Dr Sir

I have left my Book with remarks on my Voyages to India with my Brother John in Providence, or should furnish you with some extracts that might be useful — but Captn Wm Wood has many from a ruff memorandum of my first Voyage — he has also an English Book with the Currencies Weights &c &c which I recommend you to procure

If you touch at the Cape of Good Hope after a Visit from the Port you will find accommodation at any house on Shore — Mr Honee who was Secretary to the Govd in the Year 1792 — if at Table Bay will be serviceable to you as an Interpreter &c &c it is not probable you will call their outward as it will be out of Season — but on your return you might meet a sale of some Goods & be furnished with supplies — the present deranged situation of the Dutch Government will doubtless alter their method of trade & probably open a field for speculation. — If bound to [illegible] Trincamalay a ~~Spanish~~ Danish Settlement near Cape Comorin when you will have the whole Coast of Coromandel on your way to the mouth of the Ganges — the next port on this Coast will be Pondicherry were you can stop without being detained one day; this place so often changes its masters that I apprehend they are without any system of trade — from that you will go for Madrass an English settlement of considerable trade here you will get Information of the Markets &c at Calcutta also how you are to manage to Obtain a Pilot at the ~~mouth~~ Entrance of the Ganges the Pilots cruise off in Large Vessels & vary their situation with the Season Balasore road is the general resort

Mr John Anderson — or Mr Joseph Melton both from Boston were at Madrass in 1794 — & would render you assistance if there — but the Indies heretofore produced speculators and many Bankrupts — also many who improved every advantage they obtained over Strangers — you will need no pilot on the Coast & when you come to Anchor a Catamaran will come off Immediately from the Custom house — pay no attention to the multitude of recommendations from the American Supercargoes which will be handed from the Servants of the Debash's on the Coast and the Banyans at Calcutta as many are forged, & they frequently forfeit a Character which at the time of recommendation they in fact merit — the best of them will cheat & as they are necessary you must be guarded — I forget the name of my Debash at Pondicherry — Vankette of Madrass is dead — Neal Mony Dhur I employed at Calcutta but Ramchanda Barragee was more Active & I think better Informed — however you will wait until you go on shore before you engage any — next to Madrass is Pulicat a

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