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Apatiki

December 30th 1873

My dear Sir,

I forward herewith for your information a letter I have just received from the Wairua Country about the Ngatiwharua lease. The Wairua continue to be a good deal excited about the leasing question.

The question of Mr. Kelly's lease is now left in abeyance till after the meeting in February; he is however he informs me putting a man to reside on freehold land of his in the Whakatare Valley near Ruatōki and is going in a day or two to drive over a large drove of cattle which are to run on his own and surrounding lands. He has of course a right to do so, but I fear complications will arise if any cattle should stray over the confiscated boundary. I have asked Mr. Kelly to endeavour to keep them on this side - and the Wairua understand that

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that they are intended to run as the Coupercutid
black and not on their land -

Tamaitowho and some of his people visited
Opotiki at Christmas. He has considerable influence
and I think his views are moderating, and
that probably, he will after a time support the
leasing party and perhaps allow roads in.

You will probably like to be informed that
none of the Stanya a Mahaki who you ordered to
return from Poverty Bay have yet arrived - Those
who came over to attend the Land Court have
returned overland -

Believe me

Yours very respectfully,

Herbert W. S. Dribant,

Mr. Hon. D. McLean

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