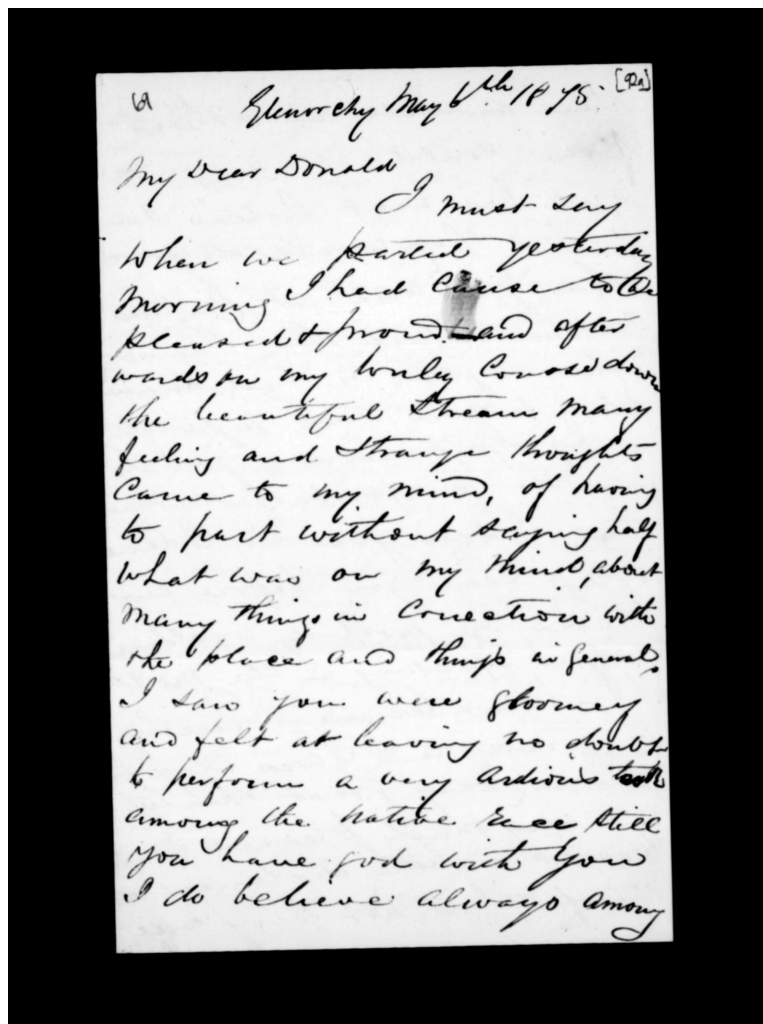


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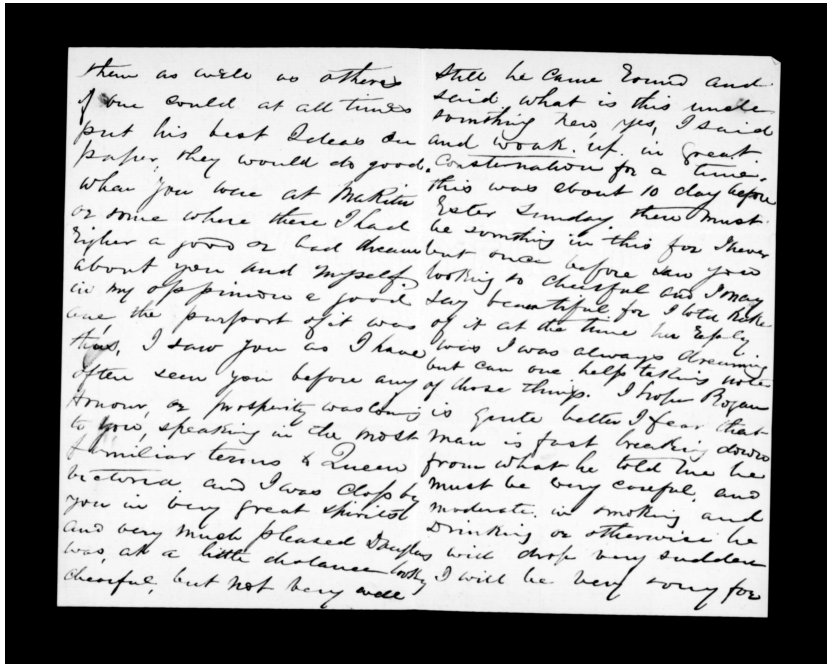
My dear Donald

I must say when we parted yesterday morning I had cause to be pleased & proud and afterwards on my lonely course down the beautiful stream many feelings and strange thoughts came to my mind of having to part without saying half what was on my mind, about many things in connection with the place and things in general. I saw you were gloomy and felt at leaving no doubt to perform a very arduous task among the native race, still you have God with you. I do believe always among

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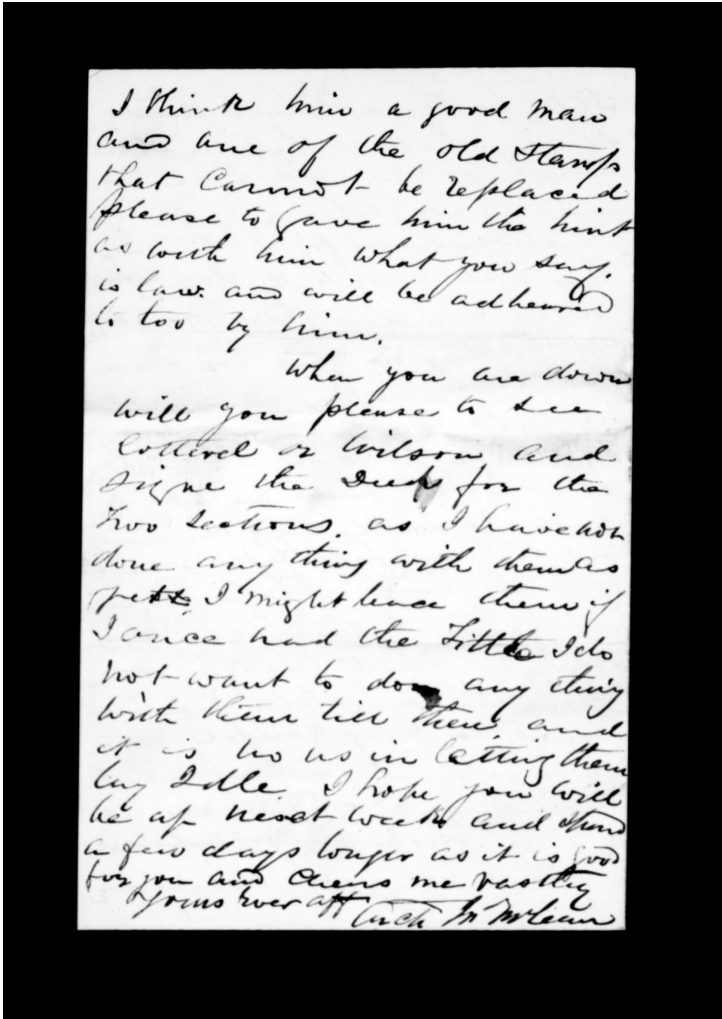
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them as well as others. If one could at all times put his best ideas on paper they would do good. When you were at Makitu or some where there I had eigher a good or bad dream about you and myself. In my oppinion a good one. The purport of it was thus. I saw you as I have often seen you before any honour, or prosperity was coming to you, speaking in the most familiar terms to Queen Victoria and I was close by you in very great spirits and very much pleased. Douglas was at a little distance looking cheerful but not very well, still he came round and said what is this Uncle, something new. Yes, I said and woak up in a great consternation for a time. This was about 10 days before E[a]ster Sunday. There must be something in this for I never but once before saw you looking so cheerful and I may say beautiful for I told Kate of it at the time. Her reply was I was always dreaming but can one help taking note of these things. I hope Rogan is quite better. I fear that man is fast breaking down from what he told me. He must be very careful and moderate in smoking and drinking or otherwise he will drop very sudden. I will be very sorry for



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