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My dear Sir

I have yet to thank you for your letter received last week by the hands of Sir Alexander Fraser. I had the satisfaction, when meeting him the beginning of this week, to learn from him, that he had recently heard from you & from his son, giving gratifying accounts of mine.

It is indeed very satisfactory to hear that he goes on so well & that you think so favourably of the progress made by him. I shall be glad to find that he manifests a turn for mathematical study, the only branch which you except from those in which he has begun well or advanced creditably.

Immediately on receipt of your letter I instructed my bankers to expect, & to pay, the half yearly draft in January instead of July. The accounts are quite satisfactory.

You will have learnt that we have re-opened our proceedings in the R. Asiatic Society under favourable auspices. There has been an interesting

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