

4 and he would have to come to your house to prove his work by cooking all sorts of Delicacies, till I was satisfied that he would suit - see these sample dishes, we would all eat and enjoy. Perhaps it would be as well to advertise in some Calcutta paper if you would but in for the "Omeidas" & keep them in Abeyance till we arrive to select one from. The following might be a suitable advertisement.

Wanted for a large Hotel in ^{Hoke} a first rate cook for 6 summer months of every year. High wages high wages with passage paid up down. and 20 Rs a month during 4 months holiday every year ^{off to} now dear Siliam would you ^{me} Mrs Ruds do all this ^{for} me.

1st - 7th - Dec 1905
Smila
My dear Siliam
I am writing to ask for a lot of favours. & will not take offence if you refuse any of all of these. It seems to me very evident that Government are not going to purchase my houses next year at all events. So that I must make arrangements for the catering of next year. Therefore first of all I want to ask your man who supplies you with Jam & Chutney at 8 as a sack. if he will supply me with one maund of Jeparrie Jam, one maund of Gwara Jellies one maund of Gwara Cheese & 2 maunds of Chutney at 14 Rs a maund instead of 20. it would cost

I can't see why I can't get this with 50 more money market very busy & reduced

5 Rs a maund ^{more} with freight and 2 Octroi ~~more~~. at this rate I could save some 7 or 8 Rs a maund. If he would not agree to this will you let me come down & make every thing except Chutney ready in the kitchen or back of your house the next day I wish to ^{on} back in will let Edith & myself come to Calcutta & stay with you for a ^{about the 15th of this month} week. paying for our keep as I would have you put to any expense. we shall have a lot to do, looking out for glass crockery Table cloths table napkins - knives forks & spoons & for these houses & glassware. The 3rd floor is would you look out ^{for} a first-rate mag cook for Hotel purposes. I would gladly give

him 80 Rs a month for himself ³ & his assistant. ~~providing~~ ^{providing} ~~with~~ two dish washers or general ~~assistants~~ in the kitchen. This mag cook would have to be very good at soups, at subic. roasts, cater meat or (second) Pastry puddings sweets & cakes. I would require him for 8 months every year ^{i.e. from 15th March to 15th Nov} would ~~pay~~ ^{also that} his ^{passage} up ^{and} ^{down} & give him 20 Rs a month during his holidays of 4 months during which time he could look for any one else in Calcutta & go to his home if he preferred. He would have to show first rate testimonials. & I would make inquiries from his former employers as to their being genuine chefs