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A VISIT TO SIKHIM AND THE THIBETAN FRONTIER

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FROM J. WARE EDGAR, ESQ.,
Deputy Commissioner of Darjeeling,

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF COOCH BEHAR.

Darjeeling, the 20th January 1874.

SIR,

As directed in Government order No. 3888 of the 8th October 1873, I have the honor to submit an account of my recent tour in Sikhim, together with such information as I have been able to collect on the state of affairs there; the condition, extent, and prospects of the trade with Thibet; the desirability of making a road or roads through Sikhim; the best route or routes to be taken; and the other points raised in the correspondence between the Government of Bengal and that of India.

2. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice and that of Government the great help I got during my whole trip from Lassoo Kazi, the Sikhim vakeel at Darjeeling; from Gellong, my Court interpreter; and from Tendook Mookhtear, the manager of the estate of the late Cheebboo Lama, who with his nephew accompanied me as volunteers without any outlook of profit. During the whole of my tour they worked untiringly at everything that came to their hands to do; and I am very anxious, with the permission of Government, to make them some acknowledgment for their good and voluntary service.

I should like to give Tendook an inscribed silver Murwa Jug, and a Silver Watch to his nephew.
If this be allowed, I could pay for the things out of the unexpended balance of the sum of Rs. 2,000 sanctioned for presents to be made during the tour.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. WARE EDGAR,

Deputy Commissioner.