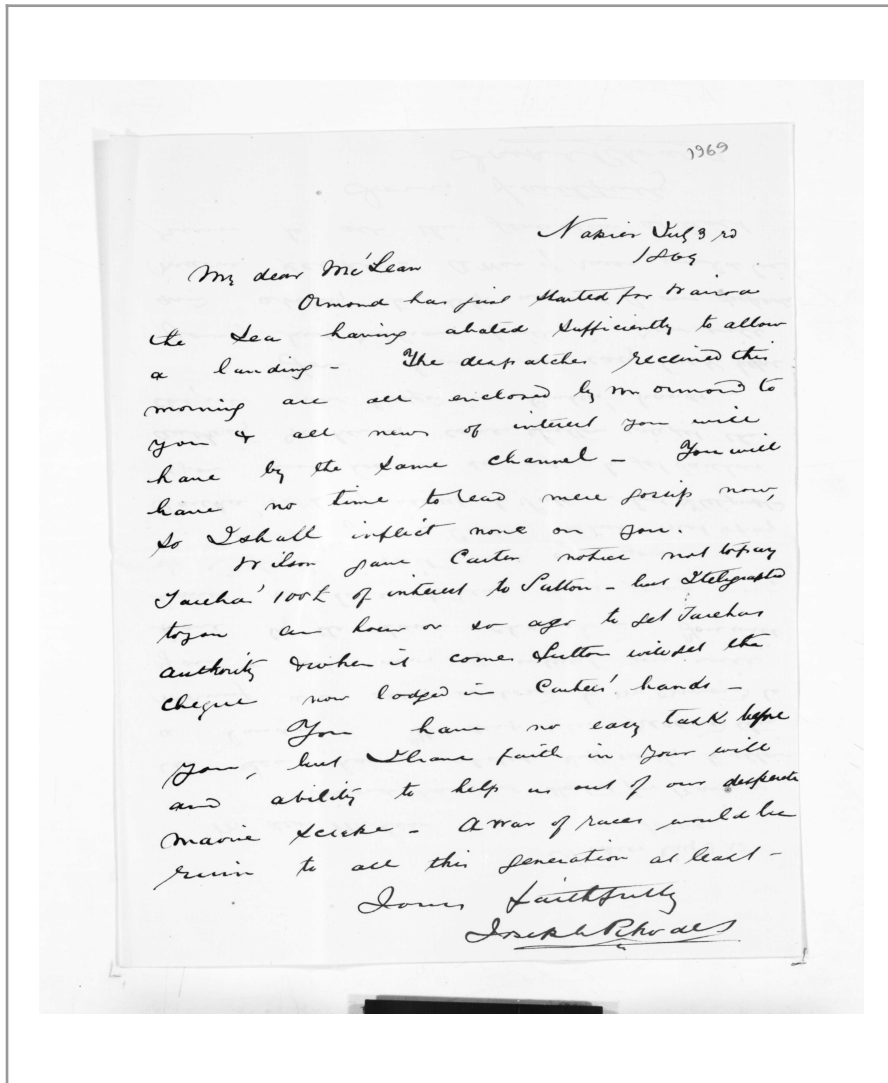


1 page written 3 Jul 1869 by Joseph Rhodes in Napier City to Sir Donald McLean



1369  
 Napier July 3, 1869  
 Mr dear Mc'Lean  
 Ormond has just started for Waikato  
 the sea having abated sufficiently to allow  
 a landing - The despatches received this  
 morning are all enclosed by Mr Ormond to  
 you & all news of interest you will  
 have by the same channel - You will  
 have no time to read mine for I  
 so I shall inflict none on you.

When your cutter notices me I may  
 touch a look of interest to Sutton - but I'll guard  
 to you as how or so ago he set sail  
 authority & when it comes Sutton interest the  
 cheque now lodged in Carter's hands -

You have no easy task before  
 you, but I have faith in your will  
 and ability to help us out of our desperate  
 marine straits - A war of races would be  
 ruin to all this generation at least -

Yours faithfully  
 Joseph Rhodes