

2 pages written 16 Feb 1871 by Robert Hart to Sir Donald McLean in Wellington

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The Honble  
Donald McLean  
Defence Minister

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Dear Donald

I wish I could wase you to a  
sense of the need there is that you  
should attend for a short time to  
your own affairs. You cannot do  
by agency what requires your own  
attention and action. It was the  
vain attempt at this which has  
brought the present difficulties  
upon you. But bad as the  
case is it is daily getting worse.  
It is six months since I should  
urged you to surrender or assign  
the foolish but most mischievous  
mortgage. I warned you what  
it was doing and would do.  
But you seem to think that by  
withdrawing your own attention  
from it and bespeaking other

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