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Virginia City Nevada Feby 6<sup>th</sup>/73

Dear Andrew,

Yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan'y  
from Montreal City (stating that  
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American money) is duly rec'd  
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and they tell me that their  
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I Remain  
Yours most affectionately,  
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Virginia City Nevada Feb 4<sup>th</sup> / 73

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