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Old Mens Refuge
A. MacKenzie
Suthland
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To the Honble G. McLean
Sir

I trust you will pardon me for the liberty I am taking in addressing you upon the present occasion and my reason for doing so is briefly told in the following statement when the House of Representatives was sitting last year Major Jackson M. P. presented a petition of mine before the House praying for compensation for losses sustained by me in the West Coast thro' the Native War in the year 63 as that was the last I heard of the said ^{petition} I have written Major Jackson asking him to refer the said petition to the Public Petitions Committee, and trust you will have the kindness to support

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He said Justice. You are aware
of heavy losses sustained by me
in the year of 60 & 61. Those I do
not claim compensation for
as I understand the jurisdiction
of the Court only extends to 63
I only ask for what is justly
due to me and which every other
settler in the Waikato get except
myself. and I do not see why I
should be made an exception though
been unavoidable absent from the Province
at the time the Compensation Court
was sitting. I am now in a most
helpless condition having lost my sight
and if your Hon^{le} House would grant
what is justly due to me I might
be able to go to Sydney or Melbourne

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where I could obtain proper medical
advice - and by the blessing of
God get my sight
Please pardon me for troubling
you - but as the matter is of
importance to me I trust you
will see justice done to me
and you will be conferring an ever
lasting favor upon an unfortunate
who is not able to help himself
in the circumstances over which
he has no control
I have the honor to
remain, ^{to you} with much respect
Your Obed Servant
A. MacKenzie
Lake of
Waikato