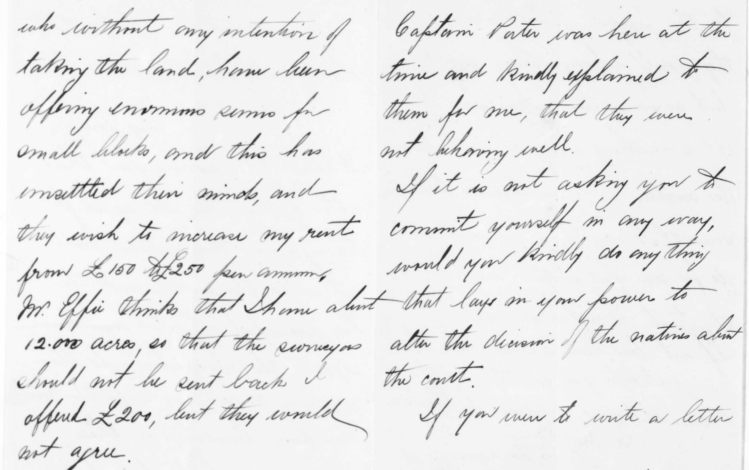


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Tukomaru
8th Oct 1874
Sir Donald McLean,
I am very sorry
to have to inform you that
after getting the surveyors from
Tukomaru the natives will
not allow the survey, and the
two principal objectors ~~are~~ have
signed the requisition for the
surveyors to come and for the court.
There have been two or three
white men about here lately

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who without any intention of taking the land, have been offering enormous sums for small blocks, and this has unsettled their minds, and they wish to increase my rent from £150 to £250 per annum. Mr. Effie thinks that I have about 12,000 acres, so that the surveyors should not be sent back to appeal £200, but they would not agree.

Captain Pater was here at the time and kindly explained to them for me, that they were not behaving well.

If it is not asking you to commit yourself in any way, would you kindly do anything that lays in your power to alter the decision of the natives about the coast.

If you ever to write a letter

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to the people of Tokomaru
they would change their minds,
but as I may be asking you to
do something wrong, I will leave
the matter in your hands feeling
sure that any thing you would care
do for me you will.

I trust Douglas is well.
If not too late allow me to
congratulate you on the well
deserved honor conferred by the Queen.

Believe me
Sir D. Dear Sir,
Yours very truly
A. C. Arthur