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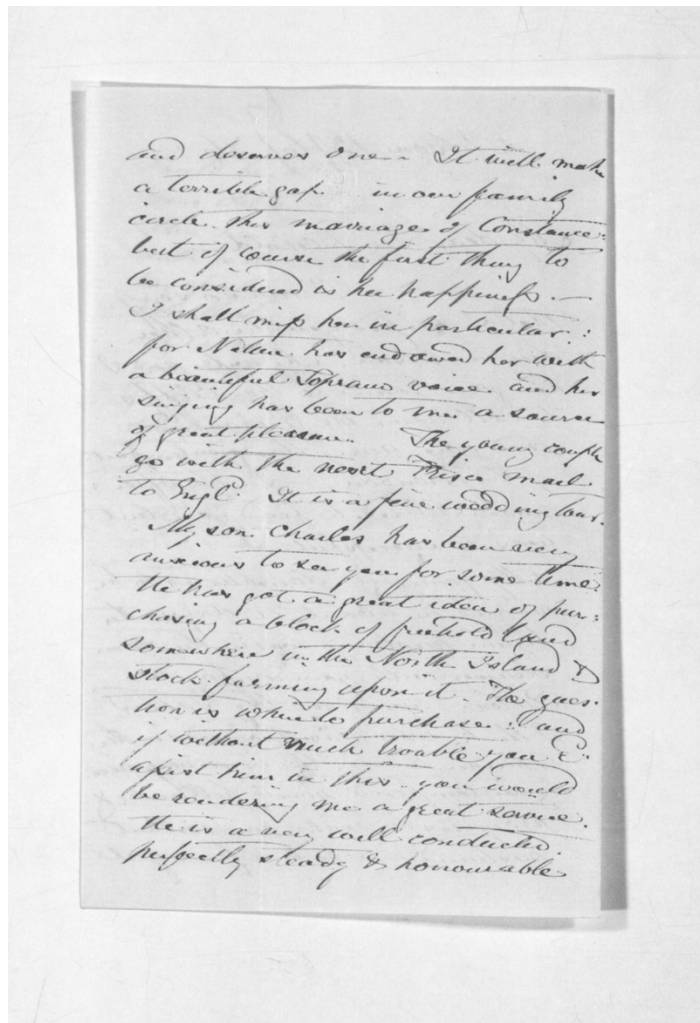
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My dear Sir Donald

I am so sorry that I missed you the other day in Nelson. My wife and I had gone down to the Cliffs to call upon the Richmonds: and came away the greater part of the forenoon. In the afternoon I tried to find you but was unsuccessful.

My youngest daughter is to be married in about 10 days. Her future husband was in the same steamer with you as far as Pictou. You knew his father I think, who was drowned in the *Wimmera* race. He is a very nice good tempered manly fellow: & promises to make an excellent husband. She is a fine girl

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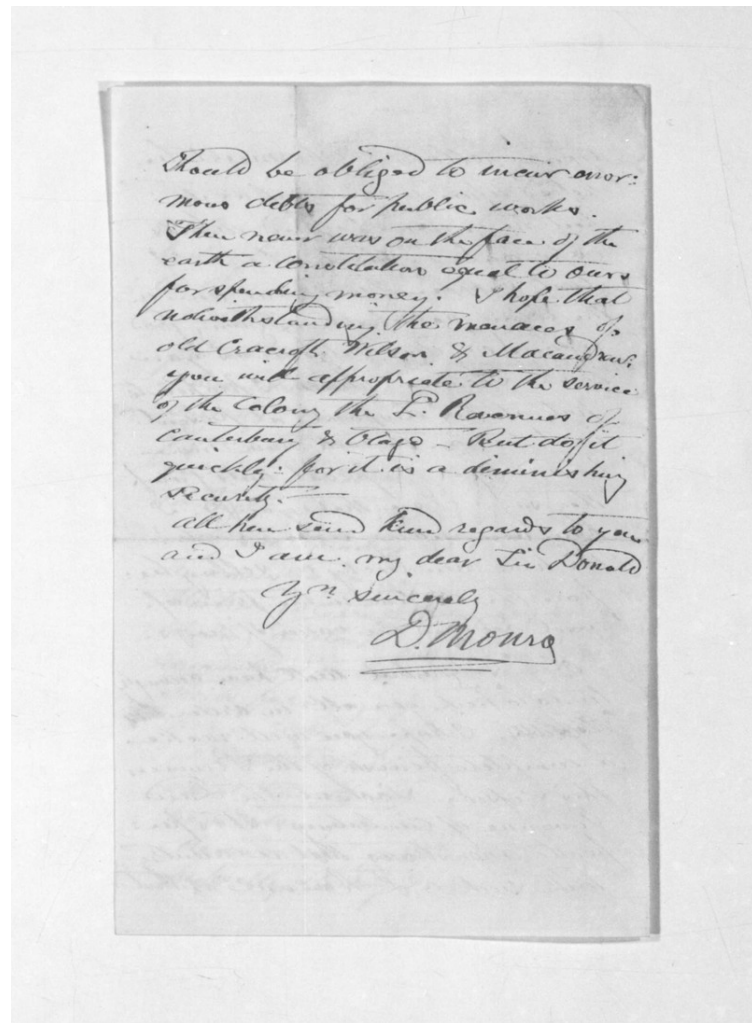
and becomes one - It will make
 a terrible gap in our family
 circle. The marriage of Constance
 but of course the first thing to
 be considered is her happiness.
 I shall miss her in particular:
 for Helen has end owed her with
 a beautiful soprano voice and her
 singing has been to me a source
 of great pleasure. The young couple
 go with the next Pigeon mail
 to Sup. It is a few odding tons.
 My son Charles has been very
 anxious to see you for some time.
 He has got a grand idea of pur-
 chasing a block of pasture land
 somewhere in the North Island &
 stock farming upon it. The ques-
 tion is whether purchase. And
 if without much trouble you
 assist him in this you would
 be rendering me a great service.
 He is a very well conducted,
 perfectly steady & honourable

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young fellow: who might be
 relied upon in any capacity:
 but he is young: and wants
 experience in the world. I
 don't suppose there is any one in
 the colony so capable of giving good
 advice on this subject, as you
 are. The sum which I propose to
 put at his disposal at present
 is £5000. He will have more
 by and by. Great wits jump
 they say. I see that you & I
 have been selling a heavy cash.
 We have been lucky in selling be-
 fore the decline in the price of
 wool reduced the value of receipts.

Old Fitzherbert will have enough
 to do to keep you all in order ~~the~~
~~the~~. I hope you will make
 a complete finish of the Province
 this Session. Look at the Land
 Revenue of Canterbury. It is per-
 fectly monstrous that a country
 with such a L. Revenue as that

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Should be obliged to incur our
more debts for public works.
The new war on the face of the
earth a convulsion equal to ours
for spending money. I hope that
notwithstanding the manner of
old Crecy, Nelson & Macanrau,
you will appropriate to the service
of the Colony the L. Revenues of
Countdown & Otago - But do not
quitely for it is a diminishing
Revenue.
All kindest kin regards to you
and I am, my dear Sir Donald
Yrs sincerely
D. Monro