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Albany, London  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1821.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> reached me  
but a few days ago; and I have deferred acknow-  
ledging it no longer, than <sup>until</sup> I should have seen the  
Booksellers after forwarding your letter to them -  
I learn from them that no copies of the three works  
mentioned are here procurable; but they will be  
commissioned for you from India. Black & Co  
will at all times be glad to be favored with your orders;  
and I believe you will find them attentive & careful.

The carelessness of native editors &  
publishers of works in India, joined with the ravages  
of worms & termites, is very disagreeing to the importation  
of books thence. Your animadversions are well deserved.  
I could never impress upon native correctors of the press, while  
I was there, the duty of a scrupulously careful revision.  
They are slovenly with the press, as with manuscripts:  
which commonly are very incorrect. It was on this ac-

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