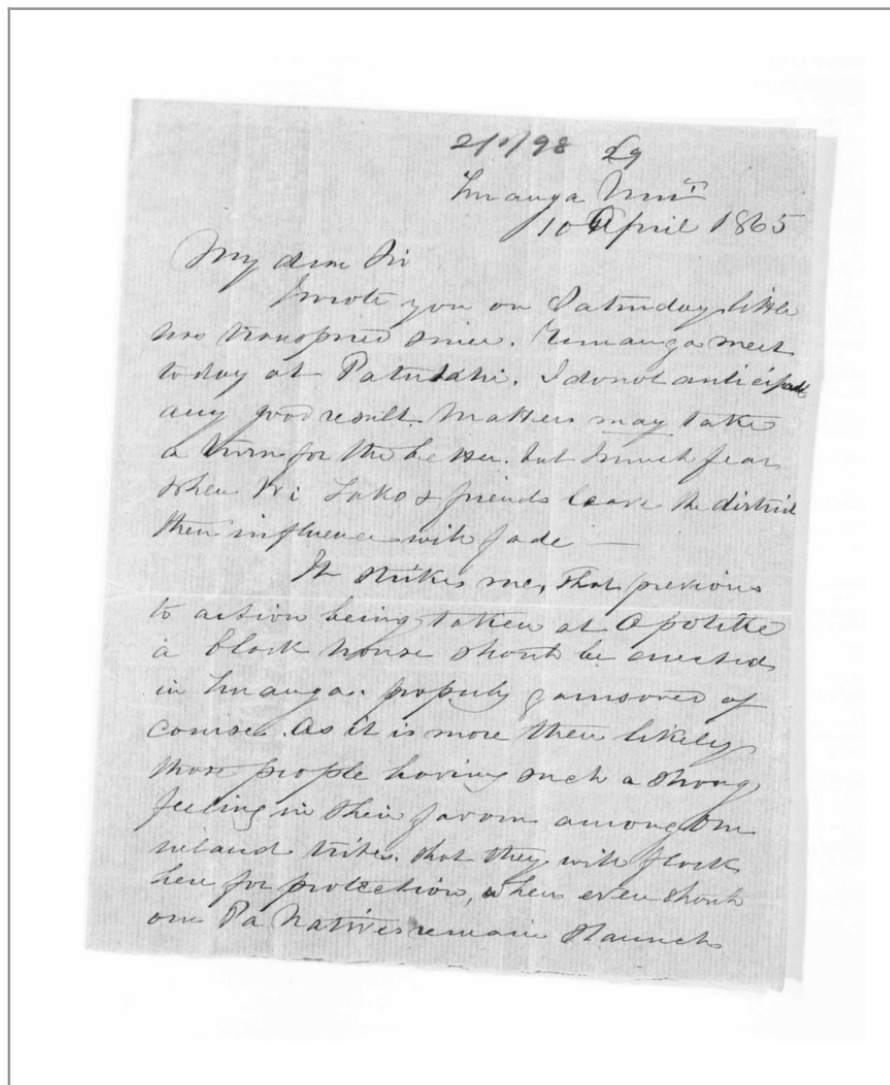


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which I am doubtful, they might  
 possibly be overpowered by the  
 superiority of better Bai Maries.  
 I would in the latter plan to  
 have arms on board the Hercules in order  
 that we might have them to fall back  
 on should the circumstances 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 have  
 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 day I feel that my  
 arrival should be at once pay  
 expense the running letter  
 I make additions as they strike me  
 or are suggested  
 We have arranged with  
 Messrs P. H. & Co. for signals to be  
 used. Could the importance of spirits  
 be stated? It really is shameful  
 to see the natives who are now  
 in my view among our natives may  
 feel that they are under the present existing  
 circumstances  
 Very truly  
 J. W. Harris

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