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Self. Lett. St. Ahuriri

Dear Mac

I received your two notes
by the Rose & have to congratulate
you upon your marriage, please
give my best wishes to Mrs
McLean {Mac the married man}



I expect it will be well on
in October before I see
you here - I have not
yet seen any thing of
Ropika but Pelichor
starts on Monday, as soon as I can
make it (now that the paper has
arrived) I will send a large map
of the three districts addressed to
D. McLean Esq

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The Mr. Secretary in case you should
 have left. The Maoris have nearly
 finished a good house for you
 on the Island. I have given orders
 & bills to make three good windows
 for it as it is deserving of them.
 everything is quiet & dull here - if
 you think there is any chance of
 my remaining here if you can arrange
 for the purchase of a ^{1,150 acres} ~~1,150 acres~~ for £50
 please to do so for me - I will not
 give a farthing more as I know
 they will soon be below that. but
 I would give ^{of a} 10% an acre for a small
 one of 50 acres provided I can select
 the land I want here with it -

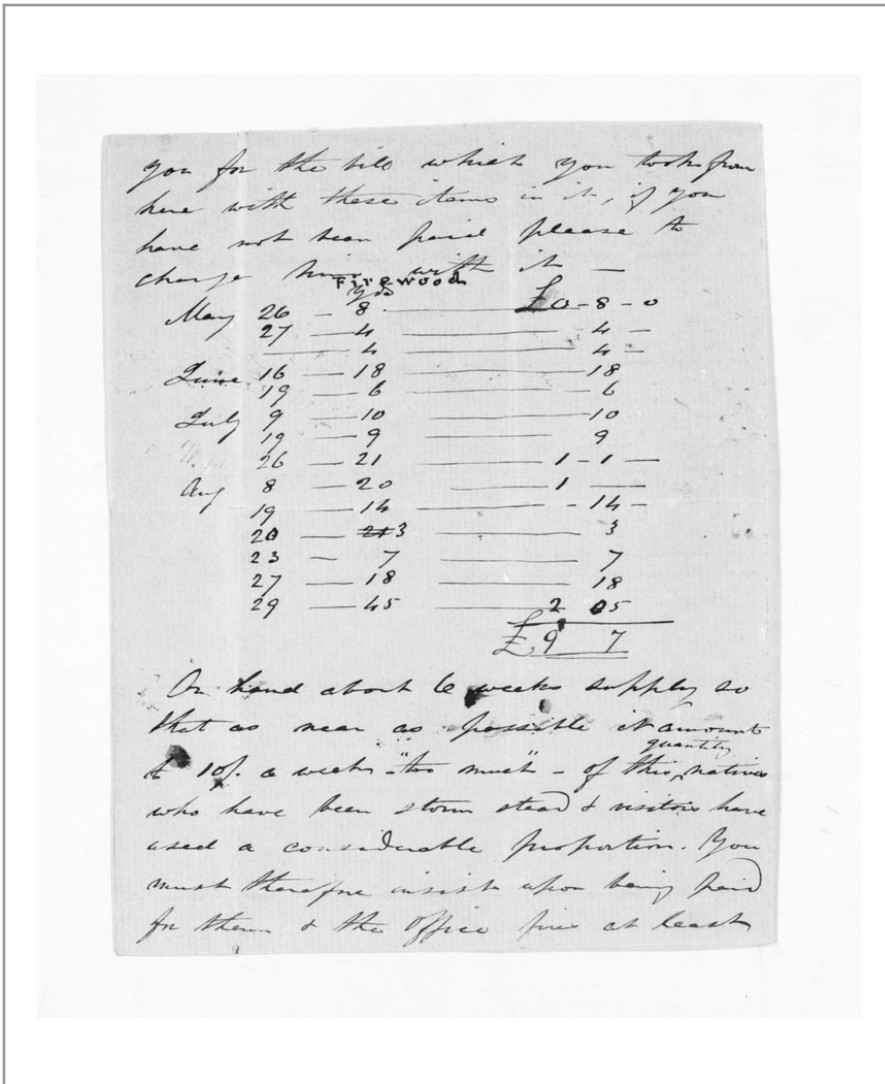
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What a fellow that Fitzgerald is
 he sends up one of the field books
 without a metallic pencil & it is
 if you see using a common one with
 them - please to ~~send~~ ^{bring} me a pencil
 with you - there were two good card
 protractors in the Cays Office they
 can't wait both for the work they
 are upon -

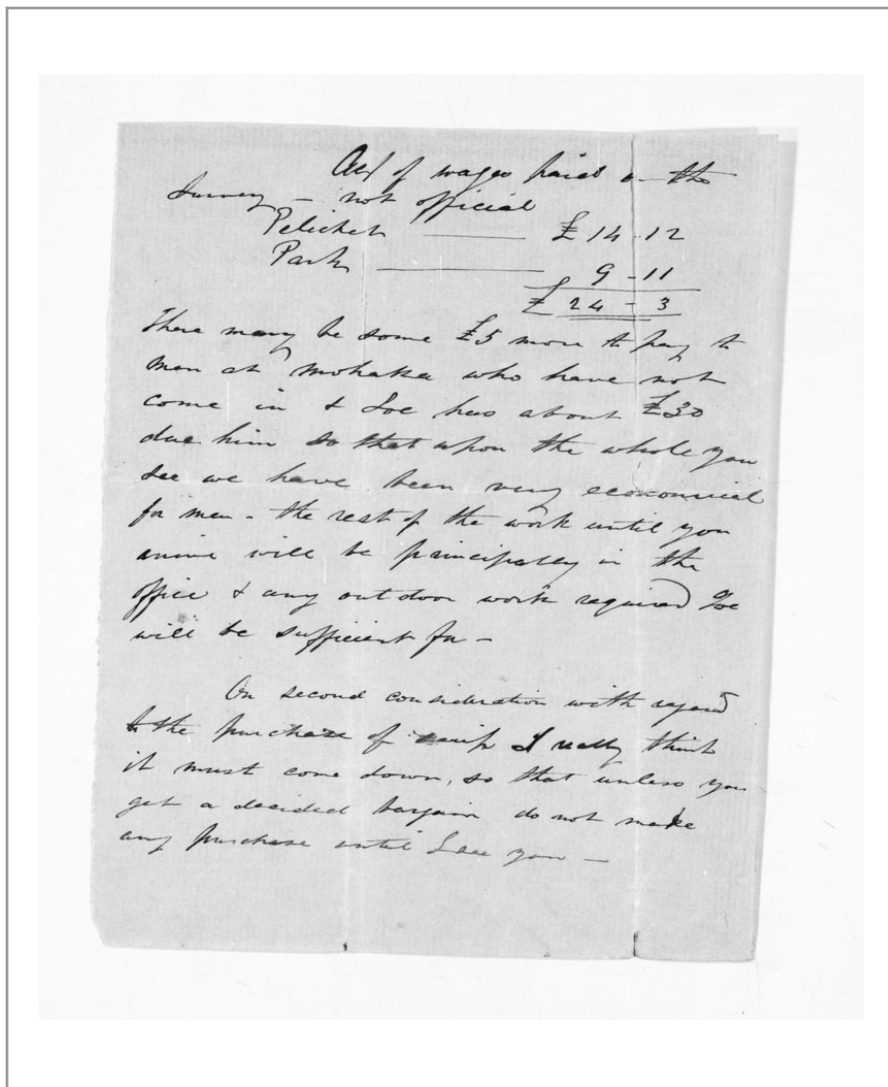
Below is a statement of the
 firewood used by us since you left
 which will show you what a tax
 it is. I do not charge Pelletier with
 a share of it as I still think the
 Government should pay - at least for
 1/2 the office requiring a great deal
 & keep the paper in working order
 I have not charged P. with Kettle &c
 which I paid unscathed for as I do
 not know whether Govt. should pay

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