

and to induce you to turn for one moment from your more serious occupations to the literary debates of the day — and a literary gazette. Begging you will do me the honour of writing yourself a few lines in behalf of my work, I cannot but add that I am fully sensible of the  
 5 many obligations I owe you already, and thank you for what you have so kindly done to make the esquisse known in France. — You advise me to dispatch some copies of it to Paris, and to send them for that purpose under the Duke de Broglie's direction, to the french embassy. I would have gladly followed your advice, had it not been for several  
 10 difficulties. In the first instance Mr. Bresson the french Minister, and Mr. de Ribeaupierre have long lived on very bad terms, and ever since there has been very little intercourse between the french embassy, and the Russians that are living in this place, including me. Besides the Duke himself has been obliged by a very illjudged opposition to with-  
 15 draw from the administration. — I really wish therefore that some other means may offer, of having the book conveyed to Paris.

But enough — too much perhaps of that. I dare not enquire about your own occupations, for fear whatever you could say about them would be thrown-away on a profane being. India, it's litterature  
 20 and history are things which I not only know very little about, but the study of which I have always been rather afraid of entering into at all, because I knew it to be very enticing and almost immeasurably extensive.

I see by your letter that a widowed niece is living with you; this Lady  
 25 I suppose to be Mme de Butlar, to whom I had the honour of being introduced at your house. Should I be right in this guess of mine, I beg you will kindly remember me to her. — Mr. Lassen I used to know well at Heydelberg; I once had the misfortune of wounding him at the salle d'armes — though he was by far the better swordsman of the  
 30 two — but I hope he has forgiven and forgot it.

My own projects as well as prospects are as yet very uncertain; possibly I may go to St. Petersburg within a few weeks; I am this moment expecting the directions of my friends. But whatever may happen, I still hope some favourable chance may bring me again to the banks of the  
 35 Rhine — and in that case I should not fail to intrude upon your hospitality. In the mean time I beg you will believe that I ever am with the highest possible regard, most devotedly

Your's

Th.[eodor] Knorring.

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