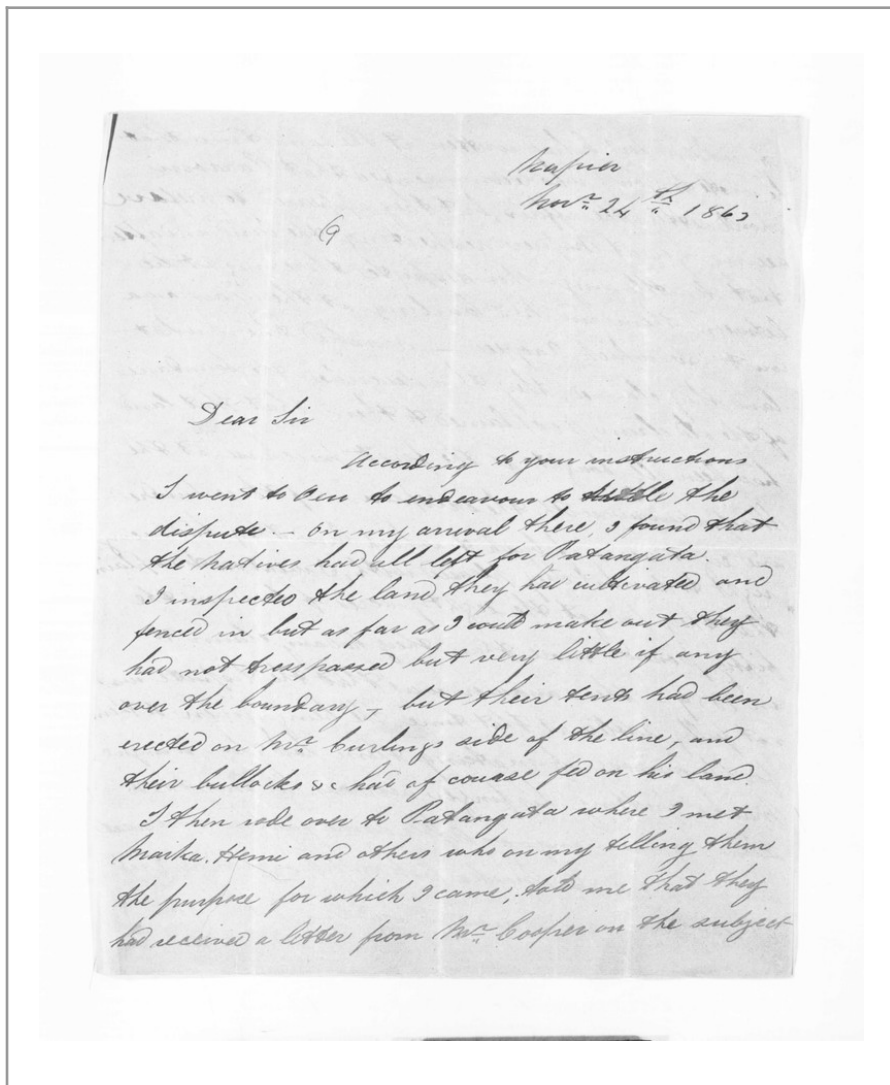


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(of whom Mr. L. had written at the same time that he would do you) who recommended that Parsons should write the offer, but they appeared to refuse seeing you at Napier, respecting the land, and after that to write my other respects. There was at the time between them and Mr. Boulton at the Maniama Court at which I acted - I asked them what land they chose, they then described the boundaries of the old claim, I explained to them that that land had been all bought at the first purchase at the Waipatuau with the addition of three hundred and eight acres of land they had bought, and that they had planned with, I went on to explain that they had got the 2000 acres of land and the highly improved more than they had any claim to in 1859 - Their answer was that the title was not fully settled at that time. The thing given to them for the purpose of making them had their tongues stuck in their mouths, but after some further conversation in which I made much but rather allowed a rather long and long answer a letter - I said that looking at the whole money and land as a matter of fact, that his argument was wrong for in fact it was understood as a gift, that is, it was intended at the time the question was for one or two for in fact the land had been purchased by long and therefore allowing them their management, the money was given, and the fact that they had lost any reason to complain of the Europeans, and to impose upon them - Mr. L. said that they should meet you on your return from Auckland to settle the question. There has been much talk here that Mr. Pake and some of his people were out there, and that the party were back, the other that the Maikato are coming by way of the pines, Major Whitmore has sent some of the defence force here, and had written to Mr. Parsons and others to come in, I cannot find out that there is much foundation for the rumors, and that some of the natives have arrived at the Waipatuau, and that a few more have arrived at the same time for the purpose of settling, I am going to take a ride up the coast - Do not know the thoughts of the Maikato has left - This evening on

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