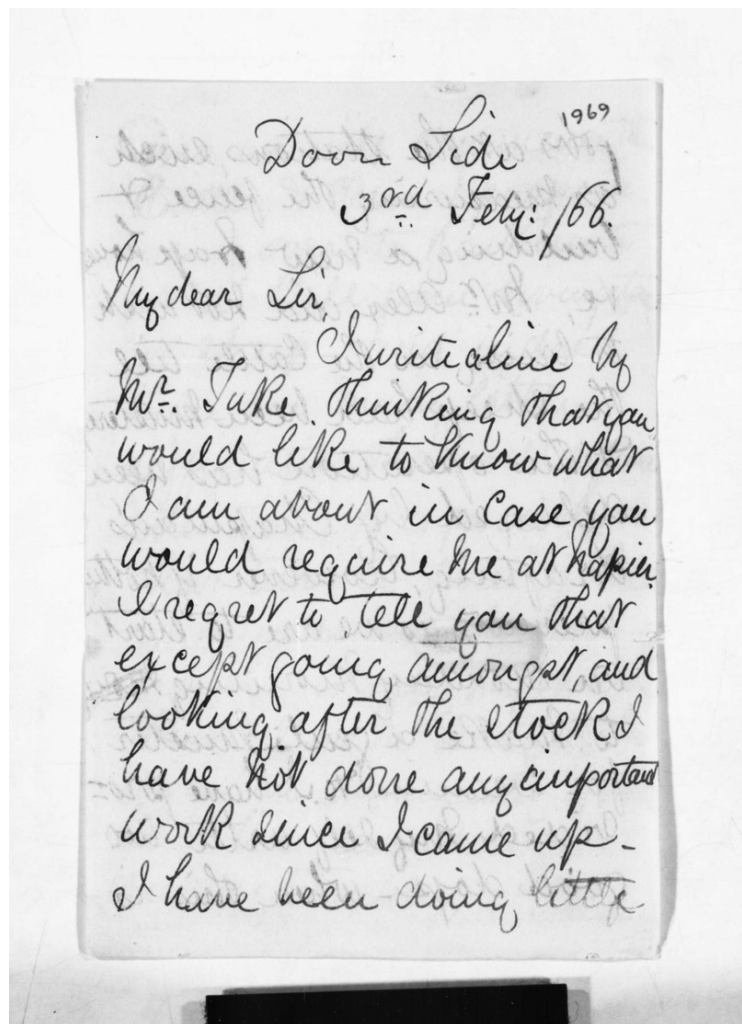


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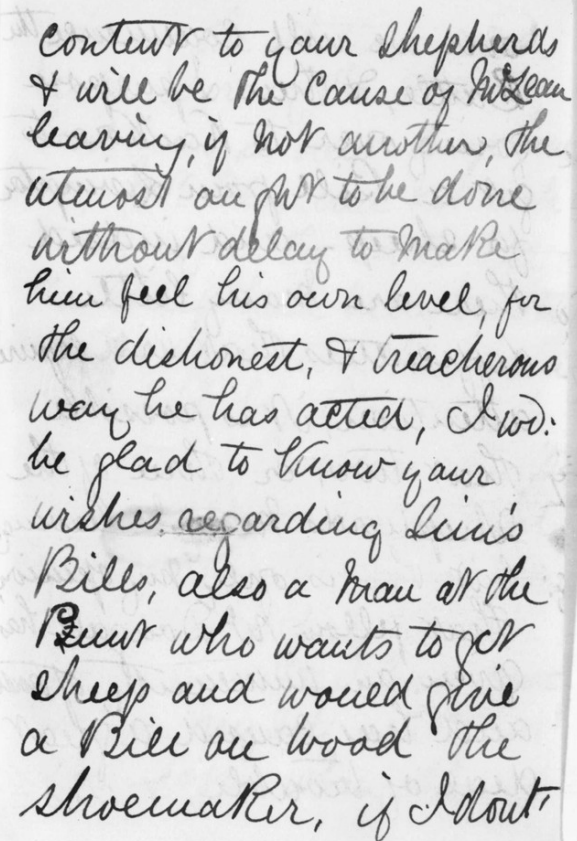


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Dear Sir
3rd Feb 1866
My dear Sir,
I write a line by
Mr. Tuke, thinking that you
would like to know what
I am about in case you
would require me at Napier.
I regret to tell you that
except going amongst, and
looking after the stock I
have not done any important
work since I came up.
I have been doing little

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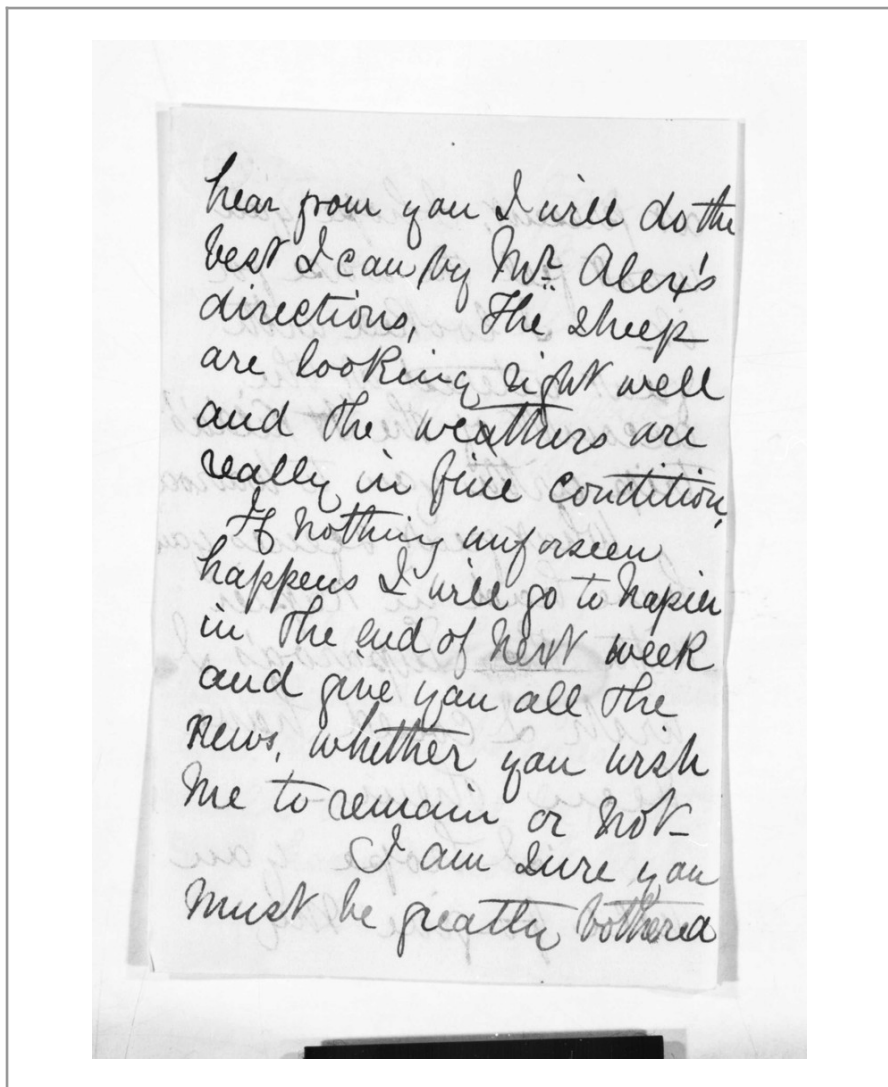
jobs at the stations, such
 as measuring the fence &
 building a new trap house
 &c. Mr Alex. did not wish
 to bring in the cattle till
 the sheep had been mustered
 & this operation has been
 delayed by Chapman's
 drafting, however if nothing
 prevents us we are to start
 on Monday morning ~~at~~
 to make a gentl: muster
 for weaning &c. I have pro-
 vided my self with two
 good dogs - when this is
 over we will commence the
 Battle, & then I purpose
 going over to Raikoro to
 get a Bill from Livingstonia
 for sheep - and indeed
 there are many little
 difficulties that will require
 attention, it is possible
 that two, or three of the
 Shepherds may be leaving,
 but this is only my opinion,
 That fellow Mr Dargall has
 given an immense quantity of trouble
 and has caused a great
 deal of trouble. T. Alex. =

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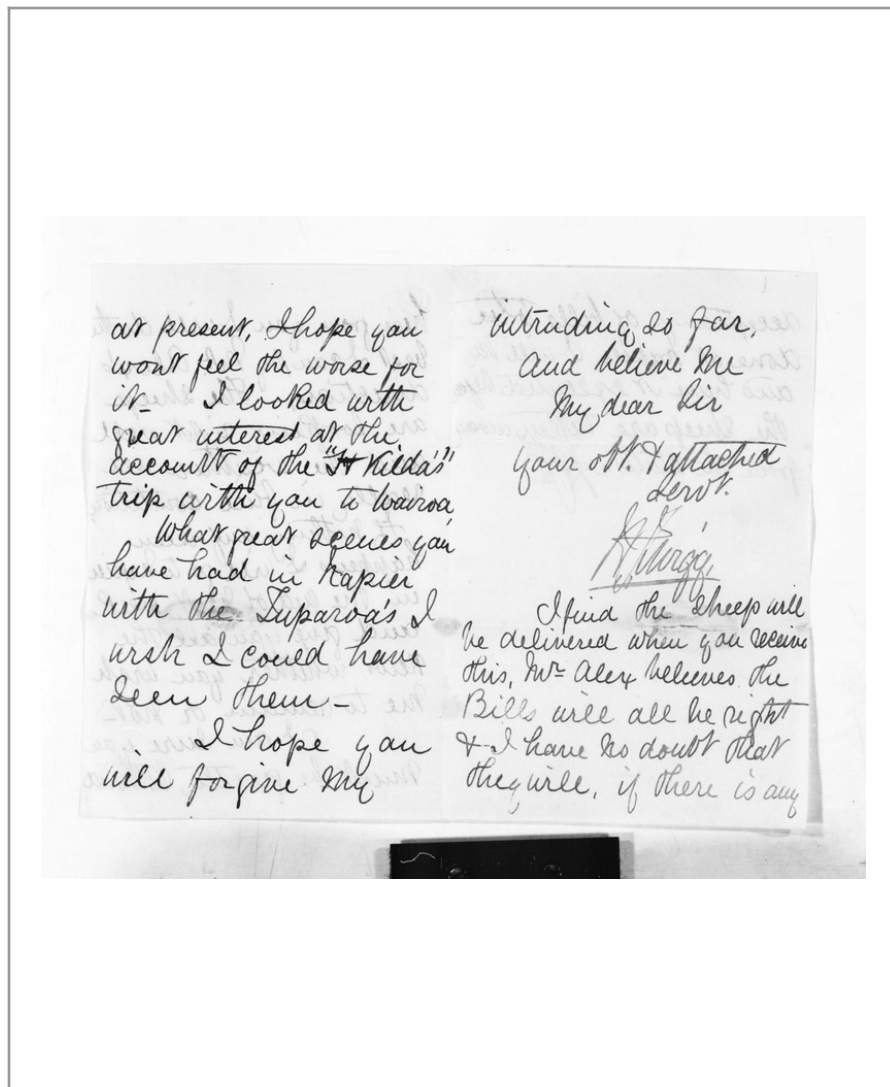


content to your shepherds
& will be the cause of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~leaving~~
leaving, if not another, the
utmost ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~to~~ ^{to} be done
without delay to make
him feel his own level, for
the dishonest, & treacherous
way he has acted, I wd.
be glad to know your
wishes regarding Linn's
Bills, also a man at the
Bent who wants to get
sheep and would give
a Bill on wood the
shoemaker, if I don't

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