

Dear Sir ^{James Barry Esq: to Secretary} 2 Lyon Terrace Edgware Road

Dec. 7/20

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Comd. Dec. 11/20

Ans. Dec. 9/20

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 them 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 desired, 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 ~~give~~ 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 ~~are~~ 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 Sir
yours most truly
James Barry

7 Dec 1820