

MS. 498/103

*James Barry to Josiah Pratt*

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Dear Sir

I conceive it necessary to trouble you with a line in order that you may send some person to my House with the dress & appendages of the New Zealand Chiefs. - My attempt to paint their likenesses without any sittings from either of the will be attended with no small difficulty, neither can I at present anticipate, even from my best endeavours / which I promise you shall not be wanting / a very successful performance, but as their likenesses have been so ardently desir'd. I shall at least discover my willingness to do all in my power to effect that, in which I likewise feel an interest. - I have considered the subject of the picture, & made some sketches - & wishing to [?crossed out] give it a feature of history, have taken a likeness of Mr Kendall to be among them in the same picture, he is to be sitting down, & they [?crossed out] attending to his instructions - the picture will take some time before it is finish'd; the groupe will be small whole lengths. - ----- ---

I remain

my D<sup>r</sup> Sir

yours most truly & Sir [?]

James Barry

7 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1820