

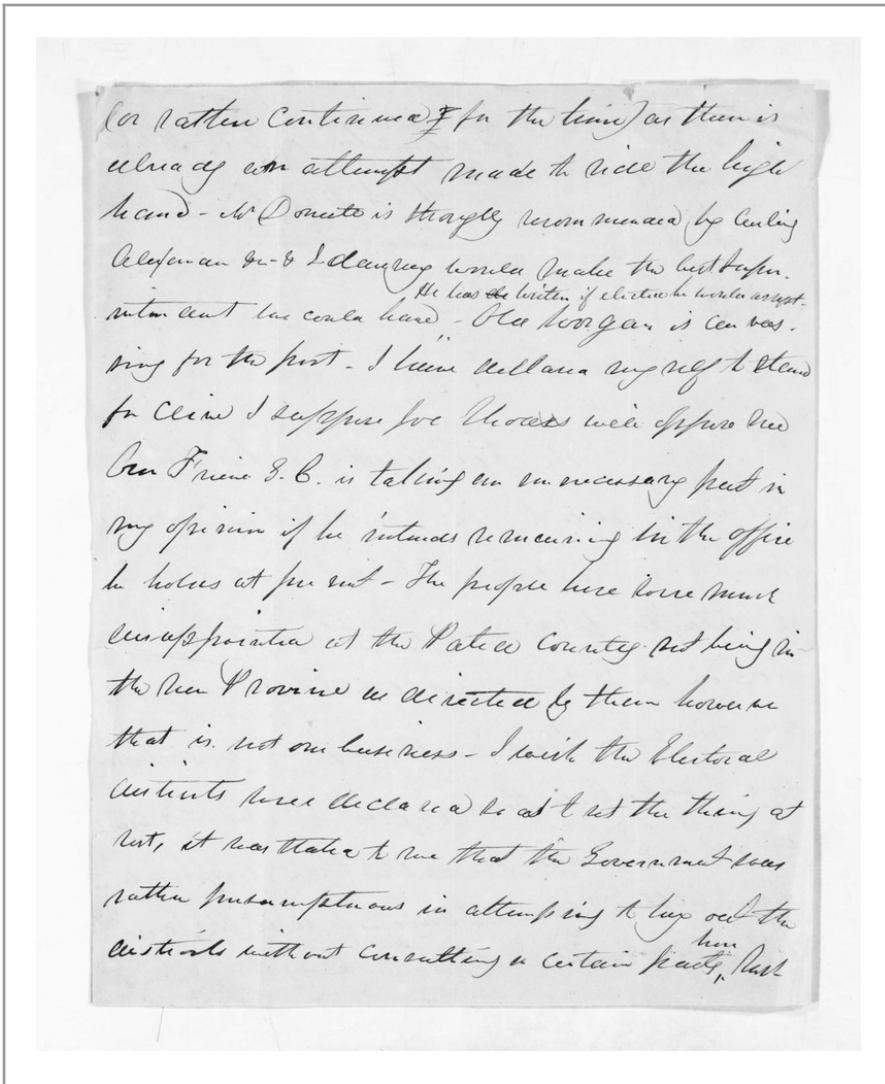
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to
Napier 4 Dec 1858
Sir Donald McLean
of Otago.

Mr. Seton has taken the
I wish to see 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 piece 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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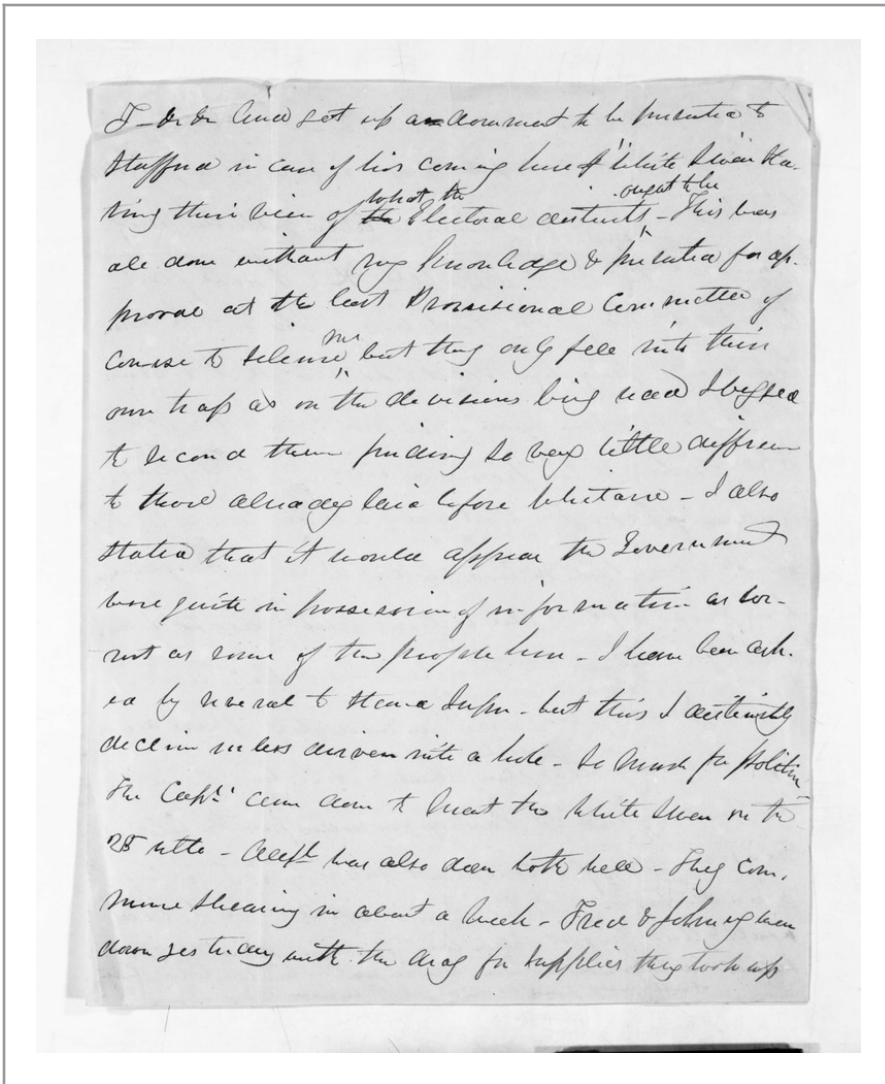
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(on paper continued) for the time as there is
 already an attempt made to give the people
 the word - Mr Donato is strongly person manac'd by leading
 Aclapen an Dr. & L. Claugery would make the best paper.
 when that has been heard - ^{He has the written of election he would accept.} His tongue is too bad -
 sing for the post - I have well as a very good stand
 for Clive I suppose for the word well appear'd
 Ben Price 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 declar'd as at the thing at
 rest, it has taken to me that the Government has
 rather presumptuous in attempting to lay out the
 districts without consulting a certain party ^{him} 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 ^{to host the} the Electoral Act ^{out the} - 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 be con'd them pulling so very little support
 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
 28th inst - except has also been told here - They com-
 mence shearing in about a week - Fred & Johnson have
 done yesterday with the wag for supplies they took up

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