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S. Marsden to J. Pratt, 17 May 1814

Parramatta May 17, 1814

Dear Sir,

I mentioned in a former Letter that I should draw upon the Society for the Sum of £500 on Account of the Active – I have not drawn that Sum yet. Should the Active return before I am compelled to draw for the money, I perhaps shall not draw upon the Society for any on her Account – If any unforeseen Circumstances should prevent the present Establishment of the Mission I shall sell the Active on her return – She is wholly [sic] my own – and therefore I can dispose of her as I think proper – I will no[t] draw if I can avoid it – I paid £900 at the time I purchased her and gave my note for £500 more on demand. The Holder of the note has not demanded Payment yet, and may not till the Vessel returns – She cost me more than £200 more to fit her for the Voyage, which was more than I could well afford at the time – However She is gone, and I hope to have a good account, and then [f] I shall be fully satisfied – My only wish is to accomplish this object, and the Reward will be then received – I have thought proper to mention this, as I expected when I wrote that I should have the £500 to pay immediately, but the Person who holds my note is satisfied to wait at present –

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Yours truly

Sam^l Marsden