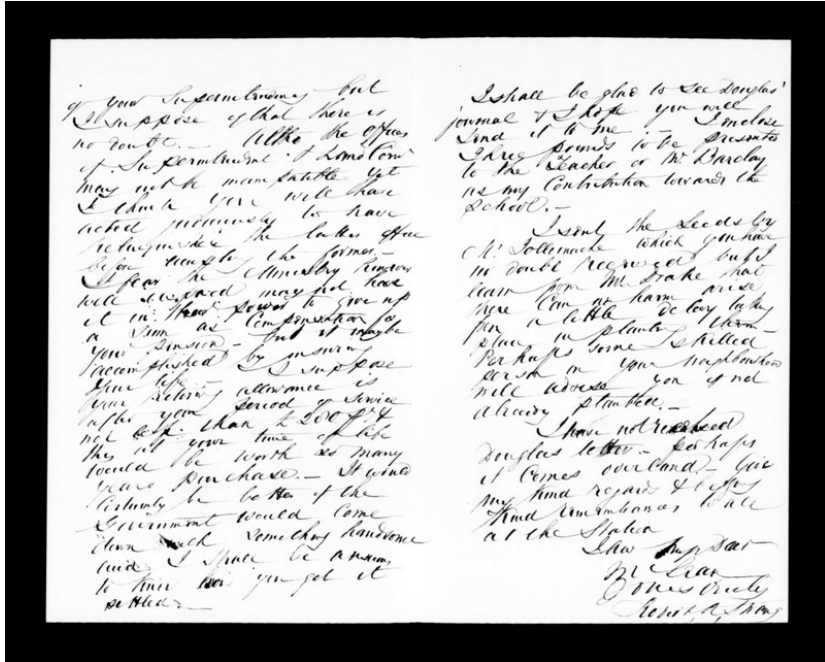


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My dear Sir Donald McLean
I am in receipt
of yours of the 9th inst
with contents
As you are likely
for a time to be settled
at Napier where
Douglas can be educated
under your own eye under
a good master I agree
with you in the charge
of Mr Smith who has
rather than sending him
to Nelson. - He can
as you say occasionally
pass his holidays with
me & Sean take a
run up to visit you.
I see Colenso has
resigned but I have
seen no appointment

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of your recollection, but
 I suppose if that there is
 no doubt. Altho the Office
 of the Government of London
 may not be immediately
 I think you will have
 acted judiciously to have
 returned the letter from
 you through the former
 I fear the Ministry here
 will regard may not have
 it in. How few to give up
 a sum as compensation for
 you. I am sure - but it is
 I am sure by means
 your help allowance is
 after you have served of service
 not less than £500 per
 they at your time of life
 would be worth so many
 years purchase. - It is
 likely to be the of the
 Government would come
 down with something handsome
 and I think to be a man
 to have had you get it
 in hand.

I shall be glad to see Douglas's
 journal if I hope you will
 send it to me. I suppose
 I was bound to be present
 to the teacher or Mr Barclay
 is my contribution towards the
 school. -
 I sent the seeds by
 Mr. Sollenbush which you saw
 in doubt received but
 I am sure Mr. Drake had
 here for me have a
 you can go to try to
 for a letter to try to
 I am sure I will
 perhaps some of the
 work in your hands
 will be done you if not
 always planted. -
 I have not received
 Douglas's letter - I hope
 it comes over land. Give
 my kind regards to all
 And remember me to all
 at the place
 I am
 Mr. McLean
 Yours truly
 Robert R. Strang