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Excellent Sir,

To you it is justly great boldness in an unknown which I myself am, that of coming to you to importune you from afar with requests. — I indeed should not have permitted myself to write to you had I not considered how great must be the love that the illustrious author of the Comp. Grammar, of the catalogue of the Library & has for the science of language. It is this thought which has encouraged me to address myself to you.

I will first tell you that I am preparing a work concerning the Australian languages. The question of ~~the~~ filiation naturally arises. The arguments of Norris upon this do not appear to me sufficiently convincing. Now in a note at No. 64. of the before-mentioned

~~Have~~ some specimens of the "Flotte" which are numerous enough, and ~~of~~ making (or when I make) myself an edition of them I would make myself a duty to send you a copy of it.

I desire and hope to be excused for my courage and the best means to show me your pardon will be that of writing to me answering to my two requests.

In the mean time with all esteem (or consideration) I am

your dev.

Dr. Felice Finzi.

Correggio (Italia) Emilia)

15 Ott. 1869.

P.S. — I have written to you in Italian because I know that you know our language. For the inverted reason you may write to me in English or in German.

mentioned catalogue Vol. II. part I. Australia an Introductory Treatise of yours on the Affiliation of the Australian Lang. is indicated. I should have an honour and a favour at the same time if you could communicate to me something of the important end of your Memoria, for as I am far from being dogmatic it pleases me to assemble varied opinions, ready to accept (or approve) them equally as to discuss them.

At the same time I submit to your judgement (or opinion) a specimen of numerous "glotte" that I have found in a copy of the 2nd edition (London 1860.) of the Vocabulary of the dial. of South West. Australia, — praying you to tell me if you believe that they may belong to the Australian group or to the Tasmanian or to another.

Grey Glotte

Banang (or banany?) Scritto contra Ottur-rang e altro
Puchi, Le stesse parole è scritte contra Boo-gitt e Boo-ge