

Museum, such specimens as may be procured by their Agents in the Indian country. The very important assistance which the Society may hence expect to receive, as well as the handsome donation already in the hands of the Treasurer, may be considered one of the results proceeding from the labours of the Indian Committee of the Society. It was probably by means of the answers made to the queries of the Society, and the collections intended for it, and forwarded to England by the Company's ships, that the Company became aware of the existence of this Society: and to the knowledge thus obtained, aided, doubtless, by the information of the gentleman placed at the head of their affairs on this Continent, as to the views and condition of the Society, we are to attribute the very grateful communication we have received.

The Council have very great pleasure in having again to record a munificent donation from the Legislature of the Province. This second instance of favour shows the estimation in which the exertions of the Members are held, no less than the earnest desire of the Legislature to promote the advancement of the Sciences, by bringing together the means by which scientific attainments can be acquired. The Council of the Society would not have ventured to address the Legislature for additional assistance, had they not been well aware, that the former grant had been appropriated to purposes of public utility. They knew that the capabilities of the Society had become more developed and better known, and they judged rightly, that having an object of acknowledged utility in view, they might, with confidence, rely on the liberality of the Legislature. This object was the acquirement of an extensive collection of Minerals, which had been offered to the Society at a moderate price. The Council, keeping in mind the impropriety of involving the Society in a heavy debt, however useful the purpose for which this debt was to be incurred, delayed deciding upon the offer, or rather decided not to accept the offer,