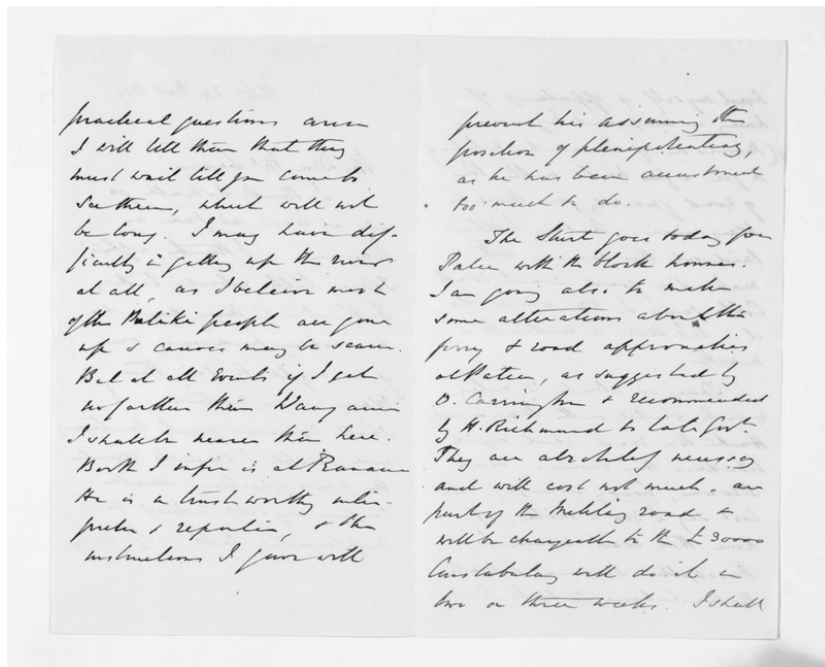


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Well: 24 Nov. 1869

My Dear Mr Leam
I think I shall go
up at least as far as
Ramanua. I think after
Tapi's talk about Tahi,
Te Koro in three days, &
his asking for arms, one
of us ought to see the
Wanganni 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
 Hanks 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.

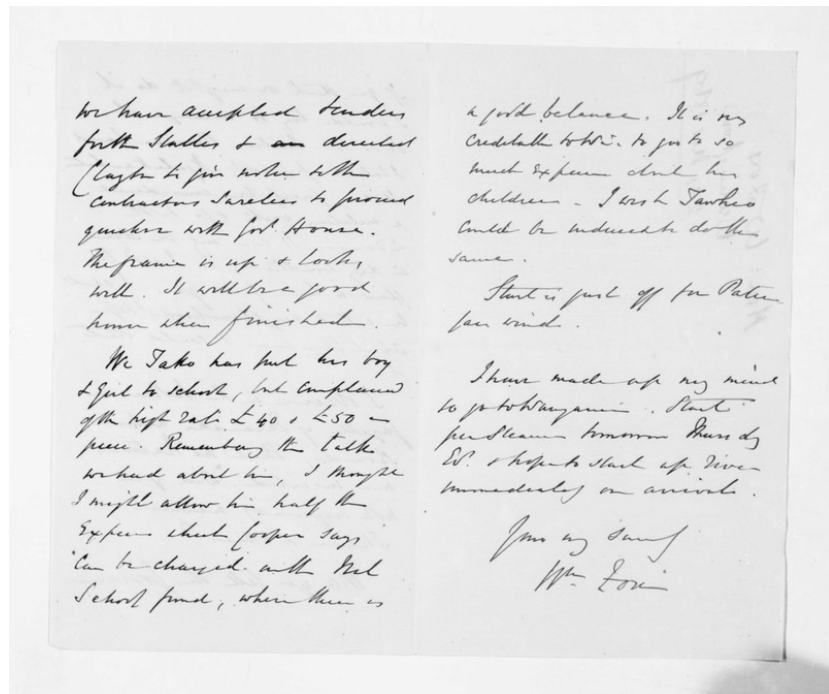
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If you think or might do it
I would try to arrange it,
It is our Native Reserve Land
I believe. friendly Ngāi Tahu
It may fairly be considered
a valuable work of art to the
£30000. It can only be done
in dry weather; so I shall be
glad to hear from 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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