

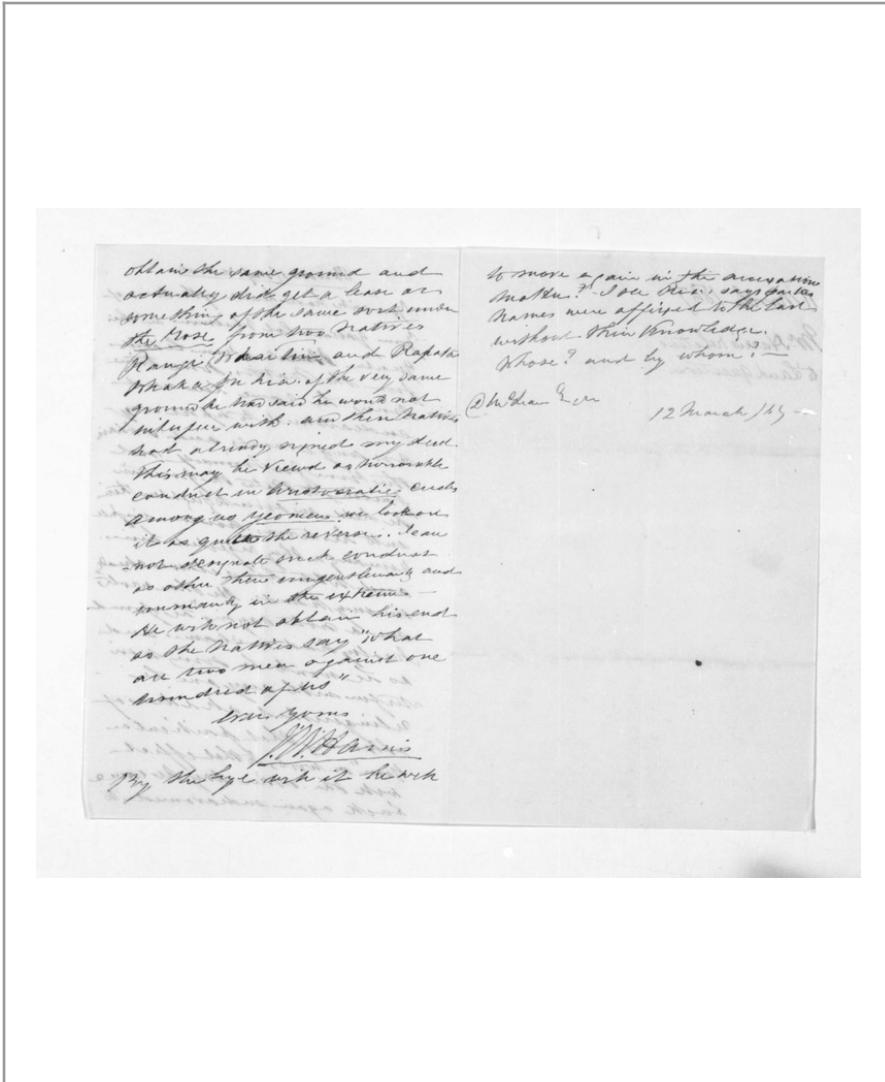
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You will have heard of the stories of
 your nephew Col Whiteman in this
 quarter. He had a very hard
 from the natives. Some time
 since he came here and
 endeavoured to open my
 arrangements and obtain
 this from me primarily not
 failing to state the position
 he held in order to get them
 into his terms. However in full
 among a they rejected him
 and told him it was dead
 in my hands. He then wrote
 me a note saying he found
 really had a claim and
 as it would be very to in
 dispute with any one he
 relinquished all idea of
 obtaining that particular
 from me with that effect
 with the other day he came
 back again endeavoured to

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obtain the same ground and
 actually get a base or
 something of the same sort under
 the nose from the Princes
 Range, Whakareia and Rapaki
 Whakaia in view of the very same
 ground he has said he would not
 dispute with any other nation
 that already signed my deed.
 This may be viewed as honorable
 conduct in British eyes
 leaving no room for dispute
 to be gained the rest of the
 world except such conduct
 as other than our own and
 ourselves in the extreme
 He will not obtain his end
 as the natives say "what
 are two men against one
 hundred of his"
 Yours truly
 J. W. Harris

To show again in the annexed
 sketch of the same ground
 names were affixed to the last
 without their knowledge
 whose? and by whom?
 Sir Donald McLean
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