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I notice by yours of the 5th that you found my missing receipt for Hale County tax. I shall be much obliged to you if you will pay this last year's charge on it for me & send me the receipt.

Your American apples were very dear in our (Manchester) market at Christmas. I bought from a shop a barrel of the finest Newtowne cost £3-3 a barrel.

Market price wholesale would be about £2-15 or thereabouts - a large price?

We are all pretty well only Mother who has been ill all the winter with neuralgia.

With kind regards to Mrs.

Patterson, William & yourself

I am your truly

John Mackellar

Abney
Cheshire
Manchester
21 Jan 1838

Dear Professor Patterson
Although a little late I hope this New Year may be a happy & prosperous one to you & yours.

When in town yesterday I sent you a box of Tea 10 ^{lbs} which I hope you will receive in good order & that Mr. Patterson & yourself will enjoy, at any rate you will have it direct from the plantation as you will see by the packages. The only thing I regret is that it should have cost a duty here as the duty is paid in London before it comes to us. Should it please you & you at a future

time thought of ordering a
 50^{lb} but it should go direct
 by sea to New York: And if
 you let me know I will try
 what can best be done. The
 person is (or was) an intelligent
 gardener & I have no doubt both
 kinds of tea are genuine & first rate
 of their kind. because you will
 find 1^{lb} of a kind called peche
 ouchong which is 2/- 2^{lb}.

The cost was 9^{lb} at 2/6 - 1-2-6
 1^{lb} " 2/- 2-
 Cost of carriage 14-6

£1.19.

I tried another carrier to see if it
 could be taken at less cost - but
 was not successful.

You will also find in a packet
 4 tea seeds. You may interest you
 also; & a packet of runner bean
 seeds one of the best novelties
 in vegetable seeds of this year in England.
 If not made up in packets a bot would be checked.

We are going on quietly in England
 only the Irish business blocks
 the way. Sir John & Mr Small
 both in the Island of Lewis
 had land lord (I'm) had a good deal
 to do with it. Lady Mackintosh
 who owns the Island of Lewis had
 borne the name of being a tartan
 for a long time. If she had dealt
 fairly with the Crofters this would
 not have happened, and if all
 absentee land lords in Ireland were
 stopped long ago things would have
 been different today.

We have a large American show
 here just now. Buffalo Bills, but
 I have not been able to visit
 it yet. They are also making
 the ship canal now from
 here to Liverpool. It will
 cost £4,000,000 whatever more
 I have not been to look at it either
 but may have large steam navies
 at work on it.

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Had a lumber mill near Chicago
& another is flour meal merchant there

On my way north I called at
the Glasgow Exhibition, amongst the
curiosities saw the spurs Bruce
wore at Bannockburn. Original
poems of Burns in his own writing
It was a fine affair & the Glasgow
people were very proud of it.

I then went to Sterling where,
sheffield, sailed up Loch Lomond
& then on to Oban - Coming back
to Liverpool by steamer.

When you are paying you taxes
on Texas Land may I ask you to
again pay mine & let me know
the amount?

Some time ago
I had an enquiry from Messrs
Garnett & Sheppard agents there
if I would sell my section
I replied to them that I would
not sell except I had a very
tempting offer. Hope this
will find you all better

we are going on here about our
usual I am yours very truly
Robt MacCallan

What is your opinion about selling Texas Land?

Abney
Cheadle
Manchester
29 Nov: 1888

Dear Professor Patterson

I was very sorry
to see by your letter of the 1st
not that you had been suffering
from Lumbago & neuralgia.

I hope you are keeping better
but these things are hard to shift
& the best that can be done is to
keep up the system as well as
possible. I have been confined
to the house at nights by neuralgia
also; but mine is more about my
body that annoys me when in bed
the most.

In England we are getting to the
close of a moderate year only
I think as regards agricultural
produce. We had a late & wet
summer, & to finish up with
very hard frost, for the time, on
the first of Oct. that stopped
the growth of various crops.

We hope you have all got over
your recent elections, it seems
to me that this last one must have
been a very trying one; indeed
I sometimes think you may
again have something like a
civil war; if Canada & other
parts quarrel at the same time
but it is to be hoped that better
opinions will prevail. Politics
run very keen in England too
I am told that in Stockport town
Council the Liberals & Conservatives

just carry their points according to
the strength of their party as it
may be, and for our credit
"local board" party men exceed even
if they are far less fit than those
who poll less.

I hope we may have the pleasure
of seeing you & doing the best
I can for you if you come to
England next summer, & indeed
it may be our fortune to be spared
for a time longer.

I had a very nice trip to Scotland
last summer. Really with fine
weather up the west coast it is
splendid to sail amongst the
islands, hills, rocks &c. I stayed
at Oban. I made the acquaintance
of two American gentlemen, whose
mother left the island of Skye 84
years ago, & went to Canada.
They could talk the Gaelic quite
well, though Canadian born. They
seemed to be quite at home, now one

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The Exhibition is a most tiresome affair -

We have been on the verge of a water famine hereabouts till quite lately as we have had no rain ^{much} since Whitweek - ^{the end of} in May last - but now the weather is quite broken for wet -

We are all here pretty well, & I have been very busy & if not engaged in anything very important the time passes our pleasure as I call gardening more pleasant than of great consequence - at our Village House where we took a lot of prizes £35-0-0 in value - we managed to hold our own in the field - we all unite in sending kind regards to you Mrs. Patten & William -

Abney
Chesham
Manchester
5 Sep. 187

Dear Professor Patten.

Your last letter of June 14th - date containing P-order for 13/- was duly recd. By this time if you sowed any of the cereals you will have reaped the harvest. I did not hear further from you respecting the Tea but of course the matter is such that you are a long way from the producer on the Himalayan hills. Still I suppose that that region supplies the world largely in the article & my acquaintance sends (occasionally at least) to the

new York market is if
you would like a package
made up I should say it
would be easily sent - straight
from the Tea Garden - the
same as sample sent you costs
us about 2/3 a ¹⁰/₁₀₀ per box
includes as much duty: if it
went to New York, I should
say no duty (English) would
be required - but of course I
know nothing of the matter on
your side. It seems the
Tea trade is rather unsettled
just now; & it appears that
India is hurting the Chinese
in it very much - on
hearing from you I will
be ready to get you some.
we had a lot come just
lately, all nicely made
up in 1⁰ + 2⁰ packages

on the plantation as there is
no difficulty in disposing of
it when it arrives -

I notice that you report
a favourable account of your
little land speculation
in Hale County Texas.
If you are disposed to sell
I will do so also - but
I suppose your law will
not allow me again
to purchase? or would
the immediate sale by
me of one part allow
me to take up an
equivalent elsewhere
Manchester is very full
just now between Exhibition
& the meeting of the B. Association

and if I can be of
any further service to you
here please to let me
know -

I remain

Yours truly

Robt Mackellar

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hope you are all
quite well, with
our kindest regards

I am yours truly
A. H. Mackellar

Abney

Chester

Manchester
1 June 87

Dear Professor Patterson
When in Manchester
recently I sent you
by parcel case a small
lot of Tea. It will
probably have reached
you ere this day. It
is a sample of a lot
that came to us direct
from the Himalayan
Mountains. Taste in tea
differs very much; mine

is a good deal of
mixing of growth in
the tea made - The
kind sent is called
orange pekoe, & is the
finest quality made
on the plantation -
a sample of it might
do for your museum
but besides if you liked
it I ^{could} get you some
sent direct from the
grower - The cost of
it to us here in all
is about 2/6 a lb

We are getting into
summer here, the woods
getting nicely clothed in
green; but everything
is very late. Still we
have prospect of a good
fruit year.

The saddies are far
from being straight
yet & no matter who
gets into power it
will take a long time.

We are going on
quietly here and

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Will this account for the
3 dollars you have had
brought to my credit as I
was under the impression
that we were square?

In the conversation with
Mr. Robinson he said he had
just sent a sample to a
person in Manitoba -
I suppose to grow a good
stock from -

We are expecting a good year
in England owing to Jubilee -

Home Rule still blocks the way
paddy may not be much better if
of he gets home rule - but on our
side we will get on better with
our affairs - with kindest regards
I am yours sincerely
R. W. Mackellar.

Abney Cheate

Manchester

4 ap. / 87

Dear Professor Patterson
A few days after
I recd your letter of the
8th March date. I was in
Manchester & mentioned the
matter of your requirement
of cereals to Mr. Robinson
of the firm of Dickson & Co.
London here. He said to me
that he would not advise
me to have anything to do
with what was at the exchange
either in Manchester or Liverpool

as the parties did not know
what they were selling - but
if I left the matter with
him he would write to his
customers & get some more
samples - although you
state in your letter that you
wished him from the exchange
I thought his advice the
best & therefore left him
to get the samples - when
in town again on the 1st
I saw the samples & they
seemed very nice -
Another kind of wheat would
have been sent & one of
Bams - but according to the
parcel rules it was not convenient

They are sent in two
small parcels. This morning
I have the note making
out the bill of lading
which I enclose - so
hope you will get them
all right & if I hear
of anything more for
you please to let me
know - I do not
know what the cost is
until I go to town again
& till the invoice comes to
I thank you for attending
to my taxes - but I see
but I have not the receipt
for payment of 1885 -

Abney Church

Manchester

8 Dec 1858

Dear Professor Patterson

Your note of the 23
November has just come to
hand. I have taken a
description of the land section
which is on the other side
& which I hope may be
sufficient. In the receipts

there are 3 columns headed
as follows

Abstract no 120	Certificate no 150	Survey no 25.
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But I hope what I have
written on the other side may
do —

We trust you are keeping

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better; - & that Mr. Patterson
& William are in the best
of health. Lately we
have had very stormy
weather but now again
it is very fine & mild
for the time, more like
April than Dec^r. For
three or four days the ther-
mometer stood about 50° in
the morning -

Thanking you very much
for your kindness & with
our best regards

I am your truly
Robt MacKellar

Hope you heard anything of your Daughters! I hope you had on Church or anything from him for a long time

also had a good season
& farmers have had good
crops. potato pays best
near this or near towns

apple & fruit culture are
being stimulated in this part
but for apples for Christmas
and onward I think your
Americans will top our
markets no matter what
we do.

I hope you have got
robust enough to keep away
the Rheumatics, also that
Mrs. Patterson has got quite
strong again. Mr. William
he will now be in good
vigour. Father & mother
here are very well. Good-bye
this year. My love with me in
kind regards. I remain your truly
Wm. MacKellar.

Abney
Cheadle
Manchester
8 Nov. 1889

Dear Professor Patterson
I trust this
will reach you all
quite well. We thought
we might or would have
had the pleasure of a
visit from you this
year as the Paris
Exhibition proved such
an attraction. We
had a visit of my
brother James from Natal

He is going to sail
back here on the 15th
of this month & I
think of going as far
as Southampton with
him. He would have
been very pleased to have
met you; had he had
a longer time he would
have liked to ^{have} visited
America too before going
back. But as well as
having a holiday he has
had a good deal to do
with business - opening a
branch in London &c.

When you are paying
your Land Taxes in Year
may I ask if you will
also kindly pay for
that of my section; &
then I shall pay it to
you as you wish.
& do anything I can
for you in England if
you ask me.

We are having unusually
mild weather in England
just now the tender plants
are yet quite fresh, as
we have had no frost - or
any severity yet. We have

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James had a splendid passage out to the Cape but since the only illness reports & tremors not weather here.

I was in Manchester, wonderful cures had been reported by it. mother tried it & she said that it greatly eased the pain.

I trust Mr. Patterson is well too. I enclose a few skts of Iceland poppy pads they are very pretty & require no great attention.

I hope Mr. William is well also. We are all here upon the whole wonderfully well with our best regards.

I am Yours sincerely
Robt Mackellar

Abney-Cheadle.
Manchester
18 Feb - 1890

Dear Professor Patterson
I thank you for two letters the last one containing the receipt for Hale County land.

I hope we shall have the pleasure of your Company this summer, and anything that is in my power to do for you will give me much pleasure.

We shall be pleased
to know when you
make your arrangements.

Just at the time
when I recd your circular
of the projected Bank I
had the most of my
bores cash placed.

We have had a very mild
winter in England too, though
for the last two weeks
we have had very cold
winds, and a good deal
of sickness & influenza
is around.

Politically we are quietish

though party feeling is
pretty strong on the Irish
business - whatever is done
for Paddy he will not be
right for a long time.

We hear very little here
about the small rumpus
with Portugal. But no
doubt there is a feeling
growing for republicanism.

The aristocracy in England
have not the same power
that they used to have.

I hope you have had
no Rheumatism this
winter, I bought some
Sedgwick's oil, a cure for
Rheumatism the last time

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I send herewith a packet
of new Margaret Carnation
I saw them last year in
blossom in the Queens garden at
Windsor where I stayed a night
in Oct. They are very pretty
flowers.

We were glad to hear
that William was improving
in health. & hope that Mr.
Patterson & yourself are well.

We are here as usual
- father & mother fairly well.
wishing you all a
happy New Year

I am your truly

Robt Mackellar

See Mackellar letters in papers rec'd.
taken

Abney, Chesham.

13 Jan 93

Dear Professor Patterson

I thank you for
your letter of the 29th inst.
& shall be glad to have
my taxes paid to you
when you let me know.

I note that you received
the box of tea all right.

I was very sorry to see
that John Duncan had
turned out so badly.
We have heard nothing
of him for a very long
time & indeed I thought
myself & he would not have

agreed from what I could
see in his letter: if he had
taken her advice he would
not have been far wrong often.

I hope he may yet pay
you.

We have just had a few
weeks very hard frost
in England. The ice is about
a foot thick on our lake.
The frost is off for the
present but it is not a
real thaw. As the thermometer
gets to the freezing point
at night.

It is a good thing that
you beat the McKinleyites
& it is a wonder your
people put up with them
as they did so long.

I have the enclosed slip
from my sister this morning
& her husband Daniel is
much concerned if the
person named is his son
James. He does not
think he is; but in case
he she has asked me if
I could obtain any inform-
ation through you as to
the accurate facts. Perhaps
the authorities near you
could obtain this. My
nephew is a young man
not 20 years of age. He
was a short time in Kansas
or a ^{month} previous to being in Colorado.
previous to that he was in
Pittsburg in an iron works.

Mr. D. MCKELLAR,

Stafford's Mills,

STROUD.

England

Manchester Guardian Jan 5/93

Adolfo Villareal, a wealthy ranchman at Santa Rosa, Mexico, who was recently convicted of hiring a person to assassinate an Englishman named M'Kellar, living near him, has been condemned to ten years' imprisonment, with confiscation of his estate.

The last time we heard from James he was at La Junta, Colorado. Sept 1892

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He has plenty of tales to tell of his adventures. His father wants to make him a traveller for him in the cloth-trade if he will do for it - & settle down.

I hope this will reach you Mrs. Pattrick & Mr. William quite well. & if I can be of any service to you in England I will be very pleased.

We are going on here much as heretofore. Mother was very poorly a few weeks ago with inflammation in the stomach but she is better though not very strong. Father is fairly well & so is your humble servant who remains Yours sincerely

Wm. Mackellar

Abney Cheadle

m. Manchester
2 Nov. 1793

Dear Professor Pattrick

I wrote you some time ago & as I have not had any letter from you I have thought it is possible it may have miscarried.

When you are paying your Land Tax in Texas will you also pay for mine & I will settle with you as soon as I know the amount, as you wish -

We are now getting to the close of another year we have had a fine season in England. and quite a fruitful year.

we have had some very good
apples & pears. at the Manchester
Fruit Show in Sept. out of the
4 prizes for district fruit
we gained 3 first & one second
prize.

Made it
very hard in many ways
just now on account of
the coal strike. I think
an arbitration court would
be very desirable to settle
such matters as so many
other people who have no
connection with the dispute
suffer thereby.

You would see that they
have an African war on
just now; but the black
king has no chance with
the modern appliances in warfare.

James seems to be going on well
there a paper he had lately said
the Bank was just opening
another branch in Zululand.

We hope you have not suffered
in the American depression
In my last letter I asked
you if you could get me
any information about you
as to my New York Pennsylvania
& Ohio 1st mortgage Bonds if
they are a good thing though
they have fallen a good deal.
My nephew has come back
again to England who was
in America. He said he intended
taking the liberty of calling
upon you but when he was waiting
for some time to fall somewhere
a person offered him very cheap
a ticket to take him out to Kan-
sas, & as he had thoughts of going to
California he accepted the offer.

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although last year there was a
big strike it closed & I think
in favour of the operatives -
to some extent at least.

Labor should be paid, but
Capital also should have an
interest. If not convincing

new mind a Texas map.
I was reading lately that in
going Texas to the Pacific a
great portion of the country
was very bare. Do you
hear anything reliable if our
plots are good fertile land.
or if civilization is getting
near them -

I trust this will find
you & your girls well
we are here all about
our usual with the exception
of a little cold

I am thankfully
Yours truly
R. M. Machelle

Abney
Machelle
21 March - 1894

Dear Professor Patterson
Many thanks
for your letter & consider-
ateness respecting my
interest. I think the
tax receipt will be right
though on looking at
the deed I do not
see "abstract 120" on
your slip I copied a
portion ^{from my deed} & inclose it
again - my receipts are

all similar = abt: 120 = cont.
150 = Purvey 25. to 1880 +
1881. These two say abt:
119 + the other two columns
are not filled up like the
other. I was just wondering
if there was a slight mistake
here & if it is important.
(see slip). When you write
you might please give
me your opinion -

We have had a beautiful
spring day here today
& the birds are giving
us a good chorus of song
especially in the evenings.

We have not had much
winter this time. Though

ately we have had a
good deal of rain.
Our fruit trees have a
good promise for fruit
but it is too soon to
count as we may have
sharp weather during
the blossom. Trade
I think is improving
again in England, but
matters are rather pec-
uliar in the industrial
fields for example the
Cotton Mills about which
working full time in
many cases are paying
no dividends & of course
there is a limit to ^{this kind} of work.

Abstract No 120
Certificate " 137
Survey " 25-

Deed says " Land in Hale County known
as survey No 25. Block N. on the water
of the White river a tributary of the Brazos River
about 13 miles east from centre of said County
by virtue of land Paps No 150. &c

I do not see on it abstract 120? - over

on the back of the deed (script)

is No. 4.

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The 2 first-tax receipts do
not seem to be exact in description
of property (1880 & 1881)

they just note	absol ^{no}	Cash ^{no}	Survey ^{no}
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Anything that I can do for you in England I shall be pleased to do it.

I suppose you will have paid my taxes for Texas land section when I hear from you will pay them. My nephew James when he was through Texas by the T-Pacific Rail. he said there was a very large tract of land there about called Llano Estacado or staked plain on which nothing would grow, & even good land near that would be affected by it, so you if you have an opportunity you might obtain information as to the surroundings to our plots.

Things have been going on very well in South Africa. I am talking of coming to England this summer again.

With best wishes from father myself to you Mrs. Patterson & William. I am yours very truly
Robt. MacKellar

Abney
Chaddle
Manchester

14 Jan. 1875

— " —

Dear Professor Patterson

It is now

some time since I recd.

Your last letter with enclosures respecting the Ohio Rail Bonds for all of which I thank you very much for your trouble.

I still hold the bonds & must take my luck though it is more pleasant to be gaining than losing, though perhaps a little loss is to our good after all.

We have commenced another year & I hope it may prove a good one to you & yours. The year seem to pass on

quick but the times seem to
be unusually momentous
just now what with Commercial
disorders, labour interests coming
forward wisely or unwisely

about here where the population
is dense there are a good many
poorly off. many of the Cotton
mills have paid no dividends for
a year or two. The employees
want their full rate of wages &
if matters do not change for the
better it must ultimately shut
a few of the mills up & of
course themselves - the workers -
out of work - Judging by the
newspapers too there is not the
same buoyancy in America that
used to be. Encouragement to go
there is not so great as it used
to be. So that with all your glad
times are rather flat

One of the latest events in
the local affairs of this Country
is the establishment of Parish,
& district, Councils. It will
take a time to show what
they will do. In some
cases when electing their
members "the Squire & the
Parson" who alone the
other should have the approp-
riation of the people have
been at the bottom of the
poll & consequently out-
voted.

I am glad to say father
& myself are quite well.
So are the folks at Stroud
we have had some severe
storms & wintry weather
of late, what we may expect
at this season.

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I am much obliged to you for paying my taxes & when you are paying yours at the end of this year I will thank you to pay mine also - & I will repay to your request.

The Stroud folks are fairly well. Daniel was here for 7 nights a week or so ago he is all right & apparently doing a good trade.

Father & I are about our usual. & with kind regards to you. Mr. Patterson & Mr. William who I think is now well

I am your truly
A. M. MacKellar

Abney Cheshire
Manchester
2 ap. 95

Dear Professor Patterson
I should have written to you sooner to thank you for your letter & to say that I forwarded the amount you asked me to London. The enclosed note will show that I sent it some time since. I am pleased to recollect your note that our sections of land in Hale County are good & perhaps in time they will grow in value

It is unpleasant to think
that your fine & extensive
field in America is so
much mortgaged & the
people must in many
cases be very badly off
when produce will not make
the cost of production. In
England here they suffer
very much too the labour
classes when trade gets to a
stand still almost & with
an arctic winter such
as we have passed through.
But with all the inquiries
it is a very difficult matter
to cope with & rectify.
It is to be hoped that times
with you will soon get
better & with us too. I
see however that by tonight's
paper that nearly 600 vessels

have sailed up the ship canal
here the last 3 months! It is
a big work & by midsummer the
shareholders will be at the worst
as their cash will be run out &
the receipts are not yet able
to meet expenses! But from
Manchester ships will soon be
going to all parts of the world.
My brother James thinks
of visiting England again this
summer but what the arrange-
ments are I do not know in
detail.

We have had a long &
cold winter in England the
most severe that I can
remember of. & the weather
is still cold, but I hope
we may have a good
season as the last one
was a ruinous one
to our fruit growing gardening
from the hard many frosts.

for paying mine & hope
you will do me the
same favour again for
this year.

We are having very
fine weather in England
just now, though some
things are beginning
to suffer from the
want of water. Yesterday
morning early we
had a touch of frost
that injured a few things
such as marrowes - pota-
tes & tender things a bit.

My sister at Strand
has been very poorly
with chronic bronchial
cough. Father went to
pay her a visit a week
ago & he reports her
very poorly indeed.

James & his wife
arrived safely from
the Cape a few weeks
ago. He has not been
down here yet. He
is attending to business
in London & is detained
by advice he is expecting
from the Cape.

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My Mrs Patterson had been near I
 could have given her some beautiful
 chrysanthemums lately. I sent
 you a paper of the show - I
 gained a silver cup for them
 which was the best - prize for cut
 flowers - & also I gained the Cert.
 for the finest flower in the show -
 a beautiful white incurved flower
 - - - I don't know whether the
 Stanzas will ever favour me to
 visit the States but I have not
 lost hope yet. But in the mean
 time it is impossible to get leave
 long enough to be worth while
 going -

James in Dalh's office is going
 on all night I think, when
 last we heard, he was having
 a tour round the branch office.
 He was in the Transvalle too,
 I suppose the mining has worked
 wonders there regarding the
 by of these regions -
 with our united kind regards
 & every good wish to you Mrs Patterson
 I am yours sincerely
 John Mackellar

Abney Chasde
 Manchester
 7 Dec 1898

Dear Professor Patterson
 It is a long
 time since I heard from
 you & I must write you
 a line to ask you if you
 will again do me the
 favour to pay the taxes on
 my section of land in Texas
 when you are paying
 yours; & I will remain
 here as you wish to repay
 them - I hope you are
 having a set in of better
 times in America & if I can
 judge aright from the news-
 papers times are better than
 they were - are Texas lands
 sharing any improvement?
 It may take a little time yet for
 them (lands) to get engorged after!

we are having a very open & mild winter so far, in England. we have had very little frost up till now. & till on foot. night ago all the tender plants were quite fresh, such as Dahlias &c.

Politically I don't think there is much to report, some thought we were about getting to a rupture with France but I don't think the subject was important enough for the French to quarrel about if they could have got what they wanted by merely placing a strong remonstrance they would have tried it; but this country is not afraid of the French. They only want fair play. If they have restored order in Egypt they have a perfect right to any privileges which might accrue, as a result.

The Cotton trade in Manchester I am told is very good just now. My employer tells me on the other hand that his (which is the home trade) is very bad & much competition.

I am pleased to tell you that my father is very well. He would be delighted to have you & sing to you some of his Scotch songs if it had been possible. He has just had the present sent by a Scotch plaid of the Mackenzie tartan & he is quite pleased with it & he is going to wear it on very occasions - my sister is wonderfully well I hear she astonishingly has surprised many; she may outlive her family yet - though she will never be strong.

P.S. I hope your leg is now
quite well & that you have
not much trouble with
it. It was a very unfortu-
nate accident for you. &
as we get on in years
such accidents are more
difficult to heal. —

Your last letter also refers
to the prospect of a war
with Spain. This has

come & gone, & we
hope after the rough
work God will come
out of it — P. M. —

47-M-64

abney
Chadler
Manchester
Eng -
11 Dec. 99

Dear Professor Pullison
I duly recd.
your letter with Tax receipt
for which I thank you for
paying for me - I here
return receipt for £1.7.9 which
I paid to your order in London.
I also return Mr. Quobornack's
letter. From the papers it
appears that trade in America
has improved, but it does not
affect our beds of land in
Texas yet.

In England the country is
quite engrossed with the
war in South Africa. Nothing
for many years has stirred the
country to the same degree

As we go along it seems more
& more plain that the Dutch
have been aiming for years to
have a Dominion of their own
so that they could do as they
like & that the British is im-
perious. I think the Boers were
very much misled. We had
a letter from James 2 days ago
they were apparently well - but
very much upset with the war.
The Colonials think the Imperial
Government should have been
better prepared. A section of
the English press was so much
in favour of the Boers (who had
no idea that they were aiming
& preparing so). This had some
effect in keeping the Government
from sending out troops in time
now there are few or no dis-
cordant voices & the war will
be no doubt carried out to a
finish - late or soon -

James says the Boers have
been a good deal led or misled
by a few who have enriched
themselves in the work -

We have now a bit of winter
weather there has been about
10 degrees of frost all day
& it looks to be keener things

I am glad to say that
Father has returned from
his stay in Yorkshire -

He is quite well & sings
some Scotch songs when
he is well -

Hope this will reach you
& Mrs Patterson quite well

Father joins in wishing
you both a good & happy
Xmas -
Yours faithfully
John MacKellar

47-11-09

for me in the transaction
mean time I leave it
with you to do as you
think best.

My Father has had
more than a month in
London & he looks
the better for it. He
left them there all
well - only complaining
a little of bad trade
which seems to be rather
severe in this branch of
business.

With kind regards &
thanks for your letter
I am Yours sincerely
R. S. Mackellar

I have not heard from
Mr. Connelley yet.

Abney
Chaddle

26 Aug. 1901

Dear Professor Patterson

I am in receipt
of your letter of the 14 inst.
today. I hope your tour
was thoroughly enjoyable &
that it did both you &
Mrs. Patterson good. I
had 10 days in Scotland
went to Glasgow had a look
at the Exhibition & then the
most of my time was spent
in the highlands - went to
Inverary, Oban, Inverness,
Anguill, across Rosslyn &

called at Portree in the
Isle of Skye - Then joined
the Railway at Mallaig.
Went round by Fort William
by Loch Lomond & Helensburgh
& home here by Steamer.

The Highlands are looking
splendid - & I think English
people will soon know
the Scotch Highlands better
than the natives -

Glasgow business men are
bitter off from any of the
big British Towns for weeks
after nine days work -
They can go to sleep in
the most beautiful country

& in the morning go by
Steamer & fast-train to
Glasgow - I had a
look at the Exhibition but
of course only a cursory
one -

I think you did quite
right about selling
your own & offering
my section of land
on the terms you state
which I suppose is as
good as you can get -
As soon as I have
an opportunity I will
send you power of
attorney to act for

47-11-64

Money cheatle

Manchester

11 March 1901

Dear Professor Patterson

I have just recd
your post-card & I must
apologise for not writing
to you re this to say that
I recd. the draft you sent
& put it in my bank ac
in due course & no doubt
it will be accounted for
rightly. I intended writing
you re this, the reason is
that father has been poorly
for some weeks & I have
not had just-leave time
as

I would have liked. I am glad
to say he is better & with
the warmer weather coming I hope
he will recover; but he is
over 80 years which is
always a feature to be reckoned
with - I trust you &
Mrs Patterson & yours are well
Anything I can do for you
in England I shall be pleased
to do it - We have
now some nice weather
but the season is a week
or more late, which
we reckon some the worse
as to help out the fruit

blossom from being destroyed
by frost which is so apt
to be when early -

With our kindest regards

Yours truly

R. M. Mackellar

Cheque Recd £ 3. 9. 8 ²⁵
sent by your letter of the date of
Feb. 21 - 1901 -

Previously I paid all you wished
me & sent you promptly the receipts

R. M.