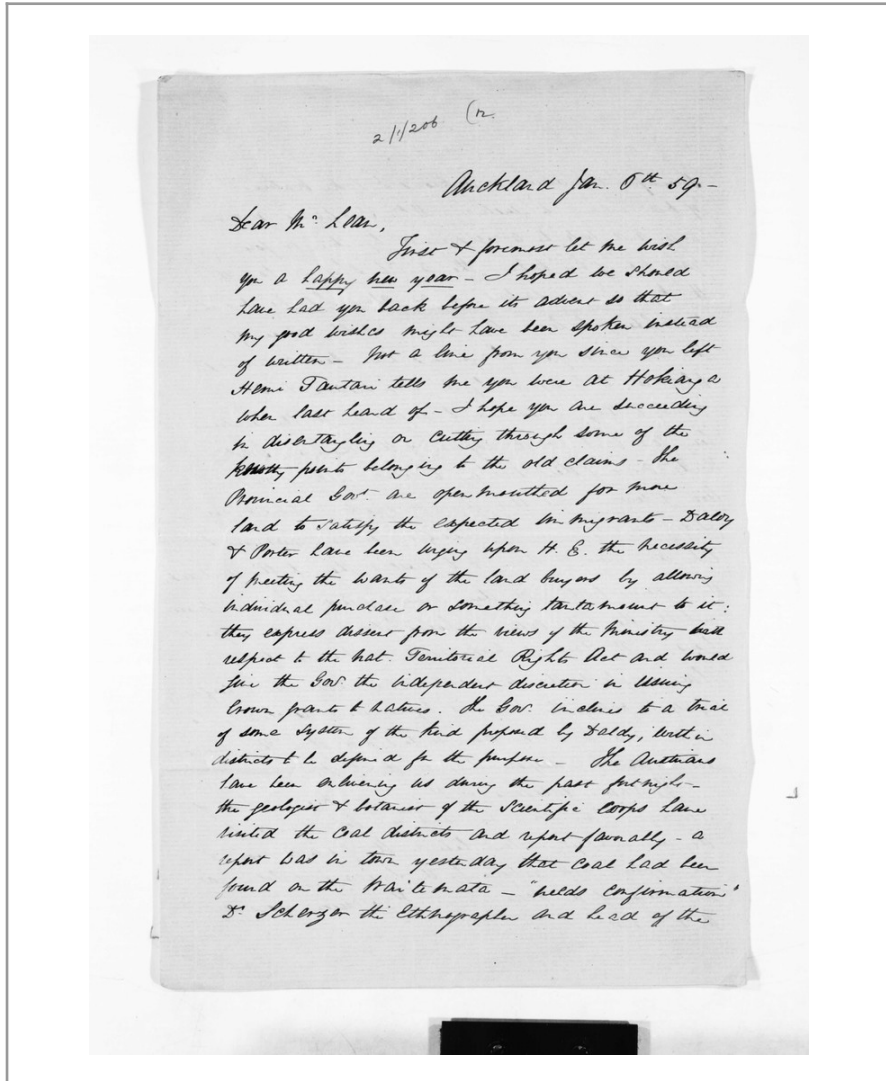
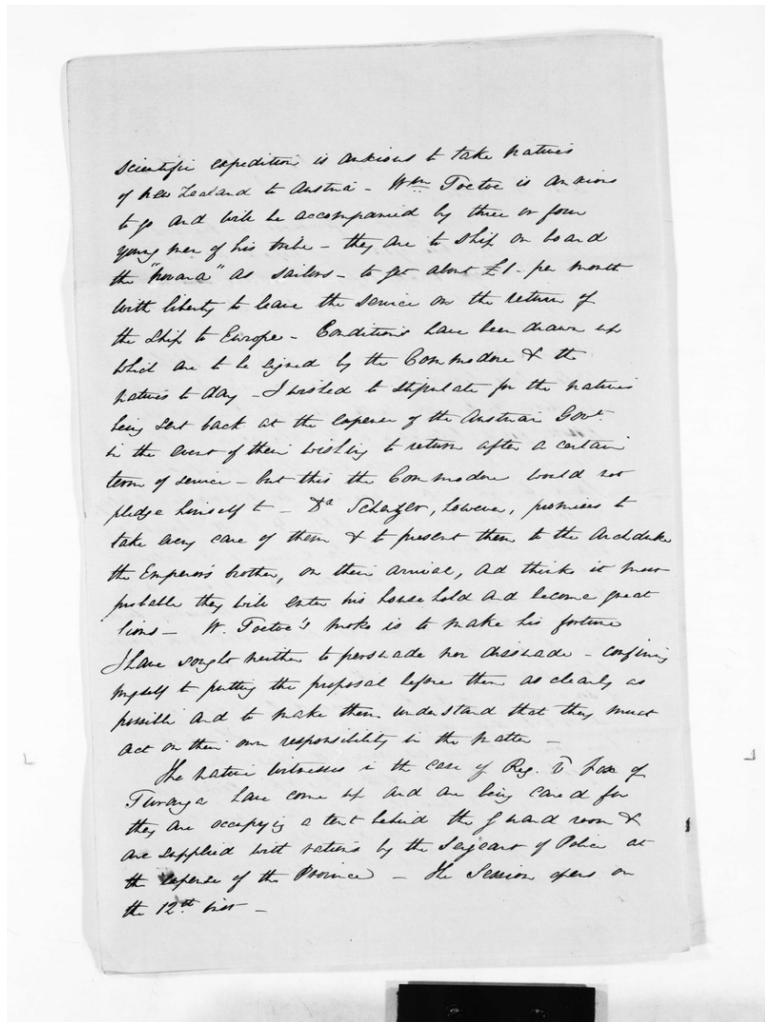


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It seems De Alada is in town and is waiting  
 to see the Gov. & yourself - he will return by  
 the steamer to Taranaki - He states that the  
 Whakatani Chiefs of the King party propose to  
 discuss a peace being made between H. King  
 & H. M. - That if they succeed the land is  
 to be landed on to the "Amara" - 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 - It also reports the sudden  
 death of Hone Rapaha Moke -  
 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 secured  
 her in the office since the "Amara" - Amara. 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 "Amara" is to go to White Island & some of  
 the party will probably visit Rotomahana - A. O. H. M.  
 for you to go down to Bay of Plenty - a man of war  
 if you can have - Adieu - he is doing well  
T. H. Smith

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