(OBVERSE)

[There are two small rectangular shaped holes near the top of the page where it was originally folded. There is also a round mark with some tearing in the on the left hand side in the middle of the page. This corresponds with a stamp mark or indentation on the right hand side of the page]

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[unknown initial] William Hands
Sandwich
U. Canada
[red circular post mark at a slight angle]
MONTREAL
DEC
15

[Writing in different script to the right and perpendicular to above information]

Montreal [unknown number] Dec 1828 A Gray [long dash] Stone for Court House

(REVERSE)

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[The writing from the other side of paper is also visible on this page]

Montreal 15th December 1828 [flourish underneath]

Sir –

I received yours of the 19 [unknown word] and am sorry to think that I sho [abbreviation of should] have been so long without re-plying [word split on two lines] to it but I could never find Mr McKutcheon the person who forwarded your Stone which was the cause of my not letting you know sooner respecting the same [word slightly smudged] . Mr McKutheon [unknown word] that he "sent off your [Stone?] a few days after he received it from me- and addrefsed [sic] it to the care of [unknown word] Grant + [unknown name] or William [Stayner?] [hole in page] Queenston" – I [am?] [hole in page] sorry that you should have been so long without your [Stone?] but it was

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was [sic] not in conseyance [sic[of any negligence either on W. M. K's or my part that it did not reach you sooner it was distinctly marked and punctually forwarded from Montreal, so that all the blame must be attached to the people to whom it was addrefsed[sic] –

[unknown word] [unknown word]
Your Most [unknown word]
[unknown initials] Gray
[unknown name]
[flourish]