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R. A. Nelson to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Navy Office 6th. April 1819,

Sir./

I have laid before the Commissioners of the Navy your letter of the 1st. instant; and am commanded to acquaint you, that they have already made satisfactory trials of Rope manufactured from some samples of New Zealand Flax with which they had been furnished, and that in consequence thereof the Admiral Commanding in Chief in the East Indies has received Instructions to encourage the growth of New Zealand Hemp by procuring Rope manufactured therefrom for the use of his Squadron.

I am Sir

Your humble Servant,

R. A. Nelson

Revd. Josiah Pratt

Secretary to the Committee of the

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Salisbury Square./