

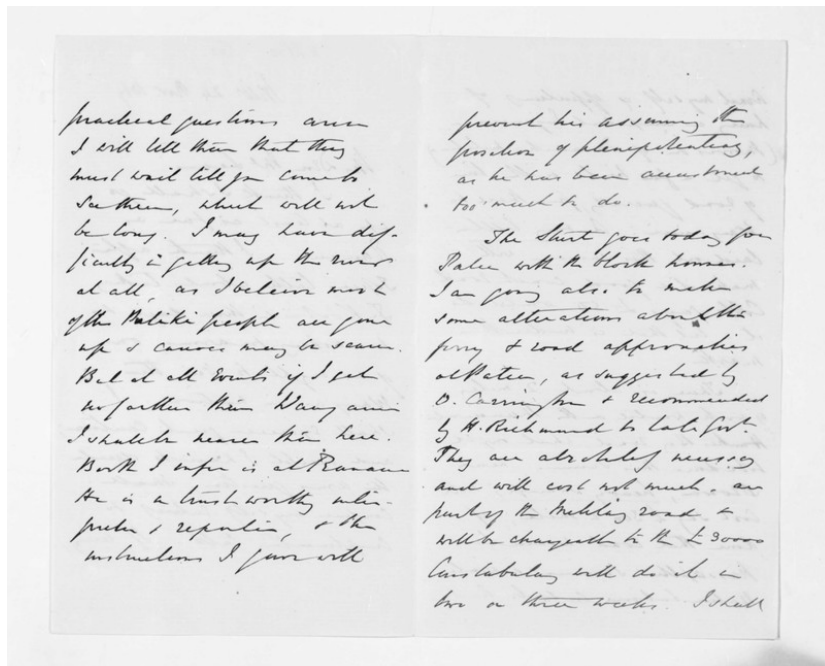
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Well: 24 Nov. 1869

My Dear Mr Leach

I think I shall go up at least as far as Ramanua. I think after I give talk about talk, I shall be in three days, & his asking for arms, one of us ought to see the Waiyanni natives. I shall exercise great caution; and except I have to decide the arms question, shall confine myself entirely to complimentary talk. If any

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avail myself of opportunity of  
 having a competent Engineer -  
 (I know one of Taranaki building)  
 to get a few hints with the view  
 of road generally, from there to  
 Wangamui. A very little  
 laid out this summer will  
 make it a good coach road.  
 Cobb says £50 would do  
 it - but that is under the  
 mark.

There is about 2 miles  
 of work wanted on the Manawatu  
 Harbour Bay road, which might  
 be done this summer, near  
 Oroua, heavy swamps; will  
 cost say £300 a mile; if  
 done that road would be  
 passable summer & winter.  
 Water labour could be had.

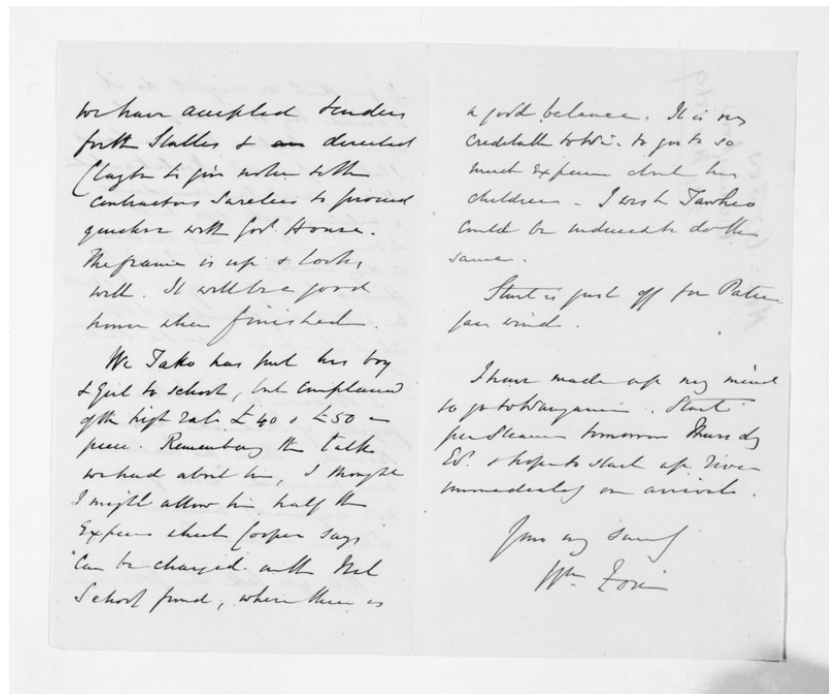
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If you think or might do it  
I would try to arrange it,  
It is our Native Reserve Land  
I believe. friendly Ngāi Tahu  
It may fairly be considered  
a valuable work & go to the  
£30000. It can only be done  
in dry weather; so I sh<sup>d</sup> be  
glad to hear from you. I shall  
be in that neighbourhood I hope  
about Christmas & could start  
it.

I observe in the Notice in  
page 11 of the Gazette that no Native  
are inserted. Did you  
not originally mention  
Ihaka & others?

Will you tell the Governor

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