

(OBVERSE)

[on the right side of 'envelope' flap there is a remnant of red wax seal, with a pencil drawn arrow and text that reads:]
sealing + impressed
mark of seal

Thomas A. Besly Esquire
Secretary
Board of Works
Kingston

[written on left side of address, overlapping "Thomas":]
Rec'd 31 Aug 1843

[faded to brown circular post mark, kind of hard to read:]
PORT [?]
[handwritten date] 26 August 43
UC.

[on side of 'envelope' flap, light brown, possible originally red ink, are two lines boxing in the following text:]

No. 2694

A. Sees- Anneseesa list of articles req.d for [?] [Dr.?] Sight House, + thinks that it will be completed in a fortnight

[more light brown lines]

26 August 1843

[something is written very faintly in pencil below this block of text, difficult to read]

[written through the address, in a darker ink:]
Ausd 31 Aug 1843
No 3200

[on the other side/left side of the address, in pencil]

1 [circled] Origin of the term to "seal" a letter arose from the use of a seal - sometimes on a signet ring [arrow pointing to 'signet' with "Hence the term to sign" written above] - 01' a metallic seal with a handle (see specimen in box)

[Red, circular postmark:]

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[Possibly U.C but cut off]

[red wax seal remnant, stamped with a crest of some kind]