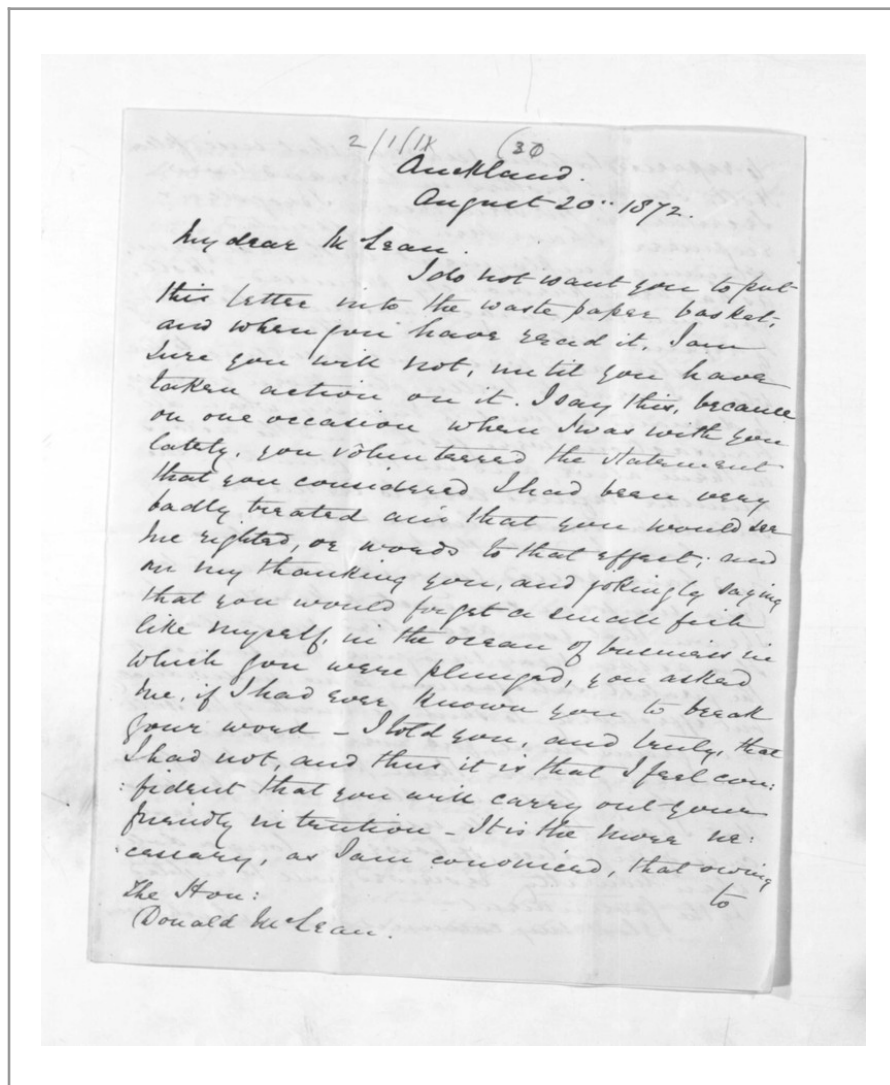


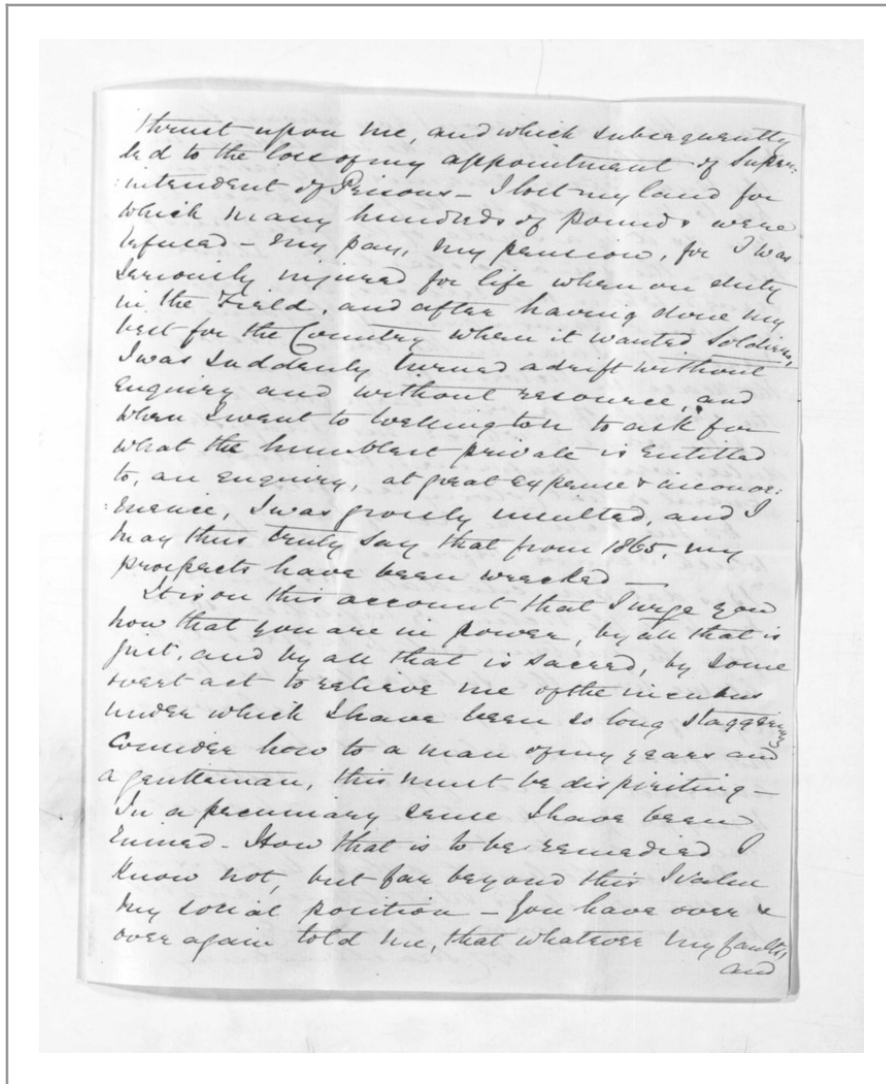
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to representations made by that nice fellow
 Holt, Fenton's brother in law, and his
 Secretary to Mr. Henderson, Proprietor
 Engineer, I have been dis-appointed in
 obtaining employment with that firm,
 as had been previously promised - Holt,
 you will remember was under restraint
 of defence, when Major Atkinson was
 Minister, and was most unwilling to be
 when I went to Wellington some years ago,
 to demand a Court of Enquiry, when all
 transactions were fresh, and the actors
 in them alive, and in the country - The
 Minister refused even to see me, and by
 Holt I was treated like a criminal -
 you have had all the papers in the case,
 and have passed your verdict, and by
 your uniform conduct & kindness, have
 shown that you acquitted me of blame
 this, as you may imagine, is a source of
 the greatest satisfaction to me, in individuality,
 but apparently to shut the mouth of Mr. Holt
 & his firm once, for ever, I require
 something more than private satisfaction,
 something that will show to the public
 that I have been ill used, and that a real
 case of injustice, of how ever long a date,
 when honestly reviewed, will be righted
 by the government -
 That my commission which was

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(and they are laziest) You always found me a gentleman - made me to stand in the eyes of my enemies, by restoring me to my rank in the first place (You can do it by a stroke of the pen) and put me on the unattached list - I have served where my services were required, and would serve again if the Committee desired it. I was in the Commission of the Peace in Victoria for years, and had the charge of a very large gold field & as to the way in which my Magnificental duties were performed, the Attorney General of that Colony testifies -

Do me then the act of landy justice which I crave before it is too late - "Bis dat qui cito dat;" As you believe me to be the victim of injustice, so be you the instrument to remove it, and let me have the satisfaction in my old age of looking upon you as having, not from friendship, but from an abstract love of justice, restored me to my proper position, and to quiet of mind & contentment -

Pardon the length of this - but it is a matter which is vital to me and believe me always
 W. C. Brackenbury