

Minute on Mr. Mallet's Letter.

The leaf, enclosed by Mr. Mallet, is written in characters, which I never before had seen; but the points, and a word, which I supposed to be <sup>soon</sup> "Allah," convinced me, that the language was Arabic; and, this fact being ascertained, the whole alphabet was easily decyphered. The book must contain part of the KORAN, and the passages in red letters are the titles of the chapters. The leaf two pages sent to Mr. F. M. M. N. Y. are taken from the chapter of the Cow, and may be thus expressed in our characters:

'tuweliwa fathemma wajhu allahi inna allaha  
'wasuani alimur. wakala alladheina  
'allaha, waladai sabihunahu bel. lehu  
'ma' fi al samawati walardi cullu lehu  
'kanitun. badein al samawati walardi  
'wa idha kadhai amrai fa innama yekulu  
'lehu cun fayyurp. wakala alladheina  
'la' ya lemunai. laula ya callimuna allahu  
'au tateina ayah, cadhalwa kala alladheina  
'min kablinu mithla kanitun tashabhat  
'kulu bahum ka bayyana alayati le kuni  
'yukirun. inna arsalnaka bi al hakki



