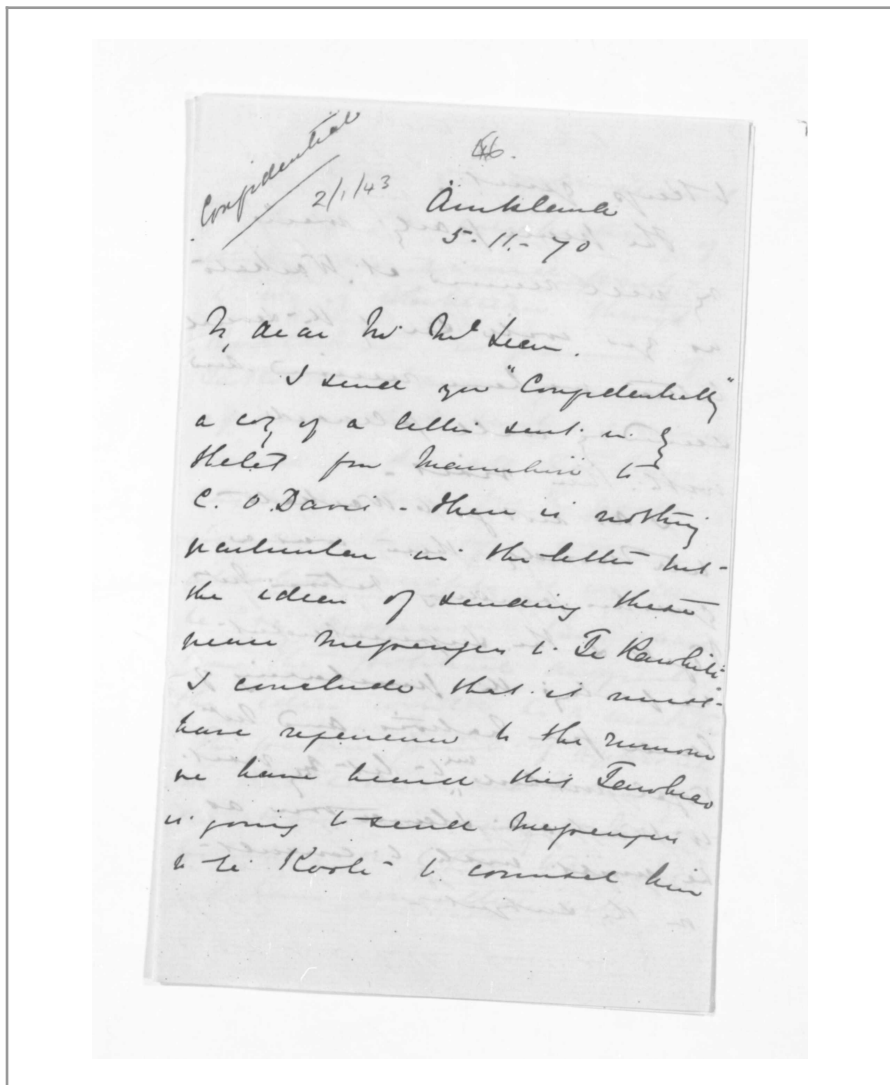
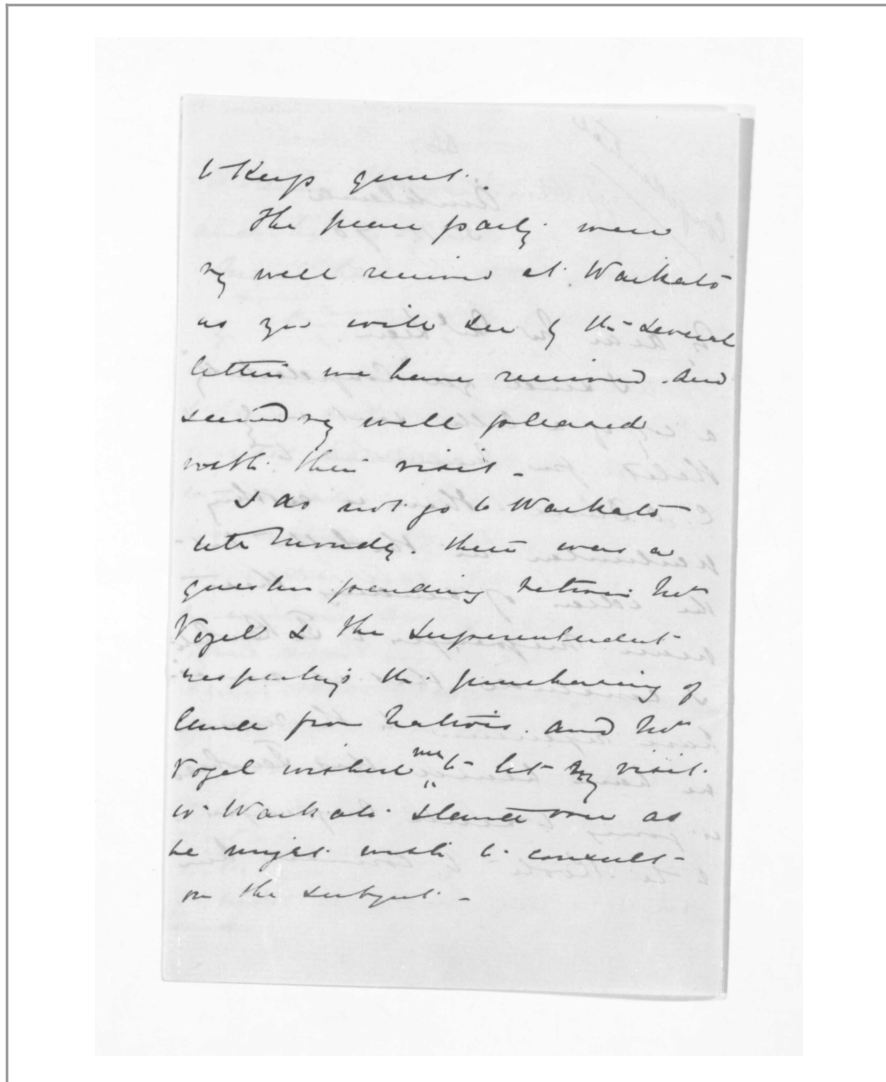


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I hope you will seriously  
 think of the expediency of  
 sending an armed party  
 of 100 of the best men through  
 Ruatohuna in pursuit of  
 the Maori. I am very much  
 of opinion that such a course  
 would undo all that has  
 been done for the past  
 three months. If it were  
 absolutely necessary it would  
 be very different. But apart  
 from the political difficulty  
 the idea would be a mistake.  
 The former points of approach  
 on this side are either by  
 the Waikanae valley to Manu-  
 pōhaka or by the Waikanae  
 I have consulted with

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I remain things of the bycates  
 and he is quite of my opinion  
 I have been written me a  
 very strong formal letter on the  
 subject which unfortunately  
 I have not with me or I  
 would enclose it for your  
 information. Matters are  
 progressing so favourably that  
 I would not have the  
 business disturbed for a  
 good deal. We have never  
 since 1860 had such a prospect  
 of an universal peace. I  
 do not like to write officially  
 on the subject as I have no  
 mistake and is right intygen  
 with you please. but I write  
 I most emphatically what I have  
 said.  
 yours very faithfully  
 H. T. Clarke