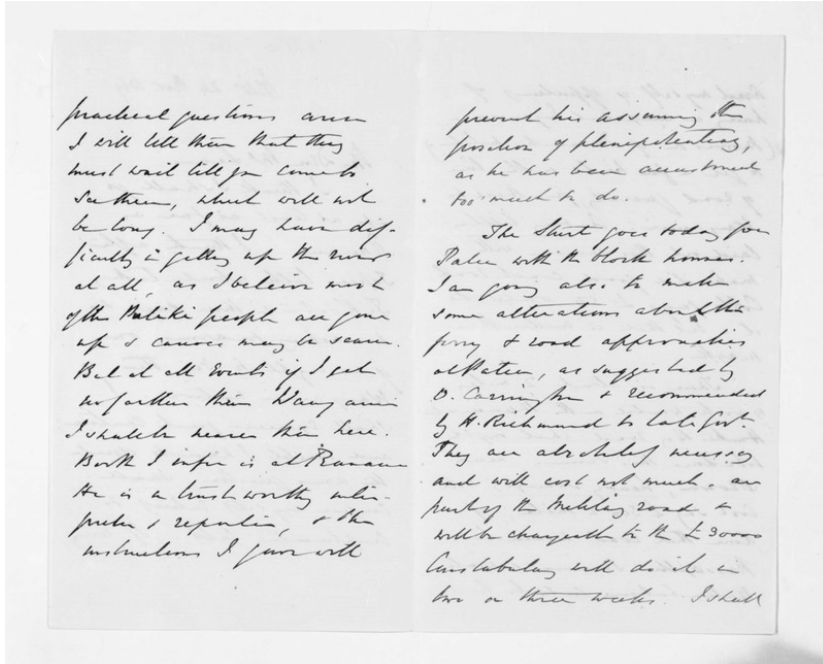


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Well: 24 Nov. 1869

My Dear Mr Leam
I think I shall go
up at least as far as
Rangamā. I think after
Tapi's talk about Tahi,
Te Kōwhiri in three days, &
his asking for arms, one
of us ought to see the
Wangānui 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 present
 Humber Bay road, which might
 be done this summer, near
 Howe, heavy swamps; will
 cost say £300 a mile; if
 done that road would be
 passable summer & winter.
 Water labour could be had.

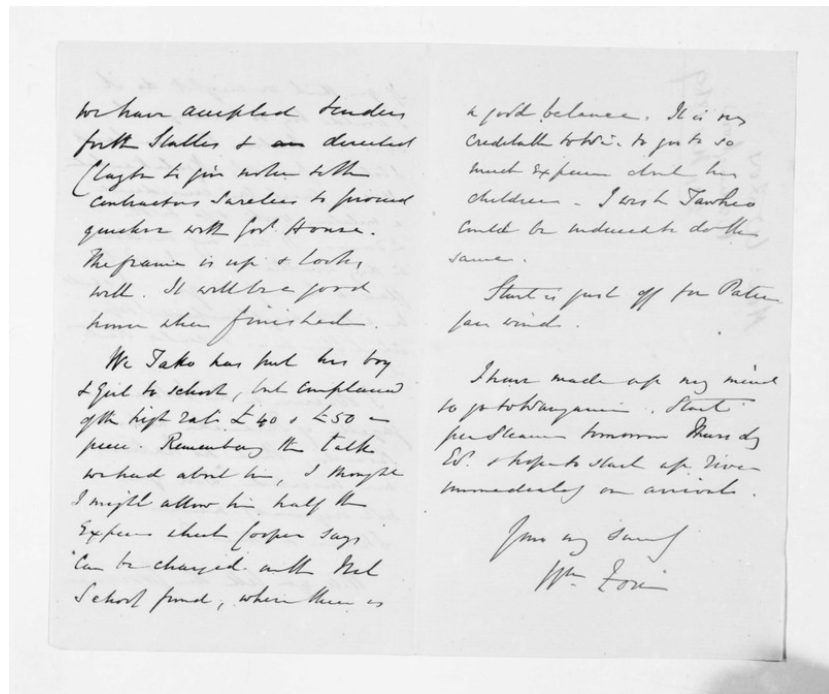
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If you think or might do it
I would try to arrange it,
It is our Native Reserve Land
I believe. friendly Ngāi Tahu
It may fairly be considered
a valuable work & go to the
£30000. It can only be done
in dry weather; so I sh^d be
glad to hear from you.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

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

Will you tell the Governor

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We have accepted tenders
 for the Stables & am directed
 Clayton to join with the
 Contractors hereafter to proceed
 quickly with job house.
 The frame is up & looks
 well. It will be good
 when finished.

Mr Sako has had his boy
 & girl to school, but complained
 of the high rate. £40 & £50 -
 piece. Remembering the talk
 we had about it, I thought
 I might allow him half the
 expense which forper says
 can be charged with the
 School fund, where there is

a gold balance. It is very
 creditable to Mr. to get so
 much expense done for
 children - I trust Sako
 could be induced to do the
 same.

Start is put off for Patu
 for week.

I have made up my mind
 to go to Mangamui. Start
 per steam tomorrow. Mrs. &
 Dr. & hope to start up. Will
 immediately on arrival.

Yours very truly
 Wm Fox

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