

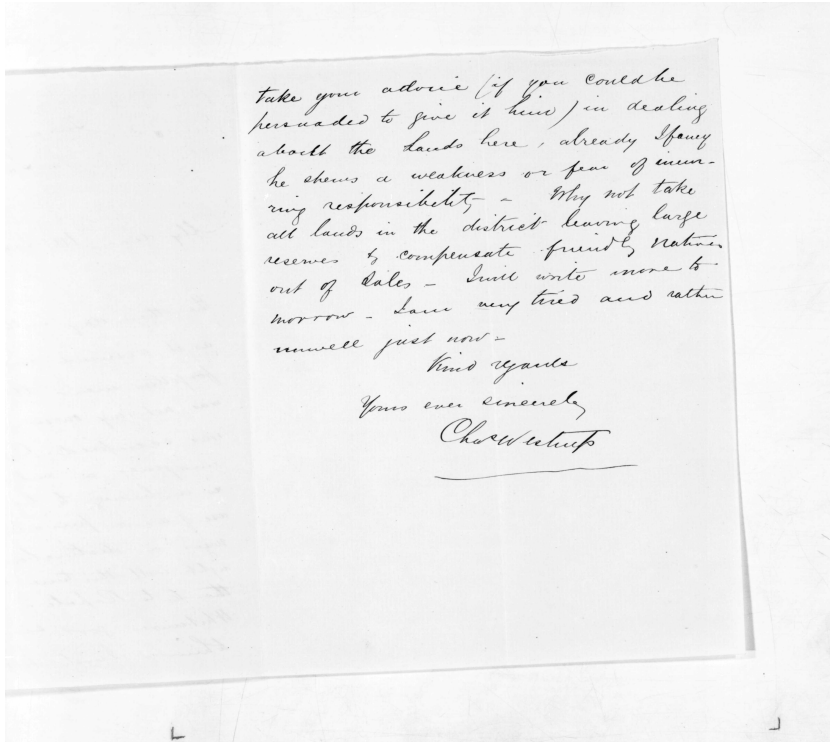
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My dear McLean

I received yours
the other day with much pleasure
as it assured me you had not
forgotten me - My time at the front
was not my own; and every moment
was occupied - Col. Whitmore always
imagines a subordinate officer
is a being to be made the same
use of as a private - he scarcely recog-
nises a distinction - We have got our
night well this time against Te Kōwhiri
thanks to Ropata's firmness - and
Whitmore's good sense in listening
to him - I wish Mr Richmond would

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take your advice (if you could be
persuaded to give it him) in dealing
about the lands here, already I fear
he shows a weakness or fear of assum-
ing responsibility - Why not take
all lands in the district leaving large
reserves to compensate friendly natives
out of sales - I will write more to-
morrow - I am very tired and rather
unwell just now -

Kind regards

Yours ever sincerely
Charles Westrup