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Sir,

Having lately had the pleasure to see the Memorial presented & Congress by you on the subject of repealing the duties upon imported Books, I take the liberty to forward to you a copy of one upon the same subject, which was offered two years ago by several gentlemen in this town. It gives great satisfaction here to observe, that the scholars in your part of the country entertain the same opinions with themselves upon this important subject; and they hope, that your efforts in the cause will produce the desired effect.

Permit me, Sir, to avail myself of this occasion to offer you a little publication of mine upon the subject of an Orthography for our Indian Languages, in which you have taken a lively interest, & which promise valuable additions to our stock of philological sciences. You will know how to make all just allowances for the  
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the imperfections of the Essay. I take  
the liberty also to send you at the same time  
a copy of a Review which is just published  
in the North American for the present month.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

with the highest consideration  
Your obed<sup>t</sup>. & aff<sup>l</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Jno Pickering

Salem, Massachusetts  
Jan. 28. 1822.

I thank you Sir for your <sup>proposal</sup> ~~essay~~ <sup>on</sup> an  
uniform orthography for the Ind<sup>ian</sup> Languages.  
it appears to me <sup>highly</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>well</sup> ~~suited~~ <sup>to</sup> combine  
for effect and practice. it would be  
fortunate could it become the com-  
-mensement of an uniform orthography  
for the world. but I suppose we are  
to despair of seeing such a sacrifice by  
any one <sup>except</sup> for the good of all succeeding  
ones. <sup>such an orthography</sup> I had not before known of the petition  
from Salem on the subject of the duty on  
books. about 2. 4. ago I made an attempt  
thru our delegates in Congress to obtain a  
repeal of that duty, but without effect, and  
the <sup>late</sup> report of the Committee of the Senate on  
that subject does not appear well of the issue  
of the present combined effort. with <sup>me</sup>  
I trust for these comments be pleased  
to accept the assurance &c

such an orthography would have <sup>added</sup> ~~great~~  
value to the Colonial Vocabulary of Catherine  
of Sueda the work of Adelung <sup>the subject of your</sup> review ~~which~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>that</sup>  
seems to be a Synopsis. his <sup>facility</sup> ~~facility~~ of the Lan-  
-guages of our own Indians <sup>strengthens our</sup> ~~strengthens~~ confidence  
in the exactness of his other researches.