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My dear Sir

I have had the gratification of receiving your letter of 1st Ins^{tt} and am glad to learn that you continue to entertain the good intention of visiting England this summer

I have delayed my answer a few days to inquire and confirm my recollection concerning the libraries to which you will have occasion to resort.

The library of the British Museum certainly is shut for the months of the time which you propose to pass here. But I do not think there are any manuscripts there, which you would wish to consult: none Sanscrit, besides a copy of the Védas.

The library of the Royal Society contains some which you will want to see. It is not regularly open during vacation: but I can undertake that you may have access.

Most of the manuscripts, to which you would desire to refer, are in the Library of the East [2] India Company. It is open all the year. But were it otherwise I can answer for D^r Wilkins that he will take great pleasure in affording you every facility and accommodation.

I hear with much gratification the progress which Oriental studies in general (and that of Sanscrit in particular) are making under your auspices & those of the other Learned Professors who lecture on it ; as well as the progress your publications are making at the press. I shall be glad to advise with you on the plan of your types: I think you may be yet disposed to adopt the principle upon which I had the types of the Sanscrit press of Calcutta ^{made}: for it was upon my plan as well as under my patronage that they were prepared. My object was to promote the printing of Sanscrit classical books. I am glad that you are taking it up in England Germany. It will never be done in England; nor will Sanscrit Studies thrive here. The utility of our newly established Royal Asiatic Society, has not reference, like the Asiatic Society of Paris, to the promotion of the study of Oriental languages, but to call forth activity of those who qualified abroad.

In the expectation of seeing you [3] next month I postpone a thousand things I would wish to say; and am

with great esteem

Very obed^{tl}y Yours

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