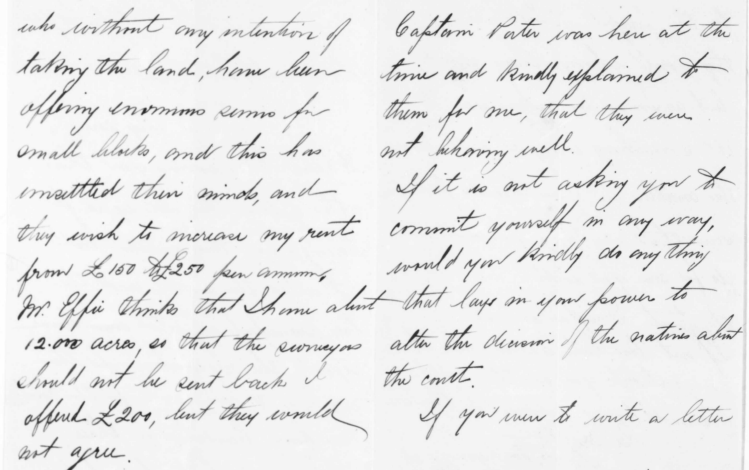


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Tukomaru  
8<sup>th</sup> Oct 1874  
Sir Donald McLean,  
I am very sorry  
to have to inform you that  
after getting the surveys from  
Tukomaru the natives will  
not allow the survey, and the  
two principal objectors ~~are~~ have  
signed the 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 will 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. McLean  
Yours truly  
A. C. Arthur