



Private

10, Downing Street,
Whitehall, S.W.

16 June 1903

My dear Sir,

Cretan Exploration Fund.

The First Lord has
carefully considered your
appeal of the 27th April
last on behalf of the
above, and the various
supplementary statements



Which you have since
then forwarded to me,
and he asks me to say
that in view of the
importance of the discoveries
already made & of the
desirability of continuing
the excavations, it will
give him much pleasure

to contribute a sum of
£1000 from the Royal
Bounty & Special Service
Fund, which he administers
in virtue of his office,
towards the expenses of
the undertaking.

Mr. Balfour must
request, however, following

the rule invariably observed
in regard to payments from
this Fund, that this
contribution must be treated
as strictly anonymous &
would be glad to receive
an assurance on this point
before issuing the necessary
directions.

Believe me,

Very truly yours

J A Macmillan & J H Ramsey