

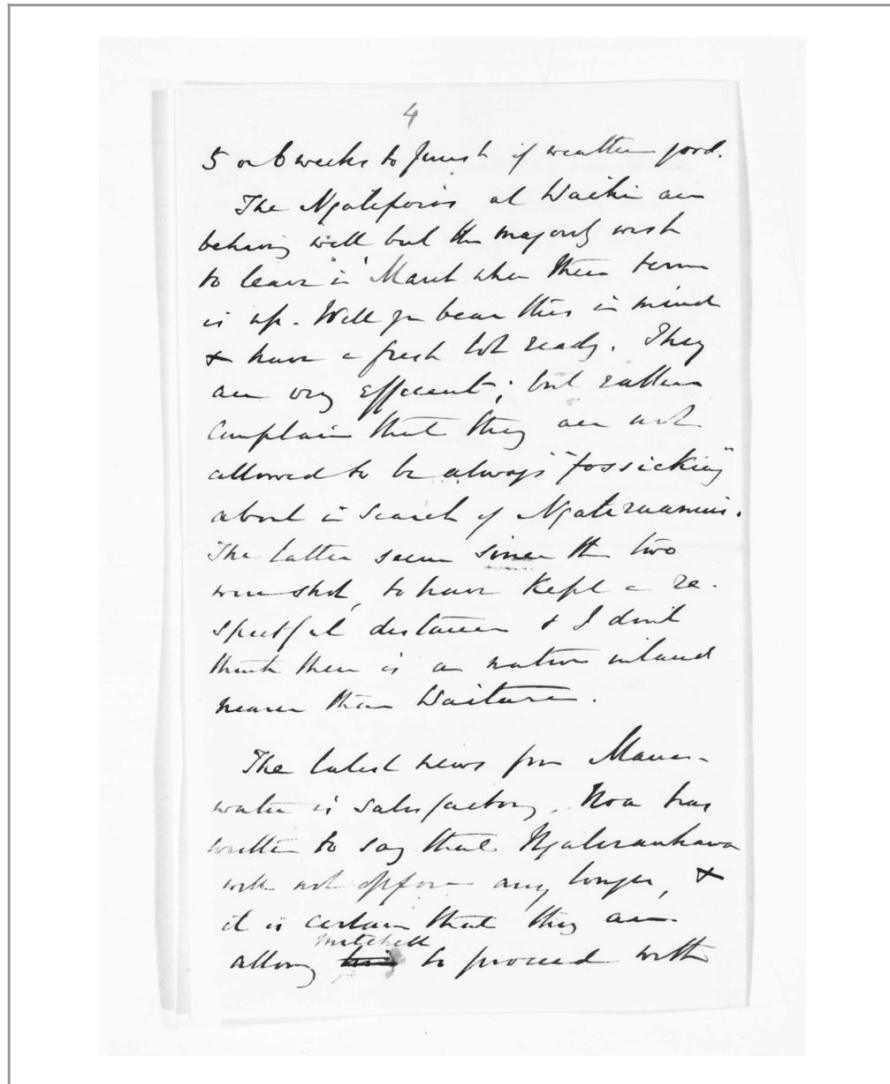
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Wanganui
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My Dear McLean
As I gather from his letter
that you are still at Auckland
I will chance a line by the
Boat. I returned yesterday
from Patea & Waikato. All going
on well on that Coast. I have
the Constabulary, employed
in several places improving
roads, and have contracted
to do with job of: to run coach
twice a week for 3 years
at subsidy of £600, £500
& £500 - with lease of
200 acres of land for nothing

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5 or 6 weeks to finish if weather good.
The Ngatiporou at Waikato are
behaving well but the majority wish
to leave in March when their term
is up. Will you bear this in mind
& have a fresh lot ready. They
are very efficient; but rather
complain that they are not
allowed to be always "fossicking"
about in search of Ngatimanawa.
The latter seem since the two
were shot to have kept a re-
spectful distance & I don't
think there is a water island
nearer than Waitara.

The latest news from Manawatu
is satisfactory. Hoia has
written to say that Ngatimanawa
will not appear any longer, &
it is certain that they are
allowing ^{Mitchell} to proceed with

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 the King: quietly near Orowa: He
 looks as if the King had ordered
 him to join in. I know they had
 written to him & were waiting an
 reply; & I can account for the
 talk in no other way. I am
 going out tomorrow & will see
 how & try to find out the
 cause of it. I had a long
 talk with Meritani this morn-
 ing. He is very commiserate
 & speaks bitterly of Mr Donald
 who "paid his own penalty but
 let him go to jail". He says
 the whole of his section of
 Ngāteranui was with desire
 except Amore, Old Taraboni's
 daughter who seems to have
 been robbed by her brother young
 Napier when he left paid
 the money. But M. says when
 he gets out he can stop her.

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What says this he did not know
 they had already done that.

I cannot recollect the
 news that got from the
 news from Auckland about the
 Kaiti, with what we got here
 from the paper. Wigram
 writes on 30th that all is well
 that Marama has withdrawn
 Apperley & parted the Tamae.
 I send a letter for Marama
 dated two or three days before
 to Tapani, encouraging him to
 say nothing about Kaiti.
 This is apparently in concert
 with what you have heard in
 Auckland about I presume is
 the same as Paken reported
 through Mr Paken Paken. If
 so I suspect that Mr Paken

knows of Aporo & Marama's re-
 position with the King at
 Kaiti, but with the result. At all
 events we have no real alarming
 news here. Report for Taranaki
 however says that Kaiti had
 joined Kaiti with 60 men against
 Teke's war with that Kaiti
 had 500 men with him. But so
 far we have not found the
 Taranaki information about
 Kaiti to be true. The only thing
 I am afraid of is the effect
 that I presume the defeat
 might have if it has reached
 the Kaiti which I fear may be
 have attained the King's council.
 Still all I can say is that the
 bearing of all the news I have
 seen for the last week is any
 thing but alarming - but I have
 not seen very many days that
 time. But including Marama's

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held road, but ~~then~~ there is no
doubt of any fear on their part
of our guests being disturbed. And
so I shall hope for the best.

I intend stopping a day or
two at Manawatu to see whether
I can start a Ngātepunahua
road part on the swamp at
Orongorongo, where there is
a couple of miles very bad,
which if put right will make
the road available to Napier.
I believe in haste. It will also
perhaps keep our friends out
of mischief.

I suppose Auckland is
awaiting the Flying Squadron with
impatience.

Yours faithfully,

William Fox