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My dear Mr Maclean,
You will be sorry to
hear I am writing from
my bed room to which I
have been confined for
rather more than a week
my complaint is similar
to yours Rheumatic fever
but I am thankful to
say in a much milder
degree. at present the
pain is seated in the head
but I trust is beginning
to give way to the D^o & K^o
I felt quite melancholy
at being unable to take
my duties last Sabbath
this being the first time
D. Maclean Esq^r.

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I have omitted doing so since I have been at Wanganui when about it is however the Lord's will & it is my duty to bear patiently when he puts upon me.

My sentiments fully coincide with yours relative to the native affairs. If the number be greatly increased the dignity of the office will be diminished, and little good effected by it I would therefore limit the number to three or four fresh ones at the most among those I would place

1. John Williams Hopy
2. Hakarais
3. Pehi Parikino Manjanitea
4. Wiremu Kingi Utapu

I do not admire Pehi but still it may be as well to make him one. Tini rau I like because I think him a straight forward man but there are nearly half a doz then of equal authority. - Wiremu Kingi of Utapu is a man of very great influence on the Wangaui & is looked upon as a chief justice not inferior even to the Resident Magistrate

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himself in wisdom, &
 Nakaraiu you know
 he is the chief of his
 place and a good sensible
 native. as for Pooa, he is
 too old and is becoming
 childish. Wrenu katuru is not to be
~~trusted~~ I hope to be soon
 released from my confine-
 ment & to leave my
 home on the 21st of Aug^r
 and I shall hope to see
 you before that period
 at yr old quarters.
 I was not surpris'd to find
 you had not gone to Otara
 I doubt whether you could
 at this season & whether any
 of the Rangitikei natives
 except in a body would be
 bold enough to accompany
 you. Has Dr Wilson sent yr
 documents? let me hear
 from you & how you man-
 aged to bear the cold, it must

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I am reminded you of your
early days.
Aug. 6 I am still a close
prisoner nor can I say
that I feel any better.
The Dr tells me I must
not leave my room
for the present & he
must be obeyed.

We all unite in kind
Regards & believe me
my Dear Mr Maclean
very sincerely yrs

Richard Taylor.

A Mr Feltner a German
missionary has arrived here
on his way to Warea
to join Mr R. There
he spent a day at

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