

**Letter: John Morrison to Henry Selfe Selfe 17 May 1869**  
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16 Charing Cross

My dear Selfe,

I sent Mr Weld £25 before he sailed from Plymouth of the surplus fund arising from the Dinner: in acknowledging the receipt of it he desired me to express to you his grateful thanks for the kind interest... you took in the matter. When I get a final settlement from Mr Frances I will draw up a statement of the receipts and expenditure and submit it to you. The dinner is universally admitted to have been a great success. Thanks to you for it. The news received this morning from the Colony is anything but encouraging. I have a late newspaper extract with Telegrams from Wellington to 18<sup>th</sup> March in which it states that Whakatane settlement is destroyed but that Whitmore had routed Titokowaru on the West Coast. Report says that there is a change of Ministry at Wellington. Stafford having resigned. I cannot vouch for the truth of the report but the names of the members of the New Ministry are given. Yours faithfully John Morrison.