

Thomas Tooi to CMS Assistant Secretary Edward Bickersteth

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Dear Rev^d Brother

I am just told I going to leave you day after morrow I will therefore write you dear Sir I go home to my Countrymen that Jesus is the true God Atua is false no God all nonsense I tell my Countrymen Englishmen no hang hisself not eat a Man no tattooing face no cutting his self. My Countrymen will say to me why Englishmen no cut himself I tell them Book of Books say no cut no hang no tattoo I tell them Jesus say all they that do so go to Hell I tell them they sin they do wrong I know that Jesus Christ Blood cleanseth all sin I tell my poor Countrymen so He no find out the Way to heaven, poor fellow Jesus our Lord [f] he found a way to Heaven for all who know him Jesus Christ love me much I no love him once my bad heart no love him I sinned too much for God I hope the Lord Jesus Christ put [sic] in me a new heart and new soul I then pray to him and love him and he love me I go back to my Country I tell my Country men the Book the Bible maketh all happy Englishmen suppose a christian he very happy New Zealand mans spear make no happy I tell my poor Country men Christians no fight no use War Club no spear they read Book of Book all true he say no fight all love I go away to day I leave all good friends behind and I very sorry he go very soon. I go home I remember kind missionary he love me too much he pray for me [f] every morning and every evening. We hope me shall be made happy I pray for englishman I get home to New Zealand and I go tell my Countrymen come countrymen In to House of worship where true God is worshipped. I hope you fare Well. Good bye

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Your affectionate friend

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