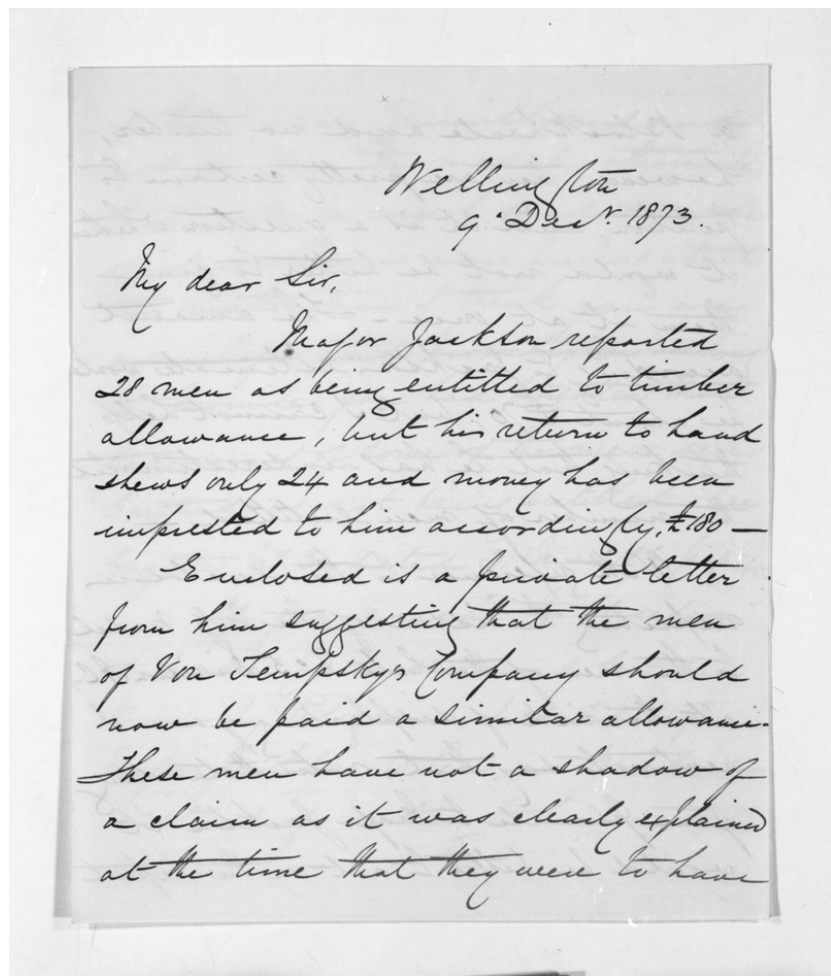


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Wellington
9 Dec^r. 1873.

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^o 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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