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Argyll Street
26 May 1826

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My dear Sir

Having been absent a while from town; & since my return, extremely indisposed, I have trusted to Sir Alexander Johnston's further communications, as he was writing to you & undertook to speak for me as for himself.

Though still very unwell & but just rising from a sick bed, I cannot let the post go out, without announcing my son's arrival - It was the very day to meet his uncle, who is here, preparatory to embarking for India, & whom, from an unlooked for emergency it was indispensable he should see previous to his embarkation.

I think my son greatly improved; & as far as I have yet had time to converse with him, on his attainments, he seems very satisfactorily advanced in all his studies: for which he & I are greatly indebted to you; & I cannot too often repeat my acknowledgments.

I have received Mr Laper's work on Pali. It appears, so far as I have examined it, well executed. He has shown convincingly that the Magadhi

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