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My dear Sir

You will be pleased to hear of the continued success of the Land Court here - the subdivisional question will take up much time and careful management yet - We are trying to do it more by arbitration and amicable arrangement than by the letter of the law & the great difficulty is the jealousy and latent obstruction by Europeans - I am & stay

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tired of stopping here
so long. but I will stick
to it. If the Makauri and
Matawhero No 5th wheel Road
house stand can be fairly
settled the rest will go
all right and can be
done at more leisure -
I am not given to complain
of other officers of Fort -
but I cannot refrain in
regard to Mr Wilson his
idea appears to be ^{to} grumble
and complain and do
abstract but do nothing
completely nothing -
himself. He is the most
unapproachable man I ever
met - If left alone he
would cause a deadlock
~~under the~~
in three months. He
will work with no one -
I thought the land on
the Arai Street stream -
Pakutahi block was for
the Whyer family (Korowai)
and the Kopywhakata
as a reserve to ^{be} placed
under reserves act. but
I hear Wilson is trying
to lease it for ^{and} ^{and} ^{and}

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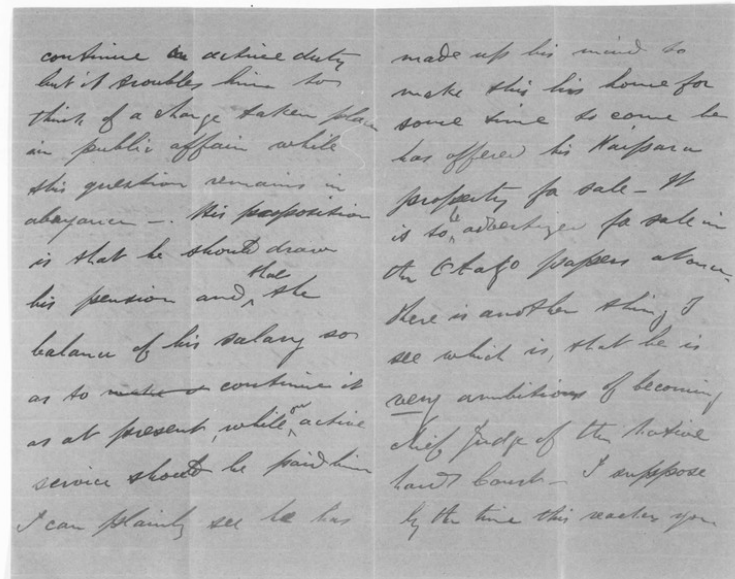
Whyte has not signed
the deed ^{or} ~~with~~ ^{as a reserve} the
land gazetted. I write
this with Popans knowledge
or rather at his instigation
~~but fully concurring in it~~
I think it would be
good for this district if
Wilson was removed
and Parker were appointed
to the office. he could
easily do all such work
between Paritutu and East
cape. Wilsons place is
in office not outside. the
same as Gindell

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Roja has wonderfully
improved in health - but
he is very anxious about
his pension that it should
be settled this session of
the assembly - He considers
~~himself entitled to £400~~
a year - having in the
New Zealand Company service
and general Govt service
together a right to twenty
eight years back ~~of~~
service - He says if his
pension were once fixed
on as a certainty his
mind would be more
settled and as long as you
held office he would

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continue in active duty
but it would be his to
think of a change taken place
in public affairs while
this question remains in
abeyance - His proposition
is that he should draw
his pension and ^{that} the
balance of his salary so
as to retire or continue as
at present, while active
service should be paid him
I can plainly see he has
made up his mind to
make this his home for
some time so come he
has offered his Kaipara
property for sale - It
is to ^{be} advertised for sale in
the Otago papers above
Here is another thing I
see which is, that he is
very ambitious of becoming
Chief Judge of the Native
Land Court - I suppose
by the time this reaches you

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That your hands will be
 full of work. Karaitiana
 has been here collecting
 information regarding land
 purchase questions - Heuata
 Kōpū Kawēka I have come
 out well the other day at
 Omaka he told me by mouth
 the first time - There is
 a repudiation meeting
 to be held at once before Pomare's
 meets at Pāhikāki - I hope
 the Govt will see the way to
 appoint a registrar of
 deeds in here - The business
 is increasing rapidly - Hawke
 Bay customs revenue at separate
 was £2700, this is now £7000 a
 year -

I remain very truly
 yours
 S. Locke