

Obverse

(Paper folded vertically in three parts, being the center wider than the sides. The paper color is faded ochre, maybe because of time. The obverse has visible marks of vertical handwriting in the reverse.

At the center and upper part a circular shape scratched that could have been due to a wax seal.

Vertical line before the capital letter N[O or number 6?]

(In handwriting, black ink, bold letters)

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Reverse

In handwriting and in vertical direction in relation to the handwriting in the obverse.

Were not used owing to the communication letter between this [place?] and Montreal being stopped and it is difficult to say when it will [re open?] [comma?] [the?] [sugar?] [wine?] and [spirituous?] liqueur of all kinds and not to [let?] [get?] [bad?] whiskey [excepted?] thanks God we had the greatest abundance of the [Commision?] [illegible] of life and [I?] [feel?] [contented?] with water [least?] not so pleasant as the {Newfoundland and Baffin?] [illegible] [illegible] I used to drink at your [house?] (space because of the scratch left by the wax seal tearing, in the next four lines to the right) when I was down last at Quebec. I am much afraid that you will not be able to write this [illegible] it is the best that I can write my [wrist?] it is not [yet?] well, but it will get much better, I hope that my next letter be more legible [remember?] [illegible] [most?] [affectionately?] to [Mr?] [Stewart?] and the children [illegible] me [with?] your [affectionate?] father [illegible] [whilst?]

Donald [Maclean?]

[P.D?] I have heard nothing of your [illegible] M. M. [Donald?] since the declaration of war.