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LETTER FROM THE MISSES NIXON

TO THE

UNDER SECRETARY, COLONIAL DEFENCE OFFICE.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

WELLINGTON.

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COPY OF LETTER FROM THE MISSES NIXON.

Copy of a Letter from the Misses Nixon to the Under Secretary, Defence Office.

Godswell, Bloxham, Banbury, Oxfordshire, 17th April, 1866. SIR,-We have received your kind letter, with the Act of Parliament from the House of Assembly in New Zealand. We tender our grateful thanks to the Members of the same for their kind and feeling consideration of us in every way, and for the liberal pension they have awarded us.

We are deeply touched by the gratifying manner in which they express their acknowledgment of and appreciation for the noble services of our beloved and lamented brother, Colonel Marmaduke

George Nixon—words that are very consoling to us in our great sorrow for the loss of him.

We are glad to have this opportunity of thus publicly, though imperfectly, thanking the Colony for another proof of their regard for him—that of having come forward so handsomely and so immediately to raise a monument to his memory. True and great was his desire to benefit the land of his adoption, and no monument was ever placed over a more noble heart. Our prayers will ever be for the prosperity and welfare of that Colony which he loved so well, and for those who have acted so kindly by his corrections. kindly by his sorrowing sisters.

CATHERINE ELIZABETH NIXON, and Anna Susanna Nixon.

Under Secretary, Colonial Defence Office, Wellington.