

Agent General for

New Zealand,

Westminster Chambers,

13, Victoria Street,

London, S.W.

9 July, 1897.

Sir,

I am directed by the Agent-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst; and, in reply to inform you that he is unable, on behalf of the New Zealand Government, to concur in the proposal to permanently lend to Lt-General Pitt-Rivers (whom the Agent-General desires to thank for the offer he has kindly made) the Maori House which is at the South Kensington Museum.

I am to add that the attention of the Agent-General has been recently directed to the fact that the House in question was no longer on view at the museum, and it was his intention to communicate with you as to its future disposal, and this he will do as soon as the pressure of other matters will enable him to give the matter his careful consideration.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) Walter Kennaway.

Secretary to the Dept.

The Director,

Science & Art Dept.,

South Kensington

