

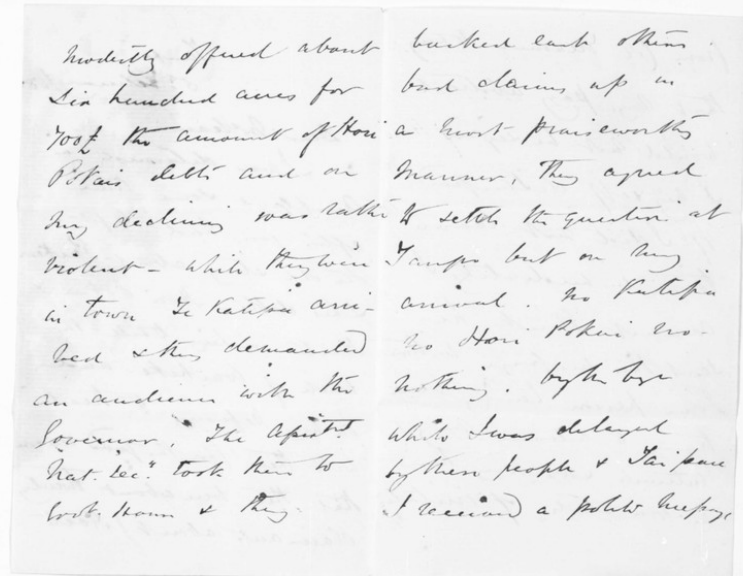
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Dear McLean

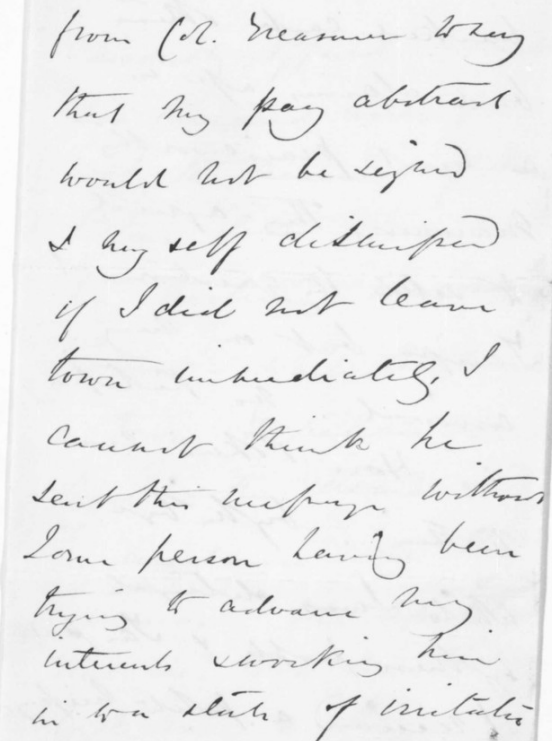
I was detained in
Auckland some time
after you had left.
The old story about Parker
his debts. Hori Pokai &
Hoeti wishing to sell the
whole of Waikato and
on my refusing to treat
with them (for the good reason
that there were about twenty
claimants about) Hoeti

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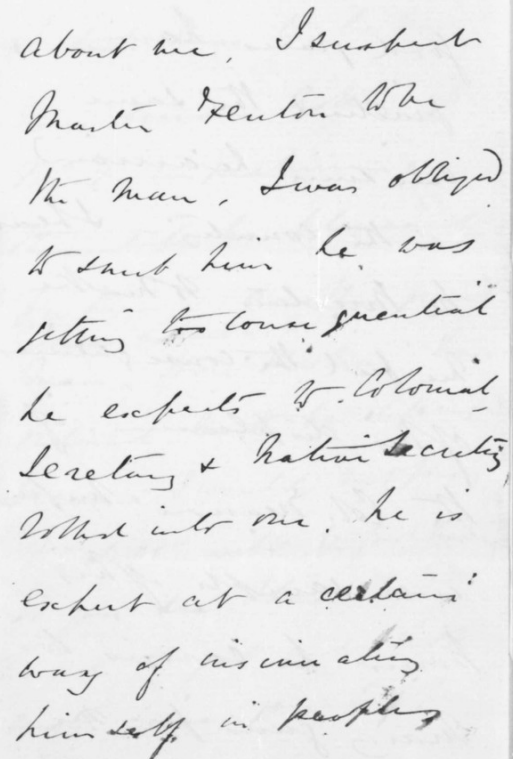
moderately offered about bucked each other
Six hundred acres for bad claims, up in
700 of the amount of Hori a heart praiseworthy
Pōhāi left and on manner, they agreed
my declining was rather to settle the question at
violent - while they were in Taupo but on my
in town & Kaitiaki arrived. No Kaitiaki
led & they demanded no Hori Pōhāi was
an audience with the nothing. by the bye
Governor, the report which I was delayed
Nat. Sec. took them to by them people & Sir James
with them & they I received a polite reply

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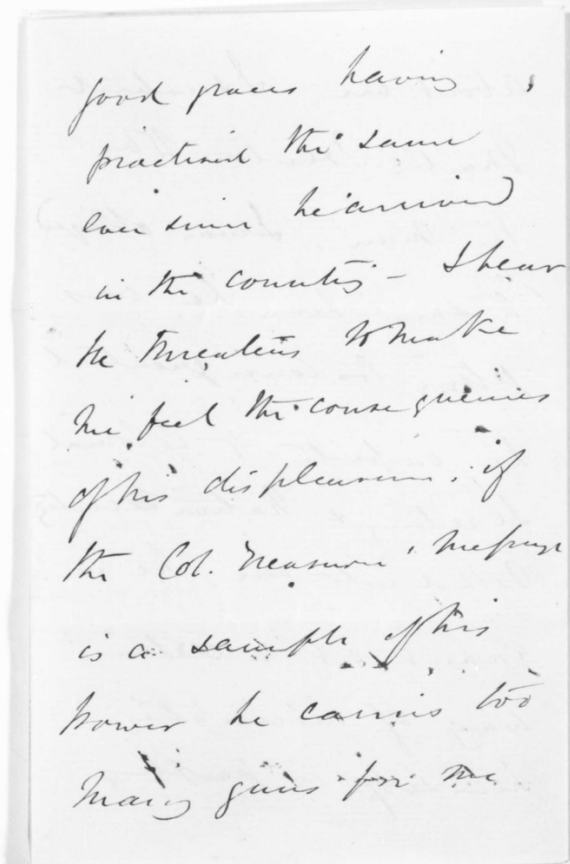
from Col. Deasman to say
that my pay abstract
would not be seized
& my self dismissed
if I did not leave
town immediately. I
cannot think he
sent this message without
some person having been
trying to advance my
interests working him
in to a state of irritation

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about me, I suspect
Master Denton to be
the man, I was obliged
to shut him he was
getting too long, & that
he expects to be Colonial
Secretary & National Secretary
I told into me, he is
exactly at a certain
way of insinuating
himself in people's

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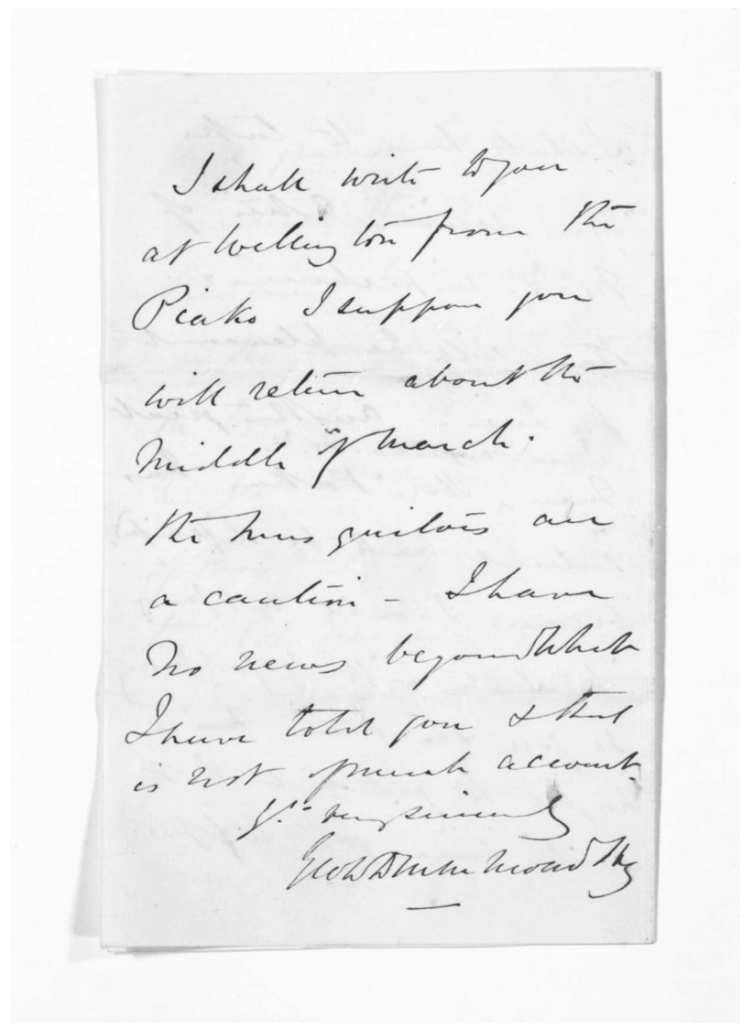


food places having
practised the same
ever since he arrived
in the country - I hear
the Brethren to make
me feel the consequences
of his displeasure, if
the Col. means to prepare
is a sample of his
power he carries too
many guns for me.

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I shall have to take
more serious notice of
Mr. G. imperator's
than will be pleasant
for him - another point
I mean as pointed out by
Mr. Hori Parker has
induced me to be dissatisfied
because I would not pay
his debts with the property
as you see I have me -
hoped to get into hot
water since you left

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I shall write to you
at Wellington from the
Peaks I suppose you
will return about the
middle of March.
The musquitos are
a caution - I have
no news beyond what
I have told you & that
is not much account.
Y^r very sincerely
G^W Drummond Hay