Madam,

I have the honour to send, with this letter, a copy of the "Journal of a Residence in India" which your Imperial Majesty's confidential agent, Mr. Blackwood, was so kind as to send to me. I hope it will not be long before the printing of my voyage to Brazil will be finished, when I will do myself the honour to send a copy to Rio de Janeiro for your Imperial Majesty, and I trust it will meet with approbation from one so perfectly qualified to judge of it. I shall follow my own interest in time to present myself at the Imperial court by the month of October, when the leave of absence kindly granted me by the Emperor will expire. Meanwhile, I am diligently applying myself to acquire a perfect knowledge of the Portuguese language and to collect all the materials, such as books in Portuguese, English and French, as may enable me to undertake the instruction of the Imperial Prince with the best hopes of succeeding to the satisfaction of their august parents.

I am fully aware of the very important trust confided to me; and I dare promise to do all that
goal and a conscientious discharge of my duty can accomplish, trusting entirely to your Imperial Majesty for that continuance, which will give me the consequence, in the eyes of my subjects, which it is absolutely necessary for the person to possess in order to teach with effect. I have not been able to procure elementary books in Portuguese; but I have begun a translation of one of very early lessons for my illustrious pupil, which I mean to have printed with a good type, as I think it is asking too much of children to contend with bad paper and printing as well as the natural difficulties of learning. I am sure I need make no apology to so amiable a mother for writing thus much to your Imperial Majesty on the subject of early education. No one is better aware that on the foundation of the edifice the beauty and usefulness of the structure mainly depend.

Allow me to express my sincere congratulations to yourself and to His Majesty the Emperor on the increasing prosperity of Brazil, of which I hear from all sides. That the Empire, may advance in all things so as to be worthy of its illustrious founder in the earnest prayer of Madame.