

(Obverse)

Sheet with signs of have been folded in four equal parts. The left edge of the sheet, between the lower end of the first and second quarter, has some missing small bits of paper (scratching), maybe due to age and yellow-brown stains with what might be from moisture or any other liquid.

In the second quarter of the page can be read in typed letters:

POST-OFFICE, HALIFAX,

18[could be 3 or 8?]

THE inclosed Letter not having been delivered for the
Reason assigned thereon, was opened here by the Officer
appointed by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General
for that purpose, and is now returned to you, as the Writer, on payment
of the Postage.

I am

Your obedient, humble Servant,

JOHN HOWE, Jun.

Deputy- Postmaster- General

In the fourth quarter of the page, in handwriting (could be pencil):

[Holmes?] to [the?] [forwarded?] [illegible] [in?] [illegible] by [His?] [Excellency?] [illegible]

[signature illegible]

(Reverse)

Reverse side of the document showing the scratching and stains in the right edge corresponding to the same position in the obverse side of the document. Marks of the typed letters described in the obverse side of the document are highly visible.