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[1] Argyll Street

21 May 1824

My dear Sir

A month has elapsed since I had the pleasure of hearing from you; & I must apologize for allowing so long a time to elapse: but I have been very busy & still am so. I have had the satisfaction of hearing from my son mean time; & Mr Lassen on his return gave me very good accounts of him. I am glad to find that he is sensible of the necessity of diligent attention to mathematics: and I hope he will make as good progress as you anticipate. It is one of the greatest defects of our public schools, that so very important a branch of study is entirely neglected at the age best calculated for entering upon it. I am much obliged to you for your kindness in arranging for him that his [2] deficiency in that branch may not be inconvenient & discouraging to him at his outset Indeed I am greatly obliged to you for your kindness to him in all respects. In answer to your question what time I destine for his studies, I can only say I have not fixed any time: but I supposed three years might suffice. I may be better able to judge on this point, after he is ripe for admission at the university.

I will endeavour to send you Oriental Intelligence for the purpose you mention

We have received from Mr Wilson of Calcutta a dissertation on the original of the fables of Pilpay , which he agrees with me in determining to be the Panchatantrá. He inserts several large extracts: & has made it an interesting paper – We have begun reading it at the R. Asiatic Society.

The transactions of the Society are in the press: but I do not think they will be ready for publication for some months. Perhaps our first fasciculus or half volume may be ready in November

[3] The 15th volume of Asiatic Researches is completed; & may be expected before the end of the Year. It contains some good papers: particularly one by Mr Wilson on the History of Cashmír: the only history that was even written in Sanscrit A manuscript translation of it by D^r Leyden is unpublished with the rest of his posthumous works.

I am glad to learn that the merit of Your Sanscrit Devanagari types has been so honorably acknowledged Yours very truly

HColebrooke

[4] A Monsieur

Monsieur A W DeSchlegel

à Bonn.

sur le Rhin

Namen

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Lassen, Christian

Leyden, John

Wilson, Horace H.

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