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United Company of Merchants of *England*, Trading to the  
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HONOURABLE SIRS,

I HAVE now the Satisfaction to transmit to you a complete and corrected Copy of a TRANSLATION of the GENTOO CODE, executed with great Ability, Diligence and Fidelity, by Mr. *Halbed*, from a Persian Version of the original Shanscrit, which was undertaken under the immediate Inspection of the Pundits or Compilers of this Work.

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I HAVE not Time to offer any Observations upon these Productions; indeed they will best speak for themselves : I could have wished to have obtained an Omiffion or Amendment of some Passages, to have rendered them more fit for the Public Eye; but the Pundits, when desired to revise them, could not be prevailed upon to make any Alterations, as they declared, they had the Sanction of their Shafter, and were therefore incapable of Amendment; possibly these may be considered as essential Parts of the Work, since they mark the Principles on which many of the Laws were formed, and bear the Stamp of a very remote Antiquity, in which the Refinements of Society were less known, and the Manners more influenced by the natural Impulse of the Passions.

I HAVE the Honour to be, with the greatest Respect,

HONOURABLE SIRS,

Your most obedient,

And most faithful humble Servant,

Warren Hastings.

Fort-William,  
27th March, 1775.