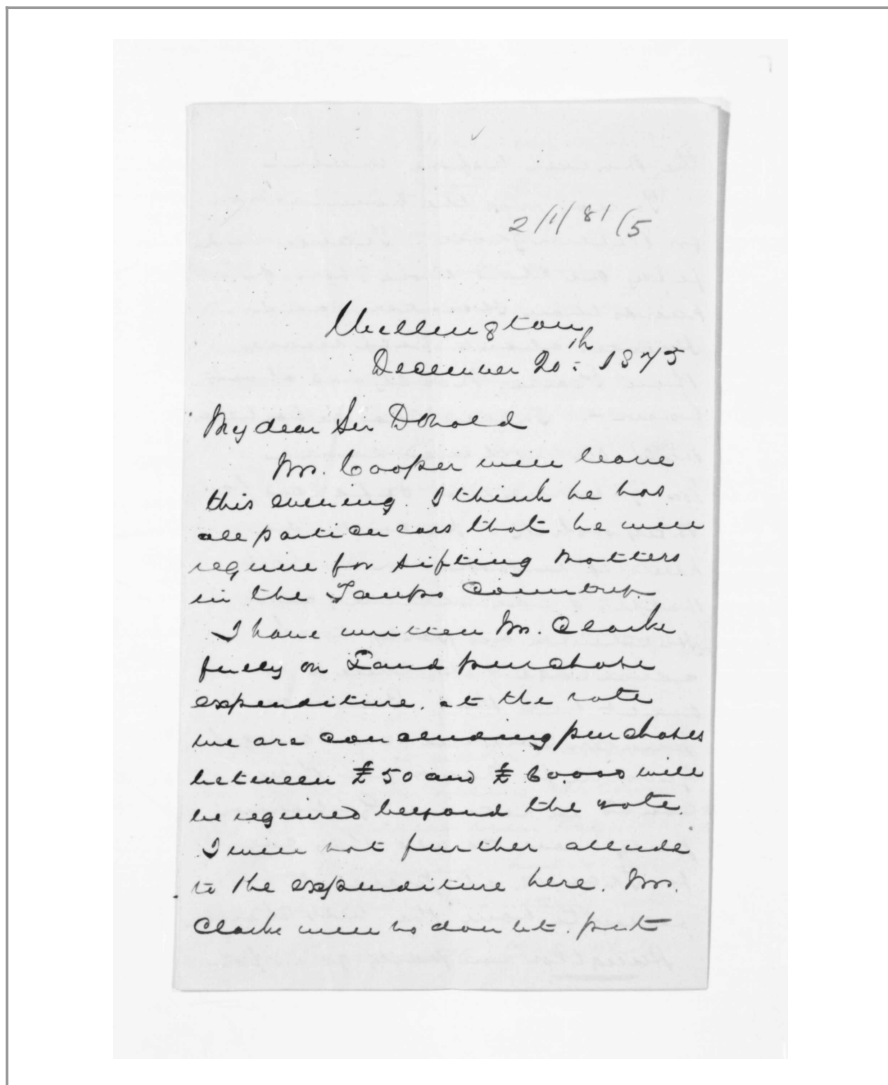


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the matter before you -
% day was the nomination
for Wellington. Travers had
fifty one third more votes
than Hunter, and
Hunter about half more
than Pearce. Moody had about
four. - Travers' chance has been
much strengthened since
Mr. Gilmore was defeated for
Mayorship. - He had made
himself unpopular in the
matter of education, and
Hutchinson and party took
advantage of it. there is no
doubt but that Pearce and
Hunter's committee damaged
Gilmore for Mayor all they
could, in return Gilmore's
party will do all they can
for Travers. at present he
seems to have the best chance
Houghton and party go in for

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Travers and Heaters. —
at the Hutt. Hutchinson
stands against Fitzherbert
and unless he makes himself
more popular than he is at
present, his chance of re-election
is not certain. His constituents
complain he has never seen
them, has never addressed them
while Hutchinson and his
friends are working hard, even
to personal excesses. It is said
Fitzherbert is waiting for
the evening paper
decision, before he will
address his people. —
Pleasance is up the Wairarapa
his election seems certain
He and Andrew run together.
Major Atkinson has a month
before he leaves meeting at
New Plymouth, to night

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is well to at Hailera.

Reverend says he is sope —

I have not yet seen your
speech but from what
the Times this morning says
in its leader, all went
as well. of course, who ever
thought otherwise. —

Everyone seems engrossed
in election matters, in
departmental work all
is going on well and smooth.

Your Waiver Land purchases
are a great success. I hope
the Haurua Block and
the Waikau Block will be
settled then Auckland will
have 300,000 acres of fair land
to deal with. —

Yours faithfully and
Sincerely

Richard John Gill