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My dear Sir,

It is already some weeks that I have received your very courteous letter, containing the photographs, and I should not have delayed a single day in thanking you for them, had I not (the wish might not have) kept me from repeating the sending of the three parts 2.3. 4. (1871) of the Archivio that now I have had bound together with a volume of my works, of which I do myself the honour to present you a copy.

Your Bushman researches are of the highest interest, and if you allow it, or think it opportune, I shall be very glad to make a communication on this subject to our Anthropological Society. Which, if the multiplicity of your occupations should permit you to give me some particularized notices about the extent of these groups of nations,

some circumstance may procure me the pleasure of a personal acquaintance.

In acknowledging compliments to the excellent Miss Lloyd unite, to the volumes mentioned, a copy in duplicate of one of my works about Göthe, and one of these I beg you to offer her in my name.

Thank you my dear Sir, & thank you anew for your letter, for the photographs, and for the interesting notices that you give me. By you and with Miss Lloyd, I congratulate myself on the good harvest furnished to you by your researches, and it is hardly worth while to remark how immensely the study of Comparative Ethnology may have to gain by the publication of the material collected. The Mythology, the poetry, the legends of these savages may sometimes give the key to mysteries that seem otherwise incomprehensible, their superstitions & their astrology may advantageously be united with those of more cultivated nations.

Wishing you much happiness, I am, with all my heart, yours truly.

I could, ~~with adequate~~ adequately mentioning well understood heard applied to the source, communicate of it a note on this subject to the Geographical Society. Before, an excellent friend of mine, who interests himself much with such studies, would be glad to have some photographs, and you would oblige me very much if you could favour me with ~~[illegible]~~ any.

Returning to say of that which I am sending you, the cause of my delay in writing ~~[illegible]~~ it was that in any way ~~and I could~~ shall I succeeding in finding one who would undertake the engagement of the sending. Now, a commiprimer of my acquaintance has guaranteed to me that the parcel will reach you punctually, and I hope that you may receive it together with this letter, or a little later.

I have almost finished the memoria of which I ~~[illegible]~~ was speaking to you since 1869 & 1870, about the Australian languages. Before putting the finishing touch ~~hand~~ to it, I should be much pleased with some ~~[illegible]~~ observations upon the Australian translations of the Holy Gospel Matthew of Threlkeld and of some others of the precious documents that the very rich library of Sir G. Grey contains on this subject. In return ~~[illegible]~~, I offer myself to explore, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~your account~~ for you, in that which concerns the African languages, the Archives of the Propaganda. It is almost entirely unexplored, and may contain some things of interest, that would be for me a pleasure to communicate to you. I shall go to Rome in some months to remain there a few weeks, and by means of Prince Torlonia and of Cardinal Orlandi, I hope to have all the convenience to make the researches that may be useful to Science, and to you in particular.

Now that teaching leaves me a little free, I hope to pay attention to the essay mentioned on the Australian languages, ~~[illegible]~~ so as to publish it in the current year. And it is not necessary for me to tell you that one of the first copies will be for you, my kind friend, with whom I do not despair that one day or other