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I was favoured with your letter before I left Berlin, and I expected  
even this, to have thanked you in person for your intended review  
of my publications; which I now see you have effected, and for which  
I may accept my thanks. - I have lately been at Hannover  
to see prince Adolphus, to whom I am strongly recommended  
by his brother at Berlin. Both these princes are endeavouring  
to procure me an establishment at Göttingen, but as it depends  
on the lords of the regency, who say they have no money to found  
a new professorship, I begin to consider it as an unlikely or  
very distant event. - I have just visited Göttingen, where  
I was wholly employed in making extracts from the public library  
for the purpose of compiling a work in prose and verse for the  
use of the learners of the English language. The collections I have  
hitherto see are very defective, and most of them contemptible.  
At Hamburg, where I passed some time before I went to Hannover,  
I found that a reform in the Gymnasium offered me an eligible  
situation, and the principal people concerned in the nomination  
of the new professors seem much inclined to elect me. My  
situation at Berlin is lucrative enough, but very unfavourable

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