

No. 90.—BURKETOWN.

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THE gentleman to whose kindness I am indebted for this vocabulary of the language spoken at and near Burketown informs me that he obtained it from Police-trooper Vicq, a native of the locality. Burketown is distant about 450 miles from the Adelaide River, being at the head of the Gulf of Carpentaria, lat. 17° 30' south, long. 139° 40' east or thereabouts.

The equivalents of the words *eye, teeth, beard, tongue, fire, and walk* point to the connection of this with the other Australian languages in general.

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Kangaroo - - boongana.	Hand - - - nungurra.
Opossum - - wahbera.	2 Blacks - -
Tame dog - -	3 Blacks - -
Wild dog - - goodo.	One - - - tualnu.
Emu . - - boolongena.	Two - - - digana.
Black duck - beangora.	Three - - - tangilla.
Wood duck - yabbra - mondon- gera.	Four - - - ticantallio duallio
Pelican - - yokkorara.	Father - - - kihadgy.
Laughing jackass talgora.	Mother - - - gondonga.
Native companion dilla-dulkoora.	Sister-Elder - ongoora-bunga.
White cockatoo - dialpoarra.	„ Younger -
Crow - - - wongoola.	Brother-Elder - nungai.
Swan - - - goonangoda.	„ Younger
Egg - - - yabbeba.	A young man - koolangally.
Track of a foot - gungy.	An old man - birdyniarra.
Fish - - - warra.	An old woman - wirdigarry.
Lobster - -	A baby - - bildingoora.
Crayfish - - mintoola.	A White man - birda.
Mosquito - - kallararra.	Children - - woorara.
Fly - - - wooniarra.	Head - - - wirda.
Snake- - - balangara.	Eye - - - midialla.
The Blacks - - yungunna.	Ear - - - murra.
A Blackfellow - nurka.	
A Black woman - mago.	
Nose - - - kuira.	

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Mouth - - -	burka.	Boomerang -	
Teeth - - -	lia.	Hill - - -	
Hair of the head	- booloomba.	Wood - - -	- willadalhundy.
Beard - - -	yarrania.	Stone - - -	- kabirda.
Thunder - - -	birdmirra.	Camp - - -	- nidda.
Grass - - -	gurna.	Yes - - -	- ne-a.
Tongue - - -	talnia.	No - - -	- wirninga.
Stomach - - -	boolgee.	I - - -	- kooronya.
Breasts - - -	nookoola.	You - - -	- unna.
Thigh - - -	bilba.	Bark - - -	- kooroomba.
Foot - - -	ganga.	Good - - -	- boorooga.
Bone - - -	dimara.	Bad - - -	- toorka.
Blood - - -	duckana.	Sweet - - -	- karal-karella.
Skin - - -	backeroo.	Food - - -	- larcoola.
Fat - - -	buranga.	Hungry - - -	- nollo.
Bowels - - -	durra.	Thirsty - - -	- normundo.
Excrement - - -	malina.	Eat - - -	- diehdie.
War-spear - - -	warinwarrina.	Sleep - - -	- yongoyou.
Reed-spear - - -	woring.	Drink - - -	- owondinny.
Wommera or throwing-stick	peery.	Walk - - -	- yankia.
Shield - - -	tardoona.	See - - -	- nowaba.
Tomahawk - - -	tardiabona.	Sit - - -	- ninya.
Canoe - - -	kamera.	Yesterday - - -	- kouondua.
Sun - - -	tiringana.	To-day - - -	- yananinga.
Moon - - -	ballanichi.	To-morrow - - -	- kaontoongara.
Star - - -	barinia.	Where are the Blacks?	darne nar kommo?
Light - - -	kaondonarai.	I don't know	- wandong nangy goorda.
Dark - - -	kavondi.	Plenty - - -	- yonkoona.
Cold - - -	woorine.	Big - - -	- koonamera.
Heat - - -	yalooloo.	Little - - -	- bilgingoora.
Day - - -	balman - malla- malla.	Dead - - -	- bookiana.
Night - - -	millimarda.	By-and-by - - -	- gedanda niadja.
Fire - - -	willa.	Come on - - -	- nidja.
Water - - -	wudha.	Milk - - -	
Smoke - - -	toomburna.	Eaglehawk -	
Ground - - -	koorda.	Wild turkey	
Wind - - -	wirramirra.	Wife - - -	
Rain - - -	boollolungana.		
God - - -			
Ghosts - - -			