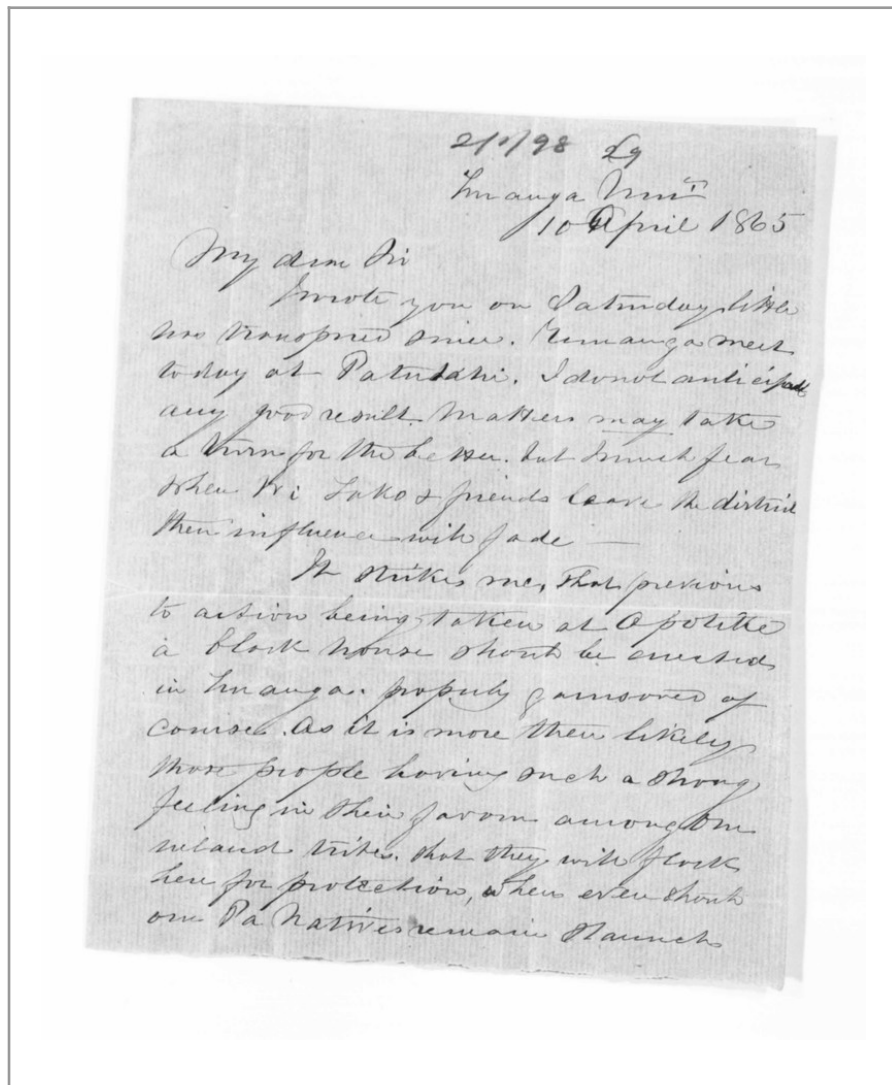


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which I am doubtful, they might possibly be overpowered by the superiority of better Bai Maries.

If we wish to be better prepared to have arms or tools the same as those that we might have them to put back on short circumstances a then say that we ought to be enabled to assist the 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 be a decided reaction in favor of the rebels. We should then be prepared in a very great proportion. If the present natives will consent to work or can you empower me to ensure the success of the same I look upon it as a very good thing without help of men, we should not make much progress however.

If you can empower me to be enabled to get notices to erect and remove some show of force. Further I will be prepared to give no assistance (Capt. P. H. or his Agent in the name of the Government) at the Port and at other places inland to detain any vessel that may arrive should it be necessary.

Excuse this hasty letter I make additions as they strike me or are suggested.

I have arranged with Messrs. P. H. & Co. to be ready to send the important of spirits here to start. It really is shameful to see the natives and that is now in my view among our natives may be a very great help under the present existing circumstances.

Very truly yours  
J. W. Harris

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