

Permission to export the following articles is necessary in all cases :—

- Buildings or parts thereof, or articles connected therewith.
- Canoes or parts thereof, and gear connected therewith.
- Weapons or parts thereof, and gear connected therewith.
- Agricultural implements, and articles and implements connected with the preparation of food.
- Fishing and hunting gear, or articles connected therewith.
- Musical instruments.
- Utensils for domestic purposes.
- Clothing, and articles connected with the manufacture thereof.
- Tools of any material.
- Personal ornaments of any material, or receptacles therefor.
- Carved figures of wood, stone, or bone.

3. EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER FROM TAMAHAU MAHUPUKU TO THE HON. MR. CARROLL, PRESENTING CARVED HOUSE.

OUR hearts were filled with genuine joy, and justly so, when we heard that you had introduced a Bill to Parliament the object of which is to lay down an authoritative law to provide for the collecting, preserving, gathering together the art treasures and insuring the safety of specimens of the handiwork of our ancestors who have passed away from this world—to be kept together in one place, and a barrier placed against their removal over-sea. That is a step that will cause the minds of the people to reflect on the past, and to cherish, preserve, and venerate the science of their ancestors who are now sleeping in the bosom of their mother, Papa-tu-a-Nuku (Mother Earth, wife of Rangi, the sky). Such a sentiment stirs the soul, and causes even the eyes that are blind to see, strengthens the muscles that have become benumbed, gives strength to arms and fingers; and the dormant mind is awakened so that it may act with determination, caution, and discrimination, bringing back old-time recollections to the heart that has almost forgotten the history of the voyaging hither of the floating vessels of our ancestors—great canoes which brought them from distances great, distances vast, distances stretching far away back to where flushed the first dawn of creation when life first breathed into matter—across ocean's mighty billows, through the raging of winds, the downpour of rains, through mighty tempests. It would have been impossible for the faint-hearted beings of the present day to follow the awe-inspiring path traversed by those canoes when crossing the ocean hitherward. Their ultimate safe arrival was due to the strength in the hands that wielded the paddles, and the keen observant eye to note the signs in the heavens as they pursued their course through calm and tempest. It was the discretion in their hearts that enabled them to successfully carry out their plans, and their strength of purpose helped them to firmly retain the knowledge which past experience had taught them. Their guides were the secret signs above, going by which they were enabled at length to reach this fair and beautiful land, where they were to become the people of the soil, and accord hospitable welcome to subsequent arrivals when the appointed time came for receiving such—fair skin, light-brown skin, and dark skin, yet of one common blood, and therefore alike; and now through this gathering-together of these several races they have become blended into one, as other people have in other places under the sun. Thus we progress and go on progressing. Protecting care and truth have met together, righteousness and permanent peace have saluted each other. Righteousness looks down from heaven and sees that truth is progressing upon the earth, and that it hath laid its mantle over the two races, who are now living together as brethren in this their fair and beautiful home-land. All these things cover a wide field for the mind to dwell upon, and to have put into shape as something to leave to the after-ages, and your Act, O Minister! should cause this to be done.

O, Hon. Minister for Native Affairs, the Government, the honourable members of the House of Representatives, and the honourable members of the Legislative Council! may your days be lengthened to lead the people to the fulfilment of those honourable positions which are attainable by the Maori people in these days, that their bodily health may be preserved through the medium of the Maori Councils; that such highly beneficial and humane measures be encouraged as the sanitation of the *marae*, the removal of garbage, the advancement of the race to rear children, who will be shielded from accident even as though they were protected within a palisaded pa; the relieving of the poor, the stranger and wanderer, the blind, the deaf, the cripple, the leper, the paralytic, and the insane. The existing necessities to deal with these matters have given birth to the new positions and duties which the present generation is now called upon to fill and to perform. Dr. Pomare is the result of the advance of the age in so far as the Maoris are concerned, and in himself bears testimony of their capability to go forward with the times. Even though we might multiply words without end in connection with this important measure of which our ears have heard, yet pleasure, gladness, and a feeling of relief has long ago taken up their abode in our hearts and in the aged bodies of us, the elder generation, who are now approaching the end of the allotted span accorded to mortals ere they return to dust.

This action of yours has to our mind revived the waning science of our ancestors, who have passed away to nothingness, even as the snow on the mountain-tops is melted away by the warmth of the summer sun. Therefore proceed with your work, preserve it in your preserving-chamber, fashion it with the earth of Kurawaka, so that another Hinehauone may arise (the first woman resulting from the union between Rangi—Heaven—and Papa—Earth) in the new building-up and collecting-together of our ancient lore, our history, our treasures, our laws, our customs, our sacred rites, and everything that can be preserved of us as a people. Our ancestors who came to these Islands had three great possessions by means of which existence was aided, and mana and chieftainship upheld and established :—(1) The war canoe, carved and equipped with all its numerous