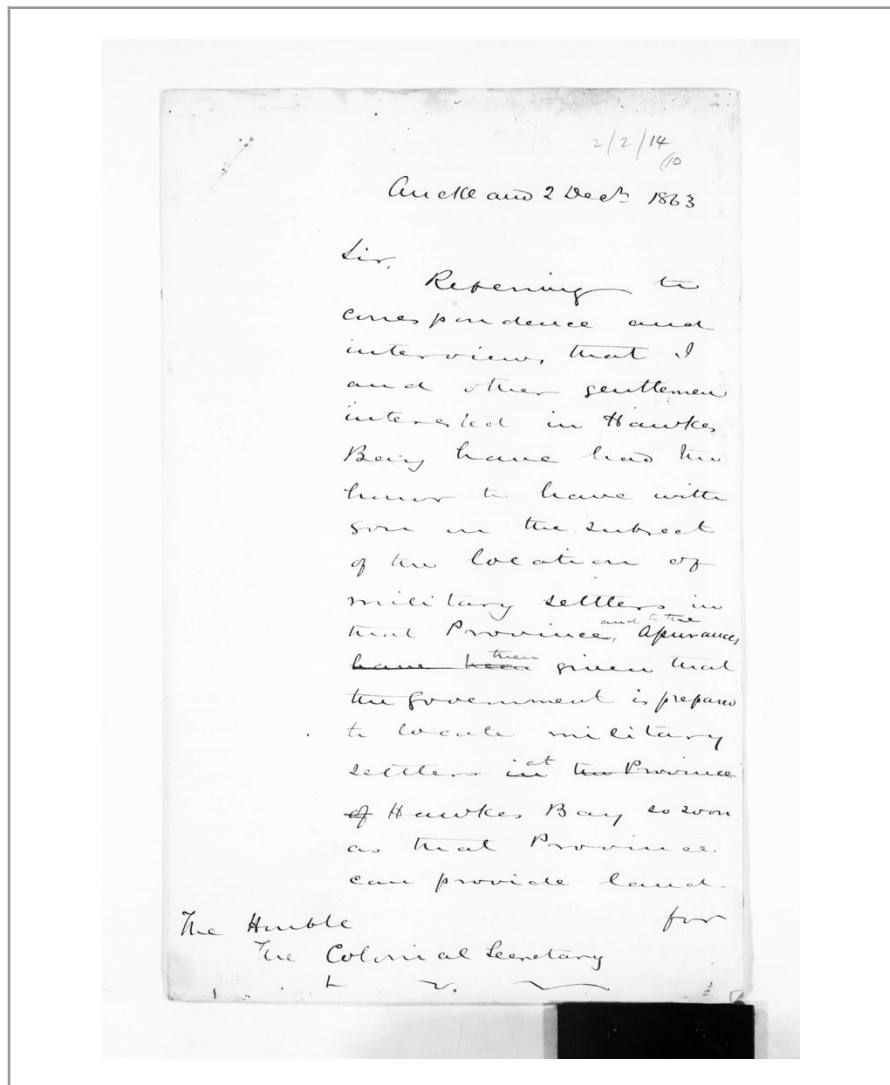
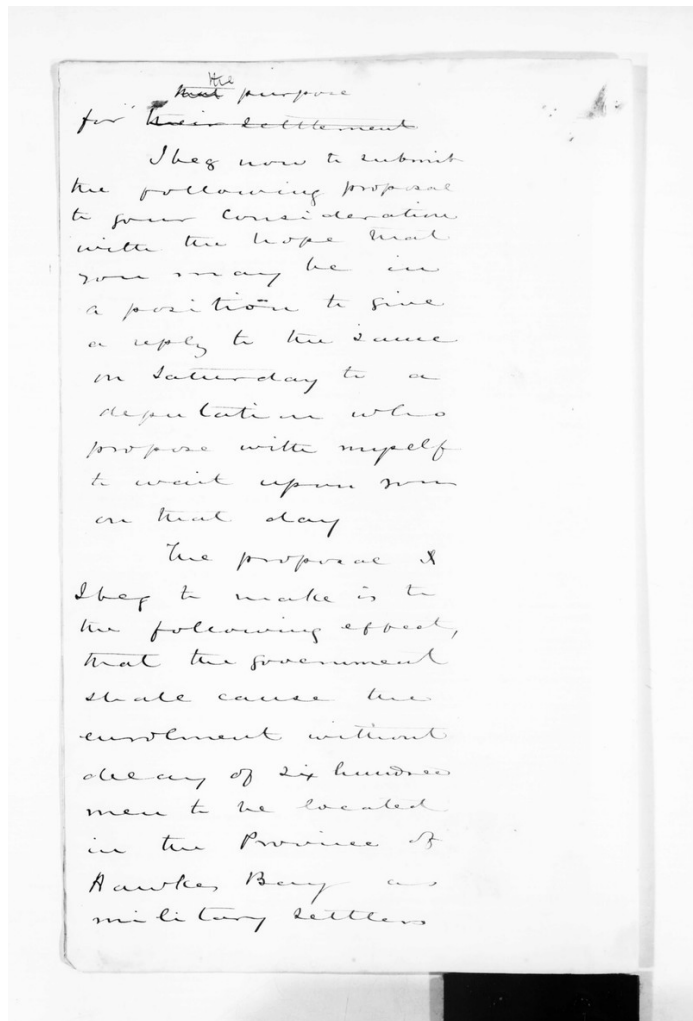


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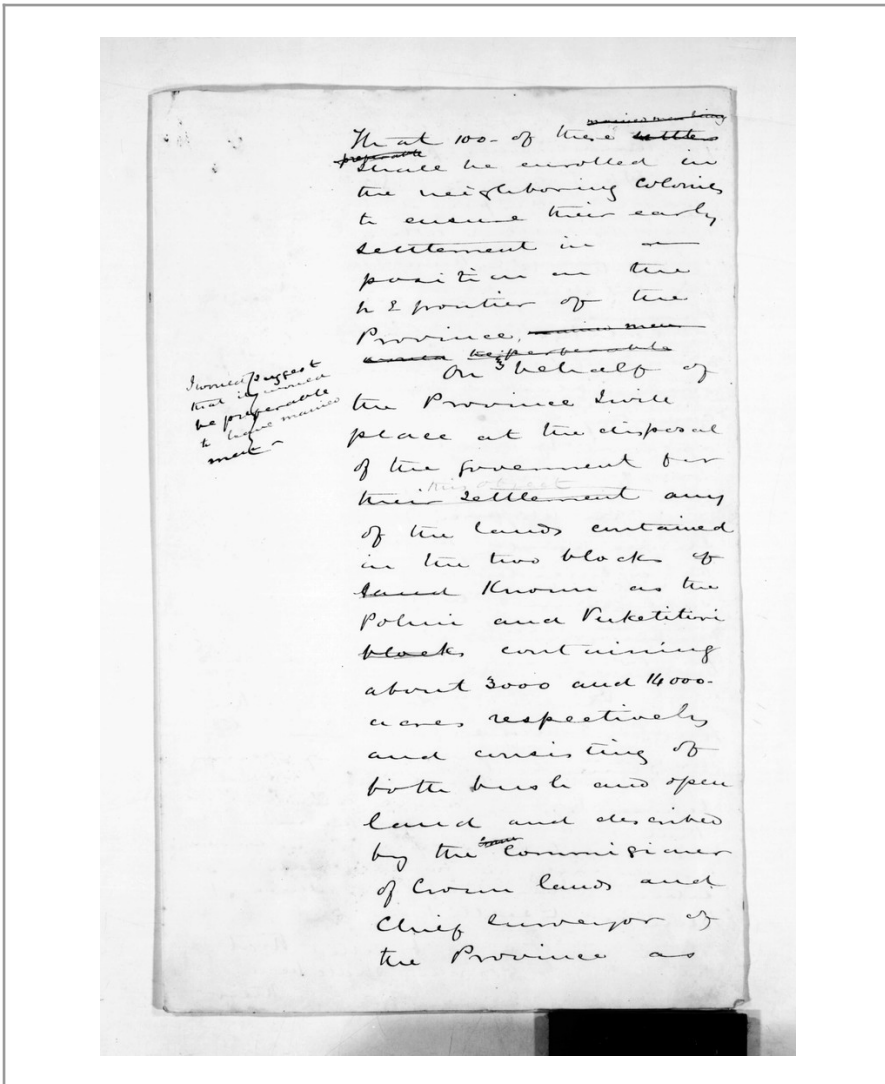


for <sup>the</sup> ~~their~~ purpose  
settlement

I beg now to submit  
the following proposal  
to your consideration  
with the hope that  
you may be in  
a position to give  
a reply to the same  
on Saturday to a  
deputation who  
propose with myself  
to wait upon you  
on that day

The proposal I  
beg to make is to  
the following effect,  
that the government  
shall cause the  
enrolment without  
delay of six hundred  
men to be located  
in the Province of  
Hawkes Bay as  
military settlers

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as suitable for settlement  
in the manner proposed

The Provincial Govt  
would be disposed to  
offer to settlers who  
may avail themselves  
for settlement in this  
Province the additional  
advantage of commage  
over a block of adjacent  
country should the Govt  
approve of that course

The presence of these  
men in the position  
I have named would  
be a considerable  
safeguard to the  
remainder of the  
Province,

I have no doubt that the  
Government is so fully <sup>aware</sup> ~~aware~~ of  
the great importance of opening  
up the main trunk line of road  
between Napier and Auckland  
that it would cause the men so  
enrolled to be employed in commencing  
that portion of the road which is  
situated near the places where it  
is proposed to settle them,

It is submitted that  
that the other 500 men shall be enrolled  
in England and sent with their

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wives and families by vessel  
 direct to Napier, to be there  
 located on arrival in the  
 best positions the Province  
 may be able to place at  
 the disposal of the foot for  
 the purpose. I may state  
 that I confidently expect to  
 be able to acquire by purchase  
 from the natives at an early  
 date tracts of land conveniently  
 suitable for the location with  
 advantage of settlers of the  
 laboring class, to obviate  
 any objection the foot may  
 have on the score of expense  
 in bringing out men without  
 the certainty of having land  
 in the Province in which to  
 locate them. I will undertake  
 on the part of the Province should  
 such unfortunately be the case  
 on the arrival of the men in  
 the colony that the Province  
 will undertake any expense

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