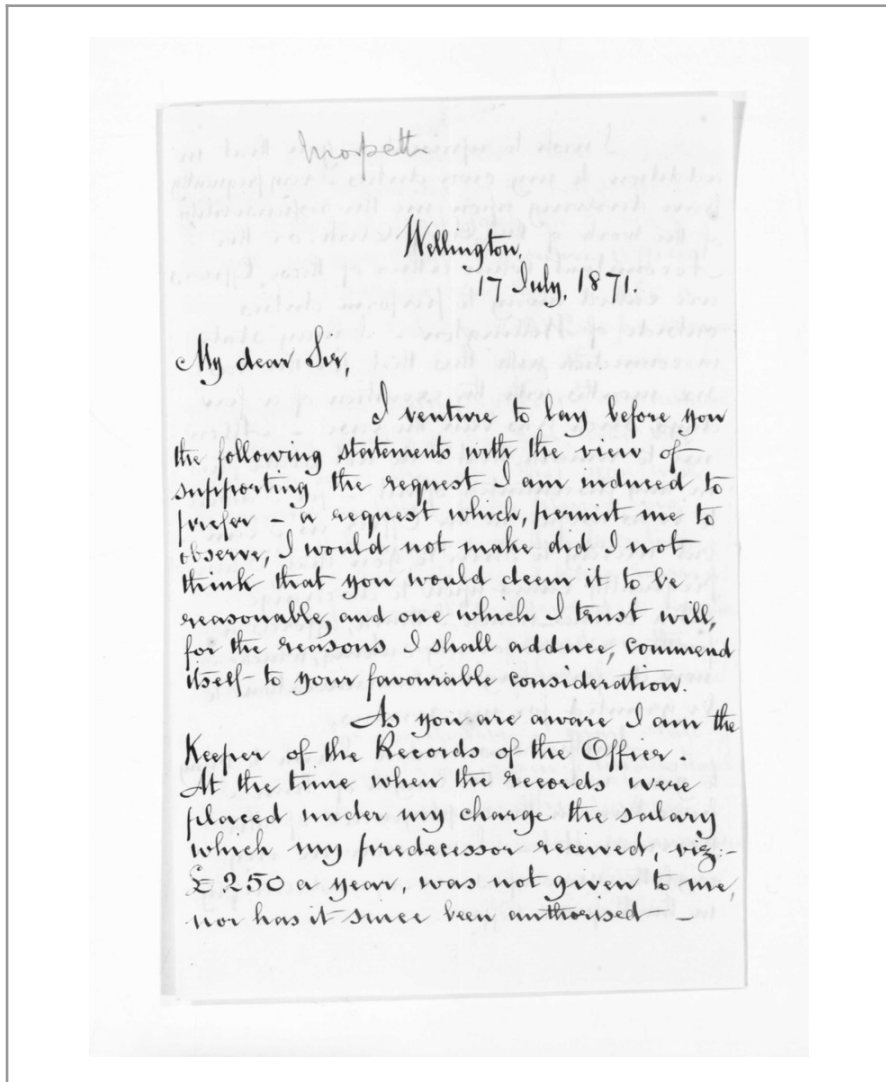


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I wish to represent to you that in addition to my own duties I very frequently have devolving upon me the responsibility of the work of the Chief Clerk, or the Accountant, when either of those Officers are called away to perform duties outside of Wellington - I may state in connection with this that for the last six months, with the exception of a few days, such has been the case - Allow me to remark that I do not state this in any discontented spirit - for I desire to be as useful in the Office as I can - but merely to shew to you that I am frequently called upon to discharge extra duties which, I think, affords a further reason for my seeking, which I now do, for a higher remuneration to be granted for my services.

Another consideration I wish to bring to your notice is the length of time I have been in the employment of the Government - I am now in my eighth year of service, and chiefly in the Defence Office.

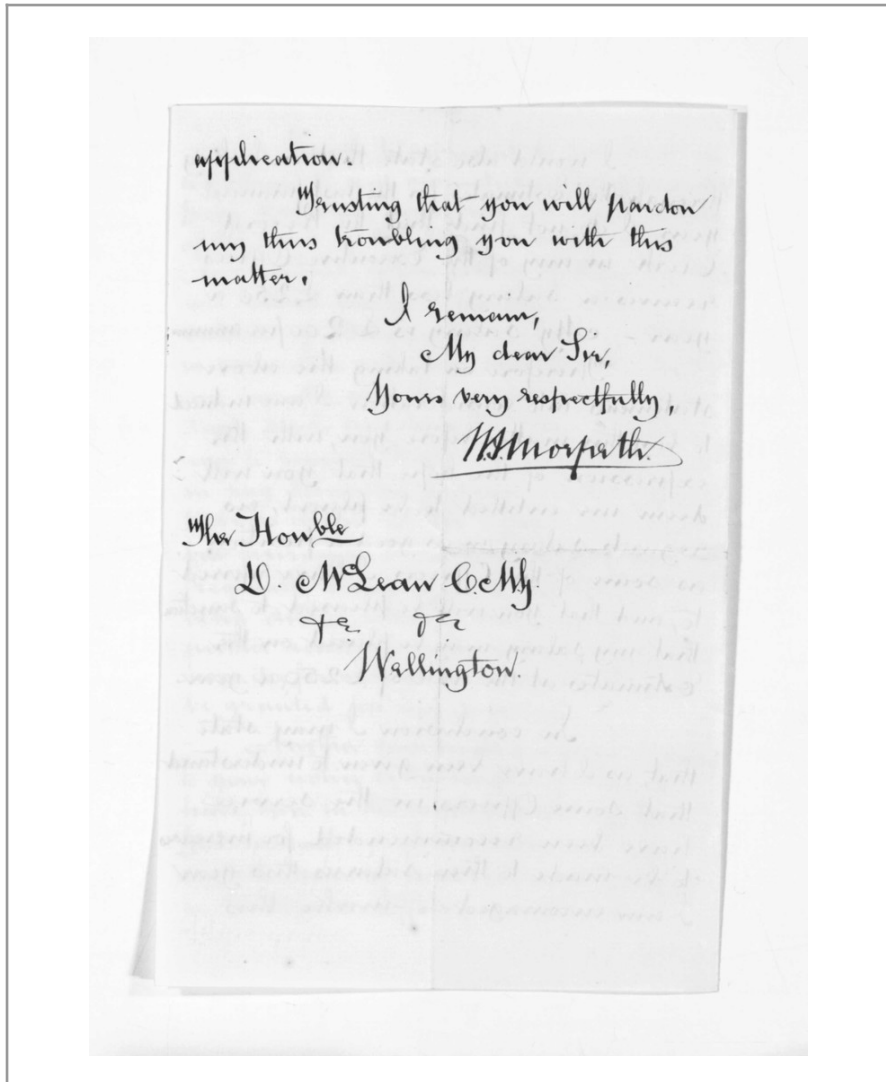
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I would also state that on looking through the Estimates for the last financial year I do not find that the Record Clerk in any of the Executive Offices receives a salary less than £250 a year - My salary is £200 per annum.

Therefore on taking the above statements into consideration I am induced to lay this matter before you, with the expression of the hope that you will deem me entitled to be placed, as regards salary, in as good a position as some of the Officers I have referred to, and that you will be pleased to sanction that my salary may be placed on the Estimates at the rate of £250 a year.

In conclusion I may state that, as I have been given to understand that some Officers in the service have been recommended for increases to be made to their salaries this year I am encouraged to make this

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