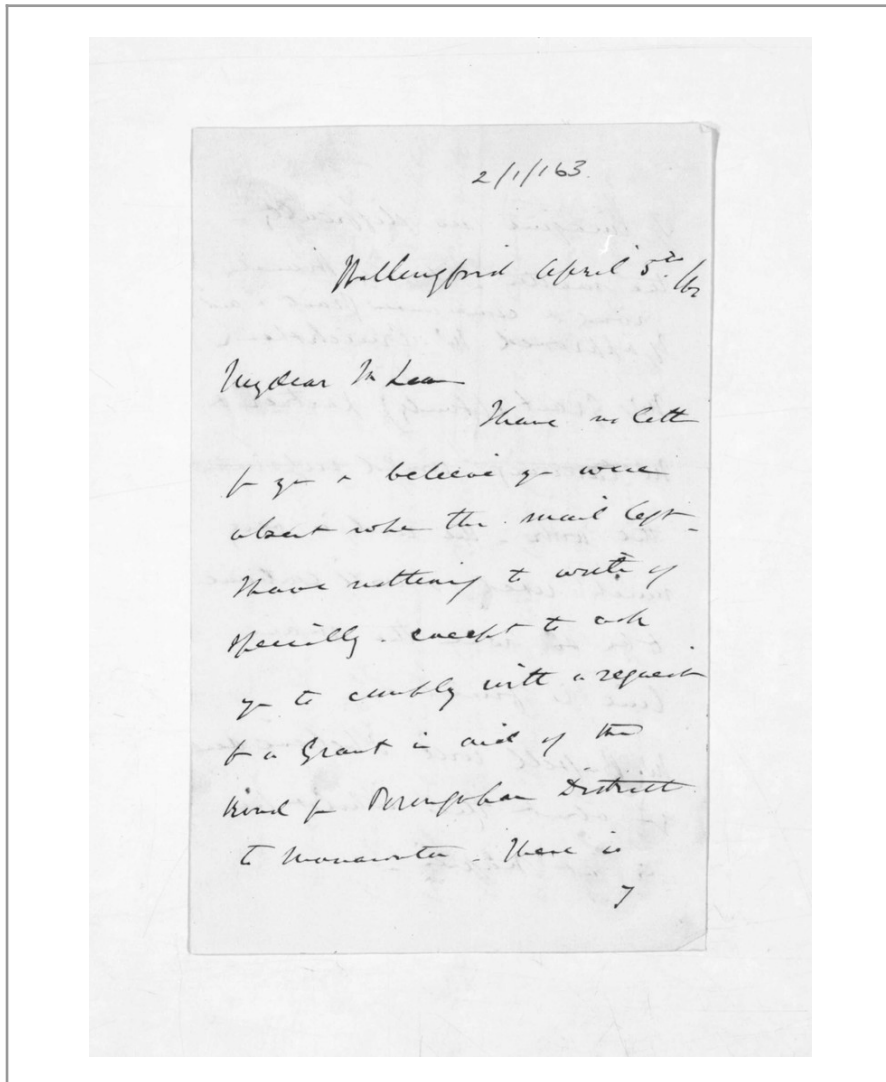


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I imagine no difficulty -  
 the matter - it is a branch  
 road & common ground & and  
 I approved Mr. Cruickshank  
 Mr. Grant's (study) partner &  
 Mr. Cairns would superintend  
 the work - the road is very  
 much used & will continue  
 to be so when the main  
 line is finished -  
 Mr. Russell will I believe see  
 to about this while he  
 is at Napier -

I am glad the main line thro' Manawatu  
 is being pushed on with. I am inclined  
 to think little Michael's service can very  
 well be dispensed with & that I should  
 like the work better without him ~~the~~ <sup>with</sup>  
 him. Whether I am going over my country  
 the other way I don't know, but by taking a  
 certain line 5 or 6 miles I could perhaps

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