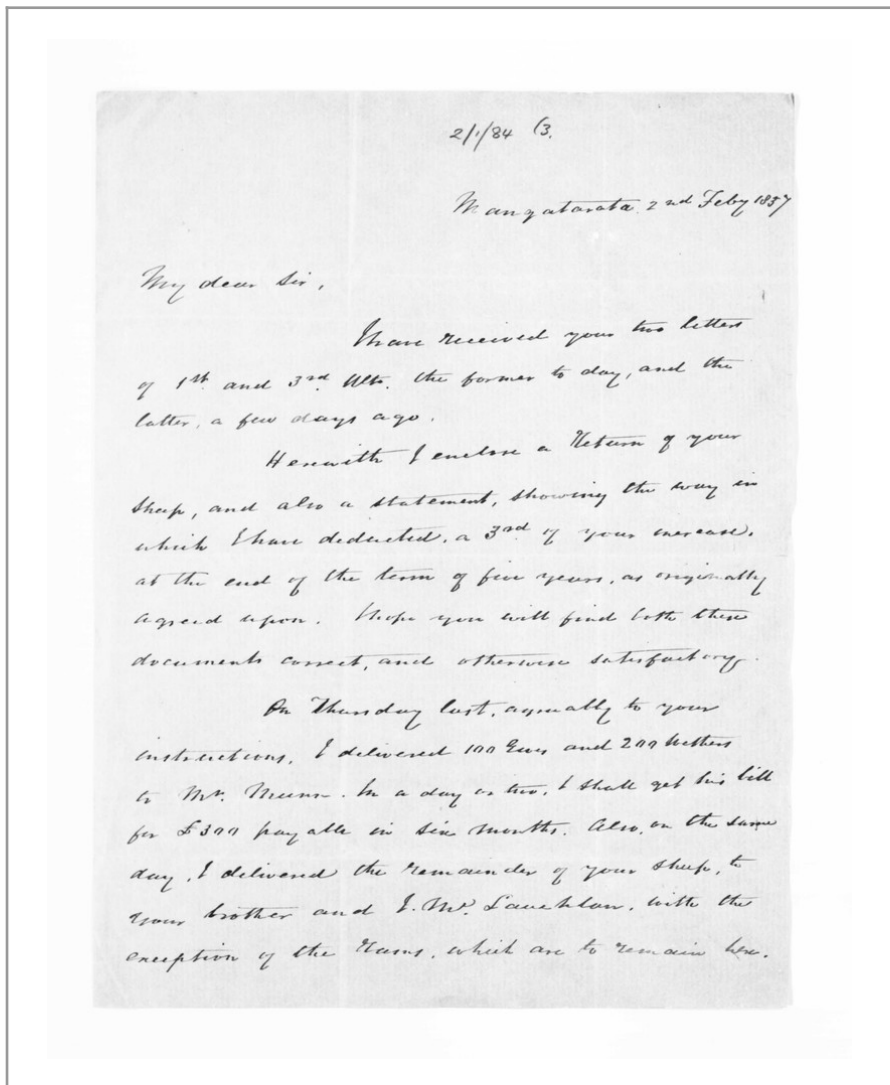


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till April. the proper season, for putting them to the pens. Your four original Merino Rams, are now too old, to be of any further service. unless they from you to the contrary, I propose replacing them, with six young ones, the gift of Mr. Kirk's 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 £5. 10s of each.

I am not yet able, to send you an Ap Seal, of your breed. 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 10s each, and ones, free from Seal, can be purchased on the coast, for 20s. each. Unless the natives take to selling large blocks of land, sheep will soon be scarce here. Peterson 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 supposed to} will ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~able~~ ^{be}
 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 sheep
 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 Munro ~~keeps~~

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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