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Jan 1862

Shap Island Jan 21st
1862 I seize an opportunity
afforded by Lieut Healey
to send you 27 shells
Collected on the Island
these are very difficult
to find them they go
by the stone ship supply
for New York I have nothing
to write about all well
and sound no news
from home yet begin
to get the Blues think
the Constitution is a
myth no such vessel
give a few of the shells to our
particular friends they are
all I have to remember them
by have not a minute
to spare the Base is cloudy

and the ship waiting
the weather is very warm
what it will be in summer
My Lord knows our
Regent and Lord James
McCarthy took another
Contraband who came
over last he gives a
hard description of them
even at Bilosei and Doug
Shone says some the
minority want to give
up the others won't
let them they made
a great hurrah for
big guns over there
last night and yesterday
as though they were rejoin-
ing over something Lord
knows but they have been giving us

a looking up north some
where hope not

I wish you would watch the Naval
Departures for the Gulf Squadron
and your letters here you might
direct them to me at Ship Island
by way of Key West - Florida

Remember me to all Engraving
friends Kiss the Babes give
them thing shells and I remain
your loving husband
J. H. Cahill