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S. Marsden to J. Pratt, 30 June 1815

Sydney June 30th 1815

Dear Sir

I have sent a little of the New Zealand Flax dressed and wrought in this Colony by a Prisoner Robert Williams, who understands the working of this Plant well, which will appear from the Specimens I have sent now – I have to request the Society will have the Goodness to recommend Rob^t Williams to the kind Consideration of the Governor of this Colony, in order that he may obtain a mitigation of his Sentence by which he would be enabled to visit New Zealand, and instruct the natives in Rope making &c –

I have the honor to be

D^r Sir

Your most obed^t Ser[van]^t

Sam^l Marsden

NB. Williams is a Man of good

Character-