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
Dear Mr Walter

Yours of the 10th July reached me this morning

Thanks for your kind endeavours to obtain some of the hair.

Since I last wrote the gauge glass for measuring the internal capacity of the skulls has been sent you & it is to be hoped has by now safely reached its destination.

I have a second glass ready should any mishap have occurred to this one. To instructions already sent

There is only to be added one, viz: when filling the skull with the shot the skull should not be shaken ~~to~~ in order to get as much shot in as possible; the skull should be filled sharply until full & the shot run over then the shot piled over the orifice straightened off & measured by pouring sharply into the gauge glass (by means of a ~~hopper~~ hopper  whose ~~own~~ outlet a is a large as possible & fit the gauge glass) & measured off without shaking the gauge glass to get the shot to settle. This is how Sir Wm Turner

instructed us to measure the skulls for internal capacity at Edinburgh.

Your & Mr Johnston's notes ~~about~~ on the flint implements & the tribes as well as your father's notes will be very welcome - in fact I am now only waiting for these <sup>the hair</sup> & the bones & skull measurements to complete my copy for the publishers.

I quite agree with your remarks as regards population the number of aborigines before the arrival of Europeans has been greatly exaggerated. Milligan puts the limit at 2000 & you are probably right in

still further reducing this figure.

There is a family of the name of Robinson hailing from Lancaster & Halifax (England) living on Kings Island in Bass St. Their father here tells me there are some aborigines living on the islands! but that is all I can get out of him about the natives living there - he insists they are aborigines, can this be verified in any way.

With kind regards

Yours very truly  
 Hy Ling Roth