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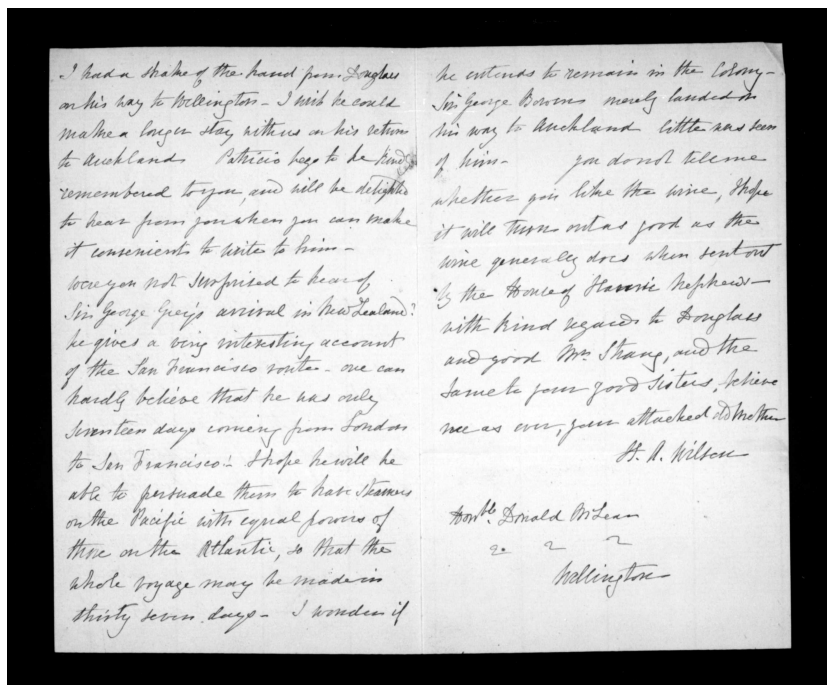
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Coalhe Cottage Bruntonmonts  
1<sup>st</sup> November 1870

My dear Son

Your welcome note of the  
26<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>o</sup> was handed to me by our mutual  
Friend O Carrington, and I must own, I  
was sorry that you were too late for the  
Bank - as it makes me too late for  
the Mail on the 4<sup>th</sup> and obliges me  
to make excuses for the non-remittance  
of the cash to the House of Business in  
London - We are all sorry that you  
are not coming this way as we had  
hoped, - your room was all ready - and  
I am sorry you are not occupying it -

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I had a shake of the hand from Douglas  
 on his way to Wellington - I wish he could  
 make a longer stay with us on his return  
 to Auckland. It is his hope to be kindly  
 remembered to you, and will be delighted  
 to hear from you when you can make  
 it convenient to write to him -  
 are you not surprised to hear of  
 Sir George Grey's arrival in New Zealand?  
 he gives a very interesting account  
 of the San Francisco route - one can  
 hardly believe that he has only  
 seventeen days coming from London  
 to San Francisco! I hope he will be  
 able to persuade them to have steamers  
 on the Pacific with equal forces of  
 those on the Atlantic, so that the  
 whole voyage may be made in  
 thirty seven days - I wonder if

he intends to remain in the Colony -  
 Sir George Brown newly landed on  
 his way to Auckland. Little was seen  
 of him - you don't tell me  
 whether you like the wine, I hope  
 it will turn out as good as the  
 wine generally does when sent out  
 by the Hon. of classic neighbors -  
 with kind regards to Douglas  
 and good Mr. Stang, and the  
 same to your good sisters, please  
 me as ever, your attached & devoted  
 H. A. Wilson

Thos. Donald McLean  
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 Wellington