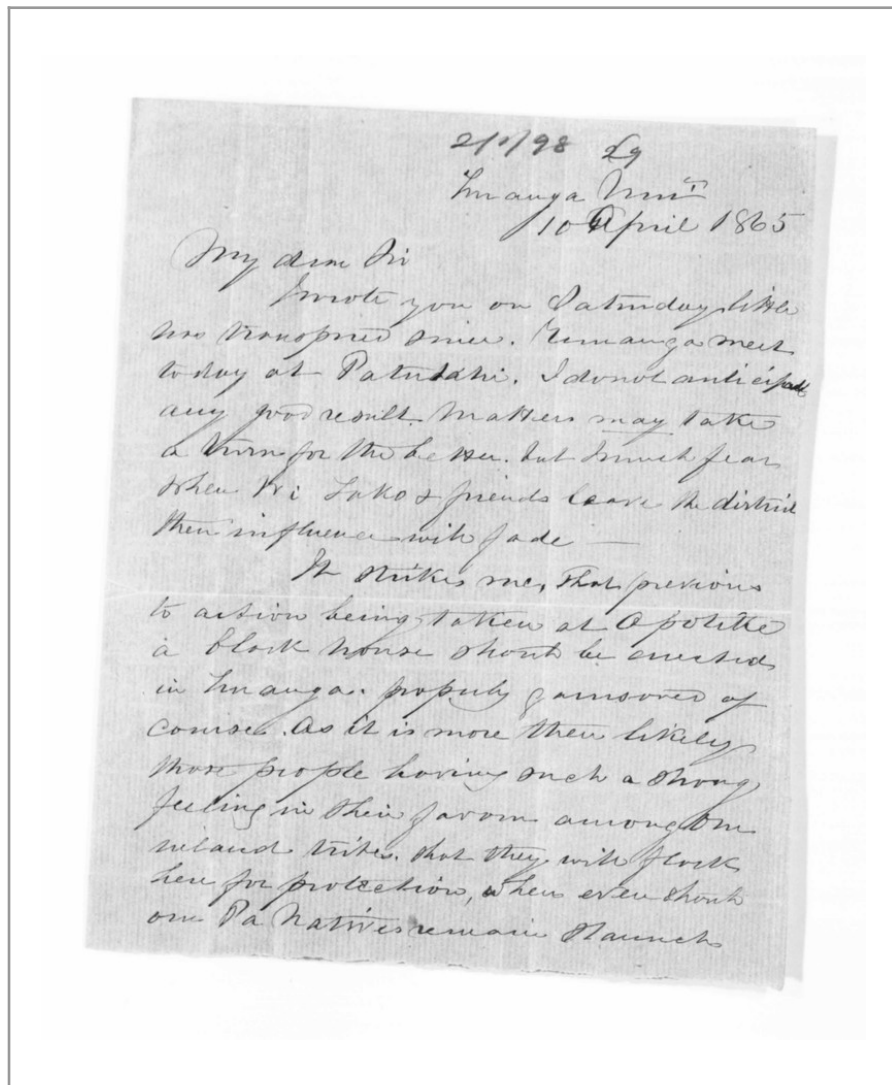


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which I am doubtful, they might
 possibly be overpowered by the
 superiority of better Bai Maries.
 I would in the latter plan to
 have arms on board the Hercules in order
 that we might have them to fall back
 on should the circumstances alter. I say that
 we ought to be enabled to assist those natives
 who might take up arms in our
 defence. Further if the natives
 do not take a decided stand by sending
 Neruwa and his gang out of the
 district, it is more than probable
 that we shall have to take them into
 a decided resolution in favour of the
 rebels. We should then be forced in a very
 great measure. If the present natives
 will consent to work or can you empower
 me to ensure the success of assisting
 I look however through I should fear
 without help of men, we should not
 make much progress, however

If you can empower me to be endeavoured
 to get natives to assist, and perhaps
 some show of force. Further I will
 be pleased to give you an outline
 (Capt. P. H. or his Agent, in the
 above) how they are living at the
 Port, and at other inland places
 to detain any ~~one~~ ^{one} that may
 arrive should it be necessary.
 Excuse this rambling letter
 I make additions as they strike me
 or are suggested.
 We have arranged with
 Messrs P. H. & Co. to be
 ready. Could the importation of spirits
 be started? It really is shameful
 to see the misery which that is now
 in my view among our natives may
 be prevented under the present existing
 circumstances.
 Very truly
 Yours
 J. W. Harris

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