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Edgell Street London
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My dear Sir

An excursion to the North of England, whence I last week returned, must be my excuse to you in conjunction with other circumstances, for the delay in acknowledging and answering your last favour, which reached me some time since.

I made inquiry, immediately on the receipt of it, respecting copies of the Hitopadesa in the East India Company's library; & was somewhat surprised to find the library very ill furnished with so common a book. It is perhaps because the book is so scarce, that copies of it have not been collected & presented to the Library. In private collections, copies are forth coming; & those, which were collated for the printed edition (by Dr Wilkins, &c) are in private hands. Should the task of collation be here recommenced, several might be again brought together for the purpose. There is but one in the Company's library.