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Government House Madras.

December 18th
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My dear Sir

It is impossible for me to express myself
in terms sufficiently grateful, for the very
many marks of kindness you have been pleased
to bestow on me - and indeed, ^{it} will be impossible
for me, ever to forget, the very flattering manner
my Lord Moira received me, upon his arrival
here. The interest you took in my behalf, in-
deed his Lordship, to promise me his protection
and even went so far, as to leave it entirely to
me to mention to him, when, and ~~at~~ how he
could most expediently ~~serve~~ serve me.

My last letter dated in August will have
informed you, of my being on General Abercromby,

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Staff his kindness to me on all occasions. I
shall ever acknowledge as I ought to do - he
is a most excellent man, and seems to give
General Satisfaction.

The day my Lord Moria, landed here, we
had some very heavy showers of rain. This the
Natives considered a most fortunate event. They
immediately said he was a man favored by
the Almighty; and look forward to his Government
being prosperous. The week his Lordship staid
here he underwent a great deal of Tossing. I
was much surpris'd to see him bear it so well.

Lady Louisa held one Public Night for those
Ladies, whom were desirous of being presented
to her. On this occasion (my Lord Moria's Staff
being unacquainted with the people here)

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by the express desire of my Lord Mordaunt, I did
the duty of the Lord in Waiting, and presented
all the Ladies to Lady London - every thing
went off well, and I believe every body much
gratified with her Ladyship's manner, and
manner of them.

Should my good Council be superseded in
the Government here, I have some hopes that
his Lordship will condescend to take me into his
family - whoever succeeds him, I feel assured
my dear Sir, that I shall have your Interest
coverted in my favor. We hear here, that Mr.
Gierney is coming out. however, I am in hopes
the Government will remain as it is for some
time.

I returned to Madras about three weeks ago
after spending some very pleasant days with

Here, and the officers of my Regiment. they have
made me promise to return, and spend the
I was week with them.

As the season set in very favourably on the
30th of October, we shall be in no danger, of a
want of Rice. Last year, we had very little ear
and in many parts of the Country it was most
seriously felt.

I hope it may not be thought too great presumpt
-tion in an humble Individual like myself, beg
-ging to enquire after the health of my most
Gracious Prince. That the Supreme disposer of
us all, may show our every Hoping upon him
I sincerely pray.

I wish to hope that Mr. Baker would have
employed ^{me} in executing some Commission for her,
in this distant part of the World I beg that you