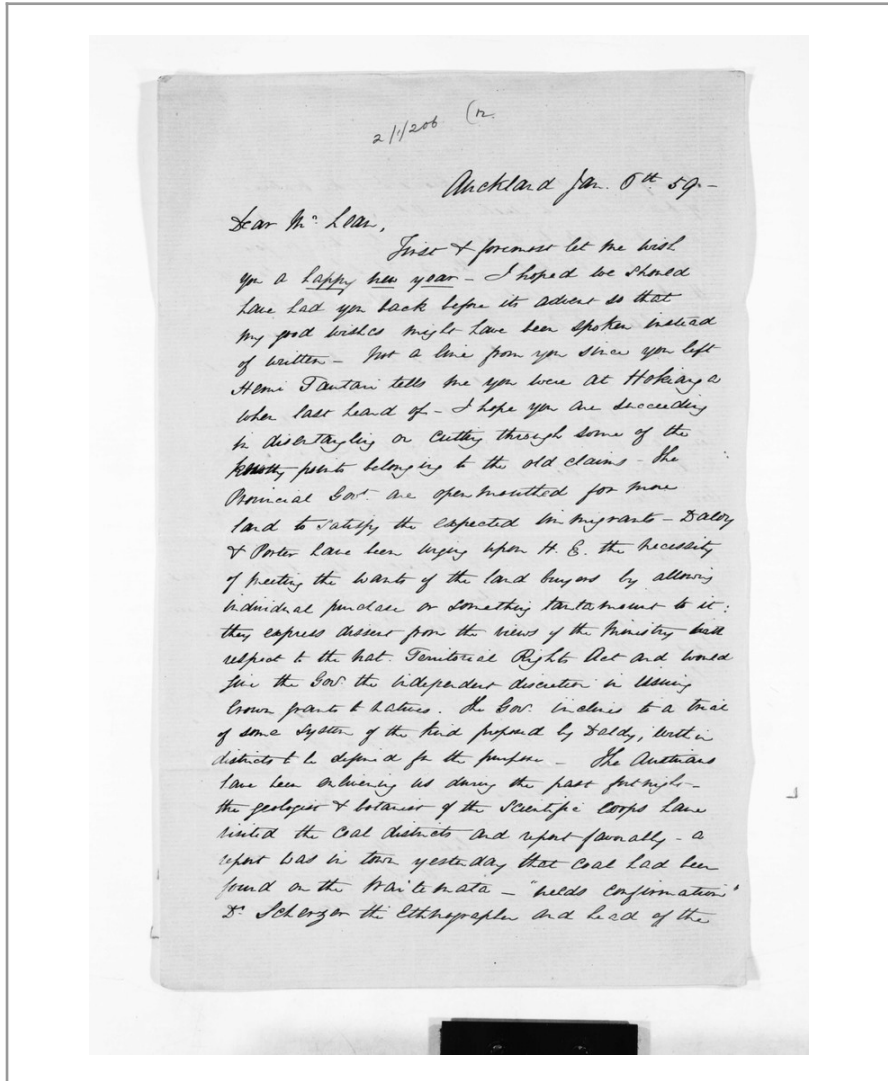
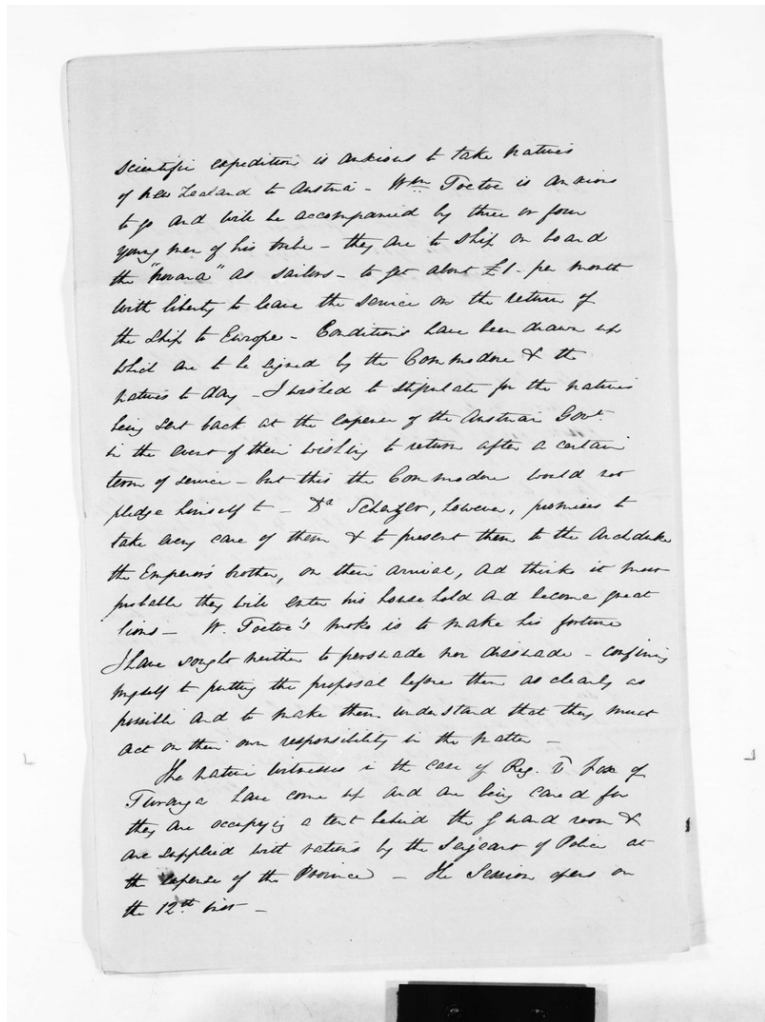


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It seems De Alada is in town and is waiting
 to see the Gov. & yourself - he will return by
 the steamer to Taranaki - He states that the
 Whakatani Chiefs of the King party propose to
 discuss a peace being made between H. King
 & H.M. - That if they succeed the land is
 to be landed on to the "Amanga" - that if peace
 is brought about through the late conduct of the
 Chiefs who are on the side of the Gov. the land
 is to be sold - He also reports the sudden
 death of Hone Rapaha Mokea -
 The word of Rapaha seems to be left -
 From word H.M.'s servants are, I presume, in
 possession by the Customs officers - he has searched
 been in the office since the "Aniwa" - Anniwa. Friend
 has been keeping at home with his lame foot -
 has some four or five times since you left -
 Make land by the last three days - steady going
 James always in his place and at work -
 Please report the offer of a fast week at
 Coromandel but give no particulars
 Last but not least - I have seen Mr. Gas-
 Coopers & Mr. H. have several times - they has been
 here but the former this morning and looking very
 well - The white Swan - looked for daily -
 no news stirring - I send you a private letter
 the "Aniwa" is to go to White Island & some of
 the party will probably visit Rotomahana - A chance
 for you to go down to Bay of Plenty is a chance of course
 if you can have - Adieu - he is doing well
T.H.S.

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