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Dear Sir

I wrote you from Times on the 17th of October, apologising, as well as I could, for my long delay in attending to your communication with respect to the despatch of B. da Smola, and I now report such further progress as I have made. Immediately on my return to Turin, I conferred with several friends on the subject, one of whom wrote to Massimo d'Azeglio, requesting him to inquire of Lord Vernon whether he had definitively renounced his intention of publishing the commentary. After some weeks an answer arrived saying that he had done so and that, thinking you free from anxiety of an inquiry, he had no objection to your undertaking the work.

I then applied to a gentleman to aid me in procuring a copy and collation of the list at Florence, but before any conclusion was arrived at, I learned through Mr Castelli, that Sir James P. Macartney, a member of the Station