

#### **4. General British history.**

Whilst there is an obvious emphasis on the history of the Corps of Royal Engineers and the development of military engineering, the collection holds much of use and interest to those interested in general military history, local history, social history of the armed forces, photograph and ethnography. A small example of this being:

1. The Peninsular War Collection. The RE MLA has a fine collection of archival material from serving Royal Engineers in Spain and Portugal, as well as correspondence and orders from the Duke of Wellington. The Library also holds a large section of books, including many first editions, covering this period.
2. The Zulu War Collection. As well as a good collection of published material on the War the collection also includes the original orders sending Lt Col. A Durnford to Isandlwana, material on the inquest into the defeat at Isandlwana, reports on Lt John Chard VC and correspondence from other Royal Engineers serving in South Africa.
3. The General Gordon Collection. This includes some of his last letters from Khartoum as well as a large printed book collection on his life.