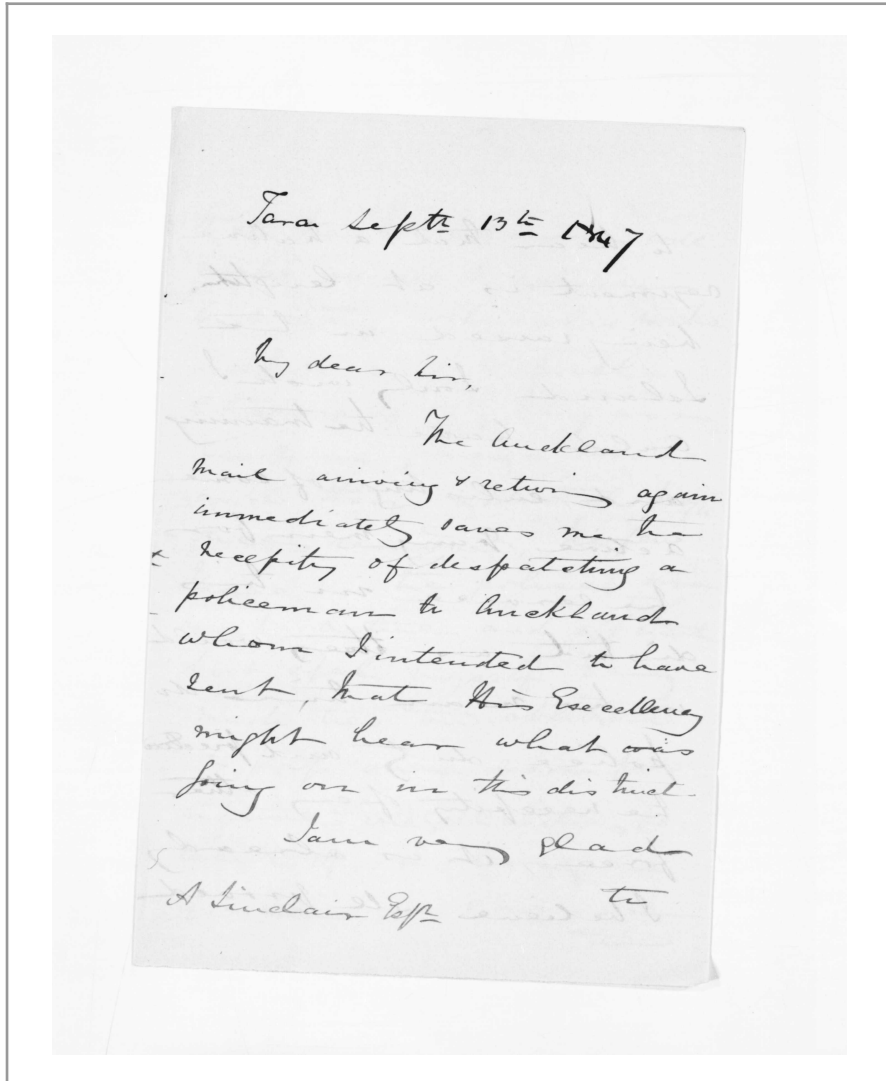


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to hear that a native  
regiment is at length  
being raised in the  
Island I only wish  
could have the training  
and enlisting of some  
active young men for  
the service in the  
district as they would  
in the mean time do  
police duty and preserve  
the necessity of any other  
force, it is already  
I believe well proved  
that the New Zealanders will  
make excellent soldiers  
but they will also make  
useful and valuable  
citizens if only they are  
sent on foreign service  
and their national prop-  
erties removed, the few  
I have in the police are  
most active and efficient  
but I feel myself as  
much tied and obliged  
to pass over some few  
native irregularities for  
want of a larger  
force to control

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and overawe them,  
Dr Wilson a very respect-  
table settler from Waikanae  
of whom you have likely  
heard something has been  
on a visit here and  
is quite delighted with  
the place so much so that  
he will become a permanent  
settler and is anxious to choose  
his land in the block  
that has been lately  
purchased, a few such  
respectable & intelligent  
persons will be a  
great acquisition to