

expedition that he ordered the very skiff in which he commenced navigation to be brought from Moscow, and took occasion to give to his court an entertainment, which was called the 'Consecration of the *Little Grandsire*,' that being the name they had given to the skiff. The little cabin, which was Peter's house while building Petersburg, still stands upon what is now called the



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Citadel; it is consecrated as a chapel, filled with votive offerings, and enclosed with a brick wall, and the *Little Grandsire* is religiously preserved within the building.

"Very soon after this, having exposed himself when in a feeble state of health, by standing in the water a long time and over-exerting himself in saving the lives of some sailors and soldiers, who were near being wrecked in a storm upon the Gulf of Finland, he was attacked by a painful disorder, and expired with