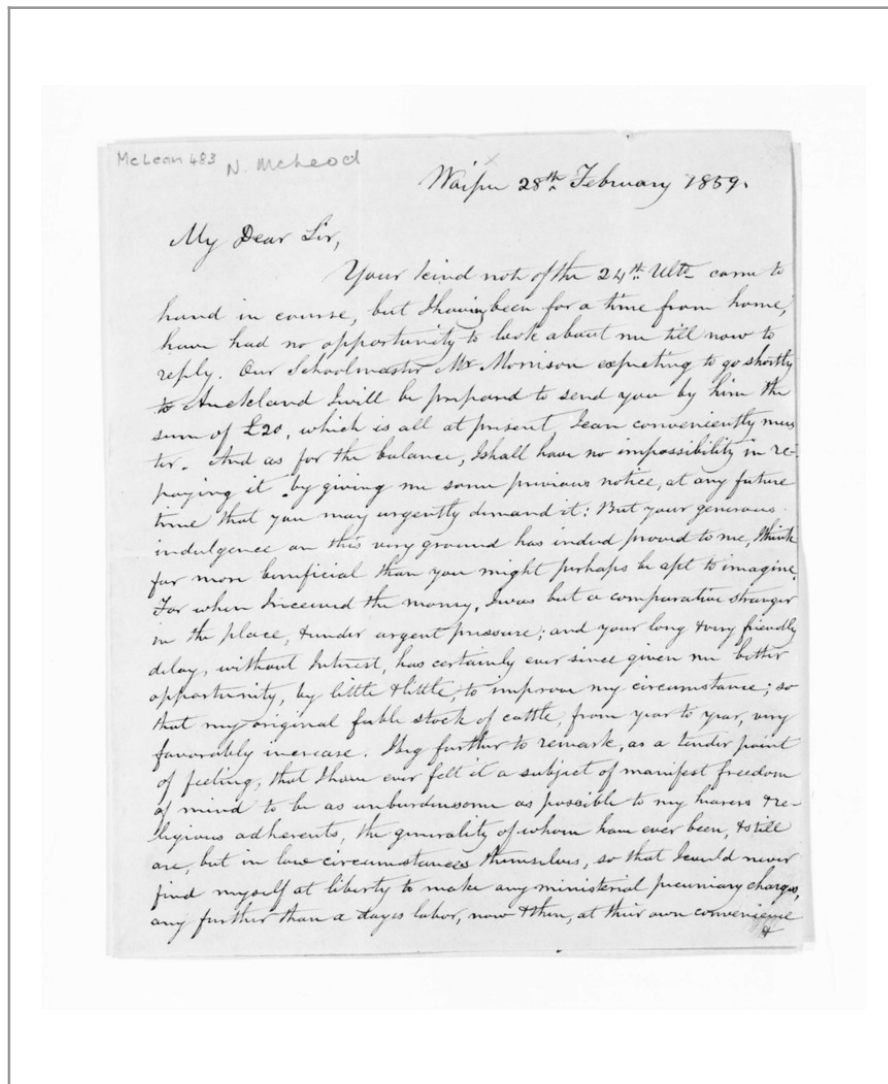


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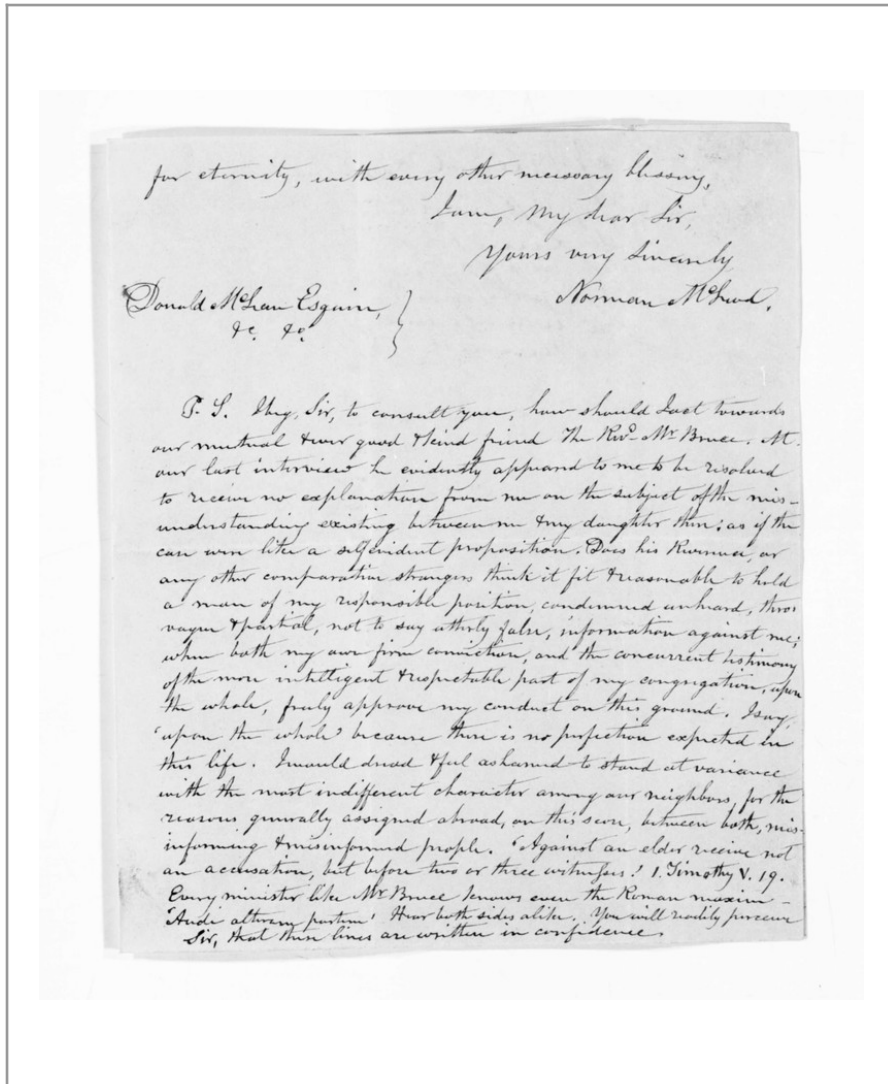


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Your will; especially in spring & harvest times, this treatment
 evidently feel, has ever given me great independence & freedom
 of mind & conduct, thro' all my official days. Thus shall purpose-
 ly endeavor, by the Lord's blessing, to live as far self-sustained as
 possible, for the measurably short remainder of my life. I humble
 you with these few reflections as my ever generous & kind friend
 & benefactor, as believing it may be a sort of remuneration to your
 generosity to have how highly, in the hand of divine providence
 I esteem your condescension & friendship, both to myself & your Country,
 men since ever we landed on their shores of strangers; & particularly
 the mark of benevolence under consideration; tho' at the same time,
 might at intervals, have seemed in your friendly company, as
 if invading the responsibility of gratitude, in playing off some
 bantering puns from the natural store of our Highland humors.
 But in treating of my independent means of family support
 should be careful to guard against any misreflection on the dis-
 position or conduct of my dear congregation, on the subject;
 for I feel no cause of complaint on that score, according to their
 circumstances, whom I should find it necessary to throw my-
 self on their assistance. My reason for troubling you with
 these remarks, is in order to let you know that my long de-
 lay in repaying your generous loan, has not proceeded from
 either neglect & indifference, or any imposition on your very kind
 indulgence, but ~~from~~ rather, as you may now understand, from
 my singular position, & entire trust in your confidential friends
 ship, till you should thus find good reason to make a de-
 mand. Wishing Heaven to give you every concern
 for

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