

4 pages written 12 Dec 1850 by Henry Halse to Sir Donald McLean

Private Police Barracks Dec 12 - 1850
Dear Sir,
Many thanks for your letter of 30 last month and be assured I should not have taken any open steps to ascertain the disposition of natives in this district & part with lands unless I had been ordered by a high official functionary so to do - however, nothing more has been done than that with which you are acquainted and as far as my observations now lead me, the knotted question appears to be slumbering although I fancy an eye is ~~at~~ on the alert for your return, when this complicated subject will be again revived and few they are capable of grappling with it with any chance of a successful issue.
Yours truly
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Te Tokerau keeps close with his
people and I did hear that he had
no intention to abandon his secluded
life until your return when he purposed
coming into Town - I have seen him
and should know him again and
will treat him as you desire should
an opportunity offer -

When Miss King returns I will
endeavour to purchase one of her
beautiful specimens of workmanship
which cannot fail to attract general
admiration -

My wife possesses a very correct
idea of your duties at the South, and
was therefore quite contented to
receive the gloves which entirely
accord with her taste and which
I hope she may some day wear,
At present all is uncertain she

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Being on the eve of a great feud
which I pray, with Gods assistance,
the may safely overcome -

I have posted your letters for the
North and returned the Register
certificates to our Post Master who
is certainly a most efficient officer
- ^{signature I imagine} -
which, in great measure accounts
for his unpopularity -

When I receive your Lab. King the
amount you mention, I will dispose
of it as you desire -

Wishing you are well

I remain

Dear Sir

Yours faithfully
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