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Loan Office
Pall Mall
22 July 1858

Sir.

In reply to your application of the 16th ultimo,
for a grant of money towards the establishment
of a library for the use of the workmen
employed in the Royal Gunpowder Factory,
I am directed by Secretary Major General Peel
to transmit to you the enclosed catalogues
of books returned from Barbadoes and
the Crimea, and to state that there will
be no objection to your selecting therefrom
books to the number of 300 for the object
in question, a mark should be placed
in the catalogue against the titles of the
books which may be selected, and a list
of them transmitted in duplicate to this
Office in order that steps may be taken
for their supply. These books only are
eligible.

The Superintendent
Royal Gunpowder Factory,
Batham Abbey

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eligible against the titles of which no
marginal note has yet been placed;

I am further to inform you that in addition
to the above, Major General Peel has sanctioned
a sum of £20 to be expended in the
purchase of Books for the proposed
Library, and that a Catalogue, now in
the course of formation, comprising
a selection of works of all classes of literature
will shortly be transmitted to you, from
which you will be required to select
books to the above amount,

The actual establishment of the Library
and the fitting up of the Store Room as
a Reading Room will be postponed until
a later period of the year when a
better idea can be formed of the expenditure
on the works. Vto.

Rules

Rules should in the mean time be drawn up for the management of the Library; Major General Peel has decided that the subscriptions from the workmen shall not be required to be credited to the public, but that they shall be laid out in the purchase of Periodicals, repairs, and, if possible, in the provision of Books for the maintenance of the Library. No Salary will be allowed for a Librarian, who must be remunerated from the funds of the Library.

A Half-Yearly Report will be required shewing the number of Volumes in the Library, Number of Subscribers &c - corresponding with that required from Commanding Officers of Artillery in the

enclosed

Enclosed General Order - (to be returned)

I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient Servant.

W. H. P. H.
Inspector General of Army Schools