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Although from this hint you might judge not only of the expediency of such a publication, & of the matter with which it should be principally filled, yet that you may fully have our Ideas on the subject, we take the liberty to suggest the following, which if you should approve of the Plan in general, you can alter as you see fit -

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