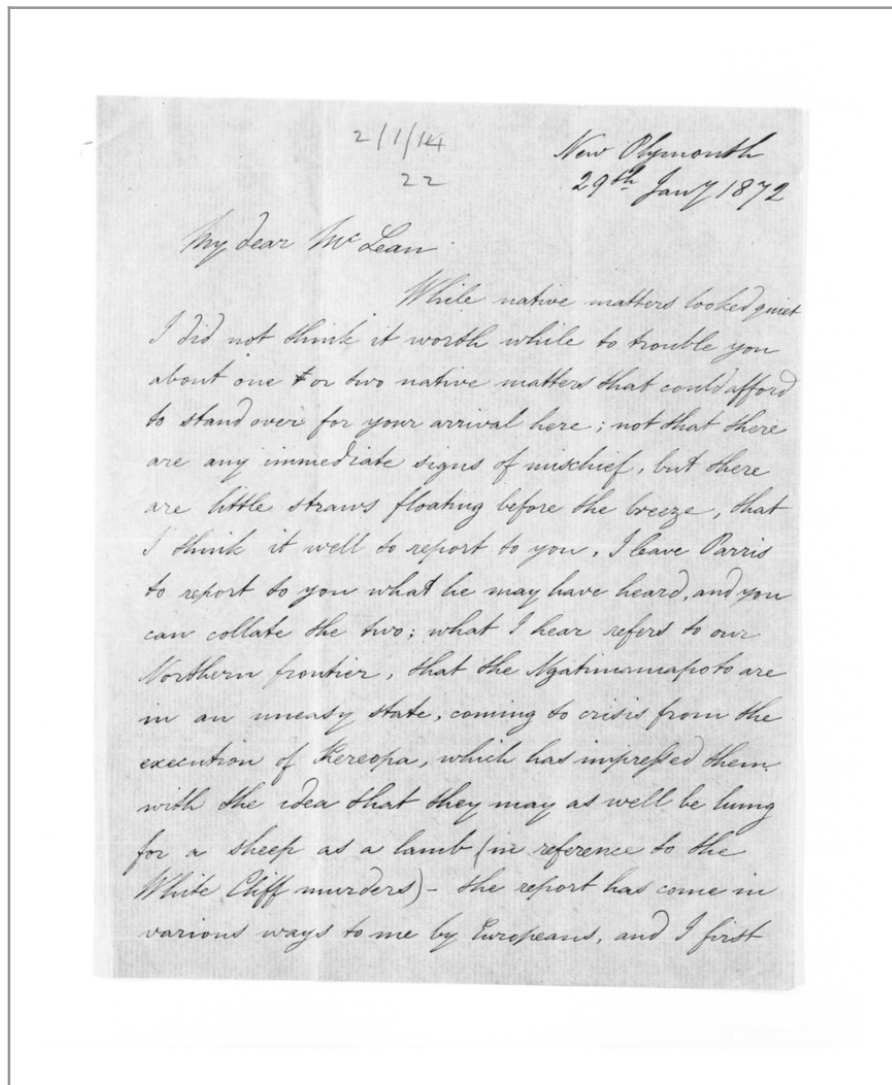


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New Plymouth

29th. Jany. 1872.

My dear McLean,

While native matters looked quiet I did not think it worth while to trouble you about one or two native matters that could afford to stand over for your arrival here; not that there are any immediate signs of mischief, but there are little straws floating before the breeze, that I think it well to report to you, I leave Parris to report to you what he may have heard, and you can collate the two; what I hear refers to our Northern frontier, that the Ngatimaniapoto are in an uneasy state, coming to crisis from the execution of Kereopa, which has impressed them with the idea that they may as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb (in reference to the White Cliff murders) - the report has come in various ways to me by Europeans, and I first

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As regards my own natives, as I may call them, I had an application from them some time, or rather months back, for the permission of the Government to return to Mawhitiwhiti, I have held this over, thinking to bring it before you personally, I think I mentioned it to Parris, and he advised me to postpone it, but now

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I trust these Mokau reports will prove all smoke, we have pretty well restored all that was lost by the war, and reclaimed a deal more that was unoccupied ~~then~~ before, butter & stock are at fair prices, the ~~re~~ crops look well, we are therefore in every way at a disadvantage for a renewal of hostilities, which means even if they do not extend this side Urenui, a general shutting up of pockets, and the departure of half the population -

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Karira	Te Rangī (at Mr. Gair's)
Motu	Wanerata
Te Waka	Karauria
Kawe Hiki	Peppe Tamaiti o Keuiri
Te Rukuwai	Wairau
Rewiri	Poharama
Neana	Pohanga Iri
Mitai	Tonga (Pirimona)
Manara	Anika (Tone)
Pumipi	Piki
Nzana	Amata
Ngaingai	Kuku
Tamarii	Nga Iri
Aio	Takoto Ore
Nga Whio	Ikawe
Wakataki	Karere
Kake	Wiremu (Te core o Keu.)
Tamawhero	(a Pohanga farmer)
	Matae
	Koraihe
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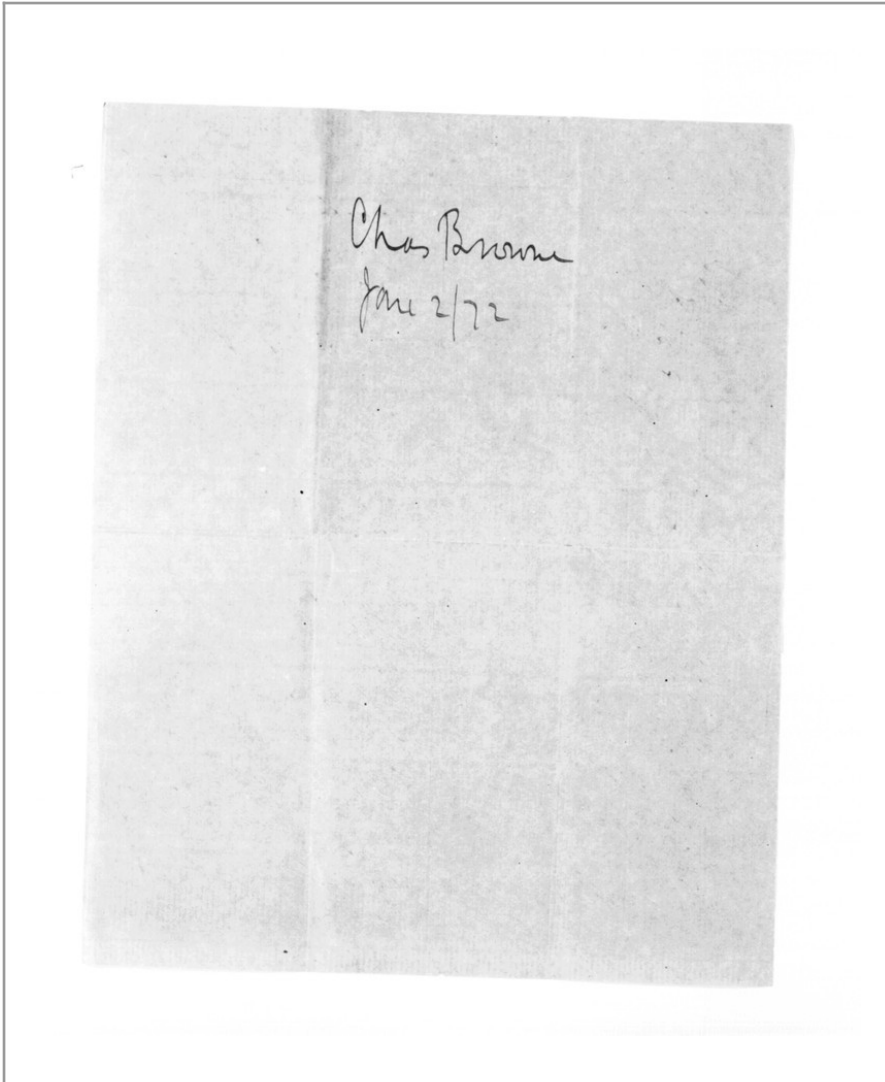
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