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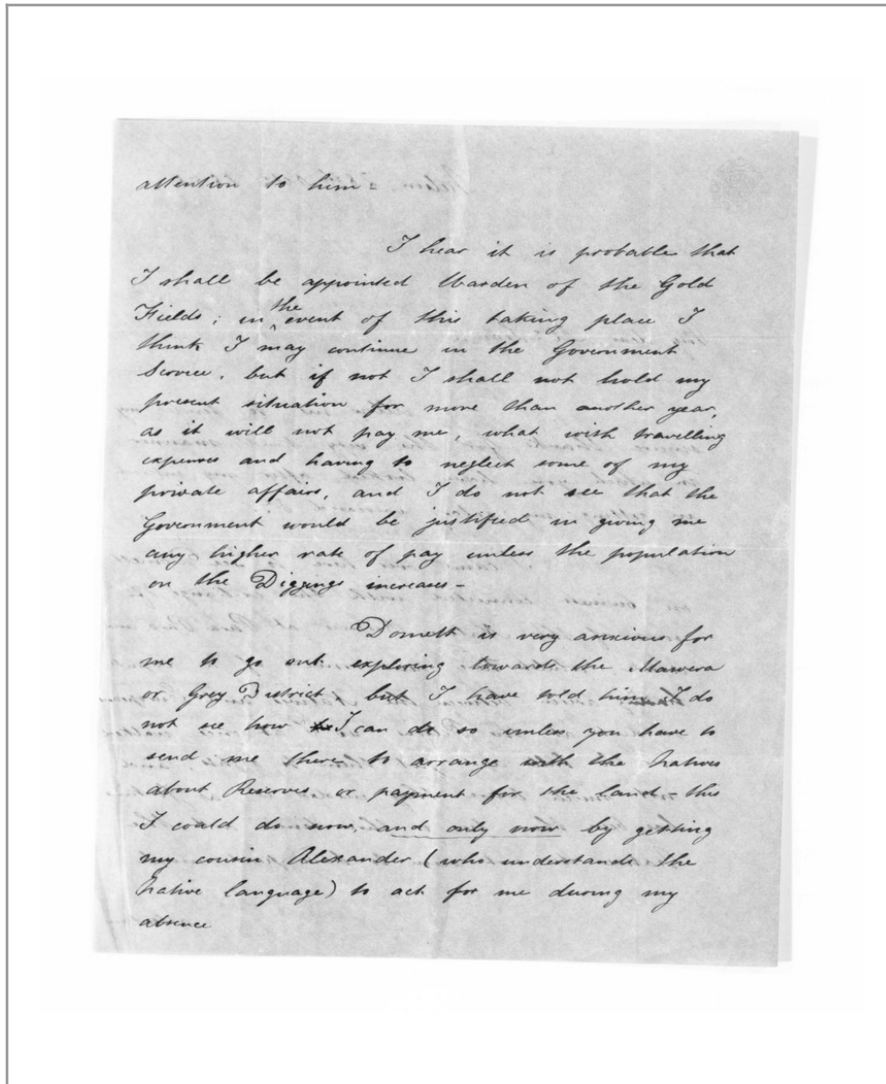
My dear Mr: Lean,

Allow me to tender my sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which you have looked after my interest in getting my salary increased &c.

I came over here to see Donnell on business connected with the exchange of some of the Native Reserves at Para Para and here we were provided of a dispute having arisen between the Natives and Europeans a resident at the Petone, so I at once walked over the hills and put them to rights, and not much before they needed it, as Jenkins has been there two or three times and the Natives do not seem to have paid much

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From what I heard in Massawa  
Bay, I expected to have found you here  
on my arrival and was disappointed at not  
doing so, but I suppose you are busy either  
in purchasing land, or arranging some dispute  
among the natives —

Davidson's marriage with my eldest  
sister has at length taken place, they proceed  
South by the Swan on her next trip.

If Mrs Gascoyne is still with  
you, would you remember me kindly to  
her, say that I trust she is enjoying good  
health, also that Mr Jackson has left me  
but that I think I have got him another  
situation in the Wairau. I have just seen  
Capt Scarron who tells me his nephew is  
well — Hoping to see you some of these days  
soon, and that you are quite well.

I remain

Yours truly  
James Mackay Jr.