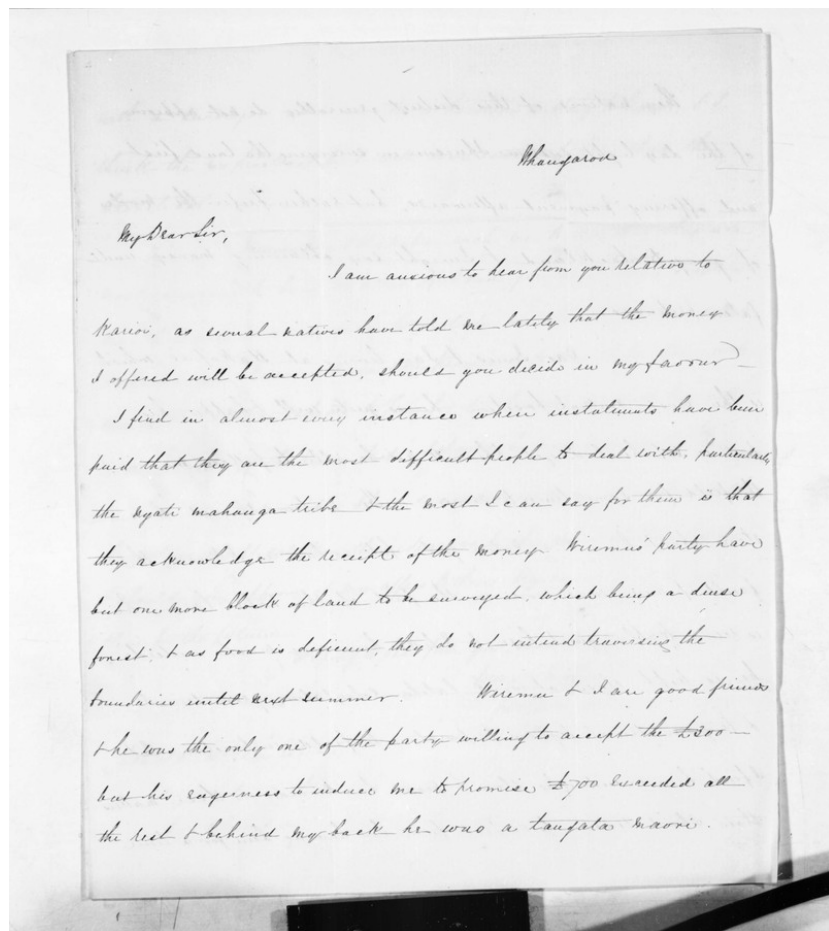


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Whangaroa

Sir,

I am anxious to hear from you relative to  
Karo, as several natives have told me lately that the money  
I offered will be accepted, should you decide in my favour?

I find in almost every instance when instalments have been  
paid that they are the most difficult people to deal with, particularly  
the Ngati Mahanga tribe. The best I can say for them is that  
they acknowledge the receipt of the money. Wieru's party have  
but one more block of land to be surveyed, which being a dense  
forest, & as food is deficient, they do not intend crossing the  
boundary until next summer. Wieru & I are good friends  
& he was the only one of the party willing to accept the £500 -  
but his eagerness to induce me to promise £700 exceeded all  
the rest & behind my back he was a tangata maru.

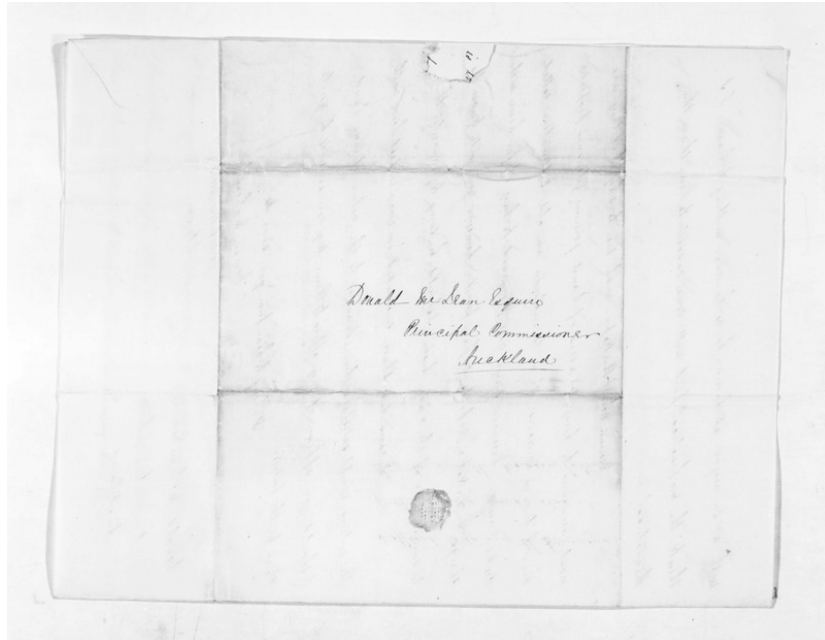
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They nations of this district generally do not approve  
of the day light system of surveying the land first  
and offering payment afterwards, but rather prefer the mode  
of going to backland & might say obtaining money under  
false pretences —

Mac Lenn & I am living at Hakopai which  
is the most central position, he is quite well & happy, his  
foot is not healed yet & he will not be able to follow me in  
the field for some time to come — The natives raised some  
doubt about him & a native girl, but as far as I know the  
fault if any was more on the part of the native lady, he  
is remarkably quiet here & I like him very much, indeed  
he is kept close at work lately calculating geometrical  
& trigonometrical figures preparatory to fields instruction, but  
I find him exceedingly slow & more backward in these matters  
than I had reason to expect from his having been for a time



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