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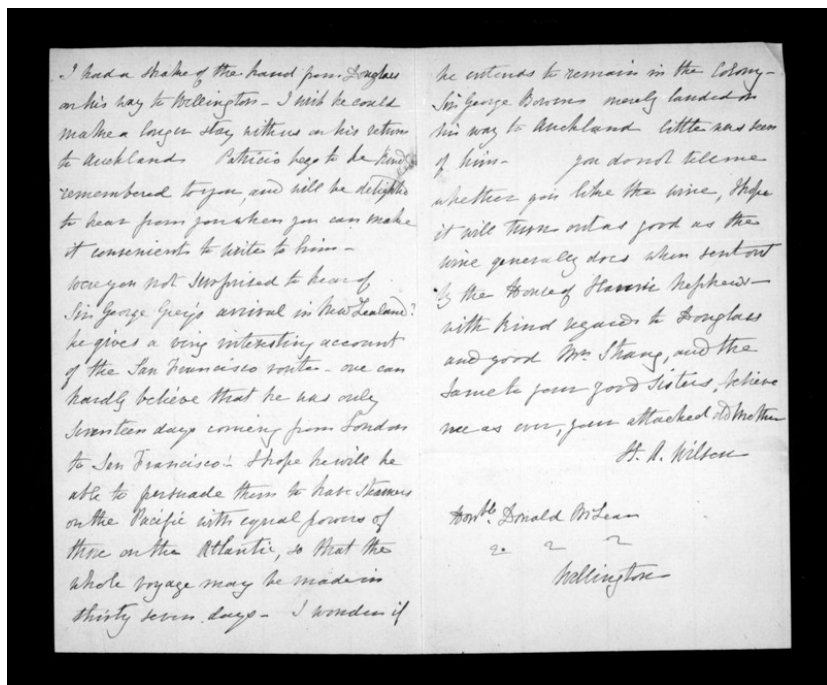
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Coalhe Cottage New Plymouth
1st November 1870

My dear Son

Your welcome note of the
26th Inst^o was handed to me by our mutual
Friend O Carrington, and I must own,
was sorry that you were too late for the
Bank - as it makes me too late for
the Mail on the 14th 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. Arthur's 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! 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, Hope
 it will turn out as good as the
 wine generally does when sent out
 by the House of Plassic Neighbors -
 with kind regards to Douglas
 and good Mr. Stang, and the
 same to your good sisters, please
 me as ever, your attached Mother
 H. A. Wilson

Hon^{ble} Donald McLean
 Wellington