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Royal Laboratory
Woolwich 13. Decem^r. 1787.

I am directed by Major Congreve to acquaint you, that you are to keep in view, the directions he left, on taking possession of the Powder Mills - Vizt. -

That the Powder Makers are to be hired for a month certain, and the other Labourers for a week only, as a number of Labourers are now learning to make Powder at Faversham who, when the Waltham Abbey Mills are set to work, will be brought up from Faversham, at which time Major Congreve will come over to the Mills agreeable to His Grace the Master Generals Orders and select such Labourers and Powder Makers from the set now employed at Waltham Abbey as he thinks will be fit for carrying on His Majesty's Service thereat. -

I am also directed to desire you will transmit to Major Congreve a particular account of the Repairs which have been done, and what further Repairs are now carrying on at the Powder Mills.

I am
Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble servant

(signed) Henry Forman

Respective Officers at the Powder Mills Waltham Abbey. -