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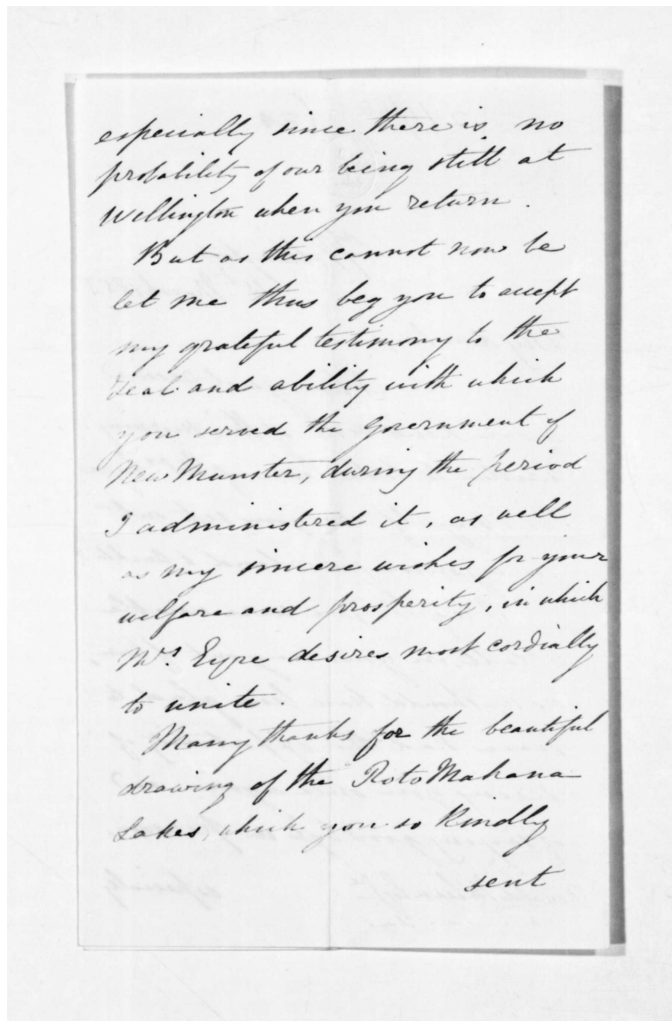
My dear Sir,

I have just received
your kind note of this morning
written to take leave of Mr. Eyre
and myself, ere you set out
on a journey overland to Auckland.

I regret you were unable
to call, on your way out of town,
as we should have been glad to
have had the opportunity of
seeing you once again and
of saying good bye in person,

Donald McLean Esq.
Esq. Esq. Esq. especially

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especially since there is no probability of our being still at Wellington when you return.

But as this cannot now be let me thus beg you to accept my grateful testimony to the zeal and ability with which you served the Government of New Munster, during the period I administered it, as well as my sincere wishes for your welfare and prosperity, in which Mr Eyre desires most cordially to unite.

Many thanks for the beautiful drawing of the Roto Mahana Lakes which you so kindly sent

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sent; it is a spot I often desired
to visit, without being able to do
so; and the drawing will also remind
me that I once made a journey
up the country in your company,
with the intention of reaching the
scene which it depicts, but which
from circumstances I was unable
to carry out -

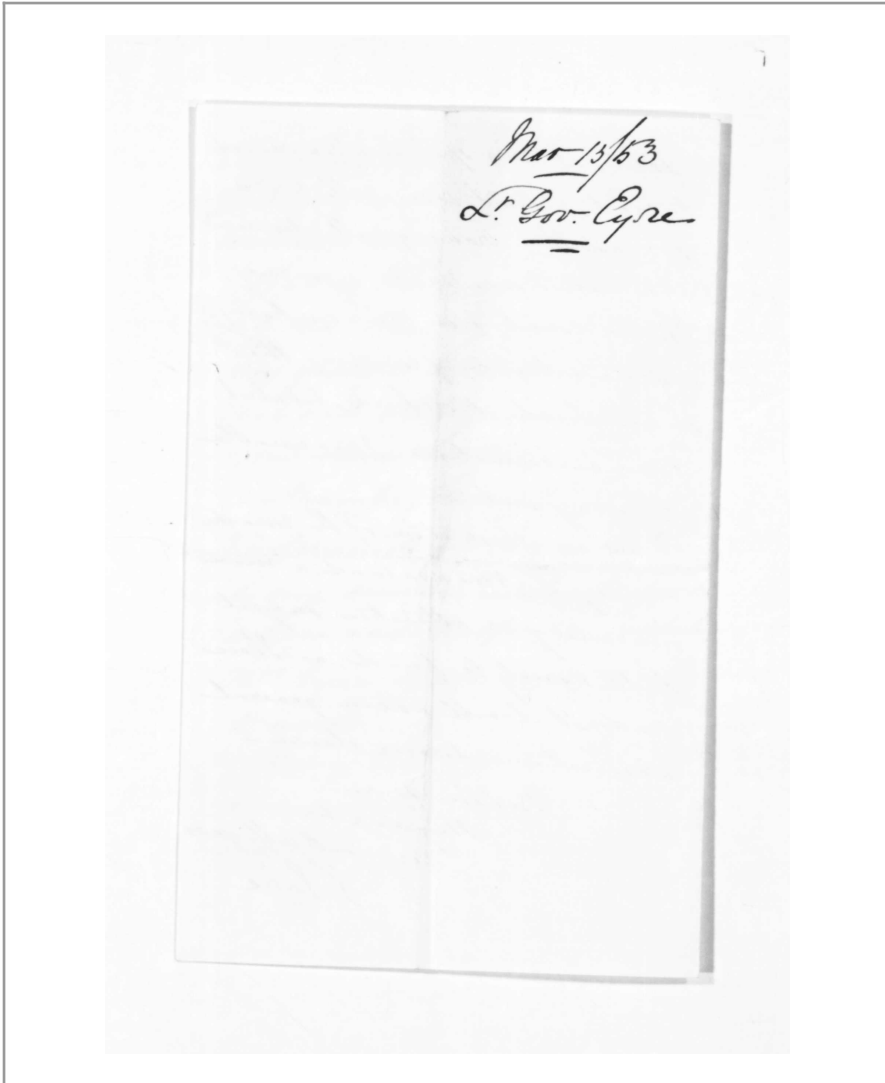
as an illustration of the romantic
scenery of New Zealand, a more
interesting or attractive subject
could scarcely be found, and I have
no doubt it will obtain general
admiration wherever shown -

Believe me

My dear Sir

Very faithfully yours

E. Eyre



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