Sir,

Having lately had the pleasure to see the Memorial presented to Congress by you on the subject of repealing the duties on 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 to which promise valuable additions to our stock of philological science. You will know how to make the just allowances for the
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 honor to be,

Your obd. & humble serv.

John Pickering

Salem, Massachusetts
Jan. 28, 1822.

I think you sir, for your Essay on an
uniform orthography for the Indian languages,
it appears to me prefatory combine
for effect and practice. It would be
favorable even it become the com-
menment of an uniform orthography
for the world, but I suppose we are
to despair of seeing such a sacrifice by
any one, even for the good of all succeeding
such an orthography. But
I did not before learn of the
from Salem, on the subject of the duty on
Boston, about two years ago I made an attempt
has our delegates in Congress to Mann, a
regard of that duty, but without effect, and
the subject of the Comm. of the Senate on
that subject does not appear well of the care
of the present committee's effort, although
I hasten for these communications be pleased
to accept the assurance of