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Secretary to Rev. Samuel Marsden

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(Sent by the "David Shaw")

Old House, London,
May 8/19

My dear Sir

We wrote you fully, in December last, by the "Baring"; & a few lines, by the "Lord Wellington," in March.

Your Letter of Sep. 26/18 reached us a few days since. It gives us fresh occasion, from your description of your past difficulties, to sympathize with you.

I have put a copy of your Letter into the hands of Mr. Buxton, one of our Vice-Presidents, and an active and able Member of Parliament. You will see by the enclosed Letter & Packet from him how warmly he enters into your situation. All things, my dear Friend, will work together for good, under the gracious guidance of Him whom we serve.

The young Men from New Zealand, sent by the Claudine, have not yet arrived. We shall receive them with all kindness; & we pray that they may return to you in a state as hopeful as that of Tooti & Teeterree.

The coils of Rope which you sent by the "David Shaw" have been offered to the Navy Board: but the Secretary informs us, that a trial having been already made which proved satisfactory, the Admiral Commanding-in-Chief on the East India Station had been directed to furnish his Squadron with rope of that kind.

We are also entering into a further investigation of the Flax. Some manufacturers from Yorkshire speak well of it: but they say we must send out what they call a "Swingler," who is conversant with pulling, steeping, & swinging it. In this state it should be sent to this Country, when it would pay but a trifling duty; but if it is at all "heckled," it will pay a duty amounting to a prohibition. Perhaps it would be