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Society  
of  
Female Artists.

Sir, I beg to thank you for  
your polite letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst<sup>h</sup>  
and we shall be delighted to avail  
ourselves of your Valuable Services.  
We have not yet determined when  
our Exhibition will open, but I  
have reason to believe that it will  
be very early in Jan<sup>y</sup> 1861. As soon  
as the time is fixed I will let  
you know. In the mean time  
perhaps you will be kind  
enough to secure about dozen  
of good figure subjects

and also animals, but not  
landscapes as we have a sufficient  
<sup>number</sup> of that style among our own  
leading artists. I made a circular  
of last Exhibition, also a notice  
to Artists of the Exhibition that  
will take place, but as soon  
as definite arrangements are  
made I will forward another circular.  
I think I may venture to promise  
that those pictures which may remain  
unsold if wished shall be returned  
to Paris in time for the Paris Salon  
of 1861. but this I must know as  
they may be hung in such a  
manner as to avoid as much

as possible confusion in the room,  
if they are to be removed before the  
close of the Gallery. Please  
call on Mr Bonheur and  
Madame H. Brown. Some time  
since I wrote to Rose Bonheur  
but have received no reply, although  
last year she promised a picture  
for our next Exhibition.

I am Sir

Yours &c  
E. Dundas Murray  
Secretary

Dorset Place  
Dorset Sq.  
Regent's Park.

Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1860

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