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The Distillery,  
Sun Street,  
London, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1884  
E.C.

Major Genl Pitt-Rivers

4 Grosvenor Gardens SW

Dear Sir

I have a very fine New Zealand  
Canoe, of great age, and in a splendid state  
of preservation. It is fifteen feet long clear  
and is richly carved all over, bottom, sides  
prow & stern, has small carved grotesque  
figures at each end, even the thwarts are carved.  
It was sent over to an ancestor of mine  
many years ago, and is now the joint property  
of myself and Sister, and she wishes it  
to be sold. There are also the paddles, steering  
paddle & arms belonging to the Canoe.

I am informed that you are a collector  
of really good things of this sort and  
consequently I have taken the liberty of  
offering it to you - It can be seen here  
by appointment at any time between the  
hours of 10.30 AM & 6 PM (20th & 21st Saturday)

I should like you to see it even if  
not a buyer - Price for the whole  
lot, canoe, equipment, canvas cover and  
the tackles by which it is hung up would  
be Fifty guineas, which on inspection I  
feel sure you would consider extremely  
reasonable for such a splendid specimen  
I am, Dear Sir

Yours most Faithfully

J. W. Bowdler