

I learn by today's mail that  
in all N.Z. there are only 4 bad  
tattooed heads & that other

2 some time ago purchased  
in England

were lost in the Assaye  
<sup>are</sup> at bottom of the sea

I hope yr representative  
at Somersby reported on  
my lot at Guildhall

Today I see it is a passed  
away art that of tattoo

I am open for the collection  
but it is to go abroad &  
so I shall not entertain -

Excuse this report on the  
Maoris

Yrs truly

Gordon Robley

Gentl.  
Robley

St Albans place  
Report to SW

(1851)

11th  
2 June 1897

Dear General

I went to see the Maori  
march into Chelsea

The native caps were  
old & untaken

The fullblooded  
Maoris

were clipped as to hair  
dressed as mt'd mfrs

& I only recognized the  
lot by one small human  
feather in their hats



This style  
of thing



