

Should you vouchsafe us the favour of a visit next summer, as you have given reason to expect, you will find Oriental Studies in greater estimation & more attended to here, than they have of late been. Without entertaining very sanguine expectations, I do think, that a rallying point was wanting; and so that is now furnished by the institution of a Society of Orientalists, something may now be achieved. We shall probably publish a volume of Transactions from time to time.

I hope your printing press continues to proceed to your satisfaction. It surely is a laborious <sup>task</sup> to compose in person.

I have been partial to the logographic mode of printing, as well adapted to Devanagari; and it was by my suggestion it was tried in the printing press at Calcutta & Serampore: & I thought it answered well. I continue partial to that method, in preference to any other system of movable types. But, in India, I might perhaps now prefer Lithography with the aid of good scribes.

The philosophical writings of the Hindus well deserve your attention. I hope you will advance from the Bhagvat Gita to a higher order of works, & to the text or standard compositions in the several systems of Indian metaphysics. Very little has been yet done to illustrate this branch of inquiry.

I am glad to learn that you think of publishing on Sanscrit grammar. I could wish to see a complete grammar of the language including etymology, whether by inflection or composition, and syntax, on which Sanscrit treatises are not wanting. It was once my intention