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Dear Sir,

If you will have the goodness to return the inclosed to me at the India Board tomorrow morning, I will direct a copy of it to be sent officially to Mr. Tyrwhitt, with a request that he & any other Gentlemen interested in the matter will appoint a time to converse with me on the subject of their application.

I suspect they are not aware how much the conquest of Java may operate to the prejudice of the Tin trade from this County, however advantageous that

acquisition may be in other respects. The East  
India Company will now have neither the  
power nor the commercial means of preventing  
this competition, if Java (as will probably  
be the case) is retained under the dominion  
of The Crown. These hints are for your  
own private information at present, but it  
will be my duty to point them out also to  
the Cornish Gentlemen.

I am afraid that in the course of a day  
or two, with The Prince Regent's permission,  
I shall have to intrude on His Royal Highness  
for a short time on some Indian topics  
now under consideration. — Believe me

My Dear Sir, Your most faithful Servant

The Right Honble  
John Mackintosh

Melville.