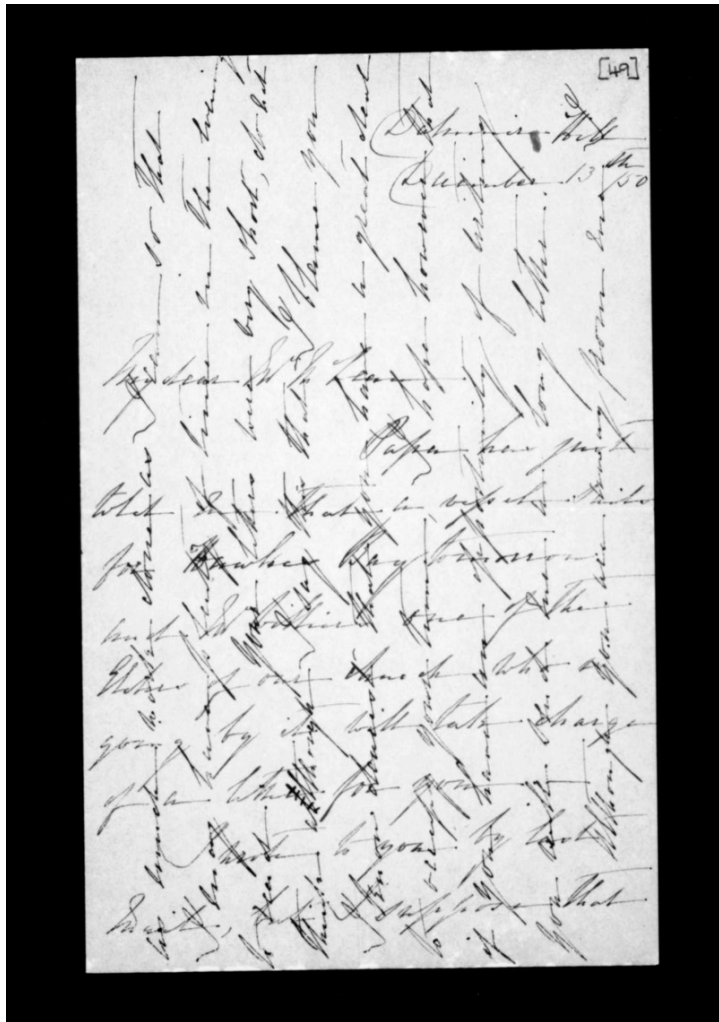


MANUSCRIPTS & PICTORIAL

5 pages written 13 Dec 1850 by Susan Douglas McLean in Wellington to Sir Donald McLean



13 December 1850

Dalmuir hill

My dear Mr McLean

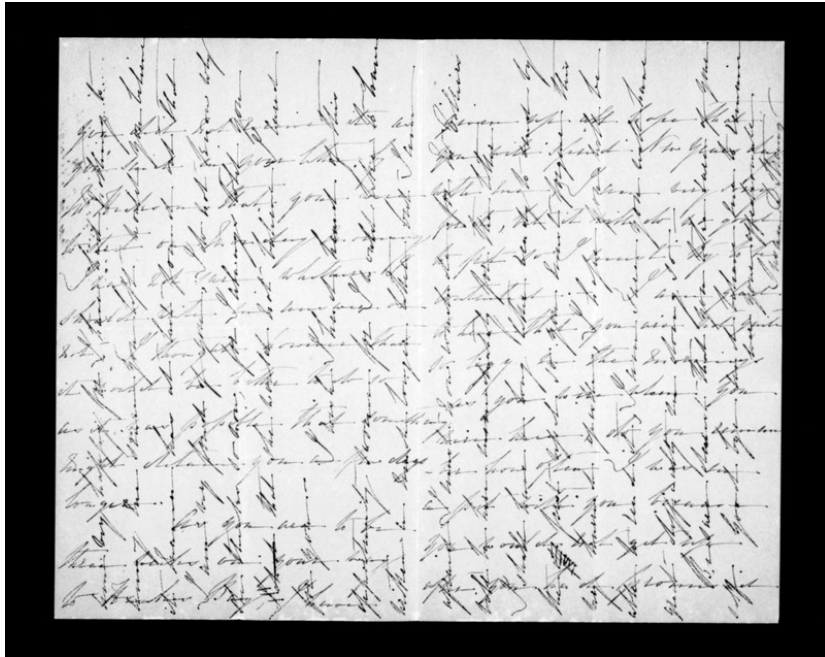
Papa has just told me that a vessel sails for Hawkes Bay tomorrow and Mr Villiers, one of the elders of our church who are going by it, will take charge of a letter for you.

I wrote to you by last mail but I suppose that

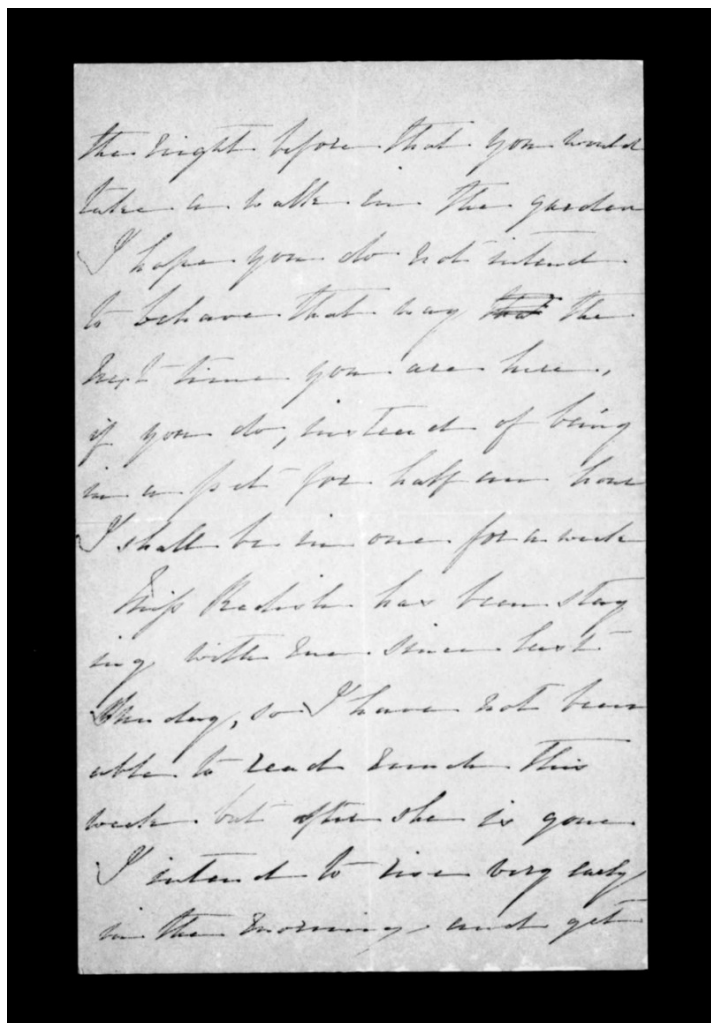
5 pages written 13 Dec 1850 by Susan Douglas McLean in Wellington to Sir Donald McLean

you did not receive it as you said in your letter by Mr Hickson that you were to start on Monday morning. I was not sure whether I should write in answer or not. I thought however that it would be better to do so as it was possible that something might detain you a few days longer.

As you are to be three weeks on your way to Hawkes Bay I have given up all hope that you will spend New Year's Day with me. I am very sorry for it but it will do no good to fret so I must try to be contented. I am glad to hear that you are not quite so lazy in the mornings as you were when you were here. Do you remember how often I was in a fret with you because you would not get up after you had promised



5 pages written 13 Dec 1850 by Susan Douglas McLean in Wellington to Sir Donald McLean

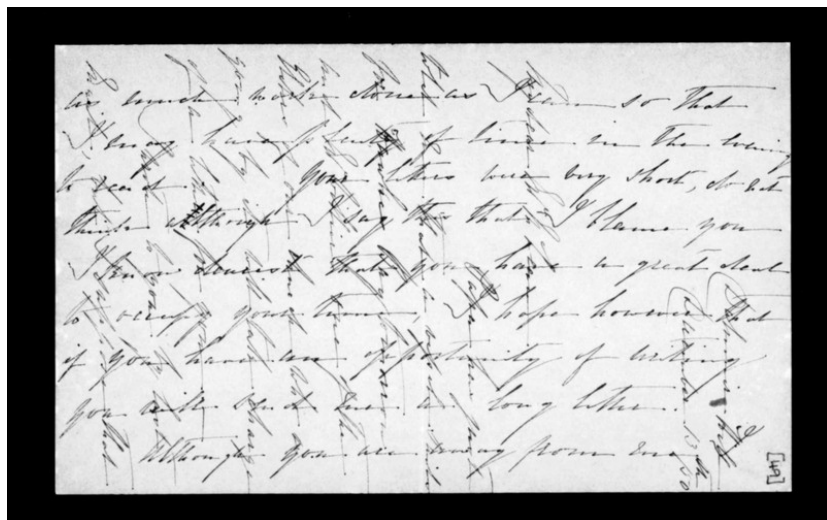


the night before that you would
take a walk in the garden
I hope you do not intend
to behave that way that the
next time you are here,
if you do, instead of being
in a fret for half an hour
I shall be in one for a week
Miss Redish has been stay-
ing with me since last
Sunday, so I have not been
able to read much this
week but after she is gone
I intend to rise very early
in the morning and get

MANUSCRIPTS & PICTORIAL

5 pages written 13 Dec 1850 by Susan Douglas McLean in Wellington to Sir Donald McLean

as much work done as I can so that I may have plenty of time in the evening to read. Your letters were very short. Do not think though I say this that I blame you. I know dearest that you have a great deal to occupy your time. I hope however that if you have an opportunity of writing you will send me a long letter. Although you are away from me I



MANUSCRIPTS & PICTORIAL

5 pages written 13 Dec 1850 by Susan Douglas McLean in Wellington to Sir Donald McLean

am very happy for I have had nothing to annoy me since you left. Would you believe it Mama has at last found out that I am very fond of you. I do not know why she thinks so now for I always told you that she would not believe I cared for you.

I wish I had heard of this opportunity sooner for I would like to have written a much longer letter but I am afraid I must now conclude for Mr Villiers will be here immediately for the letter I shall have a long letter ready to send by the first vessel so you must forgive this very hurried epistle. I hope you will be able to read it. I am sure you will have great difficulty in doing so.

Be sure dearest that you take care of yourself. Goodbye and believe me to remain

Ever your affectionate
Susan D Strang

