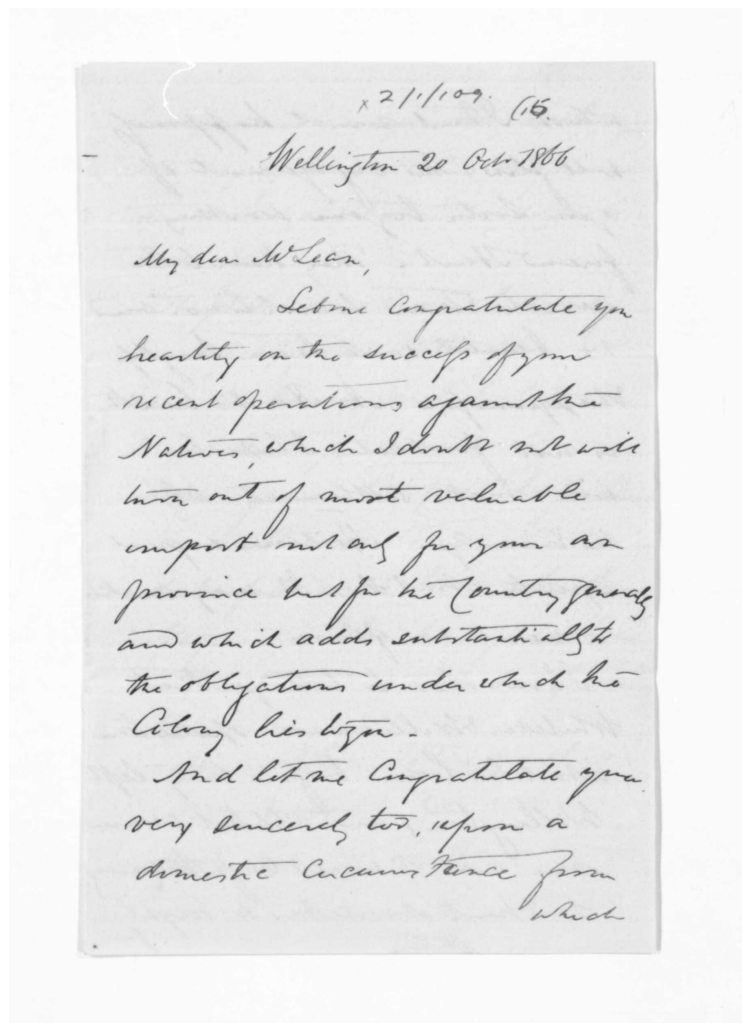


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My dear Sir,

Let me congratulate you heartily on the success of your recent operations against the Natives, which I doubt not will turn out of most valuable import not only for your Province but for the Country generally and which adds substantially to the obligations under which the Colony lies to you.

And let me congratulate you very sincerely too, upon a domestic Circumstance from which

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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
spirited 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 Bathhouse
(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