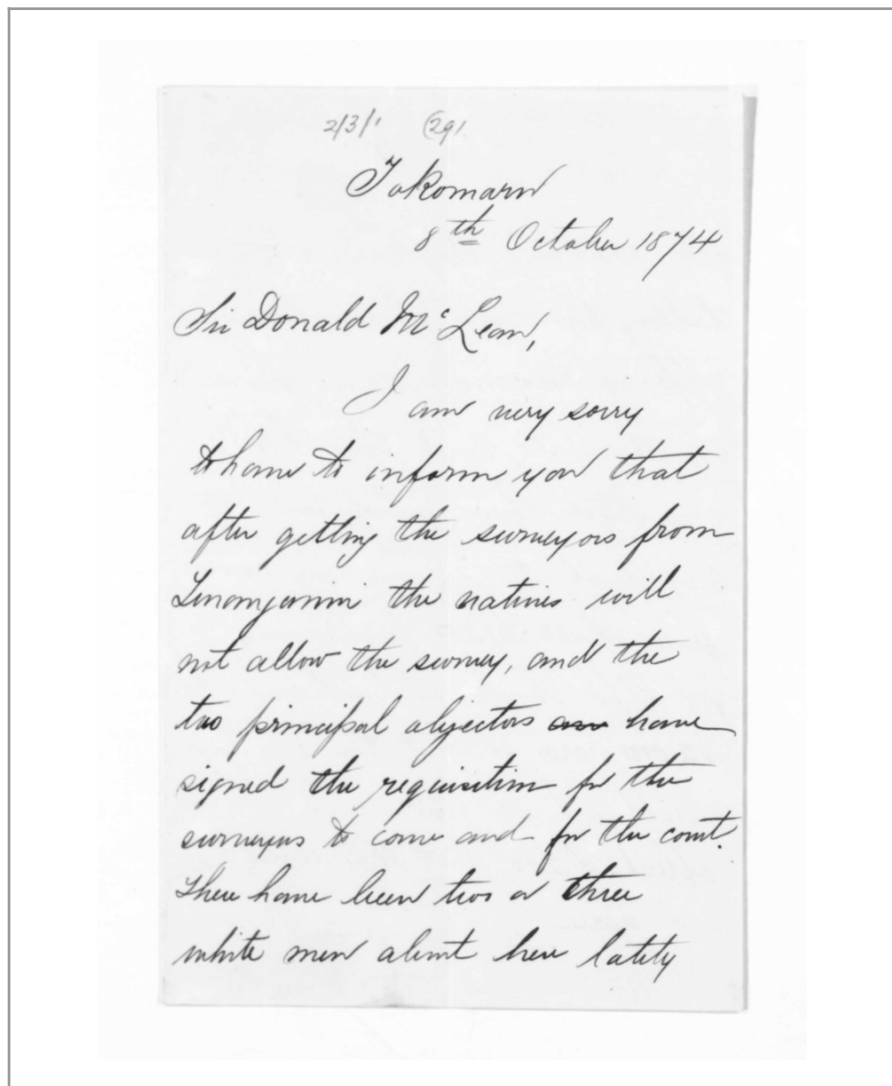
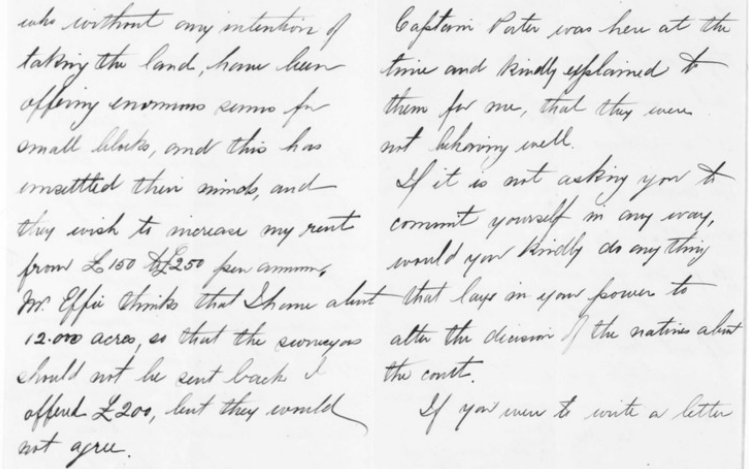


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take without any intention of
taking the land, have been
offering enormous sums for
small blocks, and this has
exasperated their minds, and
they wish to increase my rent
from £150 to £250 per annum.
Mr. Effie thinks that I have about
12,000 acres, so that the surveyors
should not be sent back, I
offer £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 any thing
that lays in your power to
alter the decision of the natives about
the matter.
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