

Sanction to Cover Half the Cost of Erecting a Memorial Tablet to Commemorate the Founders of the Hindoo College

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[File 3. — 6-7.] No. 1250, dated Fort William, the 6th March 1877

From — J. Sutcliffe, Esq., M.A., Director of Public Instruction,  
To — The Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal, General Dept.

With reference to your letter No. 9, dated the 5th January 1877, I have the honor to state that I have been in personal communication with Maharajah Jotendro Mohun Tagore and the Principal of the Presidency College on the subject of the Tablet it is intended to place in the Library of the Presidency College.

2. The result of our conference is that we recommend that the accompanying design, which has been prepared by Mr. C. Grant, be adopted. The cost of carrying out this design in black marble, with moulding &c., in white veined marble, is estimated at Rs. 460. In addition there will also be the cost of engraving the inscription at two and a half annas per letter in gold, which will cost Rs. 45-7-6. This will raise the total amount to Rs. 505-7-6. Maharajah Jotendro Mohun has generously offered to bear half the entire cost, and I beg that you will be pleased to sanction a special grant to meet the other half, debiting the same to the savings in the College budget for the year.

3. I annex copy of the instruction which we propose placing on the Tablet, and the return of the design is requested if approved.

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Erected to commemorate.

The liberality and public spirit of the donors whose names are recorded below, who mainly contributed to the founding of the Hindu College now represented by the Hindu and Presidency College —

His Highness the Maharajah of Burdwan.

Baboo Gopee Mohun Tagore.

Baboo Gopee Mohun Deb.

Baboo Joykissen Singh.

Baboo Gunga Narain Das.

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No. 970, dated Calcutta, the 5th April 1877.

From — Colman Macaulay, Esq., Acting Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal,  
To — The Director of Public Instruction.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1250 of the 6th March 1877, and of its enclosures, and in reply to inform you that the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to sanction, debitable to savings in the Presidency College budget for the current year, a special grant of Rs. 252-11-9

to meet half the cost of constructing, &c., a tablet which is proposed to erect in the Presidency College to commemorate the liberality of the founders of the old Hindu College.

2. The design, which was received with your letter under acknowledgement, is herewith returned, and is accompanied by a printed copy of the inscription.