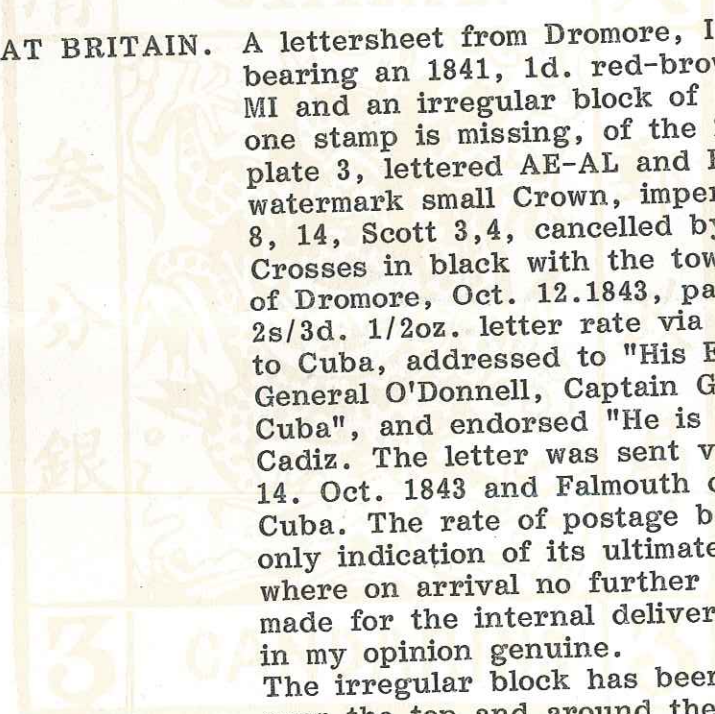


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GREAT BRITAIN. A lettersheet from Dromore, Ireland, bearing an 1841, 1d. red-brown, lettered MI and an irregular block of 13, of which one stamp is missing, of the 2d. blue, plate 3, lettered AE-AL and BI-BL, watermark small Crown, imperf., S.G. 8, 14, Scott 3,4, cancelled by Maltese Crosses in black with the town datestamp of Dromore, Oct. 12.1843, paying the 2s/3d. 1/2oz. letter rate via Falmouth to Cuba, addressed to "His Excellency General O'Donnell, Captain General of Cuba", and endorsed "He is to sail from Cadiz. The letter was sent via London, 14. Oct. 1843 and Falmouth direct to Cuba. The rate of postage being the only indication of its ultimate destination where on arrival no further charge was made for the internal delivery. It is in my opinion genuine. The irregular block has been folded over the top and around the edge of the lettersheet, which is toned by the climate and is splitting on the folds, these have been strengthened in places. A very rare lettersheet to a most unusual destination.





To His Excellency General O'Donnell
(Lately appointed) Captain
General of Cuba
(He is to sail from Cadix)

