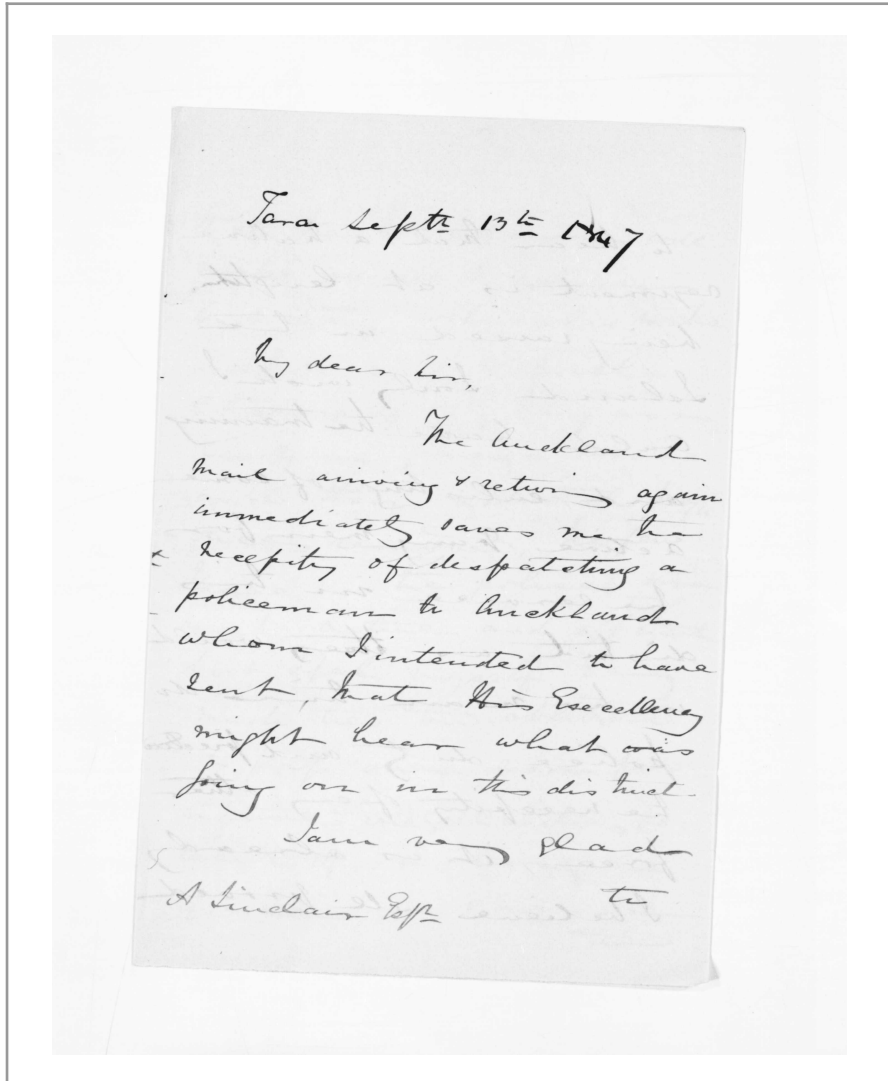


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to hear that a native
regiment is at length
being raised in the
Island I only wish
could have the training
and enlisting of some
active young men for
the service in the
district as they would
in the mean time do
police duty and preserve
the necessity 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