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FRAGMENT OF A SHELL with silver plate inscribed "This fragment of a Russian shell fell on H.M.S.SANSPAREIL. "SERASTOPOL 1854".

Presented by Major General Sir William Donovan, K.C.B., late Army Medical Service.

The fragment is part of a Russian shell which, during the attack from the sea on Sebastopol on 17 October 1854,fell on H.M.S.Pareil,near Surgeon James Donovan,R.N.; father of Sir William Donovan.The casualties that day on the Sanspareil were 11 killed and 59 wounded.In the hull alone were as many as 32 shot.

James Donovan, son of Hugh Donovan, Esq., a T.C.D. man and Principal of a well known school at Killarney, was born in 1800. Educated at Trinity College, he became M.B., Dublin, in 1828.

Doctor James Donovan entered the Royal Navy as Assistant Surgeon in 1828 and was employed with the Naval Depot on Lake Eerie till 1831 when he was nominated a supernumerary of the San Josef,110,flagship at Plymouth. In 1832 he was posted for duty with the Royal Marines at that station.In 1833 in the Forester he was wrecked among Scilly Isles.He joined the Britomart in 1833 and while at the Gambia with her acted as Colonial Surgeon.Promoted Surgeon 1835. 1836-1837 he served with the Terror bomb under Sir George Back on a voyage of discovery to the Arctic Regions - medal.

In 1838 near Tarragona in Spain Doctor Donovan was again shipwrecked. 1841 -1842 he served on the Rajah & convict ship,Van Diemen's Land, and in 1845 - 1846 on the Endymion,44, in the West Indies.

On the Winchester, 50, he took part in the Burmese War of 1852 - medal with clasp.

For his services in the Crimea he was awarded the two medals and clasp, Sebastopol.

Dr. Donovan died in 1875.



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My dear Sir William,

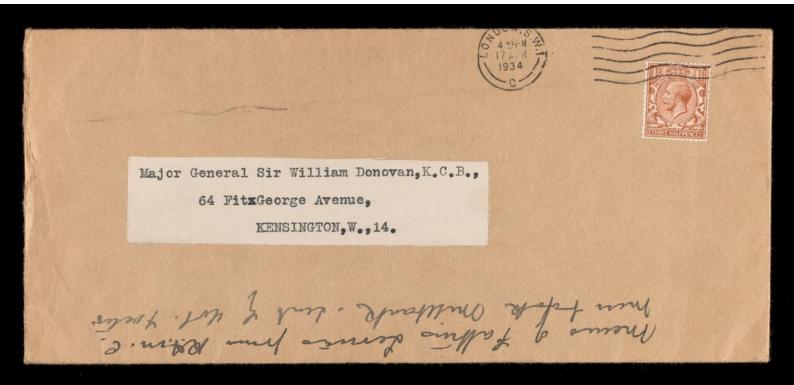
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is all we have.

I am sorry to have been so long sending it.

Yours sincerely,

Al. Juster



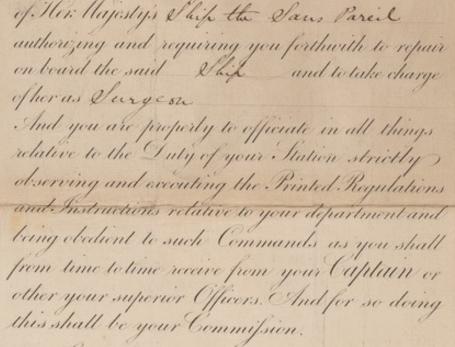
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