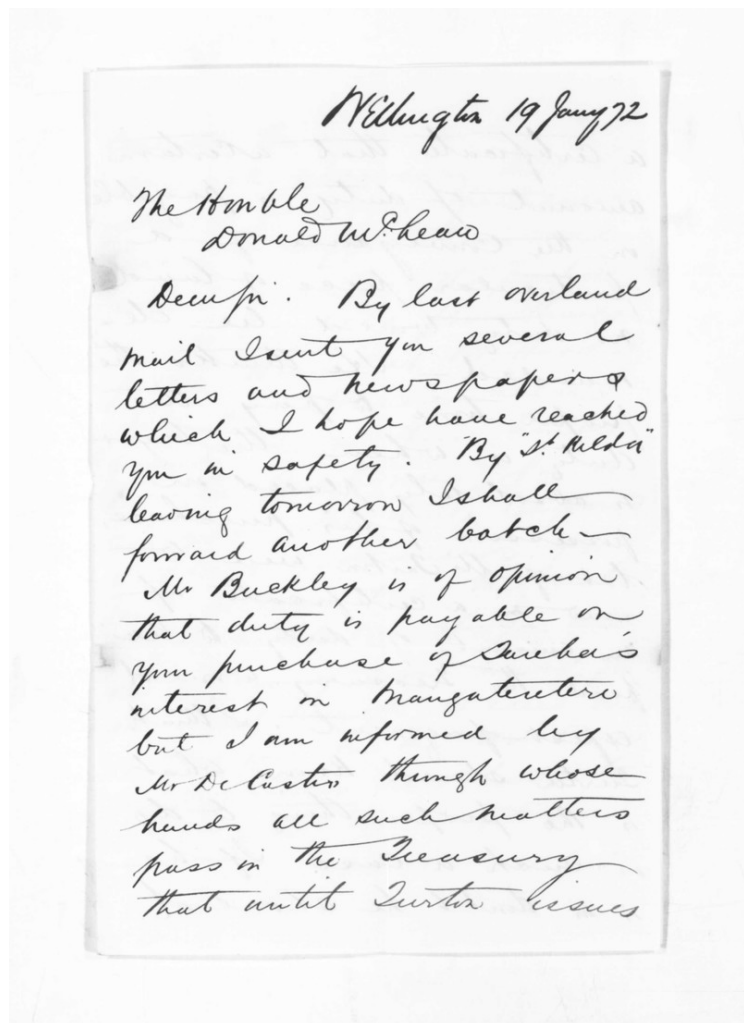


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The Honble
Donald McLean

Dear Sir. By last overland
mail I sent you several
letters and newspapers &
which I hope have reached
you in safety. By "St. Kilda"
leaving tomorrow I shall
forward another batch.

Mr Buckley is of opinion
that duty is payable on
your purchase of Sueda's
interest in Mangateutere
but I am informed by
Mr DeCuster through whose
hands all such matters
pass in the Treasury
that until further issues

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a certificate that a certain amount of duty is payable on the conveyance of a particular piece of land no duty would be demanded - He thinks the proper time to pay the duty is when the buyer is absolutely placed in possession of his purchase, but if Mr. Justice were to send in a certificate of an amount of duty to be paid the Treasury would expect payment. I think Justice should know what is the proper thing to do in such a case. If he is in doubt he should

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Consult the head of his dept.
It is not necessary that he
should put any particular
Care - a supposition one
would answer the purpose.
I bought a few things
for the House at Mr. Hood's
Sale and I have been
asked two or three times
by the Auctioneer for a
cheque. The things comprised
a chest of drawers for
Mrs McLean &c. they are
to about £12.0.0. if you are
not returning soon would you
be kind enough to send me
a cheque for the amt. as
the Auctioneer has had to
settle with Mr Hood and
is out of pocket -

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I have been working at
 the private accounts &
 am getting on very well
 but office work just now
 requires a good deal of
 watchfulness and care
 to prevent a muddle —
 Mr. Gill is complaining that
 the new Treasury system
 entails upon him so much
 extra work that he will be
 compelled to give up the ^{private}
 accounts — I have no objection
 to take them over if we can
 come to a proper understanding
 with you on the subject. It would
 press very hard on my time but
 I think by working systematically
 I could manage it.

We have no further abuse
 from Mr. Lord lately, indeed I
 think the "Post" will soon be tired
 of him, he has certainly not raised it
 in Public estimation. ^{I am very truly}
 Yours faithfully
 W. K. McLean