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Frederick Augusta Barnard. o. 7. m.

Memo^m re purchase of books

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I have received from your Majesty since I left England
the sum of 1000 £ including ~~500~~ 500 which was given me on
leaving London. & of which 50 was paid to the Duke de
la Valiere for books purchased before I left England. of
the sum of 4750 has been spent for books &c & the amount
I have paid the expenses of my travelling. the quantity of
books I have purchased may be reckoned at between 12 & 15
th. Vol. as I find in the catalogue 7500 articles & the
number of articles may always be doubled to calculate
the number of Vol. I beg leave to observe to your
Majesty, that I went abroad upon the refusal given
to Mr. Ashmole, who asked 5000 Guineas for his library,
which consisted of 4000 Vols. these books were all
valuable & scarce, but of little Utility, & half of their

number were already to be found in your Majesty's
collection. Dr Ashmole has a choice cabinet, but of Mr
Library is a universal one. I have therefore intended my
plan to every good book in every language & upon
every science, & have at the same time been able
to procure the largest part of those articles that were
wanting from Dr A's collection. I have also endeavour'd
to perfect the body of Geography, which has been attended
with a considerable expence. The Catalogue I offer
to your Majesty's inspection contains the titles of all the books
I have bought with their prices, which still remain in
the money of the country, where they were bought, the
quantity of Rix-doublers that would upon me upon leaving
Paris not allowing me time to reduce them separately
into English money. I have calculated the whole which

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amounts to the sum I have before mentioned.

I have been obliged to exceed the money in Mr. Lott's
hands about 100 £ for books very lately bought at
sales in Holland & Germany

