

"Crookety",
Kalimpong.

19th January, 1951.

My dear Mr. Neogy,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of the 12th instant which I was very glad to receive.

Before I tell you about our activities, let me convey to you and Mrs Neogy my Mother's best wishes. We were exceedingly sorry to read in your letter that Mrs Neogy had been unwell and that she is to undergo an operation. Please tell Mrs Neogy that my Mother thinks often of her and is looking forward to seeing her again in April. Meanwhile, we shall be grateful if you would kindly keep us informed about Mrs Neogy's health.

Kalimpong has not changed since your departure. The flow of refugees has slowed down, and many plan to return to their country. The Dalai Lama is still in Chumbi and will probably stay on there. We are still continuing our conversations re the Research Institute. The Maharajadhiraja of Burdwan sent me a copy of Mr. Jalan's reply to his letter, which I forwarded to your Calcutta address, as well as letter addressed by the Maharaja to your name care of myself. I hope you have received them. Mr. Jalan did not find it possible to let us have the house adjoining his big house, but Mr. Pradhan tells me that there is a chance that he will agree to let us have the small house situated above his tennis-court and not far from Rani Dorji's "Bon Ami". The house has three rooms only, but perhaps it is better than nothing. There is considerable interest for our venture among the Tibetans. In fact many of the elements of the Institute are already so to say in being. For example, four lamas are taking regular lessons in Sanskrit, and the Tibetan Instructor attached to the Darjeeling schools has asked me to help him in compiling an advanced Reader of the Tibetan language (Tibetan-English, perhaps Hindi, if requi-

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red). A number of foreign Tibetan scholars were thinking to come to Kalimpong to continue their Tibetan studies. I had a letter from the French Indologist, Mlle Karpelles, who is planning to visit Kalimpong shortly. There is a definite desire among Tibetans to study the classical language of India and to know more about India's culture, and among foreign scholars a desire to know more about Tibet and its culture. I am sure that this popular demand will at some future date meet with response from official quarters. I read in the papers that Vishvabharati will be taken over by the Government. Could not our Institute become a Kalimpong branch of Vishvabharati and thus benefit of a grant from the Government ? Dr. Tagore spoke of the difficulties in maintaining a Tibetan department at Shantiniketan.

Trusting this finds you in the best of health, and with my kindest regards to Mrs Neogy,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Crookety,
Kalimpong.
West Bengal.

5th February, 1952.

I write this letter on behalf of the Burmese Prince who is your neighbour in Kalimpong, and is passing through a period of acute distress. As you know, the former Indian Government used to pay the Prince a monthly allowance, the payment of which was discontinued in March last, with the result that the Prince found himself without any means of livelihood. Some residents of Kalimpong are helping him out, but the present arrangements cannot go on for a long time. The Prince is selling his furniture and books, but even this cannot carry him very far. I spoke to the local S.D.O., but he says that he cannot do anything in the case. I wonder if anything could be done to help him, and write this letter in the hope that you will find it possible to give us a suggestion.

I hope this letter will find you and Mrs Neogy in the best of health. Kalimpong is very quiet these days. There are a few visitors, and the excitement of last year has died down. With your departure and Mr. Pradhan's transfer to Darjeeling, our plans for a research Institute have come to a standstill. The interest is still there, and I am still teaching Sanskrit to Tibetans. The second volume of my "Blue Annals", published by the Asiatic Society in Calcutta, is coming out in the course of the year. I am now writing a Tibetan Textbook which I was asked to do.

I hope you will excuse me for troubling you with the above matter. With best wishes from my Mother and my elf,

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"Crockety",
Kalimpeng.

16th February, 1952.

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Thank you so much for your kind letter of the
12th instant.

I do hope something can be done to help the
Burmese Prince to tide over the present difficult situa-
tion. Any suggestion will be gratefully accepted.

I still think that a Research Institute at
Kalimpeng would do well. After all there exists quite
a considerable body of people in Tibet who are conscious
of the cultural link with this country, and who have no
place to go now. The Institute at Nalanda is still in
the foundation-stone stage, and the China-Bharata Associa-
tion have been very quiet of late. They intended opening
a Branch at Kalimpeng, and have even asked me to become
President of the Branch. Since then they have lapsed into
silence.

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"Crookety",
Kalimpong,
West Bengal,
India.

4th February, 1952.

The Director,
Messrs W. Heffer & Co., Ltd.,
3-4, Petty Cury,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Sir,

Five of my letters addressed to your Firm

With all good wishes,

hope he will stay here.

Mr. M. C. Pradhan is back in Kalimpong and we all

her kindest greetings.

was feeling well, and asks me to convey to you both

My Mother was so glad to hear that Mrs Neegy

let will be published in France.

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I am doing now a Tibetan Textbook (Grammar, Reader

"Creekety",
Kalimpong.

9th April, 1952.

My dear Mr. Neely.

Please refer to your letter of March 13th. I have continued my enquiries regarding the case of the Princess of Burma. It appears, the pension was paid from the Kalimpong Sub-Treasury according to Pension Order No. Pol/2849 of 1920, "Central", issued by the Accountant General of Bengal, or of the Central Government, this last point is not clear from the available records. The order suspending the payment of the pension was communicated to the Princess by letter of the Government of Burma, Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs, No. SHE 51 (306), dated July 30th, 1951. The letter quotes the Royal Old Age Compassionate Allowance Act of 1951 (Act No. 0-7 of 1951). I understand, the Princess has now asked the Burmese Embassy to send her the text of the Act.

I hope this letter will find you in the best
of health.

With all good wishes and kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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"Creekety",
Kalimpong.

3rd May, 1952.

During the Prime Minister's visit to Kalimpong the 29th ult., I had the occasion to speak to him at some length about our project of an Indo-Tibetan Institute. The Prime Minister's reaction was quite favourable, and he asked me to send him a plan of the scheme. I shall, therefore, revise with Shri M.C. Pradhan our plan drawn in 1950, and forward it to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister also expressed the intention of discussing the project with you on his return to New Delhi.

I hope this letter will find you and Mrs Neegy in the best health.

With all best wishes and kindest regards,

Letter No nil dated 16th April 1920
from Chief Secretary of Govt of Bengal
to referred to payment of pension
to Second daughter of King
of Burma.

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according to Pension Payment order

No Pol/2849 of 1920 - "Central"

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- by which Accountant General
It is not clear from the available
notes kept in the Sub-treasury &
the correspondence on the subject
has been destroyed since).

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The Royal Old Age

Compassion Act 1857.

(Act. N. 27 of 1857)

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Foreign Affairs,

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