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Huntsport N. S.
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My Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 21st inst. and thank you for the information and suggestions. I will consult with my friends here who are interested in the matter, and see what can be done. Meanwhile I have written to the Secretary of the Ethnological department of the Smithsonian Institution, to ask what steps they intend to take, and must wait for his answer. If we can succeed in

getting my dictionary
published I shall be
glad, if we cannot,
why I shall cry a-
bout it.

Have you
seen Mr. Selous's
Algonkin legends?
He writes me from
England that a second
vol. is in the pub-
lisher's hands, and that
he has reserved some
of the best for the last.
I am amazed at the
horrid work they have
made with my In-
dian words. No man
or woman, (his proprea-
der was a woman) would
attempt to convert
"proofs" of a language
which they know no-

thing, ~~and~~ vowels and
consonants are shovelled
together in wild confu-
sion - words are sepe-
rated, and others a
shoved together in such
a way as to make me
appear as a fool of
nothing worse, to any
one who knows - as
many Indians do know,
what the names really
are. I see favourable
notice is taken of the
work by the reviewers,
but I don't so arranged
at the Micmac Bar-
barisms that are well
and amn polished
off on me, as a thing
in such cases. ~~That~~
I have a capital counter

blast to the puffing
that I get -

Yours very truly

Silas G. Rand