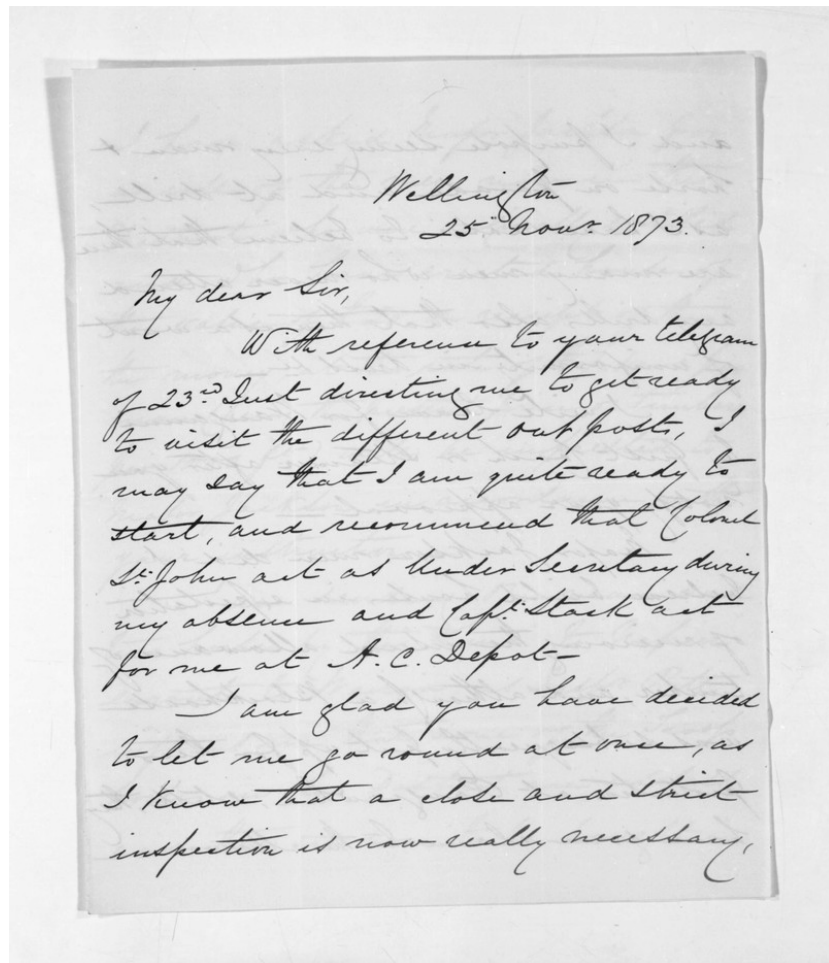


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My dear Sir,

With reference to your telegram of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst directing me to get ready to visit the different outposts, I may say that I am quite ready to start, and recommend that Colonel St. John act as Under Secretary during my absence and Capt. Stack act for me at A. C. Depot.

I am glad you have decided to let me go round at once, as I know that a close and strict inspection is now really necessary,

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and I purpose seeing every man & horse on parade and at drill, as I have reason to believe that there are many men who never attend any drills also that there is a want of uniformity in dress &c—

I will leave for Mangamui by first coach or steamer after you notify your approval—

Major Jackson's men did I believe build houses in expectation of receiving the usual allowance of timber, and although a Blockhouse was subsequently put up for their protection at Raujiawhia, still, they have some claim to the allowance—

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I have asked Major Jackson for a roll of the men now in the District who were originally entitled and who have erected houses of the value of £20, on receipt of this the money, at the rate of £7-14-0 per man (being the present price of timber per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup>) will be imprested to Major Jackson in accordance with your instruction.

I am sending the man and two horses by the "Luna" to Napier enroute to Wairoa, as Major Pitt informed me that some of the Troop horses in his District are useless and there are none to be bought in

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