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*From CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt and Edward Bickersteth*

Church Missionary House, London

March 12/[18]18

My dear Sir

We duly received your Letter of Nov. 5/16, & from the character which Mr Marsden, Mr Cartwright, & Mr Kendall give of you, have very great pleasure in hearing that you have been sent by Mr Marsden to strengthen the New Zealand Mission. You cannot be more usefully employed, than in teaching the children, & in instructing the Natives in Agriculture.

The Committee have agreed to accept your services, as a Catechist & Lay Settler. We shall henceforth consider you are belonging to the Settlement; & shall correspond with you, as we have opportunity. May our gracious Lord keep you an humble, faithful, zealous & devoted labourer in his cause!

We are, Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Josiah Pratt

Edward Bickersteth

We enclose a copy of one of our Tracts. In the next edition we shall insert your's & Mr Gordon's names.