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Argyle Street
18 Sept 1821

Sir

I have the satisfaction of thanking you for
your letter of 5th Sept. I am on the point of embarking
on a voyage on which I shall be several months absent;
and do not expect to return earlier than the middle of
next year, when I shall have the pleasure of addressing
you.

I must beg your excuse, if my present
answer does not embrace all the subjects of your inquiry,
& is hastily and jejune.

Two or three Sanscrit works are known,
which are somewhat in the style or manner of the Hitopadesa
& Pancha-tantra: consisting of popular tales strung together.
One is the Sinhāsane betāc Dvātrinsati, comprising stories that
purport to be told by the thirty two images which adorned
Vicramāditya's throne; another is the Uṭāla - panchavimśati
or twenty-five stories told by a corpse possessed by an evil spirit;
& some more, of which I do not immediately recollect the
titles. These works are in an easy, familiar style -

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