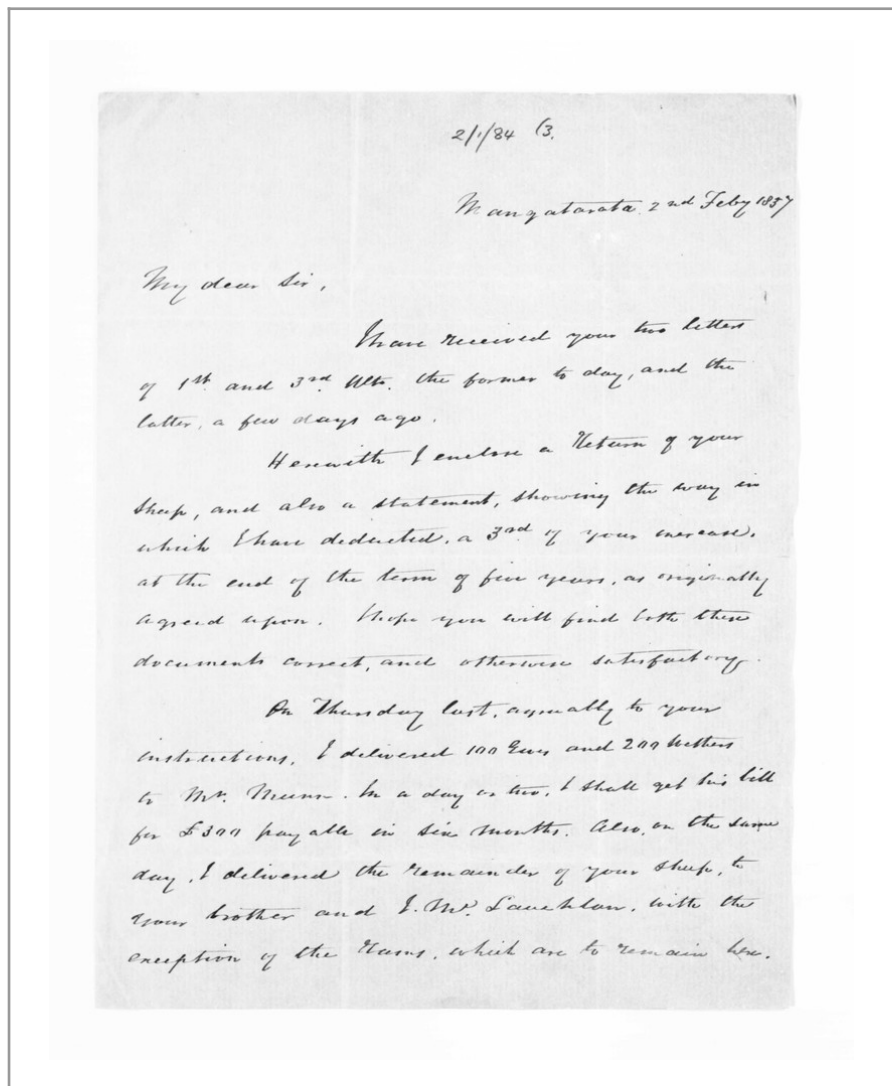


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till April. the proper season, for putting them to
 the test. Your four original Marine Rams, are now
 too old, to be of any further service. unless they from
 you to the contrary, I propose replacing them,
 with six young ones, the gift of Mr. Kirk's rams,
 from the best of a flock of ours, we purchased
 some time ago, from Mr. Tiffin. The price I shall
 charge you, for these Rams, will be £3. 10/ each.

I am not yet able, to send you an Ap
 scales, of your kind. All that has reached
 Wellington, has been sold at 1/3 per lb. The expense
 of getting the wool, to market this year is enormous

You get a very fine price, & consider, for
 the sheep you sold Mr. Munn. I at least, we
 are told, are selling in Wellington, at 10/ each,
 and ones, free from seal, can be purchased on
 the coast, for 20/ each. Unless the natives take
 to selling large blocks of land, sheep will soon
 be scarce here. Between Napier and East-land,

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There are already, upwards of 50,000 ~~head~~ ^{heads} of sheep
 producing annually from 50,000 to 55,000 lambs, which
 with the growing compound increase, ^{is sufficient to} ~~will~~ ^{be sufficient to}
 all the available country, between Napier and Auckland
 in a very few years. My plan is already sketched
 and I must sell a number of sheep, every year
 equal to the increase

I thank you for your kind offer,
 to assist me in disposing of fat stock
 at Auckland, I should like to avail
 myself of it, but I fear I shall not
 have the opportunity.

By the by, you do not say how Munro's
 bill is to be disposed of, whether it is to be sent
 to you, or kept here? - I suppose Messrs. ~~Waters~~

I shall write you again soon, and wishing
 you a very prosperous career, as a sheep farmer
 I remain, very sincerely,

Yours,
 Donald Gollan

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