

R. A. Nelson, Esq. to Secretary

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Navy Office 6: April 1819.

Sir,

I have laid before the Commissioners  
of the Navy your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Josiah Pratt

Secretary to the Committee of the  
Church Missionary Society  
Salisbury Square,