

Monticello Feb. 13. 22.

I thank you, Sir, for your essay proposing an uniform orthography for the Indian languages. It appears to me judiciously combined for effect and practice. It would be fortunate could it become the commencement of an uniform orthography for the world. but I suppose we are to despair of seeing such a sacrifice by any one generation for the good of all succeeding ones. such an orthography would have added value to the colossal vocabulary of Catharine, of which the work of Adelung the subject of your review seems to be a Synopsis. his Lilliation of the languages of our own Indians strengthens our confidence in his other researches.

I had not before known of the petition from Salem on the ~~on the~~ subject of the duty on books about 2 years ago I made an attempt through our delegates in Congress, to obtain a repeal of that duty, but without effect; and the late report of the committee of the Senate on that subject does not augur favorably of the issue of the present combined effort. with my thanks for these communications be pleased to accept the assurance of my great esteem and respect

Th: Jefferson

Mr. Pickering

Pickering John. Feb. 13. 22.

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I thank you for your offer of a copy of the  
-ography for the American Congress. It appears to me  
-overly ambitious for effect and practice. It would be better  
-rate could be more the commencement of an uniform  
-graph for the world. But I suppose we are to begin  
such a sacrifice to our own generation for the good of all  
-my own. Such an orthography would have a value to the  
-class vocabulary of languages. I wish the work of  
the report of your commission seems to be a  
-of the language in our country.

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