

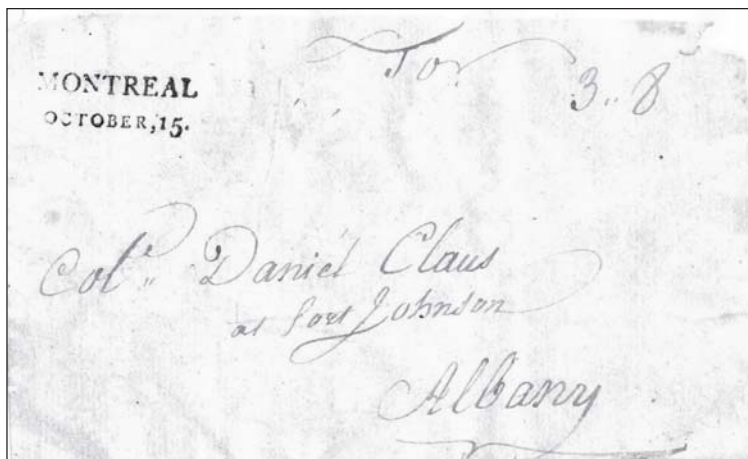
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followed by 2 August 1774, and finally 15 August 1774. The marking is found in red ink only⁵. This first Montreal postmark was used only for July and August 1774 (possibly a few

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Fig. 2 – Montreal straight-line postmark, type 2.



days in September) as we have found examples of the regular “M” manuscript marking from 1764 to 27 June 1774 and then being continued as of 21 September 1774 to 1776.

At the time the rate was in pennyweight and grains of silver. On arrival they were rated in pence currency. This postmark represents a direct imitation of the manuscript marks used in the Canadian post offices during the first twenty years.

The Montreal second type seems to have been used only for a very short period of time – possibly only one day. It is the postmark « Montreal October, 15 » [1774]. Even though this postmark was first recorded by Konwiser and Campbell in 1946, one would think that it was provided by A. J. H. Richardson during the course of his research at the Archives. This unique cover is in the collection of Library and Archives Canada⁶. The postmark is in black. ☒

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