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Dear Sclater,

Pray accept my apologies for this belated reply to your letter of nearly a month ago. It arrived while I was laid up with influenza, after which I took a short holiday at Brighton. Since returning to the office, I have had to shift my room, and in the resulting confusion I overlooked your letter, discovering it again only yesterday.

I return Dr. Wood's note. As requested, I have looked through the Fort St. George ~~Madras~~ Gazette for the first half of 1804, but without

finding any obituary notice of Lady Guillim. In those days women were kept in the background; and probably it was not thought the thing for a newspaper to ~~take notice~~ publish details about them, however estimable their character.

As for the initials H.S.E., I take them to mean Hic sepulta est, the equivalent of the 'Here lieth interred' which appears on several of the surrounding monuments.

Yours sincerely

W. Foster