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Sir

I beg you to accept my thanks for your letter and for the obliging terms in which you are pleased to express yourself concerning me as one of those who have laboured to lay open the road to Indian literature. It is matter of a congratulation that a person of your eminence and acquirements should devote time, which you can so well employ, to the cultivation of a branch of literature which does not here obtain the same degree of notice and attention which it gains in Germany. If I can be of any service to you, which you are so good as to suppose I may be, I beg you will freely command me, & without scruple. I shall have great pleasure in furnishing any information required, or answering any queries you may wish to have resolved, so far as may be in my power –

As you speak of visiting England, I would recommend your doing so at the earliest convenient opportunity. The Collection of Indian manuscripts, & Sanscrit especially, in the library of the East India Company, is ample, & you would find the time, you may be able to spare, for the examination of them, very fruitfully employed. No catalogue of this collection has been printed.

A catalogue of books & manuscripts in the British Museum, concerning which you inquire, exists: but the collection of Indian manuscripts there is very scanty. The Royal Society possesses the manuscripts collected by the late Sir William Jones. It is the only considerable collection open to the public, [3] besides that which is at the East India House

If Mr Tho: Campbell is still at Bonn, may I trouble you to present my Compts to him. When I have the pleasure of seeing him, I shall offer my thanks to him for procuring me the gratification of your correspondence

I am

Sir

with great respect

Your very obedient S[erv<sup>t</sup>]

H T Colebrooke

À Monsieur A W de Schlegel

[4] A Monsieur A. W. de Schlegel

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