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No. 114. Read the following letter from the Reverend M. A. SHERRING, M. A., L. L. B., London, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated London, 2nd July 1867.

I have the honor to enclose the Prospectus of a work on "The Sacred City of the Hindus—an account of Benares in Ancient and Modern Times," which is about to be published by Trübner & Co., Paternoster Row, London.

2. As the work is altogether on an Indian subject, and as the expense of its publication will be considerable, I shall feel greatly obliged by your kindly laying the Prospectus, together with this note, before His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council, requesting his patronage of the book when it issues from the press. I would also beg the favor of a reply to this communication, and would be glad to know to what extent I may reckon on such patronage.

No. 115. To the Reverend M. A. SHERRING, M. A., L. L. B., 6, Lowman Road, Holloway, London; dated Fort Saint George, 16th August 1867, No. 1001.

In reply to your letter dated the 2nd ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the Madras Government is prepared to subscribe to five copies of your work, entitled "The Sacred City of the Hindus—an account of Benares in Ancient and Modern Times."

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

6 Lowman Road,³
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I have the honor to be,
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Your obedient servant,
M. A. Sherring, Esq.
(The Author)

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THE SACRED CITY OF THE HINDUS:

AN ACCOUNT OF BENARES IN ANCIENT
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MISSIONARY OF THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY; AUTHOR OF "THE INDIAN
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