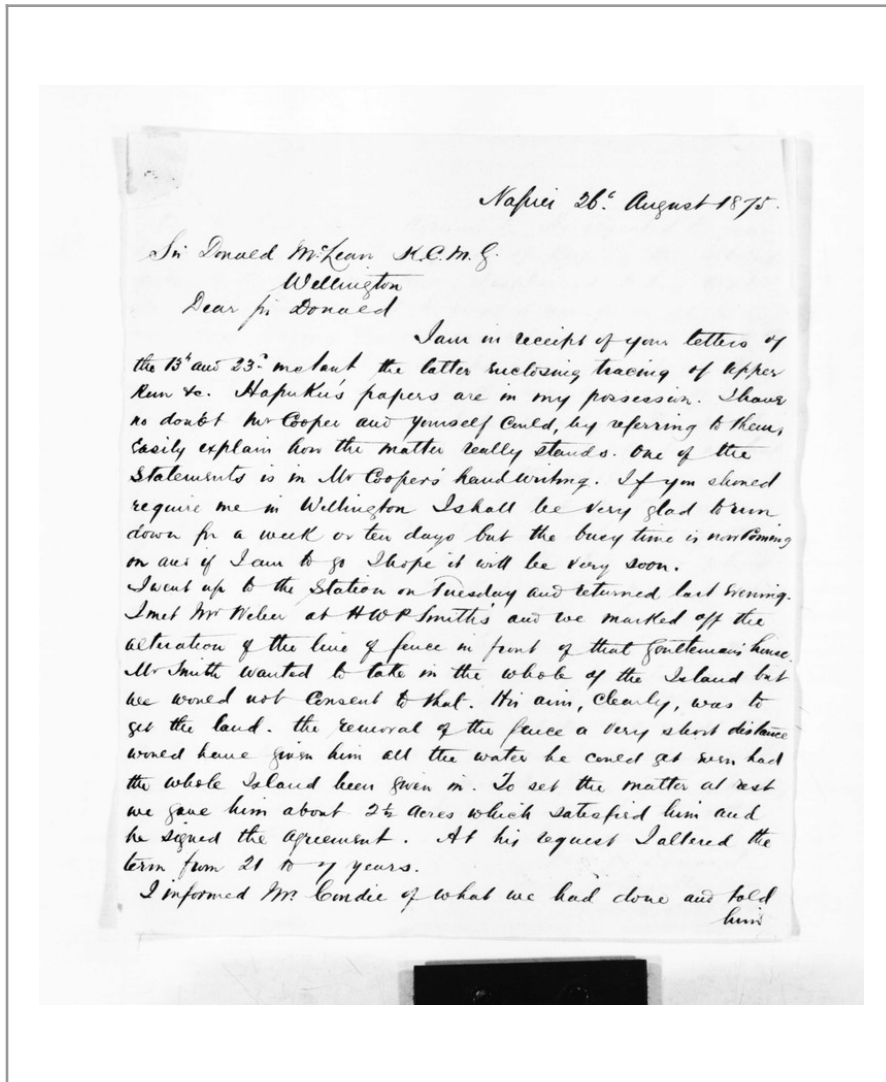


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him the terms of the Agreement. He objected to your having to pay half the expense of keeping the altered portion of the fence in repair. I explained to him that Mr Smith had agreed to erect a new fence at his own cost leaving the old one where it is and that the new fence would become part and parcel of the General boundary fence for the maintenance of which both parties had to contribute equally. The Site for the Church was also fixed upon and Mr Condie at last expressed himself satisfied with the whole arrangement but could not refrain from saying that Smith was a low cunning fellow. The Surveyor is laying off the line of the boundary fence between the two Runs which when completed will be marked on the map. we shall then be able to see how much of your land is on Smith's side of the fence and how much of his on yours.

The abolition bill seems to be giving ministers a great deal of trouble. People here are in favor of it as a good thing for the Colony as a whole but won't take the trouble to give a public expression of opinion. It is generally considered here that Sir George Grey is making a fool of himself or is being fooled by the other members of the opposition.

I remain
 Dear Sir Donald
 most faithfully yours
 W. K. McLean