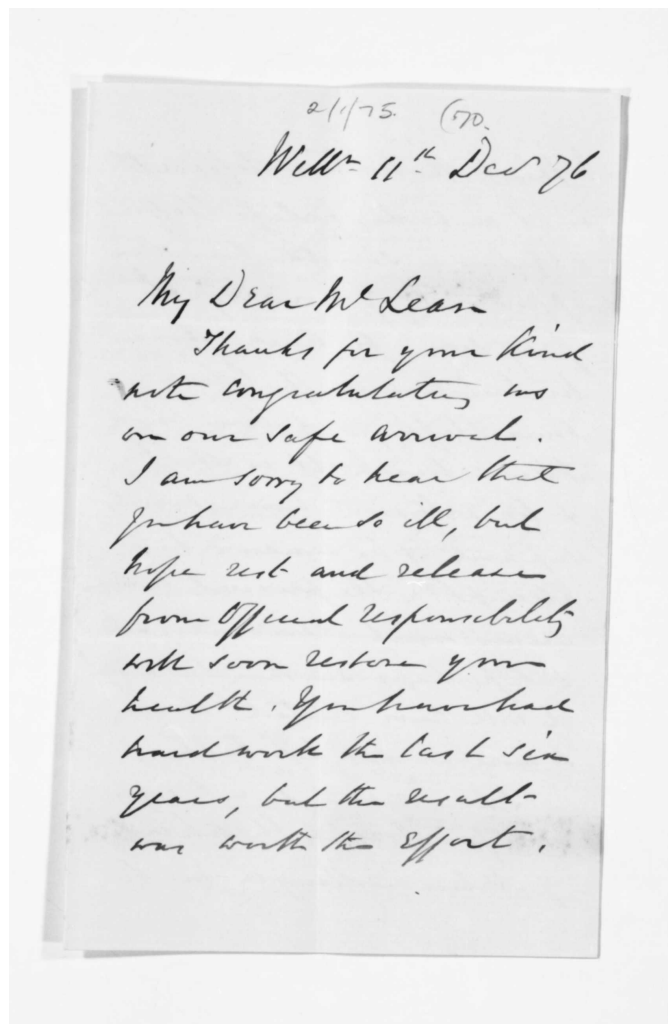


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My Dear McLean

Thanks for your kind
note congratulating us
on our safe arrival.
I am sorry to hear that
you have been so ill, but
hope rest and release
from official responsibility
will soon restore your
health. You have had
hard work the last six
years, but the result
was worth the effort.

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I think the "Native difficulty" is at an end, unless Stafford & Whitmore should have the opportunity of revising it. Grey seems to have done his best to ruin the Library since Staff, but from what I hear his bolt is shot, & he will not have much support if he renews his attempt. The present house seems much demoralized, but perhaps another session it will have settled down to more work left to do.

I have received a long note from Joseph Shepherd of Nelson calling on me to

indicate his honor in reference to the affair of 1873 - & complaining that the promise made to him by Vogel & yourself to provide him with an appointment on withdrawal of his claim to a seat in Ministry have not been fulfilled. With this part of the transaction I had nothing to do. I am going to show the letter to Ormond who was present when the transaction occurred & take his advice as to my reply.

Mr Fox desires her very kind remembrance to yourself Miss McLean & Douglas. Tell the latter

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