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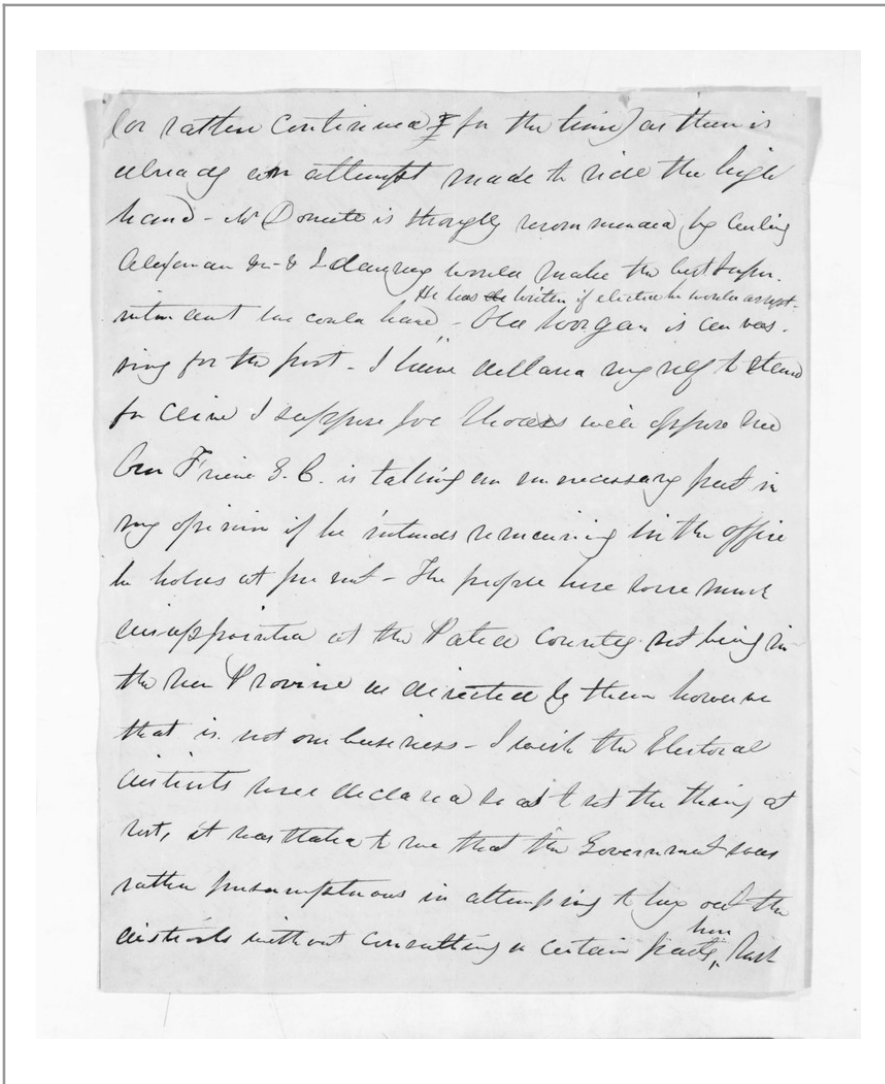
to
Napier 4 Dec 1858
Sir Donald McLean
of Otago.

Mr. Seton 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 separate them in fact if the New Zealand
is put into power here or the New Province will
have little chance - I sincerely wish the land
office appointment had not been made here

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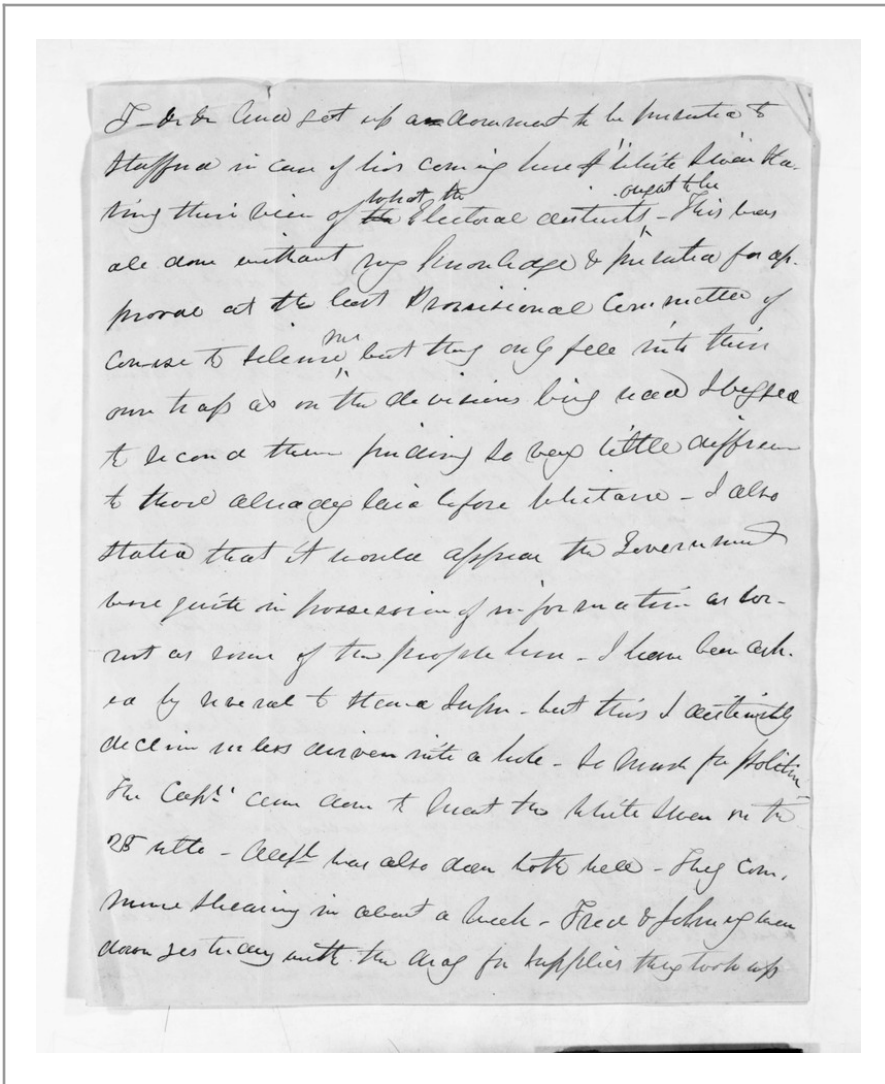
(or rather continuation of the letter as there is
always an attempt made to make the letter
second - Mr Donato is strongly recommended by leading
Adepts in G. & S. I sincerely trust the best of
nature but has some hand - He has the ^{idea} ^{of electing} ^{the} ^{best} ^{man} ^{possible} ^{for} ^{the} ^{post} - I have well known myself to stand
for Clive I suppose for the best of the
Gen Frim G. C. is taking an unnecessary part in
my opinion if he continues remaining in the office
he holds at present - The people here have much
disaffection at the State County not 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
disturbance without consulting a certain party ^{here} ^{of} ^{the} ^{land}

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(or rather continue) for the time as there is
 already an attempt made to give the people
 the word - Mr Donato is strongly recommended by leading
 characters in the colony & I believe would make the best paper.
 He has the credit of election he would accept.
 when he has been heard - His language is very good -
 very for the post - I have well known my self & stand
 for him I suppose for the words well expressed
 Ben Fries J. C. is telling 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 ^{him}

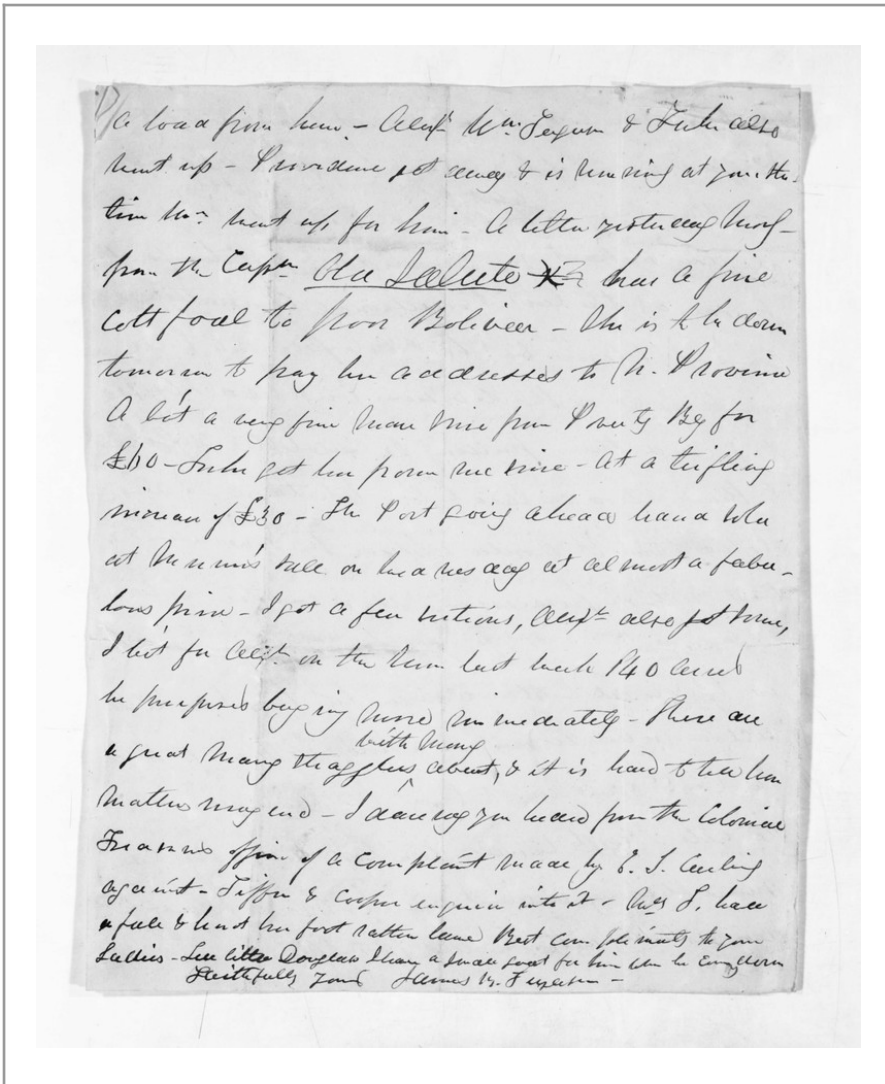
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I have read out an account to be printed to
 Stafford in case of his coming here of little value
 King their view of ^{to put the} electoral districts - This has
 all done without any knowledge & sanction for ap-
 proval at the least Provisional Committee of
 course to believe ^{me} but they only fell into their
 own trap as on the decisions being read I expected
 to see some pulling so very little appears
 to have already said 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 - As much for politics
 The Capt's' come down to meet the White Man on the
 28th inst - except has also been told here - They com-
 mence hearing in about a week - Fred & Johnson have
 done yesterday with the way for supplies they took up

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The load from here - except Mr. Ferguson & Fisher's
 went up - Providence got away & is remaining at present
 time the boat went up for him - A letter yesterday
 from the Capt. de Salute he has a fine
 cott foal to sell for Poliver - He is to be down
 tomorrow to pay his accounts to Mr. Proving
 A lot of very fine wine from Party Bay for
 £50 - Fisher got him from one wine - At a trifling
 amount of £30 - The Port going ahead here a whole
 at the same time on the sea as at almost a fabu-
 lous price - I got a few notices, except also got some,
 I had for credit on the bank but had £40 and
 he purposed buying more, but immediately - There are
 a great many the apples about, & it is hard to the
 matter may end - I have got you heard from the Colonies
 For a number of a Complaint made by S. J. Ceeley
 against - Fisher & Cooper enquire into it - They S. have
 a full & best her first pattern land West Com. He wants to give
 Ladies - See letter Douglas many a house for him then to my dear
 Faithfully Yours James B. Ferguson -