

Private

Dear Sir

I have forwarded your letter to Mr Frankland who will, I have no doubt, give you all the information in his power. [?] all the correspondence pertaining [?] to Mr McLeod's removing his location from the Hunting ground took place in my absence from the office. I am not in possession of the exact particulars concerning it.

As far as my private opinion goes, which I would wish to have no other use made of, further than for your guidance if it should bear on the point, I take it for granted that Mr McLeod being the first applicant to locate in the Hunting ground would have the right of a first selection. Apart that [?] [illegible] clear [?] stance of your relinquishing this land at the lack of his original grant at his especial application his right would remit to you. If such should be the case it is very clear the land re[?]ed for purchase cannot interfere with the grant; and under any circumstance, whether his application to purchase has died a natural death or not by his not tendering for it at the time specified by the proclamation, it will be open to any person to tender for it, and I would strongly recommend you not to lose right of it.

I am Dear Sir
Yours very truly
Mr J Wedge

Mr Leake Esq
Lake Bank [?] 3 August

You had better call on Mr Frankland -
Doubtless the Bride is quite as Brisk [?] as the Bridegroom!!! - I shall expect a piece of cake. I cannot appoint a more fit person than yourself to offer congratulations on my behalf – see that you acquit yourself becomingly, but above all things, be careful that your chin be nicely shaved when you salute the bride, which is an indispensable part of the ceremony. Herein fail not under pain of my displeasure. Mr J W

Mr Wedge
3 August