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Wellington
13th May 1872.

My dear Sir,

I am having the Defense estimates prepared for submission to you on your return, and the usual papers printed to be laid on the table of the house —

All the other Ministers are now assembled here, and Mr. Brogden has arrived from the South —

The men of A. I. under Capt. Pitt, Sub Capt. Ferris & Sub Capt. Maclean, have been doing their work well, and it is to be hoped, that ere long their

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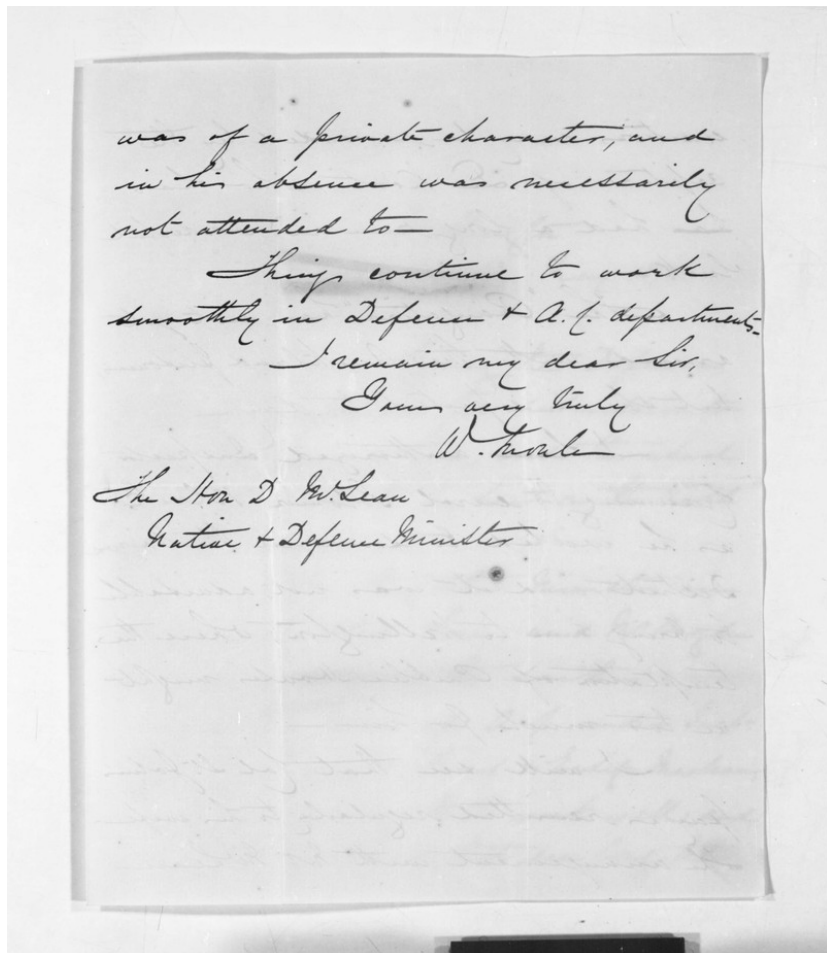
execution may be rewarded by the capture of De Kooti, who has had a long run and wonderful luck.

The "Rangatira" has not yet arrived with the Auckland prisoners, but she is expected to day.

I have authorized Inspector Cumming to enrol Solomon Black as he wished to serve in the Waiverua District, and it was not advisable to bring him to Wellington, where the temptation of Public Houses might be too much for him.

I will see that Col St. John's pay is remitted regularly to his wife. The arrangement with Mr. McLean

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was of a private character, and
in his absence was necessarily
not attended to—
Things continue to work
smoothly in Defence & A. C. departments.
I remain my dear Sir,
Yours very truly
W. Moule
The Hon D. McLean
Native & Defence Minister