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Dear Mr. Goldziher.

I have heard that the post of Assistant Librarian in the India Office Library will soon be vacant. I should like to get this post as it would give me more opportunity of doing scholarly work than I have at present. I believe that Mr. Stein has spoken to you on my behalf. Our English custom is that

in such cases candidates send in testimonials from eminent persons.

May I ask you to be so kind as to help me in this matter.

The authorities of the India Office would attach great weight to a recommendation from you. As scholars from various parts of Europe visit the India Office Library, it is desirable that the librarian should be a *persona grata* to them.

If you will be so kind as to accede to my request, will you please

mention that I was selected to be editor of the Indian section of the *Encyclopaedia of Islam*. It might be helpful to me if you would also mention that I was appointed English secretary at the meetings of the *Musalmán Section of the Congress of Orientalists at Rome*.

I shall especially base my application on my knowledge of Arabic & Persian and cognate Indian Vernaculars, — as well as on my acquaintance with oriental bibliography. I am engaged on a short Persian text فتوحات فیروز شاہی which

I hope to publish next month.

I have at present in the press
a dictionary of *دیس، معرب* which
I have written in Persian for the
use of Indian scholars, to serve
as a supplement to the existing
Arabic dictionaries available to
them.

Please forgive me for putting
you to so much trouble and in
thus presuming upon your kindness.

Yours sincerely
T. W. Arnold.