

Sanction of Government must be obtained to the changes in the instructive staff of the Presidency College

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The D.P.I. informed that the L.G. cannot understand how the number of professors in the superior service employed at the Presy. College comes to have reduced from 13 to 11, and directs that no such changes will be made in future without the sanction of Govt.

Calcutta, the 24th August 1892

Sir,

In reply to your No. 3241A, dated the 15th July 1892, enquiring whether I do not think that the time has come to keep down the constant increase of numbers in the Presidency College by raising the fees, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter No. 863 dated the 17th August 1892 from the offg. Principal, Presidency College. With the letter Mr. Griffiths forwards an Abstract Return of the income of the guardians of the students admitted into the Presidency College, during the last five years. From this statement it follows (1) that the number of admissions, so far from increasing, has been steadily decreasing; (2) that comparatively few of the students in the Presidency College belong to the well-to-do classes. I beg to state that I agree with Mr. Griffiths in thinking that the enhancement of the fees in the Presidency College might have a very serious effect on the finances of that institution. There are many Missionary Colleges in Calcutta full of able Professors, and many independent colleges in which the teaching staff is composed of the elite of our native graduates. The Presidency College still attracts students, by its prestige and its undeniably good teaching, but it would take, I believe, but a very little to turn the balance against it. A large exodus of students would materially increase the cost of educating those that might remain.

2. Mr. Griffiths seems to be under the impression that I did not point out to Government that the staff of literary professions in the Presidency College was diminished. But in my No. 4858 dated the 1st July 1892, I called attention to the fact that 3 literary Professors had been taken away from the College. The truth is that the difficulties of the Presidency College are due to the fact that many subjects have to be taught, and that separate lectures are given to the Honour and Pass candidates in the subject of the B.A. Examination. Supposing the present system to continue, the same number of Professors would be required if the number of students were to be diminished by one half.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,
Alfred Croft

No. 863

From

— Griffiths, Esq., M.A.,
Offg. Principal, Presidency College,

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal

Dated Presidency College, the 17th August, 1892

Sir,

In reply to your forwarding letter No. 5398 dated 19th July 1892, requesting a report on the letter No. 3241A, dated 15th July 1892 from Undersecretary to the Government of Bengal in which he refers to my letter No. 709 dated 30th June 1892, representing the necessity of increasing the staff of the College, and enquires whether you do not think that the time has come to keep down the constant increase of numbers by raising the fees, I have the honour to make the following remarks:

In my letter above referred to while pointing out the large number of students at present in the College as result of the numerous admissions during the past five years, and the necessity for an addition to the professional staff, I did not draw attention to the fact that the men I required were to supply the place of the men whose services have been transferred from the Presidency College as I was aware that you were well acquainted with the state of affairs. At this time of the year as regards College lectures, there were 14 graded offices in the Presidency College; now there are only 11 such offices. There were then yourself, Messrs. Webb, Booth, Prothero and Dr. Hoemle, these are now replaced by myself and Dr. P.K. Roy. I attempted, in my letter, to explain that the work in English could not be done efficiently by the present staff and to show the necessity of increasing it. I did not intend to imply that the necessity arose in consequence of the increase in the number of admissions. I merely intended to point out the necessity, specially at this time of the year, of filling up some of the vacancies in the College staff as the work is not less now than it was at this time last year. We had to commence the work of this session with a depleted staff. I wished to strengthen it in English to enable me to divide the 1st and 3rd year classes (which are very large) into sections. I am very thankful for having had Babu Debendra Nath Bose (on Rs. 200 a month) appointed to help us, but still the staff is very much weaker than it was at this time last year; there is no once here this year to represent you and Mr. Webb.

With regard to the question of this being an opportune moment for raising the fees, I beg to submit a tabular statemtn showing the number of admissions during each of the last three years and the one now remaining, from which it will be seen that the number is decreasing. It was 325 in 1889-90, 230 in 1890-91, 218 in 1891-92 and 205 so far this year. Of course this number does not represent the number of students in the College, this last number that is the total number of students, includes all students who read in the 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year, 4th year and 5th year classes. The statement also shows the income of the guardians of the students. It will be seen that 978 students have been admitted in the last four years and that the incomes of the guardians of 45.2 per cent of them are not above Rs. 2500 a year and the incomes of the guardians of 67.2 per cent are not more than Rs. 5000 a year. From these facts I conclude that if the tuition fee be raised, especially now that the staff has been weakened in English Literature, the number of students in the College will fall considerably and the cost per student to Government will rise in consequence, and a large number of deserving students will not be able to secure for themselves the facilities offered in the Presidency College for improving their knowledge in Literature and Science which lower part of page

missing] the sons of the weaker classes will be educated at a greater cost per head to Government than at present.

I have &c,
W. (?) Griffiths,
Offg. Principal,
Presidency College

Abstract Return of the Income of the Guardians of Students Admitted during the years

	1899-90	1890-91	1891-92	1892-93	Total
Income below Rs. 500/- a year	20	14	8	15	
Income between Rs. 500/- & 1000/- a year	35	17	20	22	
Income between Rs. 1000/- & 1500/- a year	42	26	28	19	
Income between Rs. 1500/- & 2000/- a year	23	10	11	15	
Income between Rs. 2000/- & 2500/- a year	46	25	34	18	
{ Total	165 or 56.7%	92 or 40%	101 or 46.3%	89 or 43.4%	447 or 45.7%
Income between Rs. 2500/- & 3000/- a year	17	8	2	6	
Income between Rs. 3000/- & 3500/- a year	9	7	8	6	
Income between Rs. 3500/- & 4000/- a year	17	15	13	16	
Income between Rs. 4000/- & 4500/- a year	10	8	10	4	
Income between Rs. 4500/- & 5000/- a year	17	13	11	14	
{ Total	236 or 72.3%	143 or 62.1%	145 or 66.5%	135 or 65.8%	658 or 67.2%

Income between Rs. 5000/- & 5500/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 5500/- & 6000/- a year	14	12	15	20	
Income between Rs. 6000/- & 6500/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 6500/- & 7000/- a year	17	18	13	12	
Income between Rs. 7000/- & 7500/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 7500/- & 8000/- a year	14	7	12	8	
Income between Rs. 8000/- & 8500/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 8500/- & 9000/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 9000/- & 9500/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 9500/- & 10,000/- a year	13	4	13	6	
Income between Rs. 10,000/- & 10,500/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 10,500/- & 11,000/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 11,000/- & 11,500/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 11,500/- & 12,000/- a year	6	11	5	9	
Income between Rs. 12,000/- & 12,500/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Income between Rs. 12,500/- & 13,000/- a year	—	—	—	—	
Carried over	285	195	203	190	
Brought forward	285	195	203	190	

Income between Rs. 13,000/- & 13,500/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 13,500/- & 14,000/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 14,000/- & 14,500/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 14,500/- & 15,000/- a year	7	15	5	3	
Income between Rs. 15,000/- & 15,500/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 15,500/- & 16,000/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 16,000/- & 16,500/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 16,500/- & 17,000/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 17,000/- & 17,500/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 17,500/- & 18,000/- a year	1	2	1	1	
Income between Rs. 18,000/- & 18,500/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 18,500/- & 19,000/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 19,000/- & 19,500/- a year	--	--	--	--	
Income between Rs. 19,500/- & 20,000/- a year	1	2	1	1	
Income above Rs. 20,000	17	16	8	8	
Total	325	230	218	205	978

To
The Director of Public Instruction

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 7206, of 24th ultimo, I am directed to point out that in para 10 of Sir A. Croft's letter No. 4509, dated the 1st August, 1891, the number of professors in the Superior Service actually employed at the Presidency College was stated to be 13 which was adopted as the basis of the purposed cadre (?) in para 8 of the first letter of the 28th Sept. 1891, a copy of which was forwarded to you with this office endorsement No. 261P7/8 of the same date. This is evident from para 2 of the same letter. The L.G is unable to understand how the scale comes to have been reduced now to 11 and desires that you will make no such changes in future without giving basis and obtaining the sanction of govt.

File 4C/31: No. 39-41
Subject: Increase of Staff of the Presidency College

Letter No. 4858 of 1st July 1892 from the Director of Public Instruction

In order to increase the staff of the Presidency College proposes that Babu Debendranath Bose, Lecturer in the Krishnagar College, may be temporarily appointed as the Lecturer in the Presidency College on the pay of his own prade, and that a temporary appointment of Lecturer in the Krishnagar College on a salary of Rs. 150/- a month may be created outside the graded list payable from savings in the salary [section of page missing]

I do not know the qualifications of Babu Debendranath Bose M.A. From the history of services of offices, it will be seen that he entered the educational service in 1870, non-gazetted (?) appointments (?) up to 1888 - has been lecturer at Krishnagar College since June 14th 1888, and was once for a little more than a month in charge as Principal of the same College.

Sanction may be given to Tawney's proposal.