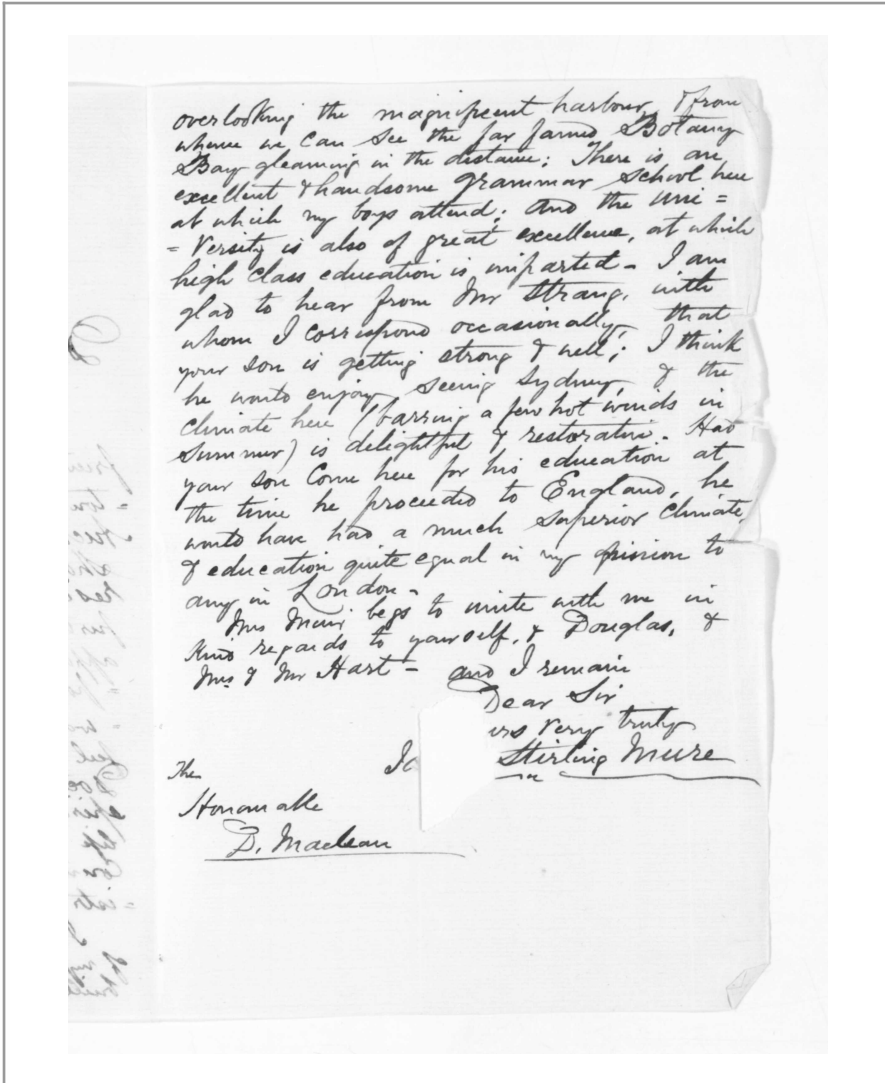


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Saint Leonards, Sydney,
New South Wales.
March 22^d 1871.
Dear Sir:
I had a letter lately from my
friend Dr James Kilgour, late of Wellin-
-ton, now settled at Shortland near
Auckland, saying that the people of
Shortland wished to have him for their
resident Magistrate. From what he
further says, I understand that the
appointment is very much at your dis-
-posal; and if you could kindly for-
-ward his interest in the matter, I would
feel very greatly obliged to you. The
Doctor is a shrewd, active & very public-
spirited man, & at a former period of his
life he held the office of Magistrate in this
Country, so that he must possess admi-
-nistrative experience.
I like this Colony very well. The people
of my congregation (St Peter's Church) have
built me a handsome new Kirk & manse,

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overlooking the magnificent harbour, from
whence we can see the far famed Botany
Bay gleaming in the distance; There is an
excellent & handsome Grammar School here
at which my boys attend; and the Uni-
-versity is also of great excellence, at which
high class education is imparted - I am
glad to hear from Mr Strang, with
whom I correspond occasionally, that
your son is getting strong & well; I think
he wants enjoying seeing Sydney & the
Climate here (barring a few hot winds in
Summer) is delightful & restorative - Had
your son come here for his education at
the time he proceeded to England, he
woud have had a much superior Climate
& education quite equal in my opinion to
any in London - Mrs Mure begs to write with me in
kind regards to yourself, & Douglas, &
Mrs & Mr Hart - and I remain

Dear Sir
I am
very truly
Stirling Mure

The
Honourable
D. McLean