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Dr Sir:

Yr of yesterday at hand — your inquiries concerning Russia & American Hemp & yarns are thus answered by the knowing ones here — Cordage manufacturers — Ship Chandlers, Hemp Brokers — & furnishers of Yarns of Rigging —

1st, all the Russia hemp & yarns in this country are not 2 years old — & it wd be difficult to find any of that age here — the bulk of the present stock having been manufactured in Russia during the war & imported since — nor even were it, it is said, 2 years old, it is not by necessary consequence rotten — unless damaged —

I saw some yarns which (tho no judge) I shd conclude from appearance & feel to be the right thing, & which I was assured were as good as ever were made up — and were of late make

2ly there are various & conflicting sentiments concerning the comparative merits of American laid & Russia laid ~~yarns~~ yarns — from which however I conclude that there is no very material difference in favor of the American laid, & that it is seldom

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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