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of perfection I have reaped both wheat and barley  
 and has now nearly ready for reaping I have got  
 the Natives to clear two acres more - I shall endeavour  
 to induce the Natives to carry on the cultivation if  
 possible, I shall give some of the confidential Chiefs  
 charge of it, and pay them for their labour with  
 suitable trade and I shall visit it occasionally -  
 I hope your Honourable Committee will not think  
 it strange in me in asking the favour of two more  
 Guns especially a double barrelled one - I can  
 go out occasionally in a morning before breakfast  
 and bring home as many ducks and wild fowl as  
 will serve our house for two days, but this is the  
 best thing - a European in N. Zealand has no  
 respect among the Chiefs, if he has no arms in  
 his house, they call him only a servant, and he  
 has no influence with them -