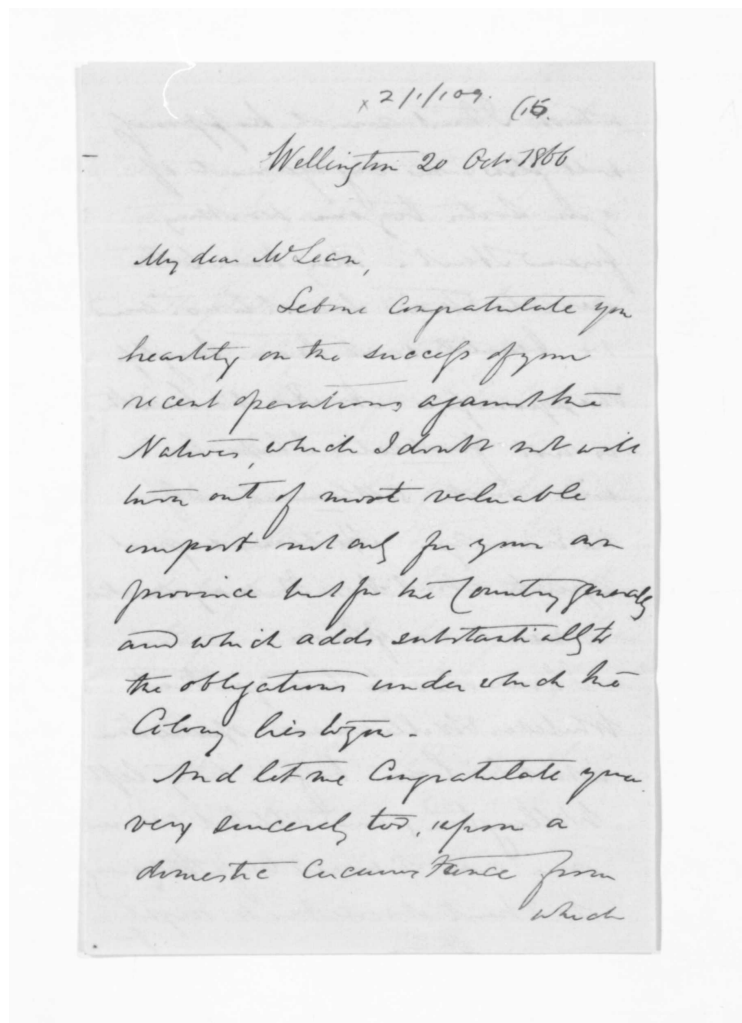


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which I trust much happiness  
will flow. the enjoyment of  
your sister by your writing  
presents Hart. They have both  
revealed their secret to us. and  
we heartily wish them long life  
happiness - As Hart's health  
is not frustrate. I hope he  
will make settlements before  
the marriage. He seems to feel  
springs about it - It may make  
a new man of him.

I have also to tell you that  
Whitaker & Williamson spoke to me  
about the loan before they left  
Wellington; and all but assured  
me that it would be forthcoming  
so I trust it will be all right -  
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for pecuniary anxiety is always  
very trying to me. and my means  
are not yet what I could wish  
them to be.

The judges are now holding  
Court of Appeal & Conference:  
and we have a great deal more  
to get through than we can  
manage. The great *Dunlop* *Wain*  
does not seem to have been  
disrupted with business at  
Napier. She has just held  
a Court here which sat for an  
hour.

Miss McLean tells me it is  
not improbable you will be  
down soon. The old gentleman  
has

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has done young Bathurst  
(Morris Secretary) out to settle  
to-day - and we are all lying  
on our oars to-day to prepare  
for a fresh start next week  
With kind regards.

I am

Yours truly

Alexander J. Johnston