

Y. B. Taihonga
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Kaitiaki Bay
of Islands
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Dear Sir -

I have no letter from you yet since
I wrote to you last - my reason of writing
to you now is - on account a paragraph
in the New Zealand Evening Star of the 21.st of
this month - against Mr Ma. Beth about
a letter which the Maori members last session
send to Lord Derby - through your Society
about Tawhiao. Coming to England
and I hope this accusation against Mr Ma Beth
is all false - and I have wrote to him about it
and I have ^{now} the of enclosing you one ^{of} the
paragraph - for your information -
I feel very much obliged if you could let us
know the truth of these accusations - before our
great meeting to be ^{held} at both places in the ^{same}
month of March 1884. at Whatiwhatihae at
Tawhiao place; and on the 28 of March 1884
at the Treaty of Waitangi Meeting Hall
these two great meeting was to discuss
and

determined every thing necessary for our
re-mission to England - it is a great
Blessing for me to inform you that I have
not only gain the Confidence of all the
Chiefs and Tribes in New Zealand.
But - by the Grace of God and by His
help and great Mercy; has Reveal^{ed} me a
better way of remedying our numerous
Grievances - than that I have ^{already} done -
That is to say - We must ^{first} sue the Government
to the Supreme Court of New Zealand for
~~all~~ these Grievances - then of course
we lose all our cases against the Crownth -
than we will have good ground for an
Appeal to Higher Court in England -
then we might stand a little better Chance
of remedying some of our ~~adverse~~
Grievances - ^{that I have done before} - but - we must first of
all - Publish all these Grievances and
send them to all ^{the} Kingdom of the whole & the
world

for their information, and ^{if} you ^{be} so good
and kind to your poor Manis people as
well as your European people; as you ^{we all know}
always do - that is for us to send you
these Publications, as soon as you write
to us agreeing to our request -

Secondly - We must send our Petition
through you to presented to ^{the} next
English Parliament of the year 1884.

Thirdly - Is to see the Government
then as soon as after the next general

Election - and those who ^{the} whole Manis
Tribes Elected to be their Ambassadors
will then bring the Appeal cases with
them to England - about I think

four Chiefs of ^{the} highest rank so to
give Sir D. Bell and others ^{have} no chance
of a passing ^{any more} remarks as they did
to me last time - one Manis Clergyman

& two Europeans - about eight all together
but

we do not know yet, until after the meetings
as I have already stated - then we know
exactly how every thing will be arranged
and I hope for your poor Maria's sakes, that
you will not lose time of answering this letter
a little before our meetings Commences -

I received a letter from Miss Keale letting me she is
very ill and I hope she is quite well by this time
as all the Moris feel very sorry for her indeed - and
they all send their love to you and to Miss Keale
and all the good and kind friends in England.
Porro and William Porro send their kind love
to both of you I only just been there place
to see them on the 20.th instant

My wife, family, and the whole tribes in N. Z.
send their best regard and wishes to all of you

H. W. Chesson Esq. } I remain

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London England }

Yours Truly

S. B. Laidlaw

P. S. You have not send me Mr Rusden's History of N. Z.
the price here is (£ 2-17-6) in three volumes if I could
not get ^{it} from you I will buy them myself here I could
bought it as soon as come only I thought you might send me one