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My dear Sir,

I have received the copy of
'Kosmos' with your very generous
review of my book on the 18th
century. I can only say that

I wish that I could accept
your estimate as not unduly
favourable. - But it is

pleasant to be noticed so
kindly by a foreigner and



a personal stranger. Your favourable
opinion encourages me to go on
with a book which I have been
for some time contemplating; though
my time has been so much
occupied by other engagements
that as yet, I have not com-
menced a beginning. I am now
freely, having finished the life of
Fawcett which I mentioned to
you; and the knowledge that
I can receive favourable attention
in Germany will give me



additional courage to persevere. The book of which I have
been thinking (though I shall say nothing of it publicly
till I have gone a good deal further) is a kind
of continuation of the 18th century book down to
modern times; in which I should confine myself
chiefly to what I may call the purely English school
Blutliam, the Mills &c to barrow. By keeping

to it as the main subject, I think that the book would
have a certain unity & may enable me to say

some things wh. I am anxious to state

I tell you this on account of your kind interest in
my work; but it will of course take me some
time even to get my materials in order - of
course I do. - and I have hitherto not even spoken
of my plan to any one here.

Yours very gratefully

Jessie Stephen

As your letter is only dated 'Wien' I shall send this to
the publisher of Kotman's-