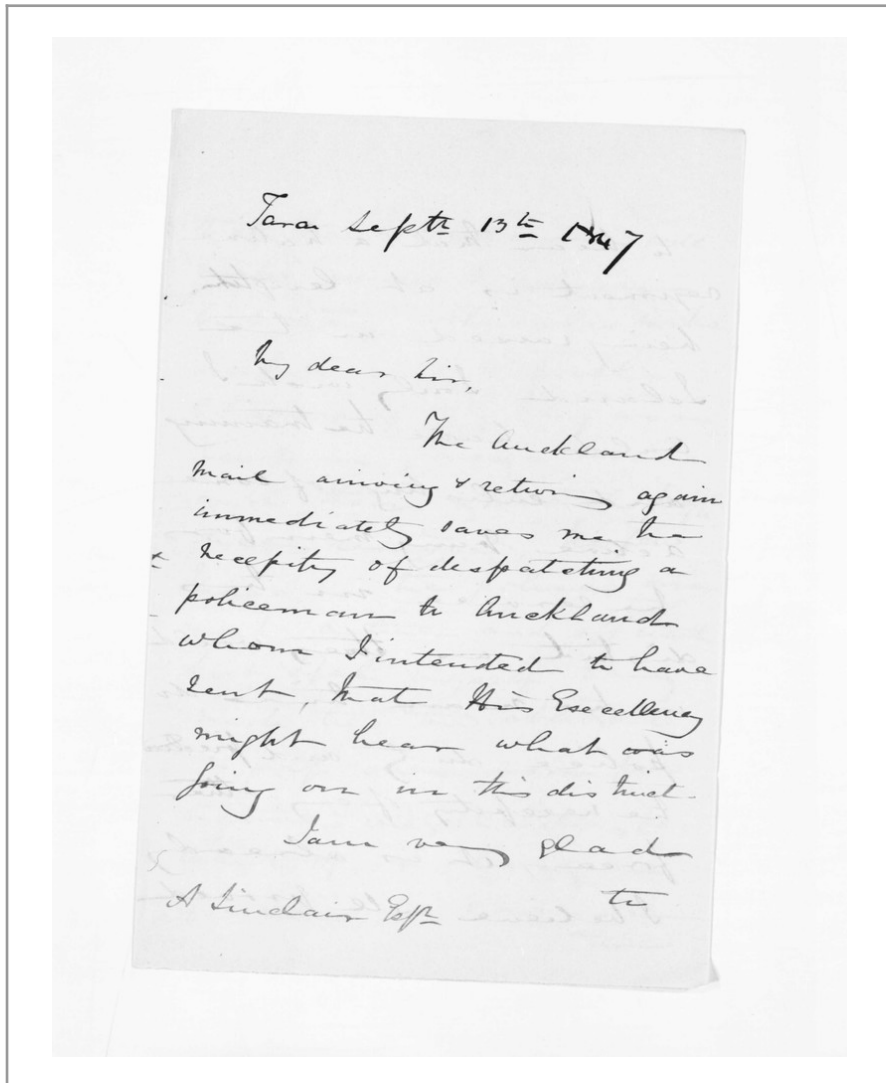


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to hear that a native  
regiment is at length  
being raised in the  
Island I only wish  
could have the training  
and enlistment of some  
active young men for  
the service in the  
district as they would  
in the mean time do  
police duty and preserve  
the necessity of any other  
force, it is already  
I believe well proved  
that the headlanders 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 tired and obliged  
to pass over some few  
native irregularities for  
want of a larger  
force to control

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