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The Marquis of
Hastings

to

~~Mr Prence Bage~~

July 14th 1819

Acknowledgments for
the Gulshahi order

Calcutta, July 14th
1819.

Sir

It seems as if your
Royal Highness were bent on defying
my gratitude to keep pace with your
benignity. I am pretty confident in
my stock, tho' I own that the bounty
I experience is difficult to be adequate.

- by met. The gracious conversation which
your Royal Highness deigned to hold with
Lady Hastings just before her Embarkation I
has been detailed to me with all the sensi-
-bility it was so well calculated to ex-
-cite. I am, Sir, to accept my
-the but glowing thanks for your unwea-
-ried kindness. When you could say that
I must keenly prize the Royal Gaelic
Ribband because it was your own Order,
your Royal Highness well understood me.

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which no other Order in Europe could be received
 with by me with any thing like the Pride which
 I feel in having this Distinction. I venture
 to trust that I shall not entail Disre-
 -dit on it. The most active principle in
 my Heart is to prove myself worthy of
 your Royal Highness's favor. Of the ge-
 -neral & rapidly increasing prosperity
 which reigns here may be in any degree
 ascribed to beneficial administration,
 the praise is not mine: It belongs to

Him who charged me to justify his Choice
by advancing the welfare of this part of
His Empire and who cheers my energy
& constant exertion by His generous vo-
-luntie of my Zeal.

With profound respect & earnest
Duty, I remain

Sir,
Your loyal Obedience,
most humble, most obliged,
& most grateful servant

Richard Heyes.

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