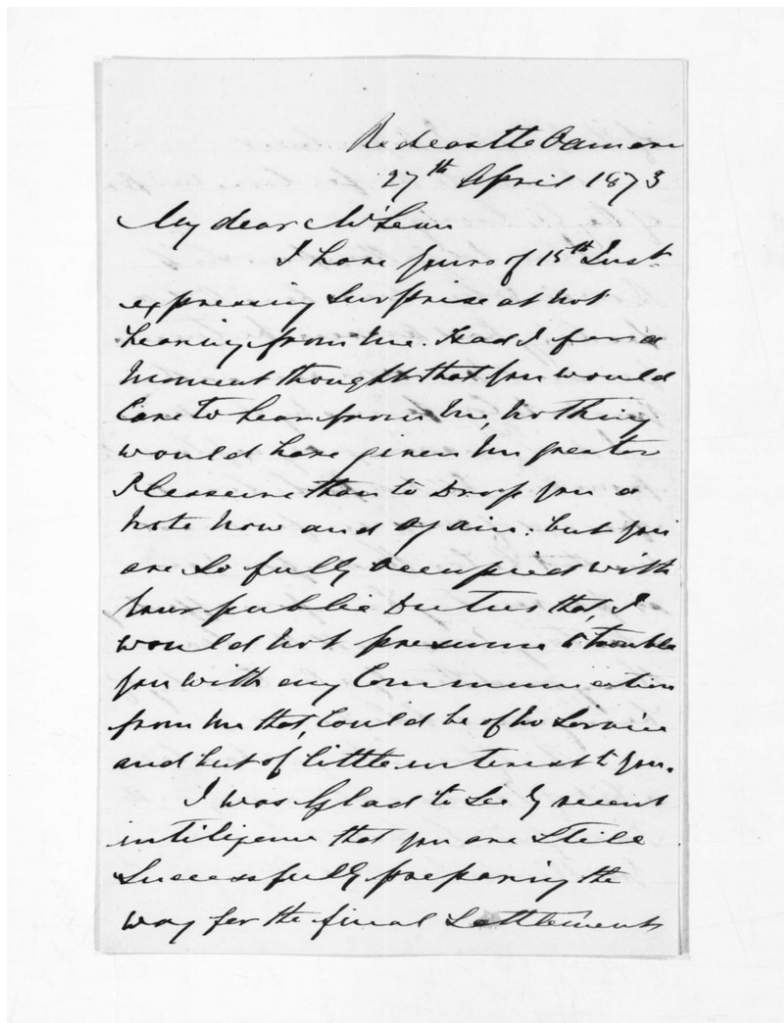


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My dear Sir
27th April 1873
My dear Sir
I have yours of 15th Inst.
expressing surprise at not
hearing from me. Had I for a
moment thought that you would
care to hear from me, no thing
would have given me greater
pleasure than to drop you a
note now and again. but you
are so fully occupied with
your public duties that I
would not presume to trouble
you with any communication
from me that could be of no service
and but of little interest to you.
I was glad to see by recent
intelligence that you are still
successfully preparing the
way for the final settlements

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of the first Sings land Water houses need, cross land
 in transit to the future but you have caused him a little of
 of the colony. ^{the propriety}
 I could not get you to see what about the best business.
 However when done here that a Honaia seems to be a good sub-
 feeling had a view between will then be a direct line?
 you and your own remainder I suppose that we have been
 permitted to compare by the way the cost of building these lines,
 I did see a copy of explanation of a Midland line.
 from him, but a political A general feeling of the tempo-
 rary of our interests of time prevails here with respect to
 but that he has had upon you way to the General Agent here
 in preventing him from effecting almost ruinous to the best
 a better way with the Maori's encouragement to their provinces,
 thing and thereby a certainty of which is a great pity.
 being enabled. I see that Dr. Tallen is at
 this of course might have been to represent the Government
 a bit of a reasonable variety in the in the supper houses. You could
 had of Sir G. Rose, but of course, but here he acts as better to be better.
 you know better. At any rate I see of the papers that the country

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