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My dear Maclean

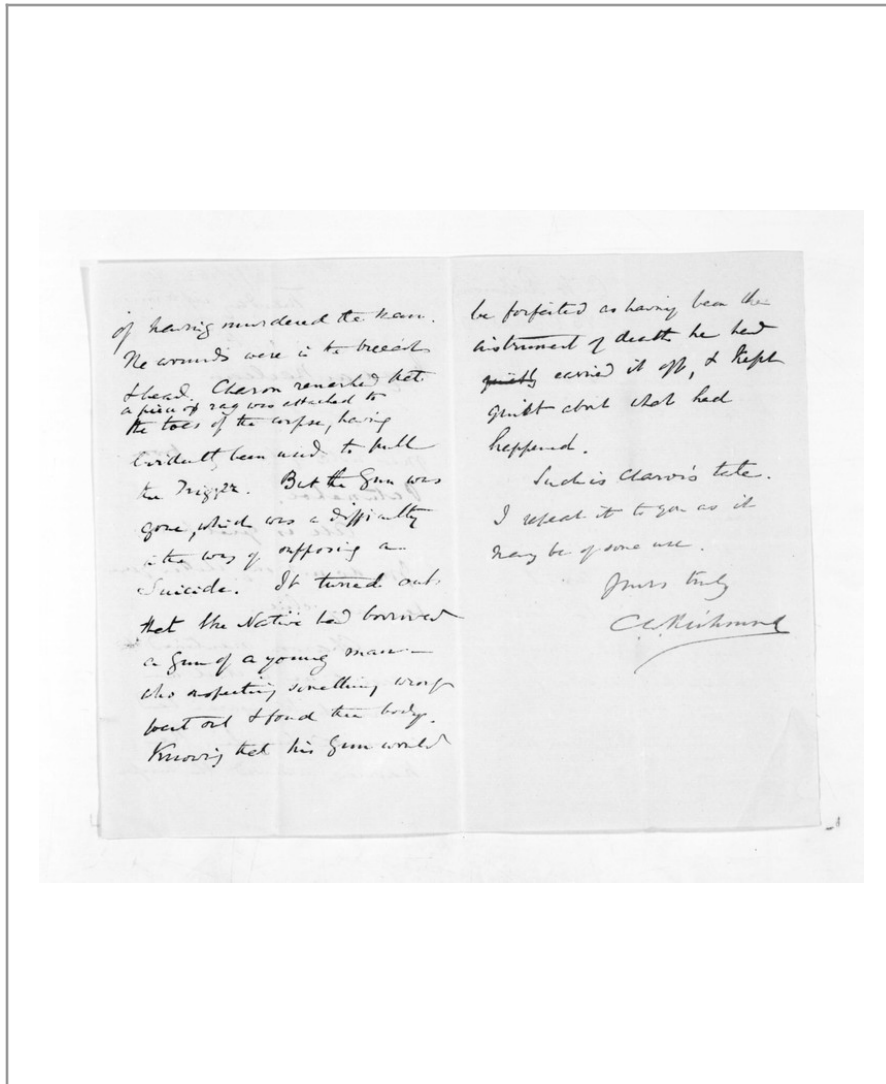
We have received
your note of today from
Patonahoe.

All is quiet here.

You do not say whether you
have any clue.

Charon mentioned to
a case to me in which a
Maori at Waiwairangi had
committed suicide. He
has since accused the Europeans

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of having murdered the man. The wounds were in the breast and head. Charon remarked that a piece of rag was attached to the toes of the corpse, having evidently been used to pull the trigger. But the gun was gone, which was a difficulty in the way of supposing a suicide. It turned out that the Native had borrowed a gun of a young man, who suspecting something wrong went out and found the body. Knowing that his gun would be forfeited as having been the instrument of death he had carried it off, and kept quiet about what had happened.

Such is Charon's tale. I repeat it to you as it may be of some use.

Yours truly,

C.W. Richmond.

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