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to  
Napier 4 Dec 1858  
Sir Donald McLean  
of Auckland.

When writing you in  
Napier

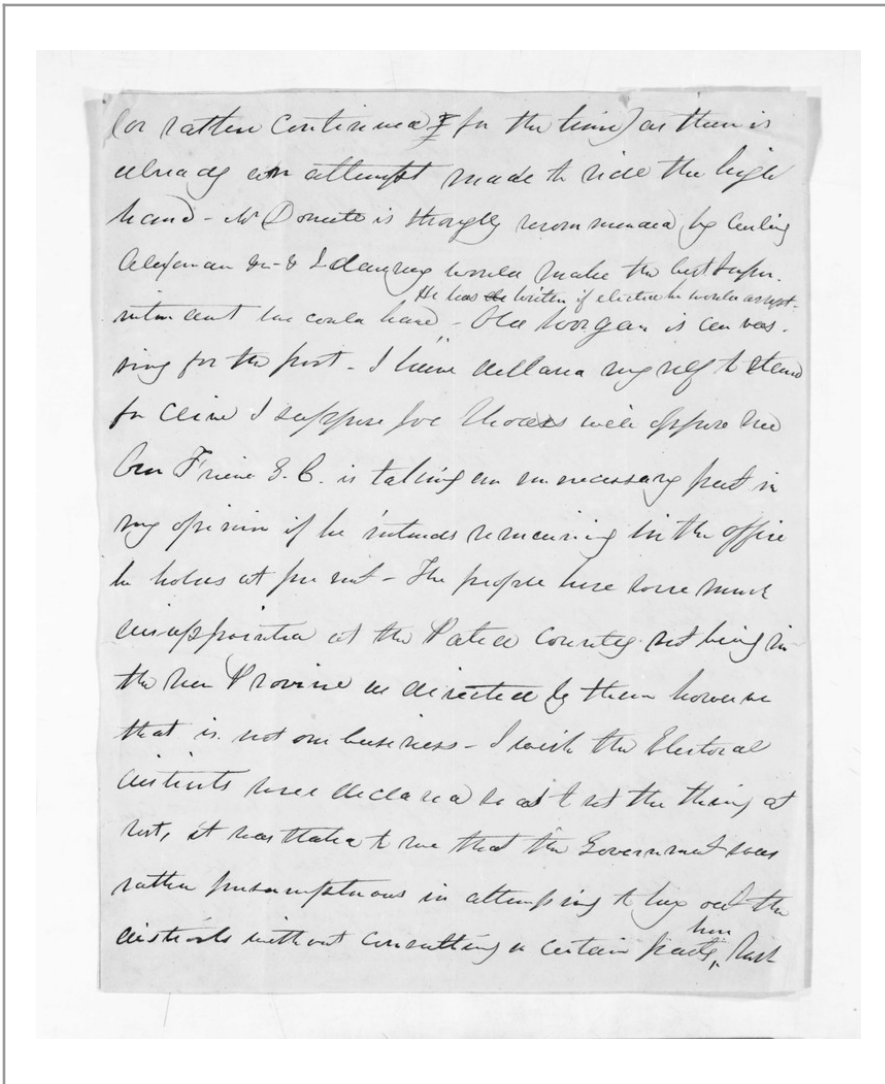
Mr. Setperala takes that  
I will be able to give you all the current  
news of our continent, so I need not enter in-  
to detail - with regard to the political  
horizon it is still very doubtful - As regards  
our own people there is a strong party endeavor-  
ing to supersede them in fact if the Act  
is put into force the New Province will  
have little chance. I sincerely wish the land  
office appointment had not been made here

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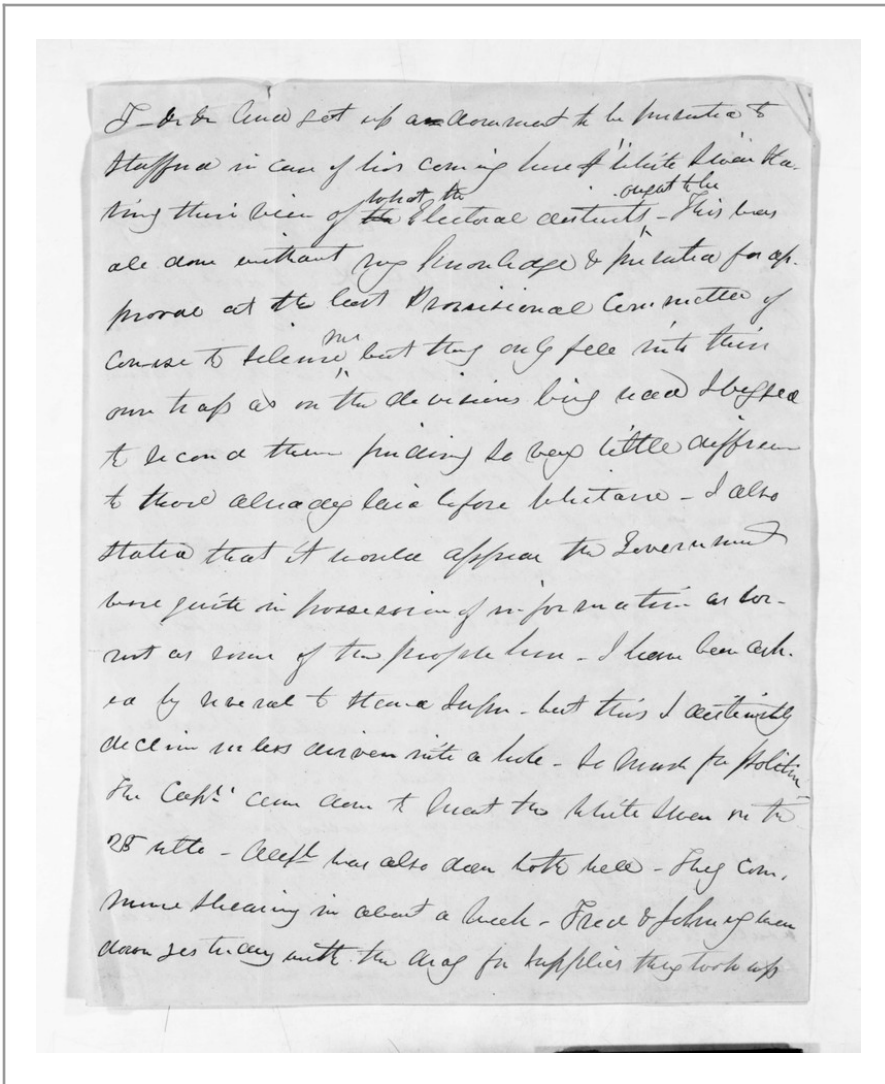
(or rather continuation of the same) as there is  
always an attempt made to give the best  
second - Mr Donato is strongly recommended by being  
celebrated in - & I always would make the best of  
return but has some hand - <sup>He has the letters of election in his pocket.</sup> The Kingan is con-  
sisting for the post - I have well known myself to stand  
for Clive I suppose for the most part of the  
Ben F. B. is taking an unnecessary part in  
my opinion if he returns to business in the office  
he holds at present - The people here have much  
disappreciation at the State County but being in  
the New Province as directed by their houses  
that is not our business - I wish the Electoral  
Committee were declared to be out of the thing at  
last, it has taken to me that the Government has  
rather presumptuous in attempting to lay out the  
districts without consulting a certain party <sup>has</sup>

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(on rather continued) for the time as there is  
 already an attempt made to give the people  
 the word - Mr Donato is strongly recommended by leading  
 Abolitionists & I dare say would make the best paper.  
 Mr Donato has been heard - He has the reputation of being the best  
 man for the post - I have well known my self to stand  
 for Clive I suppose for the word well expressed  
 Ben Fries J. C. is talking an unnecessary part in  
 my opinion if he returns remaining in the office  
 he holds at present - The people here have some  
 disappointment at the State County not being in  
 the New Province as directed by them however  
 that is not our business - I wish the Electoral  
 Acts were more declared as it is the thing at  
 present, it has taken to me that the Government has  
 rather presumptuous in attempting to lay out the  
 districts without consulting a certain party <sup>him</sup> such

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I - In the end got up an agreement to be presented to  
 Stafford in case of his coming here of little value. He  
 King their view of <sup>to host the</sup> the electoral districts - This was  
 all done without any knowledge & sanction for ap.  
 propos at the least Provisional Committee of  
 course to believe <sup>me</sup> but they only fell into their  
 own trap as on the decisions being read I expected  
 to be con'd them pulling so very little difference  
 to have already laid before Whitmore - I also  
 stated that it would appear the Government  
 were quite in possession of information as con-  
 sidered as some of the people here - I have been ask-  
 ed by several to attend a dinner - but this I certainly  
 decline unless accompanied with a lady - He wishes for political  
 The Capt's' com' com' to meet the White Man on the  
 28<sup>th</sup> inst - except has also been told here - They com-  
 mune speaking in about a week - Fred & Johnson have  
 been yesterday with the way for supplies they took up

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