder for other buildings such as a house for the Principal.

I would recommend that, if possible, funds be supplied to enable the three blocks A, B, and C to be taken up this year, I need hardly emphasise the remarks of the Deputy Collector, with his extensive experience of such matters, that piece-meal acquisition will be much more costly in the end, because of the added value which adjoining land acquires from the simple fact that Government has become a neighbouring landlord. I would add, and strongly urge, the further argument that unless the three plots be taken up little progress will be made with the scheme of extension in the near future. I also think it probable that unless there is some certainty as to what land will be available for the new buildings, plans will either be unsatisfactory or be difficult of preparation.

I would therefore recommend that the draft declaration form for the large pieces of ground, measuring 14 bighas 15 cottahs, be published, and that the three plots, viz., A, B and C, shown on the smaller plan be acquired during the present year. I may state that I have had these plots valued and separate declaration forms prepared, so that, if Government does not approve of my recommendations as above, arrangements may be made for taking up smaller amounts by such steps as they may decide. But before closing I would again urge the importance to such a scheme as that under consideration, of not thwarting early efforts by insufficient ground on which to raise the important buildings now under consideration and intended to last for many years—perhaps centuries.

In conclusion I have to state that the footnote made by the Commissioner in the valuation statement sent with your letter under reply is in error, because the land acquired by the University is not part of what was intended for the Presidency College. It will be seen from the paper chart that the University land is on the other side of Peary Churn Sirkar's Street.

No. 392L.—A., dated Alipore, the 8th June 1907.

From—BABU BANGSIDHAR BANERJEE, Land Acquisition Deputy Collector, Alipore,

To—The Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

In compliance with your verbal request, I have the honour to submit herewith an estimate of cost and a draft declaration for the acquisition of the land now required for the extension of the Presidency College compound, and to state that the cost of acquisition cannot

conveniently be reduced to Rs. 1,00,000 which is available for expenditure during the current financial year, unless the area proposed to be acquired is considerably reduced. With a view to effect improvements in the Senate House as well as in the Presidency College, it is, I think, necessary that the Peary Churn Sirkar Street's should be closed, but this cannot be done until all the premises having frontage on this street are acquired. In the present estimate and the draft declaration I have included all these premises with the exception of a portion of No 4, Bhawani Charan Dutt's Lane, the acquisition of which will further increase the cost. In this connection I beg to point out that according to the view taken by the Civil Court as soon as a plot of land is acquired, the value of the land in the neighbourhood, if not included in the same declaration with it, increases. Owing to the recent acquisition of the land required for the extension of the Senate House, the value of the land to the north of Peary Churn Sirkar's Street has in the eye of the Civil Court already increased. If the declaration in respect of the land required for the extension of the Presidency College be published piece-meal, the cost of acquisition will be much higher than that originally estimated, and the parties interested will take to the manufacture of all sorts of documents to support heavy claims for compensation. I therefore beg to submit herewith another draft declaration in respect of the entire area proposed to be acquired for the extension of the Presidency College, and to suggest that with the approval of the higher authorities it may be published. It is not necessary that the acquisition of the entire area covered by a declaration should be completed at one and the same time, but that the proceedings in connection with the acquisition of the land covered by one declaration may be spread over a number of years as funds will permit.

The plans of the land covered respectively by the two declarations are also submitted herewith.

[No. 31.]

[FILE 4-C 13.]

*Notes of the Conference held at Belvedere on Wednesday, the 3rd of July 1907, to discuss the future of the Presidency College.*

The following officers and gentlemen were present:—

Secretary, Financial Department.

Do., Education Department.

Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. C. Little, Officiating Principal, Presidency College.

Mr. G. W. Küchler, Inspector of Schools.

Commissioner of the Presidency Division.

Chairman of the Corporation, Calcutta.

Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Saroda Charan Mittra.

„ Babu Bhupendra Nath Basu.

„ Rai Sita Nath Roy, Bahadur.

Raja Peary Mohun Mukerji, c.s.i.

Nawab Bahadur Sayid Ameer Hossain, c.i.e.

Maharaja Kumar Sir Prodyat Kumar Tagore, Kt.

Khan Bahadur Maulvi Serajul Islam.

The Lieutenant-Governor presided.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor intimated that, after careful consideration of all the opinions on the subject which he had received from officers, gentlemen and public bodies consulted, he had determined to keep the Presidency College in its present site and to devote money as it became available to improve it. He desired to have a definite scheme of operation and had invited the Conference to consider such a scheme. He drew the attention of the members of the Conference to a note by Mr. Earle, Director of Public Instruction, dated 13th May last, which had been in their hands for some time, containing the proceedings of an informal meeting of four educational officers who met to consider the matter at Darjeeling. His Honour said that he had himself given instructions for this informal meeting, and for the drawing up of this note; and he thought that the best plan for discussing the question now would be to consider the note paragraph by paragraph, and then consider whether there was anything to be added to it.

3. *Paragraph 1 of the note.*—The first paragraph of the note was unanimously approved with the following reservation that in the opinion of some it was essential to have a psychological laboratory, and all admitted that this would probably have to be given in time. It was unanimously agreed that the

psychological laboratory is not so urgently necessary as the matters referred to in this paragraph. But it should be included in the scheme, and therefore should find its place on the programme. Funds are not at present available for all the proposed improvements; but the scheme is intended to be a complete scheme, to be worked up to as funds permit. It was therefore decided that the Psychological Laboratory should have a place on the programme.

4. *Paragraph 2 of the note.*—The estimates of the second paragraph of the note were held to be too low. It was thought that probably the house for the Principal would cost about Rs. 30,000 and each of the flats for the Professors of Science would cost nearly Rs. 20,000 each. The total estimate would probably be something over a lakh. It was pointed out however that these estimates were based on the Public Works rates as at present accepted, and that it would be unnecessary to alter them until definite estimates were received from that Department. The necessity for the Professors of Science as well as the Principal of the College being resident on the premises was unanimously accepted.

5. *Paragraph 3 of the note.*—In regard to the third paragraph of the note there were no remarks to be made. It was intimately connected however with paragraph 4 which the Conference went on to discuss.

6. *Paragraph 4 of the note.*—It was unanimously agreed that the University Regulations will require the removal of the Hare School from the compound of the Presidency College. The only alternative would be to wall, or rail off, the Hare School, and the land immediately surrounding it. But this would be a miserable expedient, and would injure both the school and the College. It was therefore unanimously agreed that the Hare School should be removed. It was held—

- (1) that the character of the Hindu School should not be materially altered, that is, that it should remain a Hindu institution: it was therefore decided that the Hare School and the Hindu School should be amalgamated only to the extent of allowing the Hindu pupils of the former to be enrolled in the latter;
- (2) the Muhammadan pupils (five in number) of the Hare School could easily be accommodated in the Madrassa, which is not distant; and the Christian pupils, who were also few in number, can be well provided for in the new school which is being started in the neighbourhood by the United Missions of the Church of Scotland and United Free Church;
- (3) that the memory of Mr. Hare, the founder of the Hare School, should be preserved; it was urged that this would be best done by opening a new school at Bhowanipur to meet the requirements of the south of the town and calling it the Hare School. It was said that the pupils attending the Hindu School, numbered about 400, and those attending the Hare School, about 200; that 600 boys would be a difficult school to manage; but that the school on the south would draw away a good number from the Hare School, and perhaps some from the Hindu School; and that the numbers attending the combined school would therefore not be so high as the aggregate of the two schools. It was pointed out that a two storey building on the Hindu School site would leave some room for play-ground, that the buildings of that schools are old, and should be reconstructed; and that therefore the scheme was one well worth carrying out on its own account apart from the requirements of the Presidency College.

7. *Paragraph 5 of the note.*—In regard to acquisition of the land it was unanimously held that 15 bighas would be quite inadequate. The buildings required would probably occupy as stated in the note about 10 bighas. Five bighas would be quite inadequate for a recreation ground. It was suggested by one member of the Conference that 3 bighas should be allotted for a recreation ground for the Professors alone; but it was finally concluded unanimously that it would be better to acquire 12 bighas for a recreation ground for the College, and give a tennis court at the corner of that for the use of the Professors. It may be remarked that the question of having a distant play-ground,

where land could be acquired more cheaply, was discussed; and it was deemed altogether an unsuitable arrangement. It was therefore decided to regard the acquisition of 22 bighas of land as essential. This would probably raise the cost of land to somewhere about 11 lakhs instead of  $7\frac{1}{2}$ .

8. *Paragraph 6 of the note.*—To the figures as given in paragraph 6 of the note must be added  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs for the additional land to be acquired. The total initial cost of the scheme in regard to land and buildings would therefore amount to about 18 lakhs, in addition to the money to be spent on the improvement of the Hindu School and the construction of a school at Bhowanipur.

9. The question of the possibility of raising subscriptions from old pupils of the College was discussed. The Lieutenant-Governor pointed out that he had just received applications from his own old school and from his own University, asking for assistance in improving these institutions, and that it was a thing to be expected that old students and pupils of the Hare School and Presidency College might be willing to assist in improving them.

The general opinion, however, was that nothing would be raised by subscriptions which would be worth considering in view of the cost of the scheme. This view was adopted by the Conference.

10. In the course of the discussion the great difficulties lying in the way of higher education owing to the want of space in the College and the want of teachers were illustrated by several members; and there can be no doubt that there is a strong case and an urgent necessity for improving the College and increasing the staff.

11. All this improvement must be taken up only as funds permit. As the scheme has, however, been determined on, and must be carried out gradually, it is necessary at once to notify the land required for acquisition and to provide funds for that in the first place. The longer the matter is delayed, the greater the price that will have to be paid for the land. It is essential therefore to take up the land without delay. It seems harsh and impolitic to notify the land and not proceed with the acquisition as fast as is reasonably possible. It would therefore be well to acquire the land within two years; and funds ought to be provided for that purpose. The Financial Department will be referred to in regard to this feature of the case.

[No. 32.]

[FILE  $\frac{4-C}{36}$  14.]

No. 1614T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 24th July 1907.

From—W. S. MILNE, Esq., I.C.S., Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Genl. Dept.,  
To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

With reference to your letter No. 814T., dated the 15th June 1907, I am directed to inform you that the Lieutenant-Governor considers it essential that an area of 22 bighas of land should be acquired within two years for the extension of the Presidency College. I am now to request you to be so good as to obtain and submit without delay the necessary draft declarations showing boundaries of the land, together with plans and estimates.

[Nos. 33-34.]

[FILE  $\frac{4-C}{36}$  15.]

No. 15057, dated Calcutta, the 13th August 1907.

From—A. EARLE, Esq., I.C.S., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to refer you to the correspondence resting with your letter No. 1614T.—G., dated the 24th July 1907.

2. The plans and estimates for the land called for will be submitted shortly. The question about which I address Government now is that of the complete scheme in order to give effect to the Proceedings of the Conference held at Belvedere on the 3rd of July 1907. No time should, in my opinion, be lost in getting out plans and estimates for the various buildings required. Until these estimates are prepared, I am unable to submit a complete scheme to Government; and in its turn Government will be unable to obtain the sanction of the Government of India and of the Secretary of State to the same. It seems

to me to be a matter of urgency therefore that the preparation of the plans and estimates should be taken in hand without delay.

3. For this purpose I sent the Principal of the Presidency College a copy of the Proceedings of the Conference held at Belvedere on the 3rd of July 1907, and requested him to submit plans and estimates of the buildings required after consultation with the Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, Calcutta. In reply the Principal has submitted to me a report on the matter in his letter No. 1519, dated the 8th August 1907, extracts from which I herewith forward for the information of Government. The gist of the letter is that the Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, is unable to prepare the scheme unless an officer of the Public Works Department is specially deputed to help him in the matter.

4. I accordingly bring this matter to the notice of Government, and request that, if possible, steps may be taken to place the services of an officer of the Public Works Department at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer for the purpose indicated. The scheme is one which will involve considerable delay in any case, but it is very undesirable that it should be entirely blocked at the outset owing to the want of staff on the part of the Public Works Department.

*Extract from a letter No. 1519, dated the 8th August 1907, from the Officiating Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta, to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.*

"IN connection with the subject of your letter No. 13783, dated the 1st August 1907, I have the honour to inform you that I have discussed with the Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, the steps which should be taken in order to give effect to your orders. I have represented to him that it is desirable to take up this general scheme, and I have requested him to depute some one who will give his whole attention to the work now in hand until the plans and estimates you require are completed.

He agreed with me that some such arrangement is necessary for the adequate treatment of a scheme of such magnitude and importance as that which has been outlined in the Proceedings of the Conference at Belvedere on 3rd July, but his staff is at present heavily burdened, and he could hold out no hope to me that he could give the assistance I asked for.

I have therefore the honour to request that you will move Government to depute an officer of experience in matters architectural, who will prepare a scheme for the arrangement of the ground about to be taken over; and who in consultation with the officers concerned will prepare plans and estimates for submission to Government. I understand the Superintending Engineer will make a similar recommendation.

I cannot urge too strongly the importance of preparing a well-thought-out and trustworthy ground plan for the area to be acquired, setting out how the buildings are to be situated and the roads and means of communication to be laid, leaving adequate space for the buildings which will in course of time have to be erected. Such a scheme would, I think be a better one if prepared by some one who has made a special study of such matters."

[Nos. 35-36.]

[FILE 4-C 36 16.]

No. 16397, dated Calcutta, the 4th September 1907.

From—A. EARLE, Esq., I.C.S., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to invite your attention to the correspondence resting with my letter No. 15057, dated the 13th August 1907.

2. I submit herewith a declaration and plan in respect of the land required for the Presidency College. The Commissioner of the Division informs me that he is unable at present to submit the estimate, but that there is, in his opinion, no objection to issuing the declaration in anticipation of the estimates, and that this procedure is often followed.

3. I request therefore that, if there is no objection, the declaration may issue without delay so as to prevent spurious claims arising.

[No. 37.]

[FILE 4-C 36 17.]

No. 3298L.A., dated Calcutta, the 7th September 1907.

DECLARATION—By the Government of Bengal, Revenue Department.

WHEREAS it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal that land is required to be taken by Government at the public expense for a public purpose, viz., for the extension

of the Presidency College, in the town of Calcutta, pargana Calcutta, zilla 24-Parganas, it is hereby declared that for the above purpose two plots of lands measuring, more or less, 21 biglas 16 cottahs of standard measurement, bounded as follows:—

PLOT A.

North by Bhabani Charan Dutt's Lane; east by the compound of Presidency College and Hare School; south partly by the compound of Presidency College and Hare School, and partly by Peary Chun Sircar's Street; and on the west partly by Bhabani Charan Dutt's Lane, partly by Nos. 5-1 and 4 Bhabani Charan Dutt's Lane, and partly by Peary Chun Sircar's Street;

PLOT B.

North partly by remaining portions of premises Nos. 39 and 39-4 and premises No. 39-1-1, Bhabani Charan Dutt's Lane, partly by a public lane, partly by No. 11, Nilmadhab Sen's Lane, partly by Nilmadhab Sen's Lane, partly by a musjid, partly by remaining portion of No. 13, Nilmadhab Sen's Lane and partly by Krishna Behari Sen's Lane; east partly by Bhabani Charan Dutt's Lane and partly by a musjid; south partly by Bhabani Charan Dutt's Lane and partly by Krishna Behari Sen's Lane; and on the west partly by Municipal Lane, partly by Nilmadhab Sen's Lane, partly by Krishna Behari Sen's Lane, partly by No. 5, Nilmadhab Sen's 4th Lane and No. 46 Bhabani Charan Dutt's Lane—

are required within the aforesaid town of Calcutta.

This declaration is made, under the provisions of section 6, Act I of 1894, to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Principal, Presidency College, Calcutta.

[No. 38.]

[FILE 4-C 36 18.]

No. 17316, dated Calcutta, the 16th September 1907.

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

I HAVE the honour to invite reference to the Declaration No. 3298L.A., dated the 7th September 1907, published at page 1583, Part I of the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 11th idem, for the acquisition of land for the extension of the Presidency College, in which it is stated that the plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Principal of the College. In accordance of the above orders, I have now at the instance of the Principal to request that the land plan which was forwarded to Government with this office letter No. 16397, dated the 4th September 1907, may be returned to this office immediately for transmission to the Principal of the College.

[No. 39.]

[FILE 4-C 36 19.]

No. 2652T.—G., dated Darjeeling, the 28th September 1907.

From—W. S. MILNE, Esq., Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal, Genl. Dept.,  
To—The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

With reference to Mr. Tipping's letter No. 17316, dated the 16th instant, I am directed to return the plan of the land to be acquired for the extension of the Presidency College.

[Nos. 40-41.]

[FILE 4-C 36 20.]

No. 22428, dated Calcutta, the 20th December 1907.

From—A. EARLE, Esq., I.C.S., Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to invite your attention to the correspondence resting with my letter No. 16397, dated the 4th September 1907.

2. I submit herewith an estimate of cost of the acquisition of the land required for the extension of the Presidency College, Calcutta, which has been countersigned by the Board of Revenue. I now request that, if possible, funds may be allotted, so that the land acquisition proceedings may be initiated.

*Estimate of probable cost of acquisition of the land required for the extension of the Presidency College, Calcutta.*

Plot A.—Area	... B. K. CH. S. FT.	13 11 14 19	B. K. CH. S. FT.	13 11 14 19	Rs. A. P.
0 5 10 0 at Rs. 2,000 per cottah	1,800	...	...	...	11,250 0 0
0 17 15 0	1,800	...	...	...	32,287 8 0
0 12 15 18	1,700	...	...	...	22,036 4 0
1 3 10 4	1,650	...	...	...	38,990 6 8
3 11 14 42	1,600	...	...	...	1,15,093 5 4
0 4 8 0	1,500	...	...	...	6,750 0 0
1 7 10 0	1,400	...	...	...	38,675 0 0
0 4 4 0	1,300	...	...	...	5,525 0 0
0 12 8 0	1,250	...	...	...	15,625 0 0
3 11 13 0	1,200	...	...	...	86,175 0 0
0 1 13 0	1,100	...	...	...	1,993 12 0
0 5 0 0	1,000	...	...	...	5,000 0 0
0 11 8 0	500	...	...	...	5,750 0 0
0 0 13 0	400	...	...	...	325 0 0
<b>13 11 14 19</b>	<b>Total value of land</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>3,85,476</b>	<b>4 0</b>
<i>Add value of structure</i>	...	...	...	2,31,010	0 0
<i>Value of sewer, etc.</i>	...	...	...	3,240	0 0
<b>Total value of Plot A</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>6,19,726</b>	<b>4 0</b>		
Plot B.—Area	... B. K. CH. S. FT.	8 9 6 11	B. K. CH. S. FT.	8 9 6 11	Rs. A. P.
0 2 2 36 at Rs. 1,800 per cottah	1,700	...	...	...	3,915 0 0
2 5 13 0	1,700	...	...	...	77,881 4 0
1 2 2 0	1,600	...	...	...	35,400 0 0
0 12 8 0	1,500	...	...	...	18,750 0 0
0 7 6 0	1,300	...	...	...	9,587 8 0
1 14 4 15	1,200	...	...	...	41,125 0 0
0 6 5 0	1,150	...	...	...	7,259 6 0
1 2 12 5	1,100	...	...	...	25,032 10 3
0 3 9 0	1,000	...	...	...	3,562 8 0
0 12 8 0	500	...	...	...	6,250 0 0
<b>8 9 6 11</b>	<b>Total value of land</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>2,28,763</b>	<b>4 3</b>
<i>Add value of structure</i>	...	...	...	1,10,540	0 0
<i>Add value of sewer, etc., belonging to Calcutta Corporation</i>	...	...	...	3,150	0 0
<b>Total value of Plot B</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>3,42,453</b>	<b>4 3</b>		
<b>Total value of Plot A</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>6,19,726</b>	<b>4 0</b>		
<b>Total value of Plot B</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>3,42,453</b>	<b>4 3</b>		
<i>Add additional allowance at 15 per cent.</i>	...	...	...	9,62,179	8 3
<i>Add damage, loss of earning, cost of removal, etc.</i>	...	...	...	1,44,326	14 10
<i>Add contingency at 2½ per cent.</i>	...	...	...	11,06,506	7 1
<i>15,000</i>	...	...	...	28,037	10 7
<b>Total</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>11,49,544</b>	<b>1 8</b>		

Certified that the above rates were arrived at on local enquiry and inspection of the ground.

The estimate is fair.

for Collector of 24-Parganas.

BANGSIDHAR BANERJI,  
Land Acquisition Deputy Collector.

The 12th December 1907.

Countersigned.

S. L. MADDOX,  
Offy. Commissioner.

The 16th December 1907.

Countersigned.

By order of the Board of Revenue, L. P.,

R. B. MISRA,  
Secretary, Board of Revenue.

The 19th December 1907.

[Nos. 42-43.]

[FILE 4-C 21.]

No. 43B., dated Calcutta, the 3rd January 1908.

Memo. from—O. S. SMITH, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal,  
Public Works Department,

To—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Revenue Department.

EXTRACT paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Proceedings of the Conference held at Belvedere on the 3rd July 1907 in connection with the proposed extension of the Presidency College, Calcutta, are forwarded herewith with the intimation that in paragraph 7 it is stated that 22 bighas of land are to be taken up at a cost of 11 lakhs, whereas in paragraph 8 it is stated that the probable cost of the whole of the scheme will probably come to 18 lakhs, the undersigned is therefore directed to point out that as the scheme will exceed the powers of the Local Government, the sanction of the Secretary of State will be necessary.

Extract from notes of the Conference held at Belvedere on Wednesday, the 3rd July 1907, to discuss the future of the Presidency College.

7. Paragraph 5 of the note.—In regard to acquisition of the land it was unanimously held that 15 bighas would be quite inadequate. The buildings required would probably occupy as stated in the note about 10 bighas. Five bighas would be quite inadequate for a recreation ground. It was suggested by one member of the Conference that 3 bighas should be allotted for a recreation ground for the Professors alone; but it was finally concluded unanimously that it would be better to acquire 12 bighas for a recreation ground for the College, and give a tennis Court at the corner of that for the use of the Professors. It may be remarked that the question of having a distant play-ground, where land could be acquired more cheaply, was discussed, and it was deemed altogether an unsuitable arrangement. It was therefore decided to regard the acquisition of 22 bighas of land as essential. This would probably raise the cost of the land to somewhere about 11 lakhs instead of  $7\frac{1}{2}$ .

8. Paragraph 6 of the note.—To the figures as given in paragraph 6 of the note must be added  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lakhs for the additional land to be acquired. The total initial cost of the scheme in regard to land and buildings would therefore amount to about 18 lakhs, in addition to the money to be spent on the improvement of the Hindu school, and the construction of a school at Bhowanipur.

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