## Dr. JOHN HARKNESS TESTIMONIAL

### REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PUPILS, FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS OF DR. JOHN HARKNESS,

Held at the Elphinstone High School, on the 10th May 1862,

TO YOTE A TESTIMONIAL

TO

### JOHN HARKNESS ESO. LL .

. Principal of the Bombay Elphinstone College:

TOGETHER WITH

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE, APPOINTED TO CARRY OUT THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING;

AND

ACCOUNTS OF THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT OF DR. JOHN HARKNESS TESTIMONIAL FUND.

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BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CARRY OUT THE OBJECT OF THE DR. HARKNESS TESTIMONIAL.

In the beginning of the year 1862, it became known to Dr. Harkness's pupils that he intended retiring from the Principalship of the Elphinstone College and proceeding to his native land. There was a general desire amongst the ex-students and students of the Elphinstone College and Schools to present Dr. Harkness with a testimonial and to have some memorial of him in connection with some of the educational establishments in Bombay. After some enquiry it was found that several Native friends and admirers of Dr. Harkness were ready, liberally to second the efforts of his pupils. The following circular was accordingly addressed to the ex-students and students.

### CIRCULAR.

To

ATMARAM PANDURANG, Esq.
BHAU DAJRE, Esq.
BALAJEE PANDURANG, Esq.

BHAIRAONATH MANGESH, Esq. CAWASJEE EDULJEE, Esq. CAWASJEE SHAPOORJEE, Esq. Dosabhai Framjee, Esq. DARASHA DORABJEE, Esq. DADABHAI PESTONJEB, Esq. DADOBA PANDURANG, Esq. EDALJEE NOSSERWANJEE, Esq. EDALJEE SHAPURJEE, ESQ. EDALJEE RASTABJEE, Esq. GANGADAS KESORDAS, ESQ. Harishankar Balkrishna, Esq. HORMUSJEE DADABHAI, ESQ. KARSANDAS MAHADAVDAS, ESQ. KARSANDAS MULJEE, Esq. KHAIKHOSHRO HORMUSJEB, Esq. KHANDAS MANCHARAN, ESQ. KHERSHEDJEE RASTAMJEE CAMA, Esq., KHERSHEDJI MANEKJEE, Esq. KHURSETJEE DINSHA, Esq., MAHADEVA GOVIND SHASTREE, Esq. Naorojeb Fardunjee, Esq. NARAYEN DINANATHJEE, Esq. Nusserwanjee Jamasjee, Esq. NANABHAI HARIDAS, ESQ. NANABHAI RASTANJEE, Esq. NILEART MAHADEVA, Esq. NARMADASHANKAB LALSHANKAB, Esq. PANDURANG BALIBHADRA, Esq. RAMCHANDRA BALKRISHNA, Esq. RANDAS BHANJEE, Esq. RAGUNATH NABAYES, Esq. SORABJEE SHAPURJEE, Esq. Sorabjee Jehangie, Esq. SORAR BAPUJEE, Esq. VINAVERAO JAGANATRIJEE, ESQ. VINATERBAO WASUDEVAJEE, E6Q. Wishwanath-Narayer, Esq.

Wasudeva Pandurang, Esq. -Wasudeva Jaganath, Esq. Wishwawath Jaganath, Esq.

### Dear Sirs.

At the desire of most of the Gentlemen above mentioned I beg respectfully to call a preliminary meeting on Saturday, the 19th Inst. at ½ past 5 p. m. at the Native General Library to consider and arrange about raising a subscription to perpetuate the name of Dr. Harkness in connection with the Native Education of this Presidency.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

I remain,
Dear Sirs,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) ARDASEER FRAMJEE.

Bombay, 12th April, 1862.

On the 19th April, a preliminary meeting was held at the Native General Library Rooms, Venayekrao Wasudevaji Esq. in the chair. The following resolutions were passed.

- I. That a subscription be raised to perpetuate the name of Dr. Harkness for his labors in the cause of Native Education of this Presidency.
- II. That the form of the testimonials be a Bust, an address, and a lithograph likeness of Dr. Harkness, and a purse made up of the remaining subscriptions.

- III. That his Friends and Admirers be also requested to join and afford assistance in carrying out the wishes of the pupils.
- IV. That the following Gentlemen be appointed a Provisional Committee to carry out the object of the Meeting.

Sorabjee Jamsetjee Jeejeebhai, Esq. VINAYERRAO WASUDEVAJEE, Esq. NARAYAN DINANATHJI Esq. VINAYERRAO JAGANATHJEE, Esq. BHAU DAJI, Esq. SORABJEE SHAPURJEE, ESQ. BHAIRAONATH MANGESH, Esq. NAWROJEE FARDUNJEE, ESQ. MAHADEVA GOVIND SHASTREE, Eso. KHARSHEDJEE RASTAMJEE CAMA, Esq. RAMCHANDRA BALKRISNA, Esq. GANGADAS KESORDAS, ESQ. Dosabhai Framjee Karaka, Esq. DADOBA PANDURANG, Esq. Vishvanath Narayan Mandlik, Esq. ARDASEER FRAMJEE, Esq.

The Meeting was then adjourned. Bombay, 19 April, 1862.

On the same day there was a meeting of the Provisional Committee appointed according to the above resolution, when Messrs Ardaseer Framjee and Vishwanath Narayen Mandlik were appointed Secretaries, and a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Bhau Daji, Dadoba Pandurang, Nowroji Fardunji, Ramchandra Balkrishna, and Vinayekrao Wasudevji, appointed

to prepare a draft of the address. On the twenty-first idem, the Provisional Committe met to consider the drafts submitted, and one was finally approved of at a third meeting held on the 24th idem, when the Secretaries were requested to apply to Government for permission to Dr. Harkness to receive the address and purse from his pupils and friends. The arrangements for the presentation of the address were left to Dr. Bhau Daji. At a meeting on the 29th idem, it was resolved to leave the address at the Native General Library for the signature of the members, and the Secretaries were requested after the receipt of the Government reply to appoint in consultation with Dr. Harkness, a day and place for presenting the address, due notice thereof being given in the papers to the subscribers, and such friends, admirers, and pupils of Dr. Harkness as might wish to attend; Dr. Bhau Daji was requested to read the address. The following is a report of the proceedings of the meeting held to present the address which was published in the Times of India of the 12th May 1862.

### TESTIMONIAL TO DR. JOHN HARKNESS.

A MEETING of the students and ex-students of the Elphinstone Institution, as well as of the friends of Dr. John Harkness, Principal of the Elphinstone College was held in the hall of the Elphinstone Institution, on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of presenting an address to that Gentleman, on his final departure to Europe, after his successful labors in the educational department of the Presidency for upwards of a quarter of a century. Among those present were observed the Hon'ble Jaganath Sunkerset; J. F. Hore, R. T. Reid, A. B. Boswell, G. W. Terry, and W. Smith, Esqs;

Drs. Stovell, Haines, Miller, Gomes, Bhau Daji, Narayen Daji, Atmaram Pandurang; Bomonjee Hormusjee Wadia, Venayekrow Jaganathji, Naoroji Fardunji, Cowasji Edulji, Ardasir Framji, Dosabhai Framji, Khaikhashro Hormusji, Esqs.; Rao Sahib Ramchander Balcrisnaji, Rao Sahib Vishvanath Narayan, Mandlik and a large number of the students of the Elphinstone Institution and of the Elphinstone and Grant Medical Colleges.

DR BHAU DAJI opened the proceedings by reading the following

#### ADDRESS.

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John Hareness, Esquire, LL. D. Principal of the Elphinstone College, Bombay.

DEAR AND RESPECTED SIR,—We, the undersigned ex-students and students of the Elphinstone College, and Institution feel it our bounden duty to express to you our high sense and appreciation of your services in the cause of Native Education, and our heart-felt regret at your approaching departure from the scene of your distinguished labors during the long period of 27 years.

You were selected as one of the first two Professors by Mountstuart Elphinstone in the College which the people of this Presidency established to perpetuate the memory of their greatest benefactor.

Dear Sir, we cannot be accused of partiality for a kind, zealous, upright, and able teacher, if we declare that you have done full justice to the confidence reposed in you. Placed in a position where the noblest gifts of mind and the most generous feelings of the heart find the freeest scope for their exercise, you have brought to the discharge of your duty, intellectual powers of the very highest order, whilst the high tone of moral feeling which you have invariably displayed, the urbanity of your disposition, and the ever-increasing interest and almost paternal solicitude which you have evinced in the well-being of your pupils, have impressed us, we would fain hope, not only with gratitude to yourself and the liberal and enlightned Go-

vernment which supports the College and Institution, but with a sincere and lively desire to walk in the footsteps and imitate the virtues of such benefactors of mankind as you have proved yourself to be.

On your arrival on the shores of Bombay, you found education had made so little progress that it was with great difficulty a sufficient number of pupils could be assembled to profit by your lectures. But now on the eve of your departure you have had the gratification of witnessing the establishment of the Bombay University on a solid basis and of presenting with your own hands as Dean of the Faculty of Arts, the first four of the Graduates who have, under your auspices, attained the honorable degree of Bachelor of Arts.

You voluntarily underwent the labor of an early and critical study of the vernacular languages in order to extend the sphere of your usefulness, the result of which is now clearly seen in the improvement of Gujarathi orthography and of vernacular literature generally.

Your unfailing generosity will long be remembered with gratitude by scores of poor students whom you liberally supported whilst they were endeavouring to acquire knowledge under great difficulties.

It will no doubt be a subject of gratification to you to see so many of your pupils, holding honorable and responsible offices under Government, and also established in independent professions as Medical practitioners, Lawyers, Engineers, and Merchants not only in this country, but in England and China.

When we consider the self-diffusiveness of knowledge and the seal, ability, and single-heartedness which you brought to bear upon the mental and moral discipline and education of your pupils, year after year, in health and in sickness, we feel we connot yet realize the benefits which this country is destined, under Providence, to reap from the labors of successful Educationists like yourself towards the regeneration of India.

You have placed us and our country under lasting gratitude, and we feel convinced, that the name of John Harriess will be cherished and revered in every native home having the slightest pretensions to intellectual and moral culture.

As a slight token of our esteem and gratitude, we solicit your

kind acceptance of a purse (of upwards of ten thousand rupees) which we have subscribed with the assistance of the leading members of the native community, who have readily seconded our humble efforts to approach you with this testimonial. We also request that you will condescend to sit for a Bust to be placed in the Framjee Cowasjee Institute, and for a photographic negative that we may be able to have before us the likeness of one whose public and private life has been honorably and endearingly connected with the best associations of our life.

We pray Almighty God that you may safely reach your native land, that you may be blessed with health and long life and with every thing that is good.

In conclusion, we beg to subscribe ourselves ever your own, affectionate and grateful pupils.

(Signed by upwards of 300 persons.)

Bombay, 10th May, 1862.

DR. HARKNESS, in reply to the address, spoke as follows:

DEAR PUPILS AND FRIENDS.—The address which has just been read, and which His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to permit me to receive, so far exceeds my deserts that I am really at a loss how to reply to it. I cannot flatter myself that my humble labors have been of so much importance as you seem to think. You have alluded to my having come out under the auspices of Mountstuart Elphinstone, whom you justly term the greatest benefactor of the people of this Presidency. Now, I cannot help fancying that I am indebted to his nomination for much of the consideration I have met with among you. By some means or other a portion of your gratitude and respect for him has been extended to his nominee.

I can make no pretensions to that critical knowledge of the vernacular languages for which you give me credit; my other avocations have not allowed me sufficient time for that purpose. Some little improvement has been made in Gujarati orthography, and I am glad to see that it is now coming into general use.

It was indeed very gratifying to me to have the pleasure, at the late Convocation, of presenting to the Chancellor the first four candidates who have passed the examination for the Degree of B. A. in the Bombay University, and I trust that they will ever show themselves worthy of the honor thus conferred on them. I am proud to say that of the many students who have left the Elphinstone College within the last twenty years—some of whom are now, as you observe, holding responsible offices under Government, and others established as medical practitioners, lawyers, engineers, and merchants—I am not aware of one of those who have passed through the higher classes, having misconducted himself.

I fully appreciate the motives which have led you to adopt this mode of testifying your respect, and I sincerely thank you both for your kind wishes and for your munificent present.

Allow me to say that I hope you will reconsider your request that I should sit for a Bust to be placed in the Framjee Cowasjee Institute. A private individual like myself has no title to such an honour. Still, should you adhere to your resolution, I shall deem it my duty to comply with your request.

Be assured that wherever I may be, my thoughts will often revert to Bombay, and that I will never cease to take a deep interest in the welfare of you and your country. I bid you all farewell!

. The meeting then dispersed.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN OUTLINE OF THE CAREER OF DR. HARKNESS IN CONNECTION WITH GOVERNMENT EDUCATION IN THIS PRESIDENCY, PUBLISHED IN THE TIMES OF INDIA OF THE 17TH APRIL 1862.

THE retirement of Dr. John Harkness from the Principalship of the Elphinstone College, after a service of more than twenty-five years, is a circumstance of sufficient public importance in connection with the history of education in this Presidency, to call for some notice, and to suggest many retrospective reflections. The period which is marked by

Dr. Harkness's career, is one which has been eminently fruitful in changes and improvements among the people of Bombay. To go back beyond that period, is to revert to a time . when nothing but the mere beginnings of education had been made; when all notions and theories on the subject were to the highest degree unsettled; when no systematic English instruction, had been imparted; and when no books in the Marathi and Guzerathi languages existed, except the mere native mythologies and legends about the Hindoo gods. must accordingly be considered an important epoch when "on the 28th August 1828, a public meeting of the native "inhabitants of Bombay was held for the purpose of consider-"ing the best means of attesting the affectionate and respect-"ful sentiments of the native community towards the Hon'ble "Mountstuart Elphinstone, on his leaving the Government of "Bombay. The meeting was first addressed by the late "Framjee Cowasjee, of whom it is but just to say that he "was the pioneer of improvement and civilization in this "Presidency. 'They might,' he said, 'erect a statue, or pre-"sent a service of plate, or draw up a suitable address; but "he entreated his fellow-citizens to consider what other "means they could devise to perpetuate the remembrance "of one to whom they had looked as their common father "and 'friend." The result of this deliberation was the subscription of a sum of money for the foundation of the Ephinstone College; on hearing of which Elphinstone himself is reported to have exclaimed. "Hos potius mille signis, this is better than a thousand statues."

Owing to delays on the part of the Home Government, the institution was not fairly set on foot till 1835. The appointment of the first Professors was left to Mr. Elphinstone, and the selection of Dr. Harkness for one of these posts, has a direct historical connection with the early life of Mountstuart Elphinstone himself. Elphinstone was educated at the High School of Edinburgh, where he had several distinguished contemporaries, amongst whom may be mentioned Francis Homer and the late Lord Murray. On his

return from Bombay he went to a dinner of the Friday Club (a re-union of the literary men of Edinburgh) and there recognized an old school-fellow in Professor Pillans. was remarked that with one or two exceptions, all present had been pupils of Dr. Adams, the Rector of the High School. Subsequent to this recognition, Mr. Elphinstone applied to Professor Pillans to aid his views of Indian education; which he did most effectually by the recommendation of Dr. Harkness for an Elphinstone Professorship. On the arrival of Messrs. Harkness and Orlebar at the Institution in Bombay. English education in this Presidency received an impulse which has been felt ever since. In the year 1844 it was determined to place the Elphinstone Institution under the control of a Principal, selected by the Professors from their ewn body. The election fell upon Professor Harkness; and in reference to this circumstance an excellent article in the Bombay Quarterly Review for July 1855 makes the following remarks:- "A better choice could not have been made. "It is now nearly twenty years that this able man has been "connected with education in this Presidency. He has seen "the Elphinstone Institution rise from a comparatively small "school to a flourishing collegiate establishment; and has "the proud satisfaction of feeling that, unattracted by the "meretricious displays of equally ardent but less judicious "labourers in the same field, he has ever kept on the even "tenor of his way, seeking for no applause but that of his "own conscience, asking for no reward but that inward feel-"ing of gratification which results from the knowledge of "duty performed."

The qualifications which Dr. Harkness brought with him to his new sphere of action, consisted in—an unusually large stock of information, spread over various sciences and subjects; a thoroughly practical mind; a benevolent heart; and genial manners. Thus few persons could have been found better fitted for the peculiar office which he had to perform, namely, to herald the dawn of scientific knowledge among a people who were just awakening from a long night of

apathy, igorance, and superstition. Dr. Harkness' kindly demeanour rendered the path of instruction a pleasant one; and throughout his long intercourse with the natives it is probably true to say that he never made himself a single enemy. · His pupils were, and are, more distinguished for the breadth than for the depth of their accomplishments. But such a result was a natural and not an undesirable phase of collegiate education, on its first introduction into a country like this. It may be said that Dr. Harkness's pupils were not "scholars" in the highest sense of the term. On the other hand they were not pundits, but had rather something of the "gentleman" about them, or of the well-informed man of the world. Everybody knows the persons to whom we allude,-the chief medical practitioners, translators to Government, interpreters in the Supreme Court, clerks in the Income-tax Commission, schoolmasters, and officials of all kinds. To which list we may also add merchants, not only in Bombay, but scattered abroad, even as far as Hongkong on the one side and Liverpool on the other. Of the usefulness, efficiency, and honourable bearing of these persons no one can doubt. And besides their official services, they have also, as a class, performed another achievement, we mean laying the foundation of a vernacular literature in the shape of translations from useful English works. Dr. Harkness has himself been distinguished for his attainments in the vernacular languages. He acted for some time as educational inspector in Guzerat, and he appears to have effected a practical improvement by remodelling the types of the Guzerathi character.

Dr. Harkness will make an appropriate conclusion of his career, by the ceremony of presenting to the Chancellor of the Bombay University, for their degrees, the first students who have passed the B. A. examination. The performance of this duty, which devolves upon Dr. Harkness in his capacity of Dean of the Faculty of Arts, will mark significantly a new era in the history of education in Bombay. The first or inaugural period may be said to have passed away, a

period of greater strictness and more elaborate system has succeeded. A different style of men are now required as instructors. Instead of broad and discursive information. the University standard now calls for exact and almost minute scholarship; and it necessitates the employment of teachers who are in possession of speciality. This is in fact the natural development of a professorial system. We have seen that the first era has produced good fruits in the shape of a generation of superior men. What the second era will do, we cannot yet tell, for the youths reared up under it, are youths still and not yet emancipated from college. But in one point it is to be hoped that they will make an advance upon the previous generation, and that is, in regard to literary creativeness. The students under "the Board of Education" rather received information than imbibed classical and literary ideas: Probably owing to this, they have shown no tendency to original composition. Of the Bombay University graduates it remains to be seen whether the more restricted and literary course of education which they have gone through, will more dispose them to authorship. Until this result is attained, until the people of this country regain the faculty of creative and independent thinking, education cannot be considered to have done its work.

We have already said that for the period of the inauguration of knowledge no man could have been better fitted than Dr. Harkness. The natives of Bombay certainly owe him a debt of gratitude for all that he has done for them. We are glad to see that there are proposals for making some acknowledgment of the benefits which Dr. Harkness has conferred upon the community. But we would suggest to the Committee which is to deliberate upon the form of this acknowledgment, that the speech of Mr. Framjee Cowasjee would be by no means applicable to the present occasion. Dr. Harkness is in a widely different position from a Governor of Bombay on the eve of his departure. Mr. Mountstuart Elphinstone was placed above the possibility of valuing anything except some mark of public honour. But a private

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individual who has always exhibited the most open-handed generosity, must on leaving the country find himself differently situated. We assume that the object of the Committee will be to do (within certain limits) whatever will be most gratifying, and at the same time most substantially beneficial to a person who has been for many years a good friend to the Bombay community.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To

### M. J. M. SHAW STEWART, Esq.

Acting Secretary to Government Educational Department.

Dated 3rd May 1862.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 171 of the 30 ultimo, we have the honor to submit a copy of the address proposed to be presented to Dr. Harkness,

And to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants
(Signed) ARDASEER FRAMJEE,

VISHWANATH NARAYAN MANDLIK,
Joint Secretaries to the P. C.
Harkness Testimonial.

N. G. Library Bombay, 3rd May 1862.

No. 184 of 1862.

From.

M. J. SHAW STEWART, Esq.

Acting Secretary to Government, Bombay.

To

### Messrs. ARDASEER FRAMJEE and

VISHVANATH NARAYEN MANDLIK

Joint Secretaries to the Harkness Testimonial Committee.

Dated 7th May 1862.

Educational Department,

### GENTLEMEN,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 3rd instant, regarding the address proposed to be presented to Dr. Harkness, and in reply to inform you that His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to permit Dr. Harkness to receive the address.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) M. J. SHAW STEWART,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle 7th May 1862.

Bombay 27th November 1862.

To

JOHN HARKNESS, L L D.

Emeritus Principal Elphinstone College. &c. &c. &c.

DEAR AND RESPECTED Sir, .

We have much pleasure in forwarding through our esteemed friend, Dadabhai Naorojee Esq. one of your oldest and brightest pupils, a bill drawn by the Chartered Mercantile Bank of I. L. & China at 6 months sight in your favor, for £(1,200) One thousand two hundred (No. 5/524, First of Exchange) as the humble purse voted to be presented to you by the Ex-students and Students of the Elphinstone College and Institution.

We beg further that you will be pleased to inform Mr. Dadabhoy Naorojee, when it will be convenient for you to sit for a bust and photograph, as he has been entrusted with the execution of this commission.

We beg to remain,

· Dear and Respected Sir,

Your most obedient pupils and sincere friends (Signed) ARDASEER FRAMJEE,

ARDASEER FRAMJER,
WISWANATH NARAYEN MANDLIK.

Joint Secretaries to the Harkness Testimonial. Bombay 27th November 1862.

To

# DADABHAI NAOROJI Esq. London,

DEAR SIR,

The Committee of the Dr. Harkness Testimonial have desired us to transmit to you the enclosed Bill (No. 5/524. First of Exchange) for £(1200) One thousand two hundred, drawn by the Chartered Mercantile Bank of I. L. & China, in favour of Dr. John Harkness. It is the desire of the Committee that you will be pleased to present the bill to the worthy Doctor as the humble purse voted to be presented to him by the Ex-students and Students of the Elphinstone College and Institution. The Committee believe that they cannot find a better person than your good self, being one of the oldest and brightest pupils of the Doctor to be entrusted They further believe that it would afford them as well as to yourself great pleasure if the purse were presented with your own hands, should you be able conveniently to do so, but they would otherwise leave it entirely to you to act as circumstances might permit.

It has been proposed, as you may be well aware, to have a marble Bust of the Doctor which is to be placed in the Framji Cawasji Institute, also each Subscriber is to have a lithograph copy from a negative photograph of the likeness of the Doctor; The Committee beg you will be pleased to undertake the execution of the Commission, and advise us at your earliest convenience for the requisite remittance.

The bust is to be of full size (Marble) and the photograph to be of 8½ "by 10½" Size. We shall want 2000 lithograph copies. The negative to become the property of the comnittee after the completion of the work.

It is needless to observe that the execution of the work should be done in a first rate style, and for which you will be pleased to spare neither expense nor pains.

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We request you will be pleased to send for the information of the Committee, a complete estimate for the whole work, and to include in it the expense of freight &c. &c. We do not mean by this that you should wait giving your orders and arranging your plans &c., till you hear from us in reply on the subject. It may be as well to state for your information that the Committee have at their disposal Rs. 3,500, which we believe will be quite sufficient for the purpose.

We are, Dear Sir, Your's faithfully

(Signed) ARDASEER FRAMJEE

VISHVANATH NARAYAN MANDLIK

Joint Secretaries to the

Harkness Testimonial.

P. S.—A copy of a letter addressed to Dr. John Harkness is herewith enclosed for your information. The following is Dr. J. Harkness' address.

Kirkmahoe Dumfries
Scotland.
(Signed) ARDASEER FRAMJEE.

London 28th December 1862.
Messrs. Ardaseer Framjee,

- and

VISHVANATH NARAYAN,
Secretaries to the Harkness Testimonial
Bombay.

DEAR SIRS,

I duly received your letter of 27th ultimo with a bill of Exchange of £1200, to be handed to Dr. Harkness as the purse voted to be presented to him by the ex-students and students of the Elphinstone College and Institution.

I thank the Committee sincerely for delegating to me this agreeable task, and I have with great pleasure forwarded the bill to Dr. Harkness.

I beg to enclose herein copy of our correspondence. I shall with great pleasure attend to the execution of the other commission of the Marble bust and lithograph.

I remain,
Yours very truly,
(Signed) DADABHAI NAOROJI.

32, Gt. St. Helens, London 16th December 1862.

MY DEAR SIR,

I write this, simply to assure myself of your address.

I have received a bill of £1200 from the Committee of your Testimonial.

I have sent the bill for acceptance and shall do myself the very great pleasure of forwarding it to you as soon as I hear from you in reply. With the kindest regard and best wishes.

I remain,

. Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) DADABHAI NAOROJL'

Dr. JOHN HARKNESS,

Kirkmahoe, Dumfries,

Scotland,

Larchhill,

Kirkmahoe, Dumfries
19th December 1862.

MY DEAR DADABHAI,

I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter of yesterday's date, advising me that you have received a bill of Exchange in my favor for £1200, from the Testimonial Committee in Bombay.

I have also received a letter of advice to the same effect, together with a request from the joint Secretaries that I will be good enough to inform you when it will be convenient for me to sit for a bust and photograph as you have been entrusted with the execution of this Commission.

Now as the present time only is ours, I am anxious that the wishes of the Committee in this respect should be carried out with as little delay as possible. I propose therefore, to go up to London, if the weather be favorable, in the begining of February. This, I think, would give the artist sufficient time to finish the Bust by the time the bill arrives at maturity. And I would suggest that, in the meantime, the Bill, instead of being forwarded to me should be deposited with Messrs. Coutts & Co. Strand, in a separate account.

Kindly let me know whether this suggestion meets your approval

I have been in Edinburgh for the last three weeks, and returned here only two days ago; it is bad weather for travelling at present.

With kindest regards,
Ever yours sincerely,
(Signed) JOHN HARKNESS

P. S.—I enclose a Carte de Visite which I got done in Edinburgh few days ago.

To

DADABHAI NAOROJI Esq.

32 Great St. Helens,

London.

# 32 Great St. Helens. London 20th December 1862,

MY DEAR SIR,

With very great and sincere pleasure indeed do I hand you £1200, the purse voted to be presented to you by the "Exstudents and Students of the Elphinstone College and Institution."

I feel very thankful to the Committee for so kindly delegating to me as one of your oldest pupils this most agreeable task as I had not the good fortune to be present at the meeting at which the testimonial was voted. I avail myself of this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and the incessant kindness you have shown me, and the deep interest you have always taken in my welfare.

Many thanks for your Carte.

There is no payment to be made out of this bill for the bust and lithograph. I shall get from Bombay more money for them.

I enclose the bill as it requires your endorsement and as it is the amount of the Purse, it is entirely at your disposal.

I shall make enquiries from the Artist and do myself the pleasure of writing to you again about the bust and lithograph.

With kindest regards,
Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) DADABHAI NAOROJI.

To Dr. John Harkness,

Larch Hill,

Kirkmahoe Dumfries
22nd December 1862.

MY DEAR DADABHAI,

I have pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 20th Instant enclosing the first of a Bill of Exchange in my favor for £ 1200, being the amount of the purse presented to me by the Students and Exstudents of the Elphinstone College and Elphinstone Institution.

I beg to return to the donors through you my best thanks for this extraordinary and altogether unexpected proof of their affection and liberality.

My warmest acknowledgements are also due to yourself personally for the highly complimentary terms in which you have conveyed their munificient present.

I think no one ever met with such kind friends, or such generous and indulgent pupils in any country as I have done in Bombay.

That many others may follow your example, and by their upright and honorable conduct do credit to themselves and to their country is the earnest prayer of ever

Yours Sincerely (Signed) JOHN HARKNESS.

To

### DADABHAI NAOROJI Esq.

. London.

• Rombay, 13th May 1863.

DADABHAI NAOROJI Esq.

London,

DEAR SIR,

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated, London the 28th December 1862, enclosing copy of your correspondance with Dr. Harkness on the subject of his testimonial for which we are much obliged.

With reference to the marble bust and lithographs alluded to in our letter dated the 27th November 1862, we beg to enclose on that account a Bill No. 6/475 First of Exchange for £350 Three hundred and fifty pounds, drawn by the Chartered Bank of London Australia and China in your favor, which we hope will cover all expenses and perhaps may leave a slight surplus. By next mail, we hope to send you a suitable form of an inscription to be engraved on the pedestal of the Marble Bust.

We hope you will send us the particulars of the lithographs and bust &c. at your earliest convenience for the information of the Committee.

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully.

(Signed) ARDASEER FRAMJI

VISHVANATH NARAYAN MANDLIK

Joint Secretaries to the

Harkness Testimonial.

To

### Messrs Ardaseer Framjee.

and

### VISHVANATH NARAYAN MANDLIK

&c. &c.

Larch Hill, Karkmahoe, by Dumfries 2nd January 1863,

MY DEAR SIRS,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 27th November 1862, and of the Bill of Exchange • for £1200, therein referred to which was duly forwarded to me by our esteemed friend Dadabhai Naoroji Esquire.

Be kind enough to return to the donors my best thanks for their munificent gift, which though by no means proving that I have merited such an extraordinary mark of their gratitude, at least proves that the natives of Western India are in nowise deficient in generosity or gratitude to those whom they regard as friends or benefactors.

I am,

My dear Sirs,

Ever yours Sincerely,

(Signed) John HARKNESS.

### MY DEAR MR. ARDASEER,

I feel myself very much honored by your letter of the 13th ultimo regarding Dr. Harkness' Testimonial, and I beg to assure you that nothing will be wanting on my part for raising an adequate subscription among our friends here. I have already a list in circulation......I may state also that I have written to a friend of mine, now in Shanghai to act there on our behalf, and I hope to receive a favorable reply from him.

### I remain

Yours very Sincerely
HORMUSJEE EDULJEE.

Hongkong 10th July 1862.

Hongkong 27th August 1862.

### My DEAR Mr. ARDASEER.

> I remain, my dear Mr. Ardaseer Yours sincerely (Signed) Hormusjee Eduljee.

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Bombay 25th June 1866.

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(Signed) ARDASEER FRAMJI MOOS,

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