

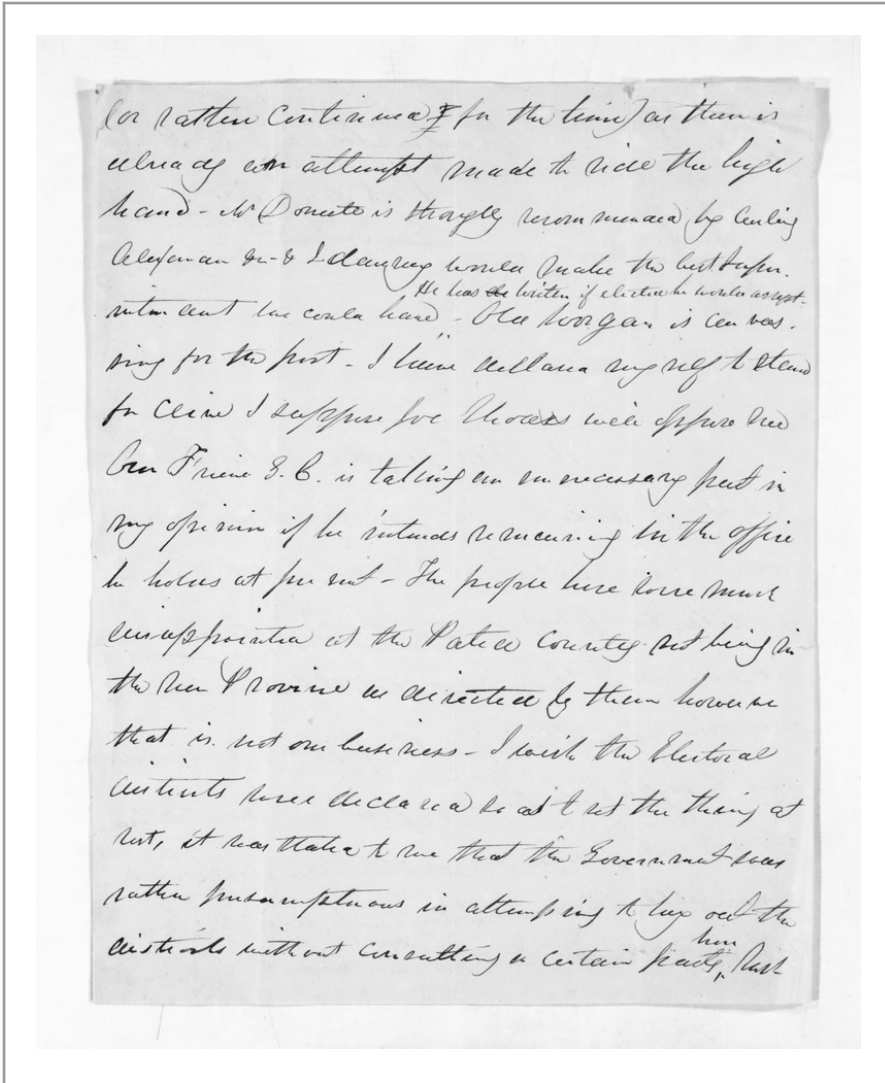
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to  
Napier 4 Dec 1858  
Sir Donald McLean  
of Auckland.

When writing you in  
New Zealand

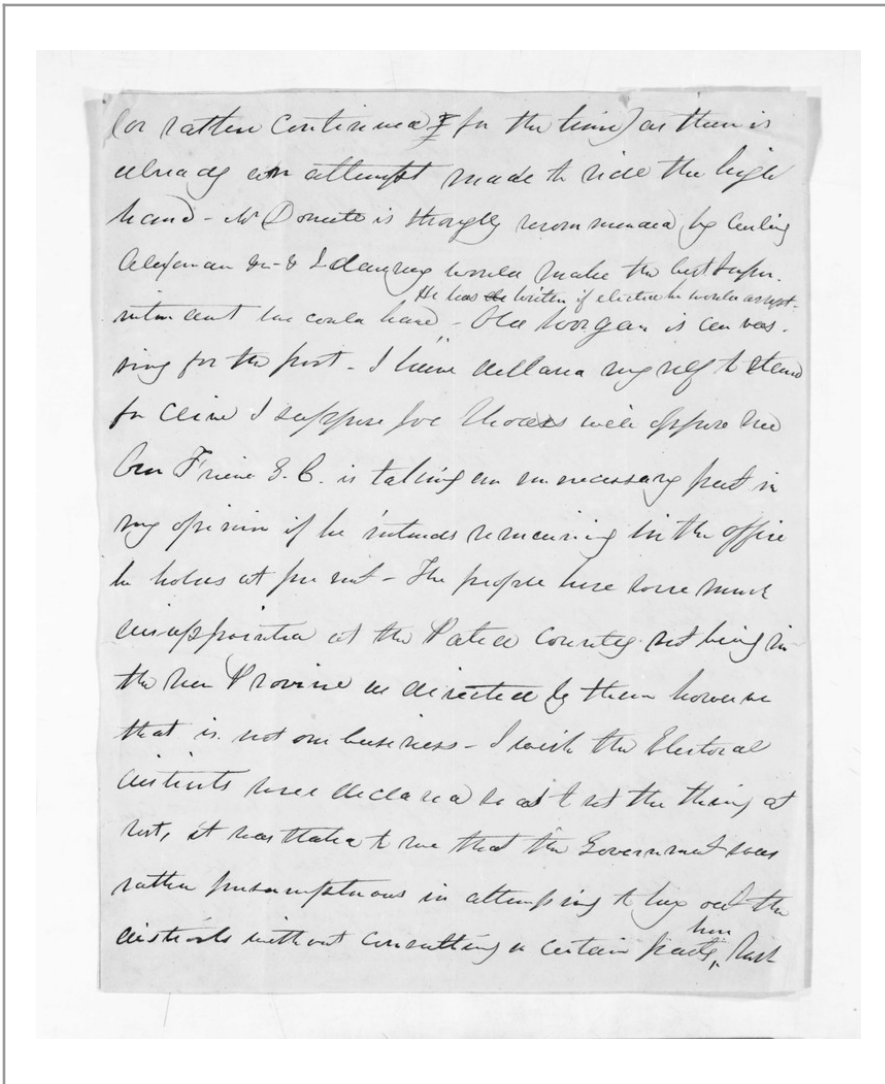
Mr. Setperala takes that  
I will be able to give you all the current  
news of our continent, so I need not enter in-  
to detail - with regard to the political  
horizon it is still very doubtful - As regards  
our own people there is a strong party endeavor-  
ing to supersede them in fact if the Lee Amble  
is set 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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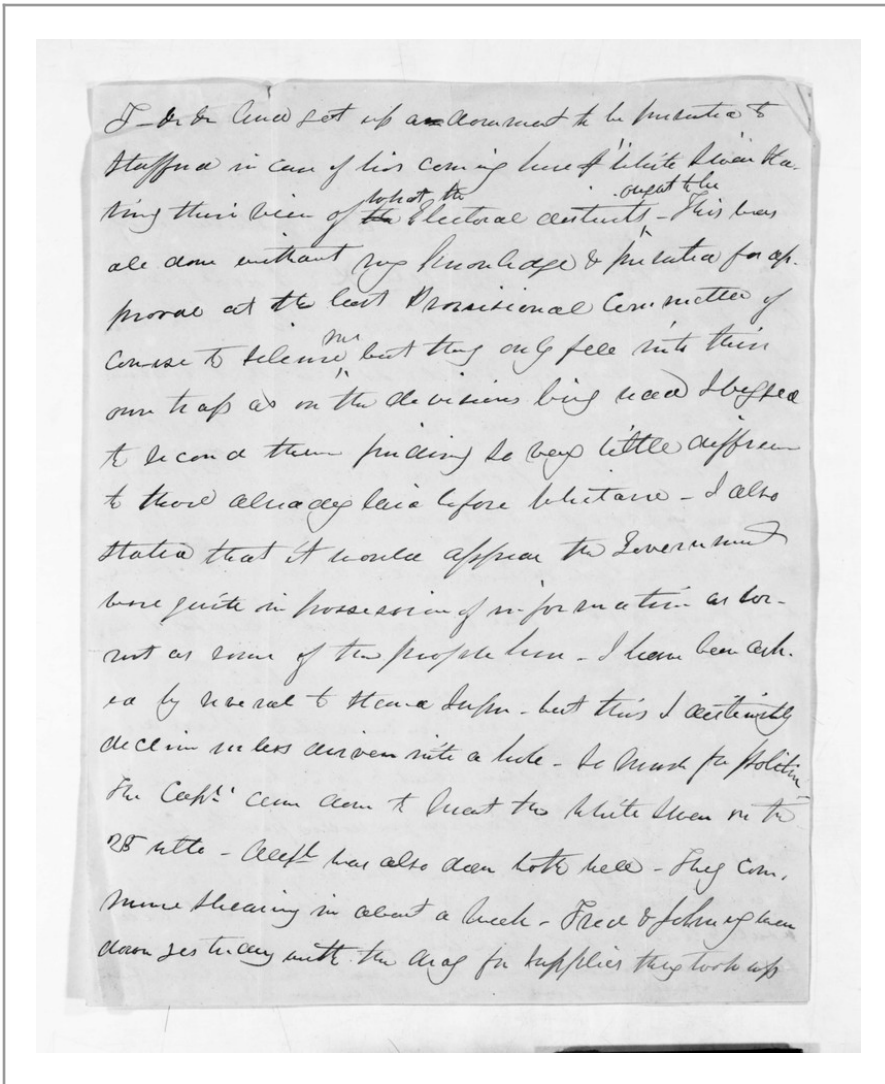
(or rather continue) for the time as there is  
 always an attempt made to give the best  
 second - Mr Donato is strongly recommended by leading  
 A. J. & I. Clarendon would make the best choice.  
 He has the votes of electors who would support.  
 Mr. Donato has a good hand - Mr. Donato is con-  
 sidering for the post - I have well known myself to stand  
 for Clive I suppose for the next week before the  
 Gen. F. B. is taking an unnecessary part in  
 my opinion if he returns to the office  
 he holds at present - The people here have much  
 dissatisfaction 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 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 <sup>here</sup> <sub>part</sub>

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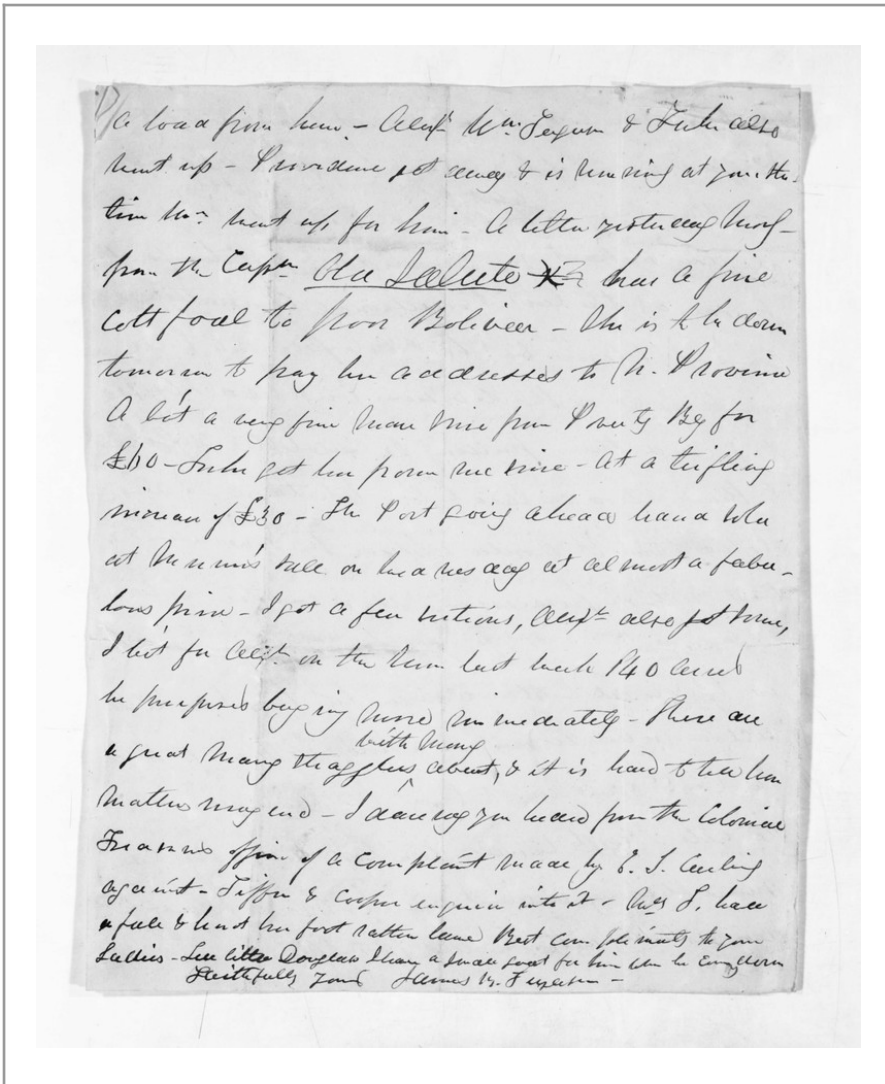
(or rather continue) for the time as there is  
 already an attempt made to give the people  
 the word - Mr Donato is strongly recommended by leading  
 Abolitionists & I believe would make the best paper.  
 He has the credit of election he would accept.  
 when he has been heard - His language is very good -  
 very for the post - I have well known my self to stand  
 for Clive I suppose for the word well expressed  
 Ben Faine J. C. is taking 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 do not need set up an account to be put into  
 Stafford in case of his coming here of little value. He  
 King their view of <sup>to put the</sup> electoral districts - This has  
 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 in the decisions being made I expect  
 to be con a them pulling so very little support  
 to have already laid before Whitman - I also  
 stated that it would appear the Government  
 were quite in possession of information as con-  
 sider 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' com down to meet the White Man on the  
 28<sup>th</sup> inst - except has also been told here - They com-  
 mune hearing in about a week - Fred & Johnson have  
 down yesterday with the bag for supplies they took up

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The load from here - except Mr. Ferguson & Fisher all  
 went up - Providence got away & is remaining at present  
 time the boat went up for him - A letter yesterday came  
 from the Capt. de Salute he has a fine  
 cott foal to sell for Polivera - 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 while  
 at the same time on the other side 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 proposed buying more <sup>with the same</sup> immediately - There are  
 a great many the apples about, & it is hard to tell the  
 matter may end - I have got you heard from the Colonies  
 For a number of years of a Complaint made by S. J. C. C. C.  
 against - Fisher & Cooper enquire into it - They S. have  
 a full & best her first pattern some West Com. She sends to your  
 Ladies - See letter Douglas many a time for him then to my dear  
 Faithfully Yours James B. Ferguson -