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If you should decide on finding any thing, the sooner would be the better.

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On this subject I shall offer no remarks. You will form your own opinions. Not having any thing particular to add, I thus conclude, requesting your continual intercessions at a throne of grace in my behalf, and remaining, Respected Fathers and Brethren,

Yours in the Gospel of Christ
J. Horner
P. February 18, 1819. I have on the Treasury Bills No 15-1 for £. 150.-- Sterling

of the most abominable festivals ever celebrated: it is the annual festival of the Holey, and lasts 5 days. A part of the ceremonies is the worship which was performed on the night of the 11th inst, large bonfires being dug by the road side, in which fires were burnt a black English description of the general character cannot be given. The following sentences thrown together in easy Latin, will give: this black and abominable piece:

as, firmos atque furi, - omnium statum omnes, et qui in inferis habentur, vestitus rubro et maculatis amicti, turba promiscua progredi- colores (sic enim audivi), monstrum atque designant! In feminas quoque forte apud nos quam pigmento rubro comistam, per syon- impugnant. Nocte, multorum agmine facto, deus cantantes, formosaeque voces obscenas, in i membris (scilicet generationibus) virilis et ore rotundo edentes, per vias publicas: Per quinque dies et noctes, omnia sive dicta sive omnia et flagitia habent incitamenta! hac et pars istius execrabilis Hindorum Super- ut alicui quidam, viam ad Deum et celestia

I have both in Sanscrit and Mahratta a short description of this festival from its institution: but were it to be persuaded you would throw it into the fire.

The Gemina which left England 20 August, arrived instant. She brought nothing for us. The Rev. Minister of the Scotch Church here, is come out in hopes of seeing another missionary. Sir Evan Napier is about returning to Europe; and Mr. E. is not as liberal in his views respecting Sir Evan. May I suggest to you whether it would be for you to present him (to be delivered by me) standard work from the Conference Press, as a token of a great man, British or Native, empty handed.