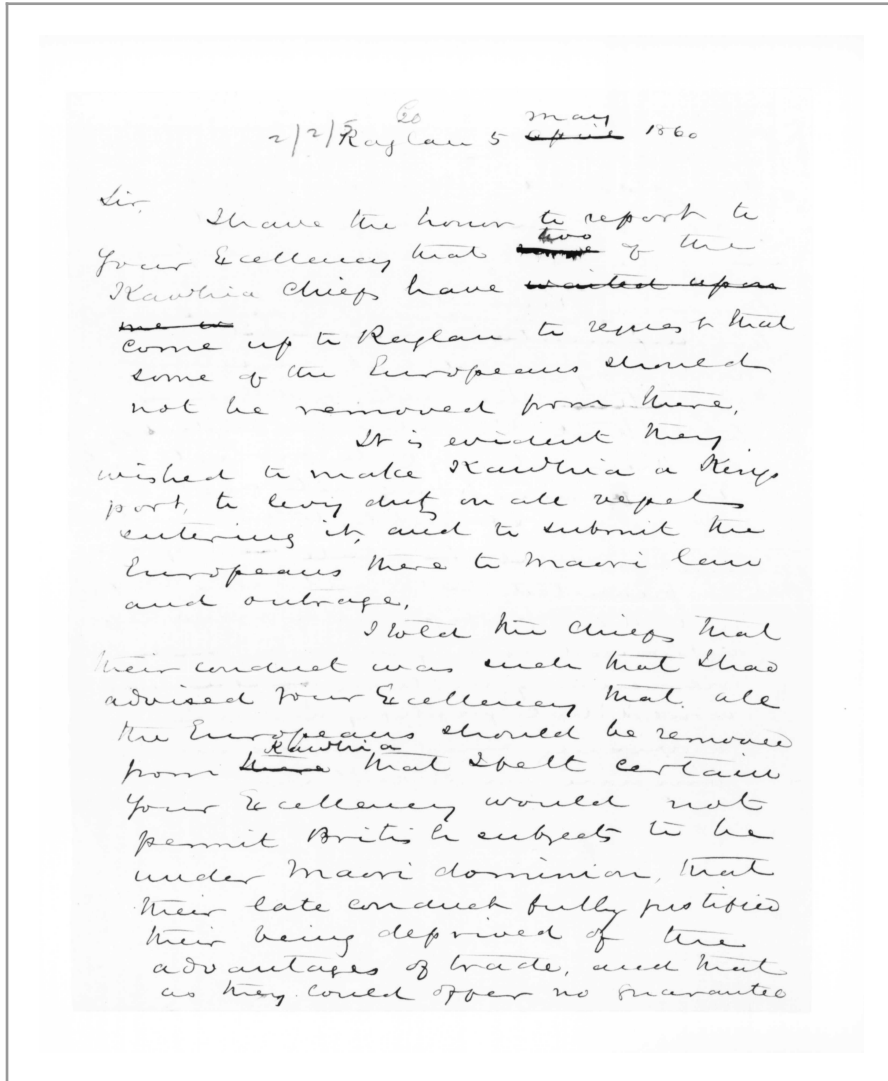


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Sir,

I have the honor to report to Your Excellency that two of the Kawhia chiefs have come up to Raglan to request that some of the Europeans should not be removed from there.

It is evident they wished to make Kawhia a King port, to levy duty on all vessels entering it, and to submit the Europeans there to Maori law and outrage.

I told the chiefs that their conduct was such that I had advised your Excellency that all the Europeans should be removed from Kawhia that I felt certain Your Excellency would not permit British subjects to be under Maori dominion that their late conduct fully justified their being deprived of the advantages of trade, and that as they could offer no guarantee

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