

H. N. to H. North

Dec. 17 1776

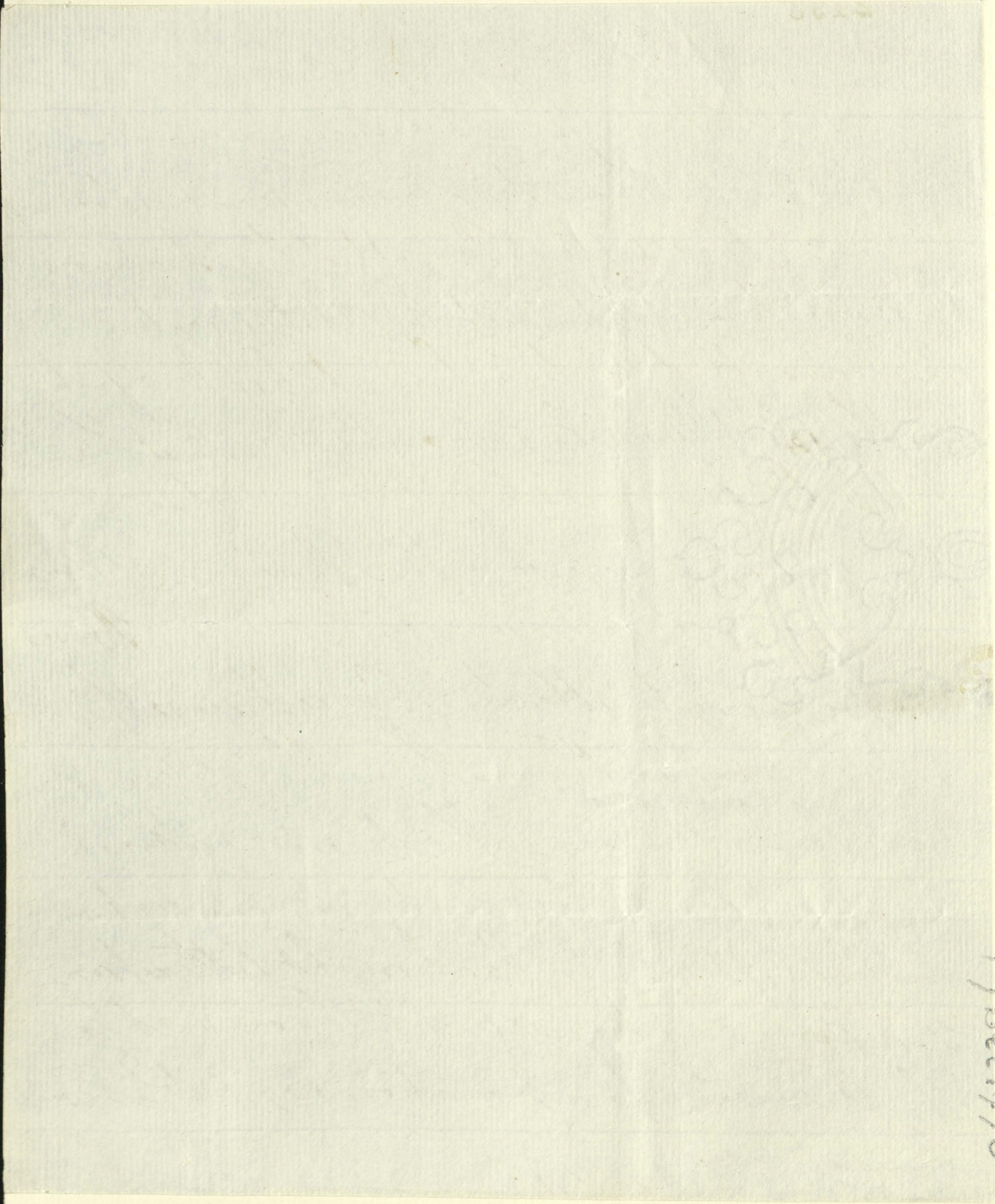
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Lord North, I have the satisfaction of acquainting  
you that I have this instant received from Lord Sandwich  
an account that Captain Pownall of the Islands on  
his return from Canada met the Active Captain  
Williams off of Newfoundland who left New York  
on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nov. who acquainted him that the  
 Rebels had been forced to quit King's bridge, that  
they have no other post in the Province of New  
York except Fort Washington which Gen. Howe  
was preparing to attack; Pownall sends this  
on his arrival at Plymouth, as the Active is a  
slow sailer she was will not arrive within a  
couple of days; Lord Sandwich has sent for  
another Captain who has brought letters from  
Gen. Howe but they refer to those sent by  
the Active and do not mention any public events.

Lucas House  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1776 <sup>on</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> P.M.



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