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kindness and patronage I have been enabled to perform this voyage—thus adding another to the many efforts I have successfully made to obtain its countenance and favour.

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