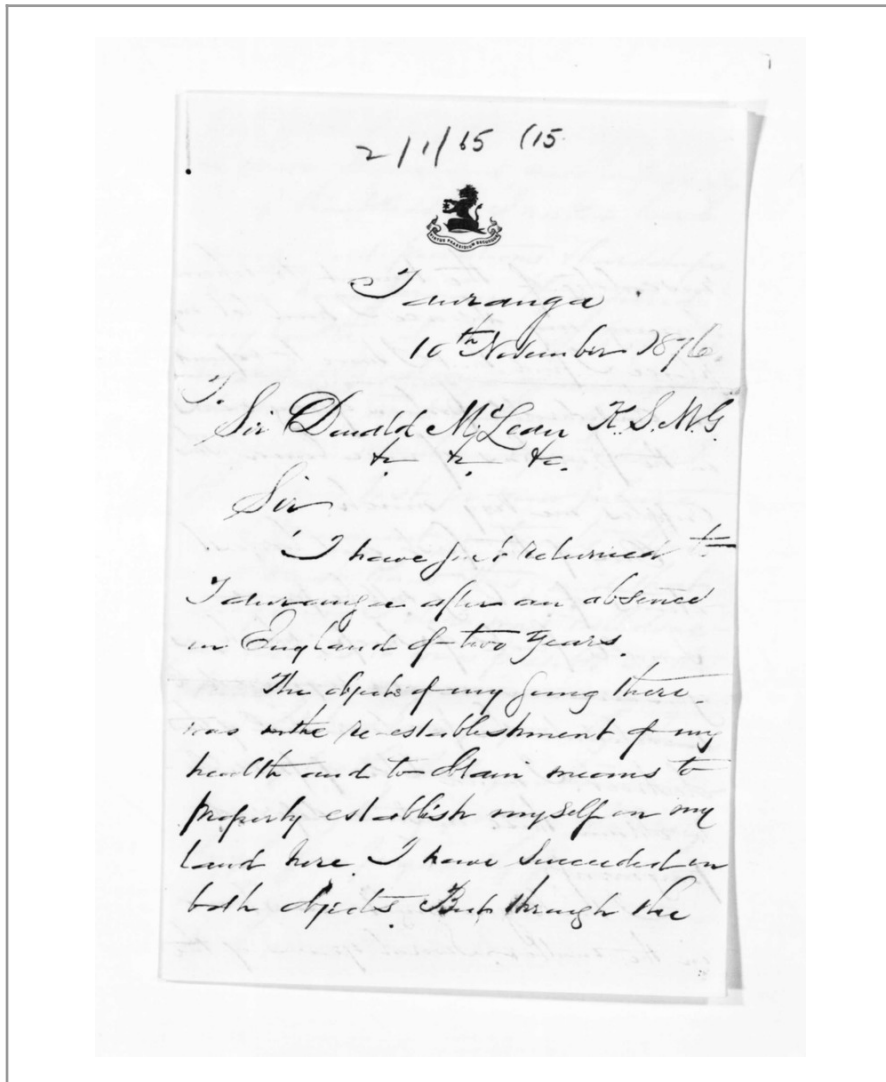


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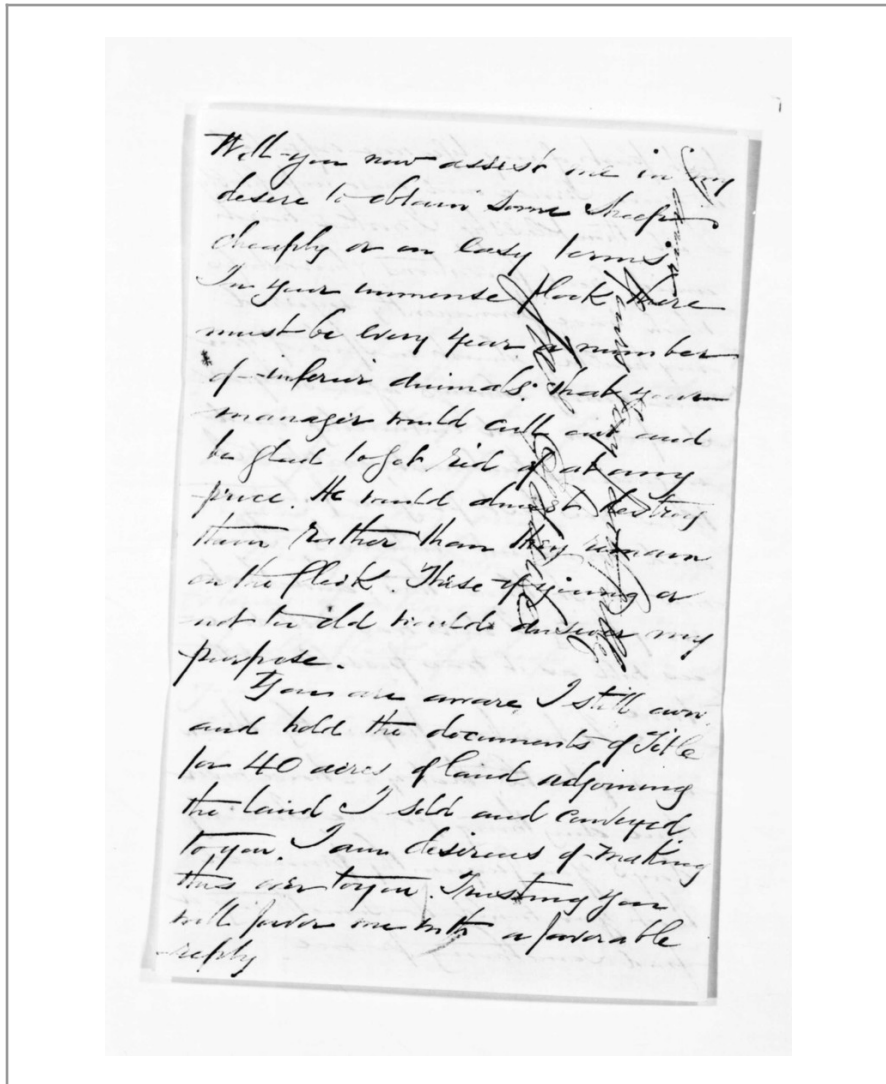
best part of my life was expended  
 in your service and, most respectfully  
 and thankfully, I rather heartily  
 resent the possibility of the removal to whom  
 during my absence I had let my  
 place, I find that I have to expend  
 a considerable portion of my means  
 in the purchase of more land. This  
 cripples me very much.

One of the first and largest  
 schemes of sailing will be for a  
 small flock of sheep, which, as  
 you are aware are required to  
 consolidate the peculiar soil of this  
 district. I would like if possible - in my teeth that you have never  
 to show these in some deferred  
 program.

I think you might assist me  
 in the matter. Several years of the

amid great privations & hardships  
 which have permanently injured  
 my health, I trust in spite of your  
 and nearly always against your  
 suspicion and entirely much  
 in your treatment in what I  
 think was best for your future  
 and permanent interests. I now  
 must show this, and that  
 every thing I do is well done -  
 as well as it was possible at the  
 time. It has been frequently shown  
 done any thing for me. In early  
 days you frequently promised  
 that you would do something &  
 find something for me.

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Will you now assist me in my  
desire to obtain some sheep  
cheaply on any terms  
In your immense flock there  
must be every year a number  
of inferior animals that a  
manager would cull out and  
be glad to get rid of at any  
price. He would do best to destroy  
them rather than they remain  
in the flock. Those of your age  
not too old would answer my  
purpose.

You are aware I still own  
and hold the documents of title  
for 40 acres of land adjoining  
the land I sold and conveyed  
to you. I am desirous of making  
this over to you. Trusting you  
will favour me with a favorable  
reply