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[1] Mardocks near Ware

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I ought before now to have thanked you My Good Friend for the very acceptable present of the two first n^{os} of Your Indian Library

They were given to me by Campbell in the Spring in the midst of the bustle of a very laborious Session of Parliament & I was desirous of reading them in the Quiet of the Country before I thanked you for so obliging a mark of your remembrance.

I have now read them with great pleasure

Your Remarks together with M^r Bopp's Compa[2]rison of the Sanscrit with Greek & Teutonic leave me no doubt of the truth of an Opinion which I had ^{long} entertained that these three ancient & extensive languages flow from the same source. As the Zend & Pali are Sisters of the Sanscrit it appears that at some Period prior to our history the same language must have spread from the Sea of China to the Euphrates & extended in ~~Wesxx Western Countries~~ ^{across Asia} with uncertain interruptions into Europe where it prevailed from Pelopponesus to Scandinavia. – It is now spread by European Colonies from Cape Horn to Hudson's Bay & may almost [3] be considered as the general Speech of Mankind from which other Languages are only exceptions.

Wilson's Dictionary of Sanscrit is now for Sale at Black & Parrys. I have a Copy of Wilkin's Sanscrit Roots at your Service whenever you tell me how to send it to you

I ~~xxx~~ always procure you either the Sanscrit Publications you desire or Information where they are to be had. I shall consider your Commands on this Subject as a Proof that you still think me worthy of a Place in your Friendship.

In return I should be glad to receive from you [4] a N^o of Jahrbuch d. Preuss. Rhein Universität, & the number of the Heidelberg Review which contain your Review of Niebuhr – What is now the German Review which gives the best Account of the current literature of the late holy Roman Empire.

The application of yourself & your Brother to Indian Learning will be an Epoch in that branch of Knowledge. You bring to it that acquaintance with other languages, with comparative Grammar, & with the general Principles of Philology, which our Anglo Indians cannot possess.

Let me hear from you – & let your letter be addressed as above

Farewell

Mackintosh

I have never seen your Essay on Provençal Literature.

Namen

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Campbell, Alexander Duncan

Niebuhr, Barthold Georg

Schlegel, Friedrich von

Wilson, Horace H.

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