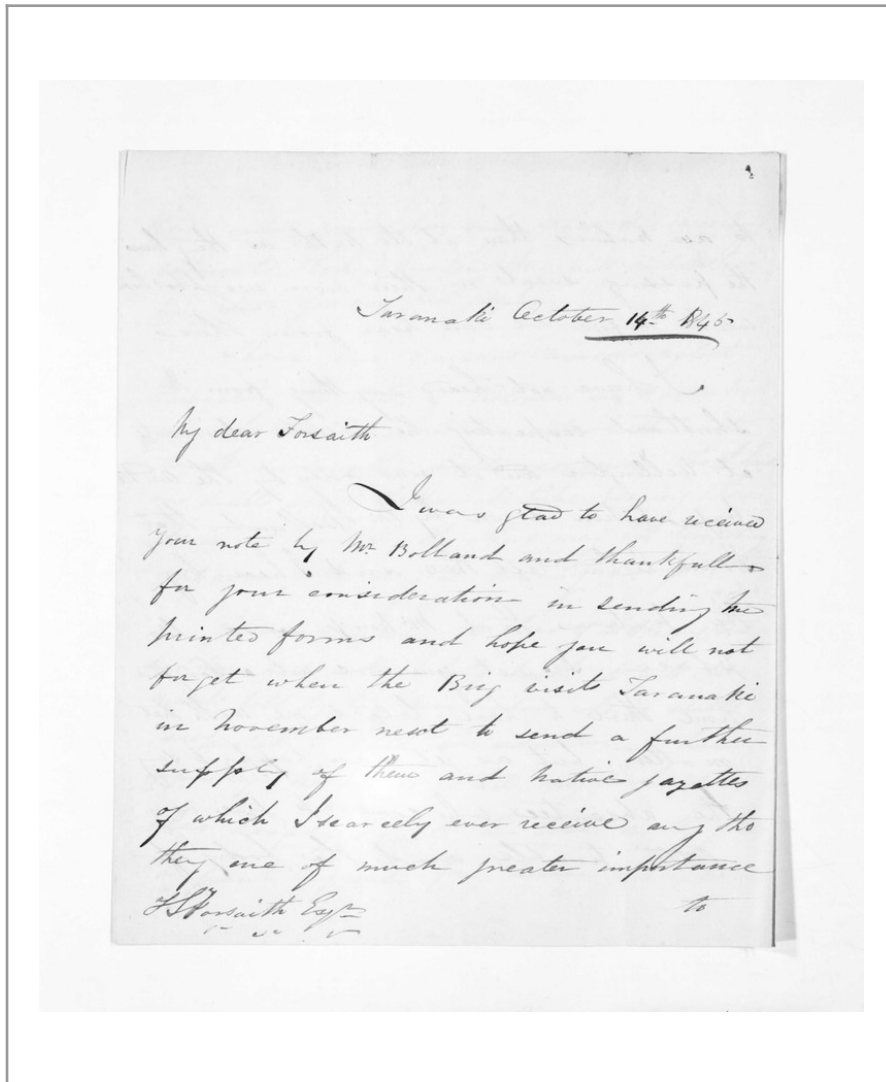


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to our natives than at the north as they know
the passing events in their own neighbourhood
weeks before we can hear from them

I have not heard anything from Mr
Shottland respecting the absentee claimants
at Wellington and it was only by the auction
papers taken down by Mr. Woodland that
I saw he had left them and I hear by
the natives that Mr Kemp is in his
place. I regret you were not a longer
time there to have helped me with that
matter, but as yet I am happy to say
the absentees who come up give very
little trouble and the body of

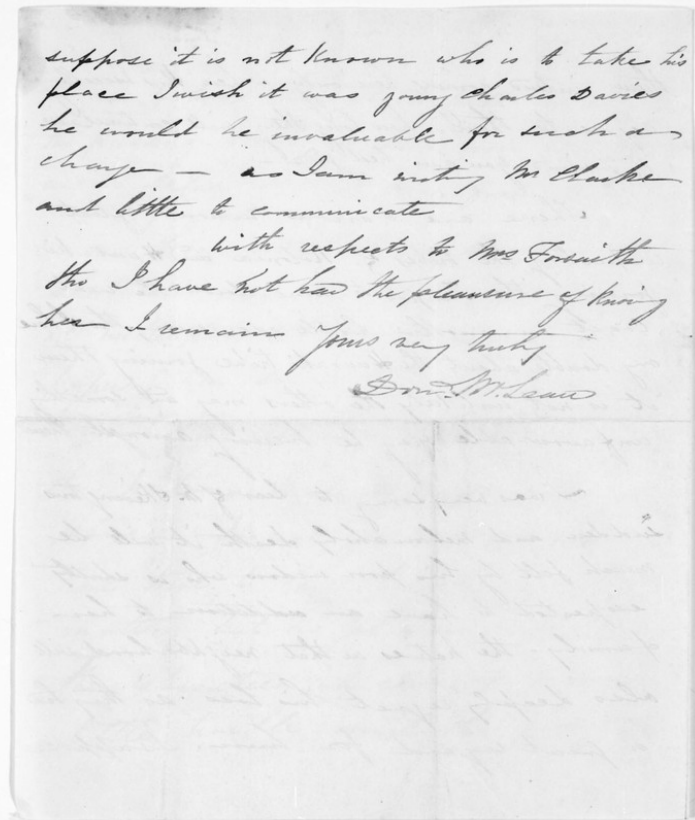
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them intend coming here only when His Excellency
requests them - how long they will continue in
this mind you can best judge -

There are various rumours afloat
respecting the tribes of Rotomua and Hauraki
joining the Tairāpapa to come down the west
Coast on another hostile excursion, tho I have
my doubts about the Hauraki tribe joining them
it is not unlikely the others may and something
unfavourable may be brewing amongst them.

I was very sorry to hear of Mr. King's
sudden and melancholy death it will be
much felt by his poor widow who is shortly
expected to have an addition to her
family - the natives in that neighborhood will
also deeply regret his loss as they had
a great regard for him. I suppose

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suppose it is not known who is to take his
place I wish it was young Charles Davies
he would be invaluable for such a
charge - as I am visiting Mr Clarke
and little to communicate
with respects to Mrs Forsaith
tho I have not had the pleasure of seeing
her I remain yours very truly
Sir Donald McLean