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# Royal Society of Literature.

London, April 29<sup>th</sup> 1841.

Sir,

It is with great satisfaction that I have received the directions of the Council of the Royal Society of Literature of London, to acquaint you that they have lately passed a Resolution, to the effect that the pages of the Journal of their Transactions shall be open to the admission of literary, historical, or archeological Communications from their foreign Members, as well as from other foreigners of eminent distinction in these or similar pursuits, who may be inclined to honor the Society with the result of their learned labours.

You are already aware that this Society was founded in the year 1825 by a Royal Charter granted by His Majesty George IV., for the purposes of promoting literature in its various branches - and (besides a special attention to the improvement of our own language,) to read and give to the public the papers of our correspondents and contributors, on history, philosophy, poetry, philology and the fine arts. - it is in furtherance of these objects, that the Council have deemed it right to invite you to contribute to their pages any Essays, Notes, Memoirs, or critical or historical notices, which you may at present have at hand, and which are not destined to be given to the public through any other channel. - if in the French or Italian languages, the communications would probably be printed in the language in which they are written. - if in German, Spanish, or Portuguese, the Council of the Society will be prepared to have them translated into English at their own expence. - and in all cases the author will be entitled to receive twenty copies of his works as his exclusive property. These copies will be delivered gratis at any place in London, which the author may be pleased to indicate either to the Secretary of the Society, or to me.

In making known to you this determination of the Council of the Royal Society of Literature, I am farther commanded to state to you that the particular objects, to which the attention of the Society has hitherto been chiefly directed, have been - the Elucidation of ancient Monuments, whether Medals, Vases, or Statues - disquisitions on points of ancient Geography, and of Classical History, and Archaeology in general - Speculations on the hieroglyphical language of Egypt, the Chronology of its several Royal Dynasties, and the age

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