

French Army and the besieged it is likely the garrison will be obliged to surrender at discretion. Five Hundred of the French cavalry were taken a few days since in a partial skirmish which took place and Lord W is entrenching and otherwise securing himself in such a manner that he says he can concentrate the whole of his army in a very short time in any part of the situation he has taken up.

We have heard rumours of an American war which would be a good thing for the Navy but I do not know how far it would be beneficial or the contrary to Nova Scotia.

Wishing you, your family and connexions every happiness & requesting you will be good enough to let my Father, Mother & friends hear of my welfare & that you will acknowledge the receipt of this letter, believe me, My Dear Sir,

Your Obliged & Sincere Friend
Michael O'Brien, Surgeon

Mr. John Albro
Halifax
Nova Scotia

P.S. I think we shall be on the Lisbon station for some time yet & therefore request that you act accordingly.

—From "Western Stamp Collector."★

Trail

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land letter was 5¢ at that time it is a magnificent example of a bisect correctly used.

Tom Hutton, one of our new members from London, England, submits a new plate number not previously recorded. The item in question is plate "3" in the U. L. corner of Scott #189 in the comb perf. Previously the line perf 13.7 and 14.1, as well as comb perf had been recorded with a reverse "2" in the U. L. corner.

Alex MacMaster reports a very nice find, it is a used copy of the 7¢ long Coronation in the scarce comb perf on cover. The interesting thing about the cover is that it is First Day, the first record of its use at that early date. We're passing the information on to Marshall Kay, the expert on this issue. ★

Thanks are extended to Arthur J. Dean (BNAPS #199) for his kindness in auditing the books of the Society for the current year. The Treasurer's Report which appeared in the last number of Topics was in accordance with this audit.

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