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London May 15th 1807

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 5th of December last was a very long time in finding its way to England. Knowing that a Fleet of Indiamen were expected to arrive, soon after it reach'd me, I delay'd from week to week answering it with the hope of getting some further intelligence on the interesting subject you were good enough to communicate. These Ships are come in, but have not brought me any direct account of the intended compliment from Madras. Our Friend John King has a short letter from Dr Anderson in which he mentions the subject, & at the same time expresses a hope that the subscription will be productive. Indeed, from the very flattering manner in which it pens, I cannot entertain the least doubt of it. The Inhabitants of Bengal have already transmitted about £5000. These marks of attention, my dear Friend, are very soothing to my feelings. Without them, I should very shortly have put into execution a resolution I had form'd, which many of my Friends, would, doubtless, have thought desperate. It was nothing

x Phys. General at Madras