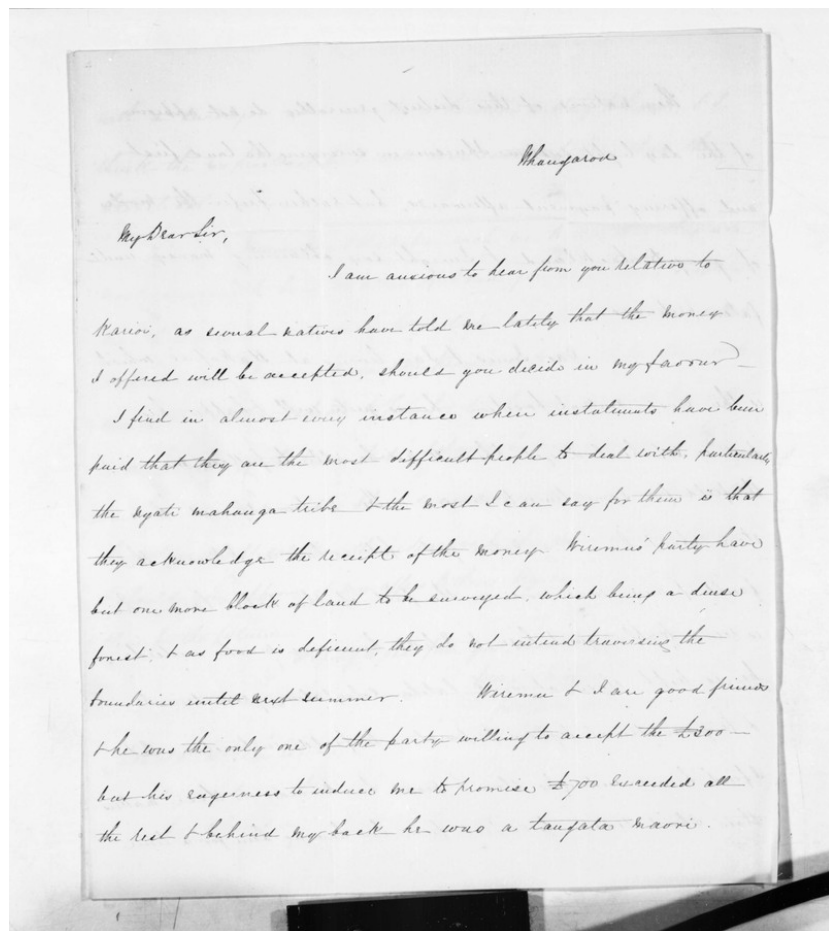


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Whangaroa

My dear Sir,

I am anxious to hear from you relative to Korou, 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. Wierum'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 traversing the boundaries until next summer. Wierum & 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 mariri.

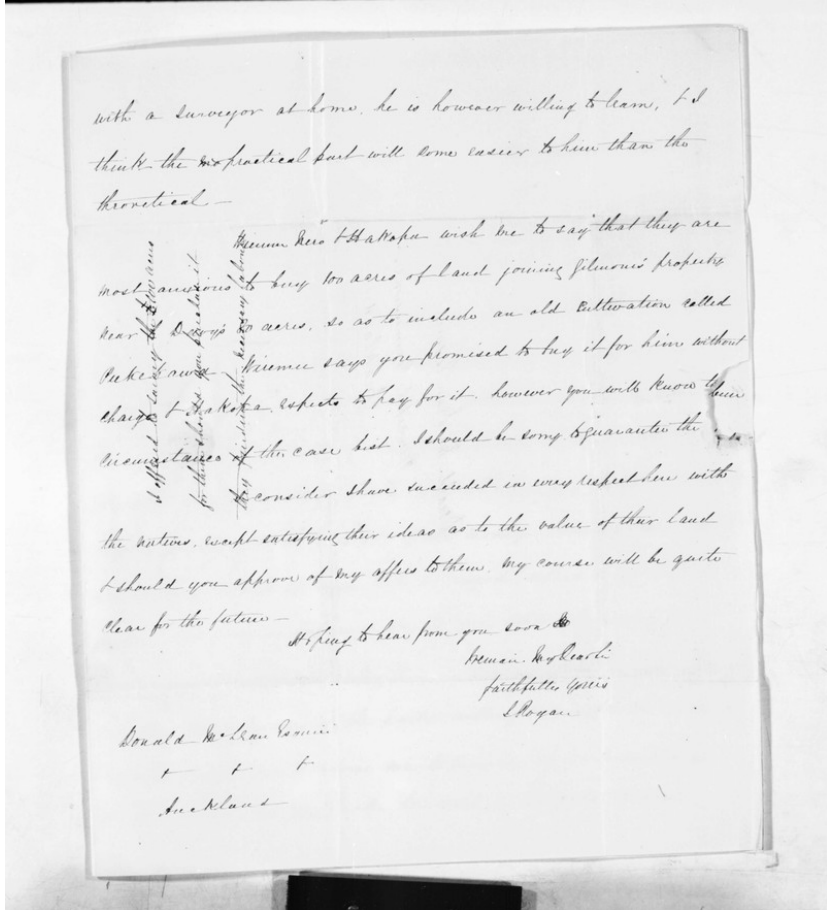
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They nations of this district generally do not approve of the day light system of surveying the land first and offering payment afterwards, but rather prefer the mode of going to backland & might say obtaining money under false pretences —

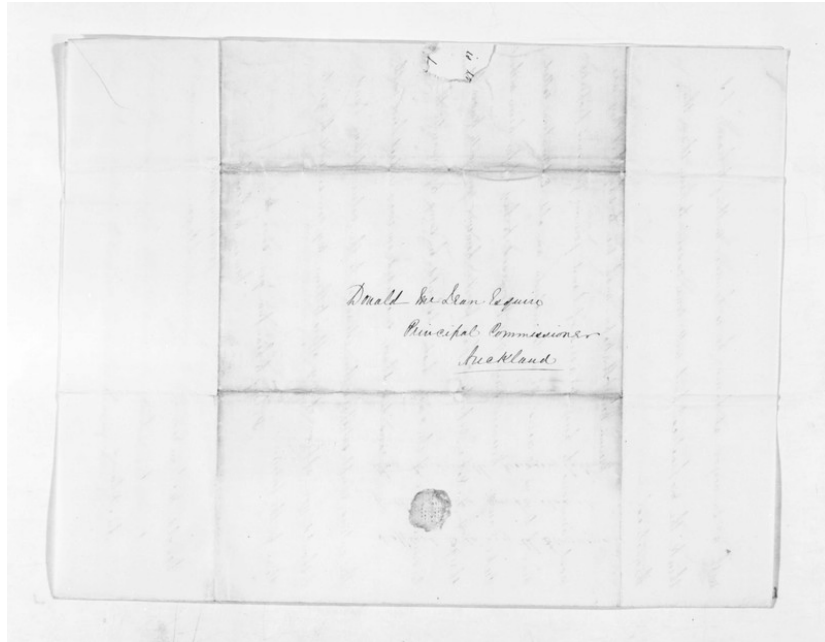
Mac Lenn & I am living at Hakopai which is the most central position, he is quite well & happy, his foot is not healed yet he will not be able to follow me in the field for some time to come — The natives raised some story about him & a native girl, but as far as I know the fault if any was more on the 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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