

MANUSCRIPTS & PICTORIAL

1 page written 6 Dec 1868 by George Tovey Buckland Worgan in Clyde to Sir Donald McLean

Clyde - Dec 6th, 1868
 11 p.m. Sunday

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A notice will be issued to-morrow, warning all natives against leaving the settlements, without first intimating their desire to do so. This I also consider necessary. I would be glad to learn how far I shall be justified in moving, in any of these cases. I would, in any case, whatever powers might be granted me, do it with the utmost prudence. At the same time, I think I ought to possess the requisite power, if needed. The rest will return to this settlement to-morrow of the Mohaka people, Major Lambert retaining 25. I propose enrolling 15 from here, to make the number up to 40. The men met with were armed; and John Gemmel, Jock, who knows every native in the town, says the men are strangers.

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