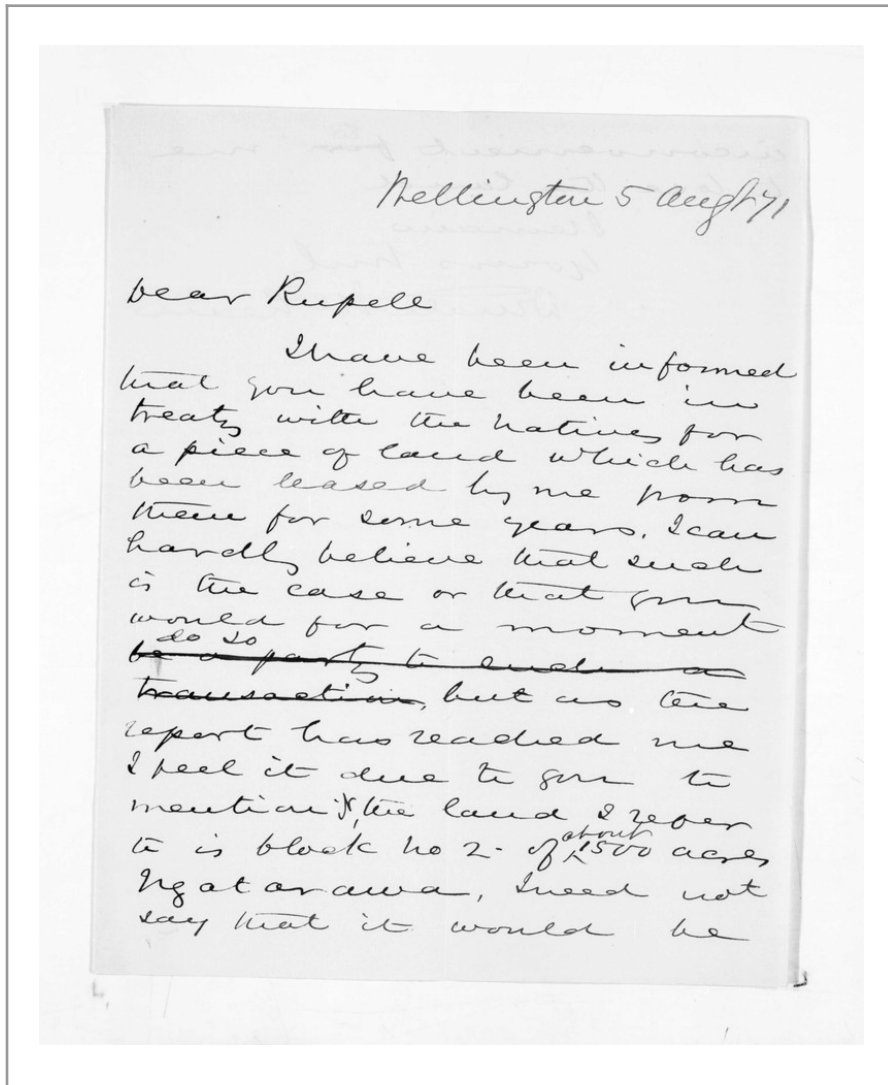


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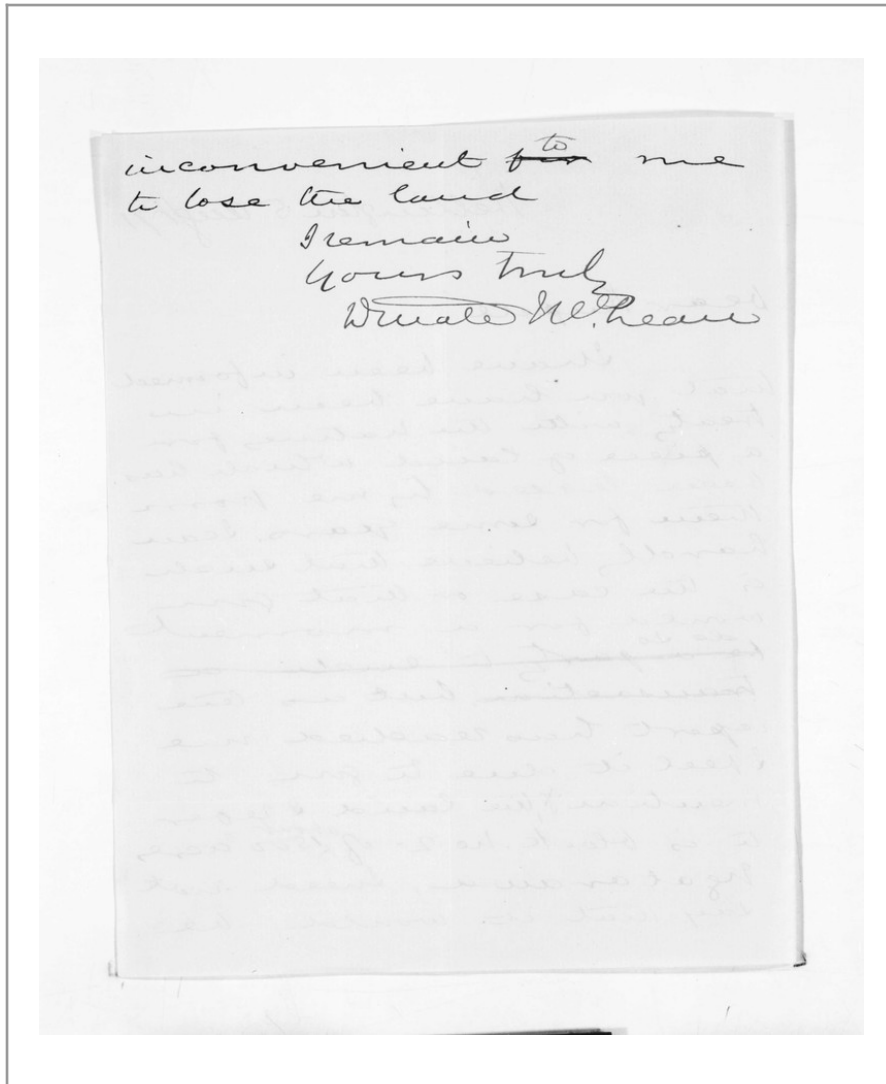


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Dear Russell

I have been informed that you have been in treaty with the natives for a piece of land which has been leased by me some time for some years. I can hardly believe that such is the case or that you would for a moment ~~be a party to such a~~ ^{do so} transaction, but as the report has reached me I feel it due to you to mention the land I refer to is block no 2. of ^{about} 1500 acres Ngatarawa, need not say that it would be

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