

Days Bay  
Wellington  
New Zealand  
19-6-28.

My dear Lena,

I am on a 6 months' holiday to New Zealand and arrived home on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May (the anniversary of your wedding) and will not be leaving for India before the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November—

No doubt you will wonder why I am addressing you after so many years silence, but necessity has no law—

Some few days before our dear Cousin Gracie died, he asked Sandy & I to take care of a large photograph of your dear little Gracie and her child, which he intended sending to her from India but as he knew he could only live a few days more, would we promise to do the needful, and when we had the opportunity either send it to Gracie or take it to New Zealand and give it to her with his love. I have brought the photograph with me and write to ask if you will very kindly allow me to call on you and make the same over to little Christobel, seeing dear little Gracie has left us for ever, if it is not convenient for you to have me



call on you will you very kindly permit Crystobal  
to come to the Lewis Railway Station and take  
delivery of the photograph as I intended visiting a  
friend in Wanganui whose brother was married from  
our home in Agnes two years ago - On hearing from you  
I will arrange my plans accordingly & I do hope you  
will meet me half ways and thus enable me to carry  
out my promise to poor old Charlie -

Hoping this finds you and yours doing well dear  
Lina -

I remain

your affect. sister

Grace McPhee

Received  
1-0-00



Wurua House June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1928 Copy answer

Dear Grace

Exceedingly necessary. I know no law  
or I would not be writing to you answering your letter.  
It is a pity you should go to so much trouble over that picture  
and I don't see that any of your arrangements need be  
upset or interfered with on account of it. If you  
address it to me at Levin Railway Station and book it  
at Wellington station it will come through alright - so you  
won't have any more trouble about that. If this does not meet  
with your approval I haven't any other suggestion. You  
mention my meeting you halfway. To me there isn't any  
halfway. When you were to leave h<sup>h</sup> 40 years ago you certainly  
did not think me or mine were worth the trouble of seeing &  
bidding goodbye. If my late husband & I had not gone to a good  
deal of inconvenience and trouble to come to Wainui you would  
have left without seeing any of us. Did you go halfway then?  
and I need scarcely remind you of the reception we got on  
arriving there. Now the whole thing is in your own hands to do  
as you like about it. It does not make any difference to me  
what you do or what you think. It is many years since I troubled  
about you or what you did. But this I do tell you I want no more of  
your rows and trouble making. I'm a peace loving woman  
myself and have always lived at peace with my own  
family and neighbours. But there are some people who never  
seem happy if they are not over the ears in rows.  
Mother was one of them and some of her family



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have kept it up pretty well. Now you know my  
mind about it - and you are free to please yourself.

I remain

Yours Truly

Christina House.