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I have already so fully stated to your
Royal Highness as well as to Lord Southampton
the insurmountable obstacles which occurred to my
making any provision for M^r Colebrooke in this
country, that I will not again intrude upon your
patience by a repetition of them.

M^r Colebrooke from what I have explained to
him, and from the general report of the Settlement,

appears to be perfectly convinced that it is not in
my power to enable him to maintain himself and his
family in India, and has therefore very wisely determined
to return to Europe; And as he has expressed some
apprehension lest your Royal Highness should
impute the disappointment of his views here to any
fault or improper conduct on his part, I have thought
it incumbent upon me in justice to that Gentleman's
character, to assure your Royal Highness that his
behaviour in this Country has been perfectly proper, and
that if I could consistently with my duty have rendered
him any effectual Service, I have seen no cause to
consider Mr Colebrooke unworthy of it.

I am your Royal Highness's Most Faithful
and most Devoted Servant
Cornwallis