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 Raglan
 19th May 1860.

My Dear Sir,

I arrived here at daylight yesterday morning from Auckland, we left there at 8 O'Clock A.M. on Thursday, the "Hottanox" also left shortly after, I put my sofa some chairs and several other things on board of her, for the Capt. to land here, but she failed and never called here, she was to have called here according to her Contract, (weather permitting) and to communicate with you, I hope when you pay Capt. Poutoata you will deduct the freight and expenses in forwarding the things he has of mine down here, I have been obliged to leave many of my things behind

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 Native Secretary

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behind there not being room in the vessels to get
the Office fittings also belonging to the get the
Government have also been left behind - tion
for the same reason. I was sorry that I should
not the pleasure of seeing you here obliged
when I arrived, could I have told I should since
have been so long I should certainly have there
come overland, we went down to the my
heads on Sunday morning and expected there
to get over the bar every tide, we went in the
but on Tuesday morning but was obliged
to return, the sea being so heavy. - for y
I received your dispatch on Wednesday evening
and immediately took a boat not for
and went to Messrs Yates, and gave them
your letter to read, stating they were the
no longer to trade, also gave the same in we
to Mr Hopkins, the "Haven" was not for St.
got off when we left. Mr Hopkins had in, the
a number of natives assisting trying with

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wish to get her off. I am sorry I was unable to
 get the Capt of the "Matilda" to make any deduction
 behind in the price for the Charter, when
 I chartered her I supposed she would be
 obliged to go to Auckland, so many said
 they would go there, but many have
 I should since gone overland driving cattle, and
 they have there was the goods of three families besides
 to the my self to come here in the "Matilda"
 expected there are 23 passengers gone to Auckland
 went in the "Hottarua" -
 obliged
 Please to accept my sincere thanks
 if - for your kindness to my Daughters when
 they arrived here, my eldest Daughter did
 not go to Auckland in the gun boat, as
 we thought she did not like to leave before she saw me
 the gun boat went out as we were coming
 in we passed her on the bar -
 she said "The "Matilda" will leave here to morrow
 as not for Maria and take Mr Swans wheat
 in his boat in, the "Hottarua" and proceed to Auckland
 trying with kind respects trusting you are well
 Believe me,
 Dear Sir
 Yours most respectfully
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