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LITERATURE

THIS FASCINATING HISTORICAL COLLECTION FROM SCONE PALACE, THE ANCIENT SITE OF THE 'STONE OF SCONE', COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS: A GRAPE SHOT MOUNTED ON A CIRCULAR MARBLE BASE LABELLED 'MARBLE FROM THE CHIMNEY-PIECE OF THE GOVERNORS HOUSE IN SEVASTOPOL' AND ON THE REVERSE 'GRAPE SHOT FROM Â€¦ MAY 1956'. A FRAGMENT OF WOOD LABELLED 'A PIECE OF WOOD DUG UP NEAR THE MALAKOFF (CRIMEA)'. A FRAGMENT OF MARBLE LABELLED 'A PIECE OF MARBLE FROM MAUPLKA (CRIMEA)'. A PEN REST MADE OF TWO STAGS HORNS WITH THREE QUILL PENS. A MEERCHAUM PIPE IN THE FORM OF A BIRD'S HEAD, THE CASE LABELLED 'P. EDWARDS & CO, LONDON'. A VICTORIAN INFANTS SILK GLOVE WITH A LABEL: 'GLOVE WORN BY MARGARET MACGREGOR (AFTERWARDS COUNTESS MANSFIELD) WHEN A BABY'. MARGARET MACGREGOR MARRIED ALAN DAVID MURRAY THE 5TH AND 6TH EARL OF MANSFIELD (DIED 1935).

AN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL STONE HAND AXE AND AN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL GRINDING STONE BOTH WITH LABELS: 'FOUND IN A MOUND AT WANGERY DISTRICT OF VICTORIA 1891 WARRNAMBOOL PUBLIC MUSEUM' TOGETHER WITH A LETTER FROM HAWKSDALE DATED 30TH DECEMBER 1891 DESCRIBING WHERE THE OBJECTS WERE FOUND ETC.

AN INTERESTING PAPER SCROLL ON WHICH IS THE RARE PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF LORD SCONES LATE 19TH CENTURY EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH POLE WITH A PRINTED LABEL READING: 'I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTH POLE AND I SEND A BIT OF IT WITH SOME OF MY PHOTOGRAPHS' ON THE REVERSE IN INK 'BARBARA SMYTHE, SCONE PALACE, PERTH, FOR LUCK'. THERE ARE CAPTIONS BELOW EACH PHOTOGRAPH. THE FIRST READING 'SETTING OUT FOR POLE WITH MY COMPANIONS', AND THE LAST READING: 'I WAS TERRIBLY ANNOYED TO FIND THAT MOST OF MY PLATES HAVE BEEN FOGGED, BUT I GOT THE NORTH POLE, THE ONE THAT I WANTED MOST. IT IS PERFECT'.