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Thos. Mason  
 Te Tahereke  
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Dr. Sir

I have received another letter from John Sutherland, who is particularly anxious to obtain a copy (or an interpretation) of his lease of the native lands at Mataikuna: may I ask on his behalf that it may be forwarded to him -

Te Hapuku came with thy note (for which I am much obliged) and I arranged to pay him or another native, whom he named, an annual sum for the firewood. During his stay (so far as I can understand him), he denied the sale of the land between the ridge of the hill, which crosses my run, & the Manga o muku; is it so? or have I misunderstood him. I purposed stocking that side of the run, and should it prove that his claim is valid

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it would be prudent not to do so. I shall be glad to know.

Te Hapuku says the line at the eastern end is not correct as laid down by the Government Surveyors, but that is of less consequence than the other, as it is comparatively a slight difference.

I purpose leaving at the beginning of next week, and should be much obliged for information forwarded to my address as below.

With respects

I am

My friend sincerely

Thomas Mason,

Donald McLean

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