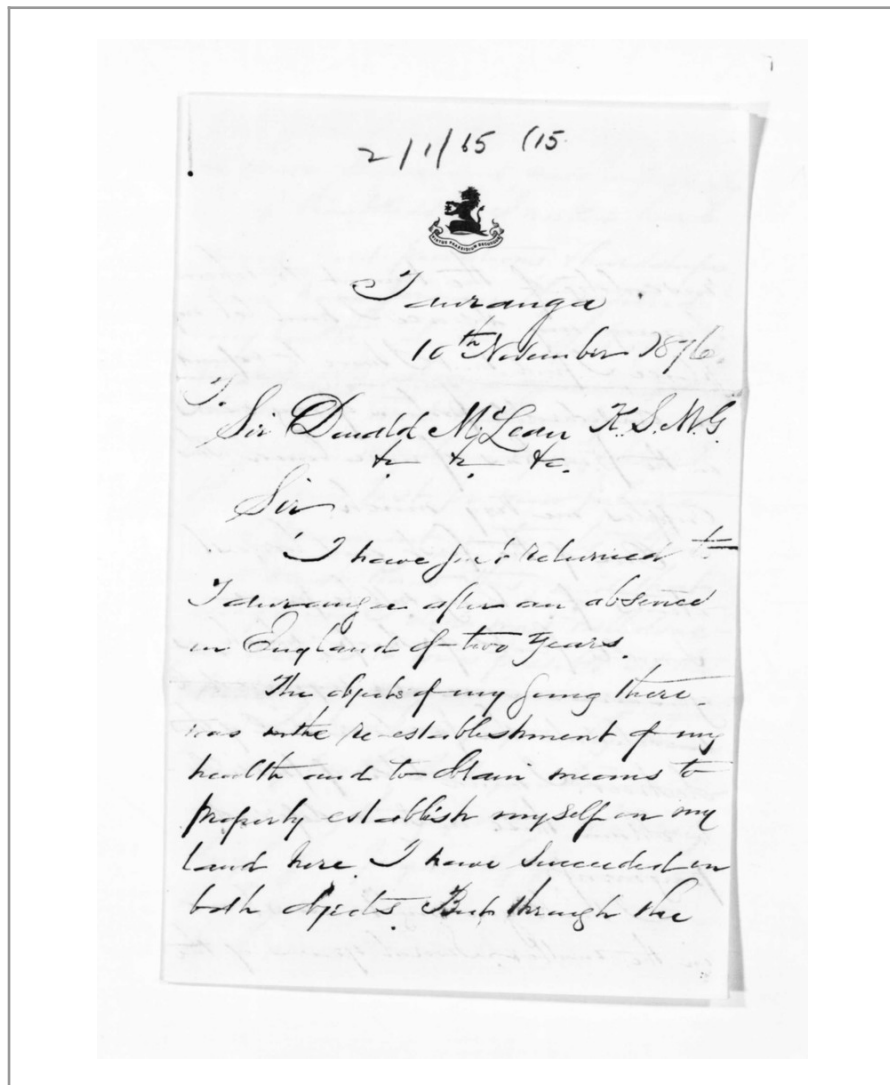


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best part of my life was expended
in your service and, most respectfully
and thankfully, I would have
wished that I could have done more
for you. I find that I have to expend
a considerable portion of my means
in the purchase of more land. This
cripples me very much.

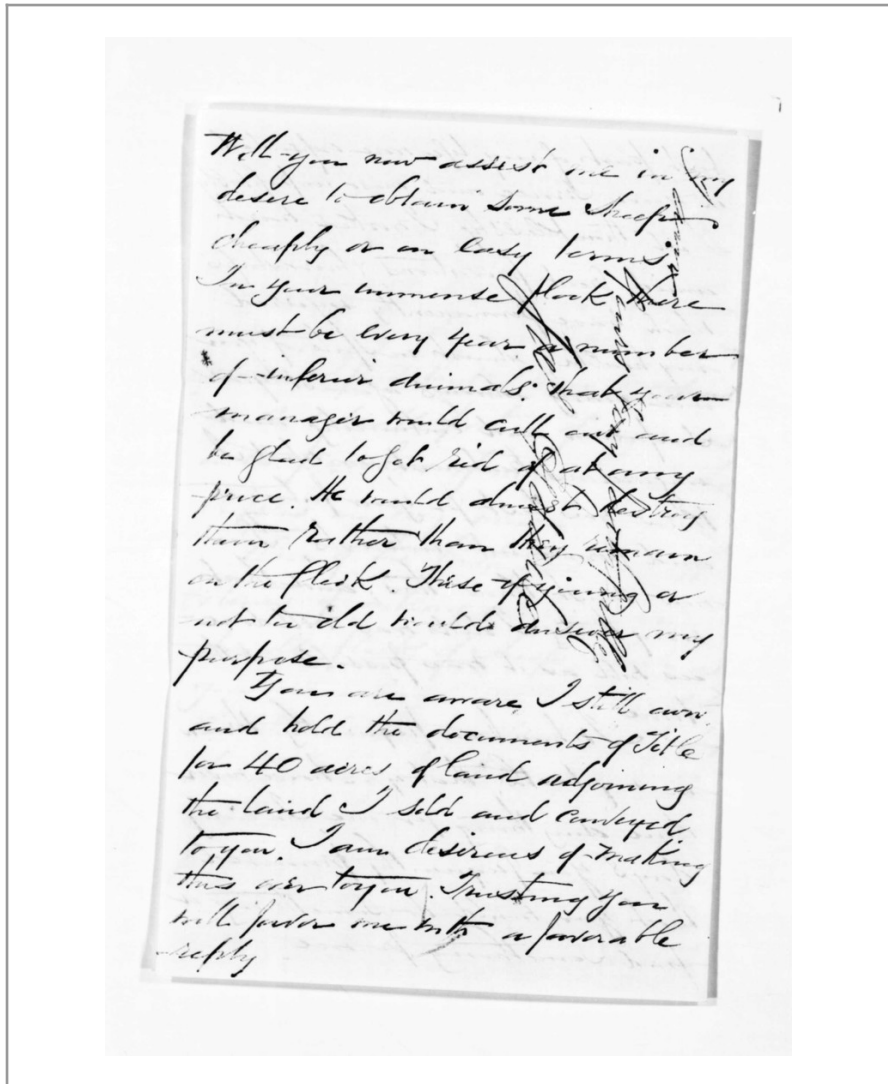
One of the first and largest
stems of sailing will be for a
small flock of sheep, which, as
you are aware are required to
consolidate the peculiar soil of this
district. I would like if possible - in my teeth - that you have never
to show these in some deferred
programme.

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

amid great privations & hardships
which have permanently injured
my health, & which in spite of your
kind & nearly always efficient
sympathy and assistance, much
remains to be done 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 almost prefer
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