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[1] Argyll Street

15th Jan^y 1824

My dear Sir,

I have waited to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 27th Ult^o until Sir Alexander Johnston and I should have arranged our plan in concert with M^r Lassen for your young pupils' journey. We now propose that they should set off the beginning of the last week of this month, say about the 25th Instt; and they will hope to wait on you at Bonn very early in February. The winter which had hitherto been unusually mild, & which encouraged me in fixing an early time for the journey, has recently set in with much severity. But I hope the worst of it will be passed by the time the young folks set off.

Since I had the pleasure of writing to you last month, I have had the gratification [2] to hear from Bengal that the Government there has authorized a large undertaking superintended by M^r Wilson for indexing and abstracting the whole of the extant Sanscrit literature or in other words making a copious Catalogue raisonné of all that is forthcoming. Mr Wilson writes to me that he gets translations by his assistants of copious extracts and has already made great progress towards a complete version of the Agni Purána which is quite a Sanscrit Encyclopedia. I trust the India Company at home will sanction the undertaking - & defray the charge of so useful and magnificent a work.

You desire me to specify my wishes in regard to the tuition of my son. The objects which I have chiefly in view for him are the acquisition of the German language and a foundation laid in ^{the} study of civil law. He is destined for the legal profession. I wish him likewise to be well grounded in Mathematics; and to get as much more knowledge as he has time and opportunity to acquire. No science is to a lawyer superfluous.

[3] The particular course of study ordinarily followed at Bonn, or that which might be there most conveniently pursued; I do not know; and I wish to leave it to your judgment to chalk out that which you deem most advisable. I should be glad that he should attend lectures conducive to the attainments of liberal knowledge; and those especially which prepare for the profession to which he is destined: the bar.

To be more particular, I may say that I wish him to learn French and German; & to pursue his classical studies; attending particularly to the Greek & Latin O[r]ators, and Historians. Mathematics in a[ll] its branches; from arithmetic to astronomy. If there are lectures in Chemistry and natural philosophy; I should wish him to attend them: lectures on History, the belles lettres, and jurisprudence, of course.

I am desirous he should learn drawing; and he may take lessons of fencing, dancing and riding.

For the rest I commit it all to your good judgment and kindness.

I am

Dear Sir

very sinc^{ly} Yours

HColebrooke

[4] A Monsieur

Monsieur A W de Schlegel

a Bonn

Terr. du

Namen

Colebrooke, John Henry

Friedrich Wilhelm III., Preußen, König

Johnston, Alexander

Johnston, Patrick Francis

Lassen, Christian

Wilson, Horace H.

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