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*W. E. Somerville to Josiah Pratt*

East India Compy<sup>s</sup> Depot,

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Sir

There is at present living at your Establishment, a man & his wife, of the name of Cowell, whom you intend to send to New Zealand.

The Wife was a Servant in my house for upwards of three years, and I have some business of an important nature, in which she is deeply concerned, to settle with her, before she leaves this country; I have therefore to request the favor, that you will as soon as convenient, inform me, of the name of the Ship you intend embarking them in, & when it is likely to sail, that I may know what time I have to [f] reckon on, to investigate the business I have alluded to, with the nature of which it is not necessary that I should at present acquaint you. —

Trusting you will excuse this trouble

I have the honor to be

Yours obediently

W.E. Somerville Capt —