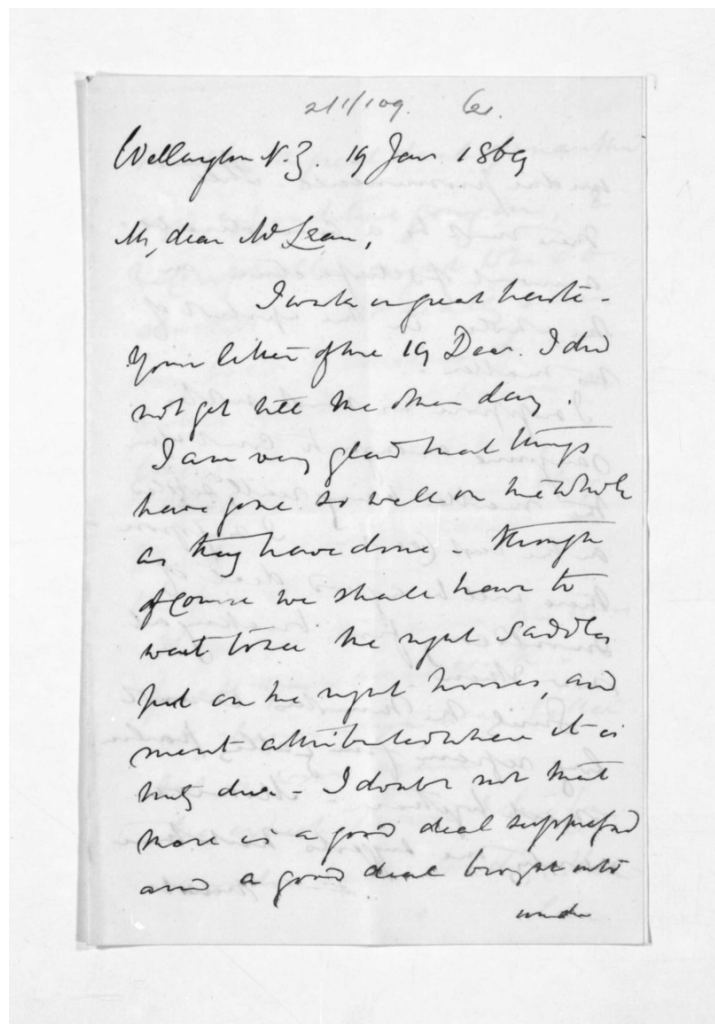


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Wellington N.Z. 19 Jan 1869
Mr, dear McLean,
I wish to great thank -
of your letter of the 19 Dec. I did
not get till the other day.
I am very glad that things
have gone so well on the whole
as they have done - though
of course we shall have to
wait till the next saddle
and on the next horses, and
must attribute when it is
my due - I doubt not that
there is a good deal suppressed
and a good deal brought out
under

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under prominence. There
there must be a considerable
amount of satisfaction on
the whole in the spirit of
the matter -

I suppose we must not be
anyone enough to count upon
the matter being really settled
at the East Coast - I suppose
there will be a good deal of
mouldering fire breaking at
New Zealand

Since the Ministers cannot
long refrain from falling parties
next together - Monroe
writing me suggests that there
must

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must be a great deal of advantage
- used expenditure going on, &
before the end of the year to be
- structure - It really seems
very bold & careless of the
future for the first time on so
long in the present way.
I should like however to see
the first branch all he is
transformed -
I hope you are none the worse
for all your hard work -
My rheumatism was better
but is worse again -
We expect Brown & the family
- modern back to-day, Habi
have

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leave to-morrow.
Old Mr. Shing looks as fresh as
a daisy and is giving a series
of lectures. Your sister & Aunt
look well -
It is now nearly as hot here
as I can find it on Sande
Island.
With kindest regards
I am yours & Mrs
Alexander Johnston

His Son
D. W. Johnston