

Reduction of Fees of the Special Class Students, Presidency College

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No. 3595, dated Fort William, the 5th September 1872

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Endorsed by— W.S. Atkinson, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction
Copy, with the petition in original, forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal,
General Department, for orders.

Dated, the 13th August 1872.
From — Ramnarain Banerjee, and others,
To — The Director of Public Instruction.

We, the undersigned students of the special class, Presidency College, beg most respectfully to bring to your notice, that on opening of the aforesaid class, we had been admitted in it on payment of Rs. 10 as admission and Rs. 5 as schooling fees. But subsequently by a notification in the Calcutta Gazette it has been ordered by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor that the schooling and admission for the special class should respectively be Rs. 3 and Rs. 5 only. We therefore beg most humbly you will be pleased to order a refund of sum of Rs. 7 paid in excess by each of us.

We further beg leave to state that we had applied to Mr. Sutcliffe on the subject, but he refused to forward our application to you.

No. 441, dated Presidency College, the 28th August 1872.

From — J. Sutcliffe, Esq. M.A., Principal, Presidency College.
To — W.S. Atkinson, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction.

With reference to the letter from the students of the special class, forwarded under your endorsement No. 3307 of 21st instant, I have the honor to report that the fees for admission and tuition were altered from Rs. 10 and Rs. 5 respectively to Rs. 5 and Rs. 3 from the date of the Notification of the Government of 9th July. The students whose names are attached to the letter were admitted in the month of June upon payment of the scale of fees then in force. It is not usual to give retrospective effect to charges in the scale of fees, and it would obviously be impossible to do so without special orders of Government. I cannot recommend a refund of the fees paid by these young men in June.

The letter is returned herewith.

No. 3274, dated Calcutta, the 13th Septmeber, 1872.

From — J. Ware Edgar, Esq., Offg. Junior Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal,

To — The Director of Public Instruction.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 3595, dated 5th September 1872, submitting for orders a petition from some students of the special class, Presidency College, together with copy of a report from the Principal regarding the refund of the fees alleged to be paid in excess by these students.

2. In reply I am to request that you will be good enough to state the number of students who had joined the special class before the reduction in fees was made.