

scribed of £1000, representing a permanent annuity of about £30, will provide for all time to come, exclusive of the expense of building, for the education of one Child ; and a considerable sum will be required for the erection of a building which shall be worthy of the proposed object. No payment will be required until the total sum subscribed shall amount to £100,000, when application is proposed to be made for vesting the capital in trustees, to be nominated, in the first instance, by her Majesty, from among the subscribers, and to be incorporated, as in the case of Harrows, Rugby, the Charter House, and others.

Donations may be payable by instalments, spread over two, three, or four years.

Her Majesty and his Royal Highness Prince Albert have been pleased to signify their approval of the project, and to place their names at the head of the subscription list, for the respective sums of £1000 and £500.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed) DERBY.

Should you approve of the proposed project, you are requested to subscribe your name to the enclosed form ; insert the sum it is your intention to subscribe ; and direct it to the Honorable W. P. Talbot, No. 10 Downing Street, London.

The only reply to the letter to Lord Hardinge is contained in the following Letter from Colonel Airey, Private Secretary to his Lordship, dated 6th May, 1853.

No. 14.

Horse Guards, 6th May 1853.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have to thank you for your letter of the 18th ult., which duly reached me on the 3rd instant, by which I am glad to find that the country (Canada), is in so improving a condition, and that you and your family are benefitting by your residence at Montreal.

Lord Hardinge had received your letter of the 25th December last, with a Prospectus of a proposed Military Institution for the Education of the Sons and Daughters of Officers of the British Army, but which, owing to the multifarious duties which press upon him, his Lordship omitted to acknowledge.

He has, however, begged of me to convey to you the expression of his thanks for your suggestions.

Believe me, my Dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

RICHARD AIREY.

The next document on the record is a letter addressed to the Editor of the Naval and Military Gazette, dated 9th February, 1853, vindicating my claim to being the original projector of a great National Institution for the reception of Orphans of Officers of the British Army, and for the Education of their Children generally, which may be allowed to speak for itself.