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Rev. S. Marsden to Secretary

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Dear Sir

(Recd. Sep. 5/16, by the Northampton

(Ans. Sep. 5/16, by the Sir Wm Bentley

I write these few lines in behalf of Richard Stockwell, a young man who came here a Prisoner in the Ship Earl Spencer along with Mr. Kendall, who has had him in his service ever since. I got the Governor's Permission for him to accompany Mr. Kendall to New Zealand upon giving a Bond for him, that he should be delivered up to the Government of this Colony at any future time he should be demanded. As Richard Stockwell has behaved himself very honestly, and shewn a wish to ^{do} every thing he could to gain his master's favor, I beg to recommend him to your kind services - I believe he is a native of Bristol - If you could obtain a Recommendation for him to the Governor of this Colony, for the time being, from any Person in authority I have no doubt, but the young man would have a mitigation of his sentence, and in time

he may be permitted to return to his native Country
 and Friends - I will second any Representation or
 Recommendation here with the Governour and use
 any Interest I may possess at the time for his Pardon
 The young man is very usefully employed for the ship
 at New Scotland, and I agreed to allow him his clothes
 & Provisions on the Society's Account - be so
 kind as to bear this in mind -

I have also another request to make on behalf of
 an unfortunate man here, but a man of very
 good Character, and one who wishes to join the
 Settlers at New Scotland. His name is William
 Roberts - he was transported to this Colony for 14 years
 which he has served. William Roberts was tried
at the Old Bailey in Sep^r 1802. and sentenced for
14 years Transportation. On examining the Records
 or Indents of the terms of years for which every
 Convict is sentenced to serve, Roberts is entered down
 in these Records for life, and he must remain in
 Bondage all his Days unless some Friend will
 take the trouble to obtain proper Documents to satisfy
 the Governour of this Colony that his term of Exile

as copied. By an Application to the Keeper of Newgate
 the Records of his Trial and Conviction can be examined,
 and if it should appear that William Roberts was
 only sentenced for 14 years, a Certificate of this from
 Mr. Maltor, or whoever is the Head of that Office
 signed by him, and transmitted to this Colony will
 obtain this poor man his Freedom. This fatal Error
 may have been committed by a Clerk thro' mistake
 in copying the Records. I believe William Roberts
 was tried before the Recorder of the City of London
 Mr. Silvester - Should his Sentence be only 14 years,
 Mr. Silvesters signature to the Certificate would have
 great weight with the Governor here. The young man
 Lives, whom you mention I shall notice - George
 Gurnett is well - but lives at Sydney along with an
 officer there - I believe his Conduct is very good -
 I am intimate with his master, and have never
 heard him complain of his Conduct. The Rev. Mr.
 Wilcox was his friend -

I am
 Rev. Sir

Yours very truly

Sam. Mather

Rev. J. Smith