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Dear Sir

I have owed more than one debt to your courtesy, and am about to trespass on it anew. Will you give me what information you can on the following matter. The summary of the Mahābhārata ^{published} ~~given~~ in Dalrymple Wheeler's "History of India" was derived from a MSS translation [of which] purported to be one found in the Calcutta library. But Prof Goldstücker

in a paper contributed to the
"West. Review", wrote "a complete
set of these translations was acquired
by the library of the India Office, & the
remaining incomplete portions, representing the
original drafts of which fair copies
had been taken, by the Bodleian
Library at Oxford." I wish to
know if you have any such MSS
or are here referred to in the
India Library, & when I could
have the advantage of inspecting
them? Perhaps also you may know
something of the supplementary MSS at
Oxford. I shall be much obliged
by a line on the subject at your
perfect leisure.

J. East

most truly
Edwin Arnold

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher.]