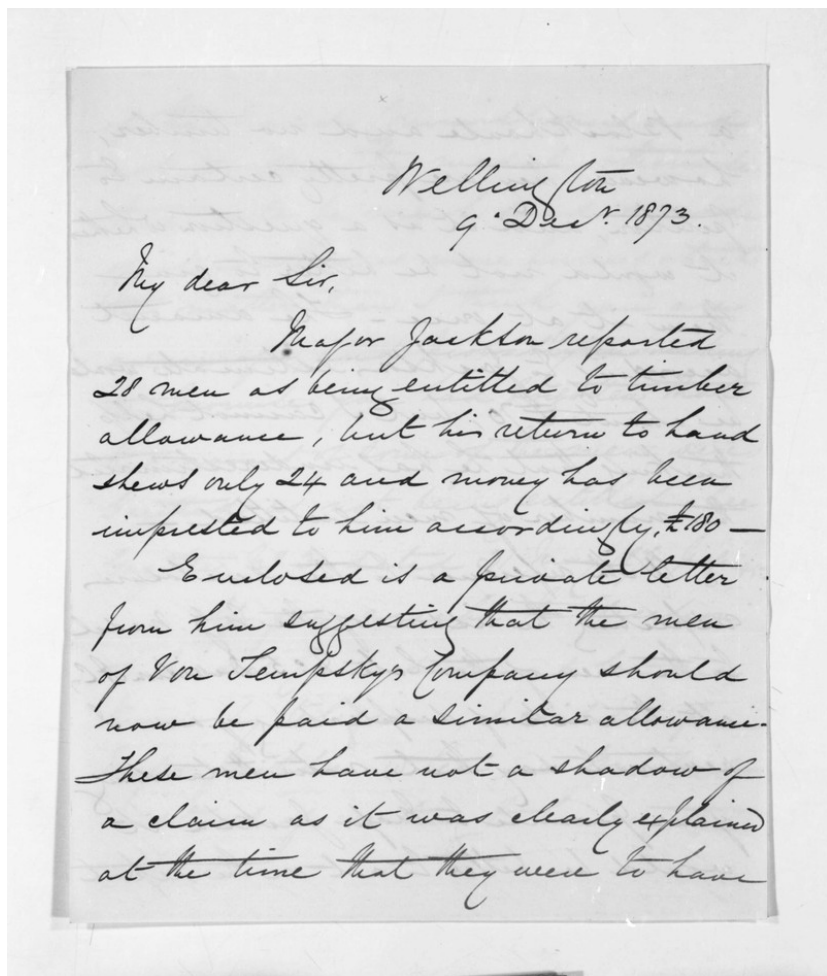


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Wellington  
9 Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1873.

My dear Sir,

Major Jackson reported  
28 men as being entitled to timber  
allowance, but his return to hand  
shews only 24 and money has been  
imprest to him accordingly, £100—

Enclosed is a private letter  
from him suggesting that the men  
of Von Lempsky's Company should  
now be paid a similar allowance.  
These men have not a shadow of  
a claim as it was clearly explained  
at the time that they were to have

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a Blackhouse and no timber; of the  
 however, they are pretty certain to not  
 petition, and it is a question whether there  
 it would not be better to give of it  
 them it at once - The amount this  
 according to Jackson's estimate would awa  
 be about £70, but I cannot help the p  
 thinking that he had underestimated the  
 the number of men entitled - Gazet  
 With reference to the enclosure, Gazet  
 respecting the issue of the N. Z. Medal  
 to the men of the late R. 5 Division N. Z., of N  
 at the risk of displeasing you I know  
 venture to say that, notwithstanding Major  
 your promise to Major Jackson it ind  
 would be better to act on the report subp

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of the Medal Commission and  
not to issue the medal, otherwise  
there will be much said & made  
of it - There is more feeling about  
this matter than I think you are  
aware of, and probably in making  
the promise you had forgotten that  
the names of some of the men were  
gazetted as not being entitled - See  
Gazette n<sup>o</sup> 31 dated 31 May 1874, page 44.

If you accept the decision  
of Medal Commission, & let me  
know by telegram, I could inform  
Major Jackson when in Waikato  
instead of writing to him on the  
subject -

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