

8 NOV. 1850.

India — Mauritius.

1850: November 8<sup>th</sup>; 'Original' letter struck black s/l "Ship Letter" handstamp and MAURITIUS/GPO Crowned Circle ds. NO 08 1850 on arrival.



Endorsed m/s 'p' "Laidmans" out<sup>d</sup> bound Kedgeree or Saugor. Ex Calcutta written 5<sup>th</sup> September 1850, struck on verso red framed Calcutta GPO Ship Letter ds. for same date charged 2 (annas) in m/s.

On arrival letter charged 6d. 1/2oz. i.a.w. Ord. N<sup>o</sup> 1 of 1850 Inward Ship Letter Rates.

8 NOV 1850 - Earliest recorded date for "Ship Letter" h/s. Known in red & blue.

CALCUTTA  
G. P. O.  
SHIPLETTON  
5 NOV  
1846

11/4  
1-1-6

Mr Marshall.



Messrs. Dixon, Bell & Co.  
St. Louis.

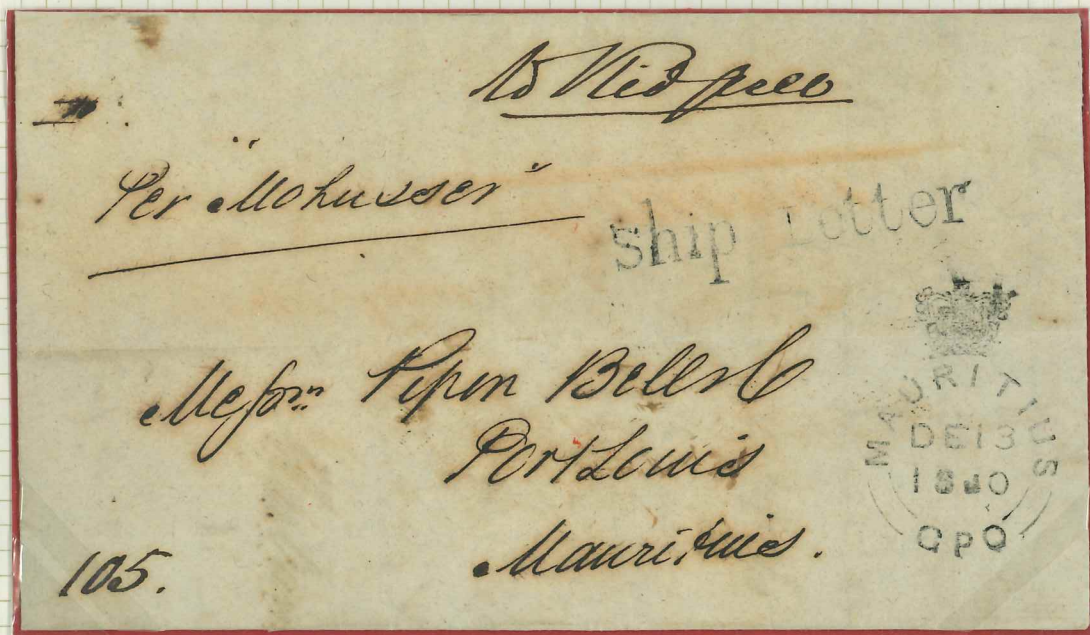
Mauritius.

1850

Straight line "Ship Letter."

India ~ Mauritius.

Letter from India written 6 Nov 1850 struck on arrival with the straight line 'Ship Letter' h/s in black and a Mauritius GPO crowned circle handstamp for DE 13 1850.



Duplicate letter from Calcutta (Original per Str Bentinck) endorsed per "Mohusser" struck on verso with a boxed CALCUTTA G.P.O. SHIP LETTER h/s in red for 7 NOV 1850 and m/s - 2 - annas postage.

Earliest known recorded date for the Ship Letter h/s is <sup>8 NO</sup> 4 DE 1850 and the same h/s is still in use today as a Paquebot mark.

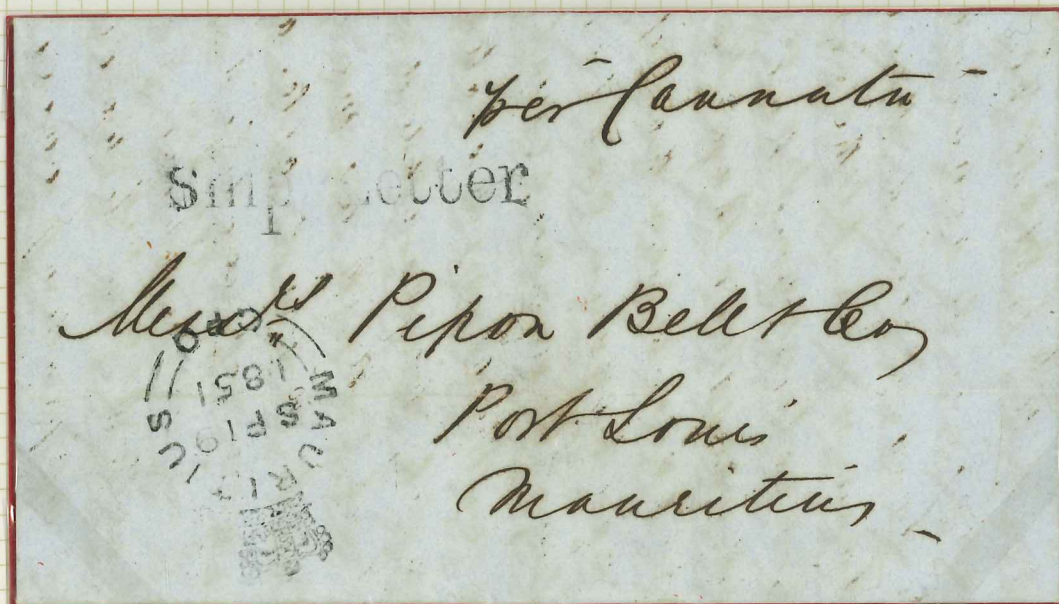
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1851

Straight line "Ship Letter".

India - Mauritius.

Entire letter written 29<sup>th</sup> July 1851 struck on arrival with the straight line "Ship Letter" handstamp in black and a fine strike of the crowned MAURITIUS/GPO d.s. for SP 19 1851.



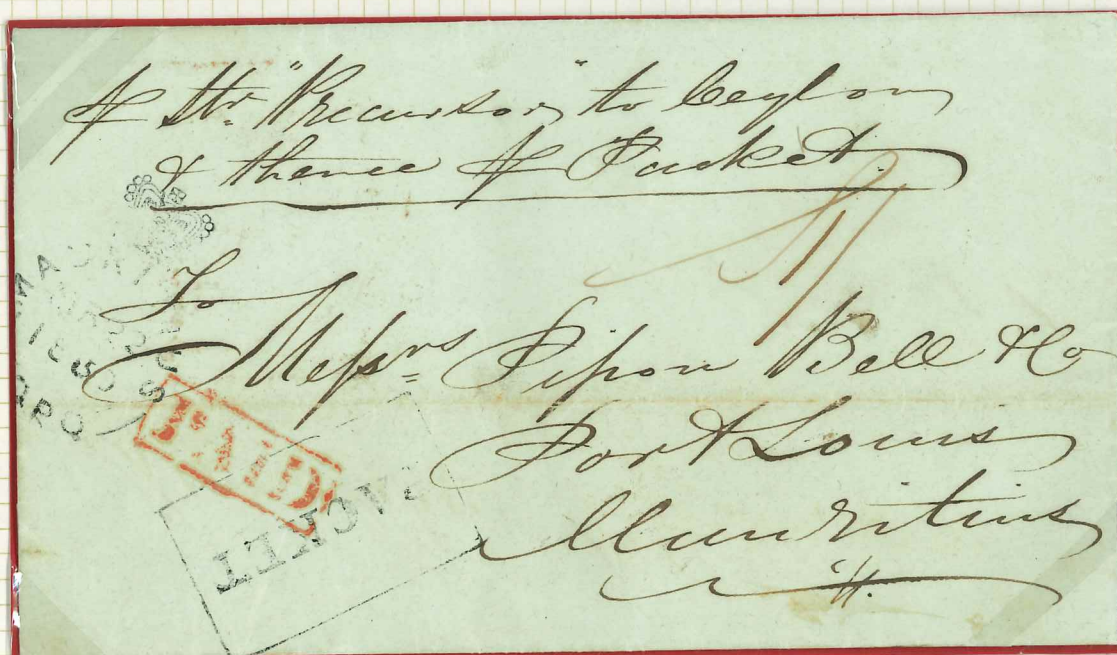
Original letter from Calcutta endorsed "per 'Cannata'" and struck on verso with a framed "CALCUTTA/GPO/SHIP LETTER" d.s. in red for 29 JULY 1851 plus a m/s "-2-" (annas) postage mark.

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The "PACKET" handstamp - 1849-50.

India - Mauritius via Ceylon.

Entire from Calcutta rated 1/- (in red m/s) the packet letter rate per 1/2 oz. from India via Ceylon showing use of the framed "PACKET" handstamp on inward bound mail.



Entire struck in red on verso with a boxed Calcutta/GPO/Ship Letter 1/2 oz 8 FE 1850 and boxed PAID. Item endorsed per 'St. Precursor to Ceylon & thence per Packet' en route Calcutta - Suez. The Government packet "Elizabeth" carried the mails ex. Galle 28/2 arriving Port Louis 22/3 confirmed by the Mauritius-GPO crowned circle 1/2 oz for same date.

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1850

Straight line "Ship Letter".

ship Letter

India - Mauritius.

Entire from India written 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1850 struck on arrival with the straight line  
"Ship Letter" h/s in black.



Original letter from Calcutta endorsed "Per Fanny" with m/s "1/-" rate marking & struck on verso with a framed "CALCUTTA/GPO/SHIP LETTER" h/s in red for 1 OC 1850.

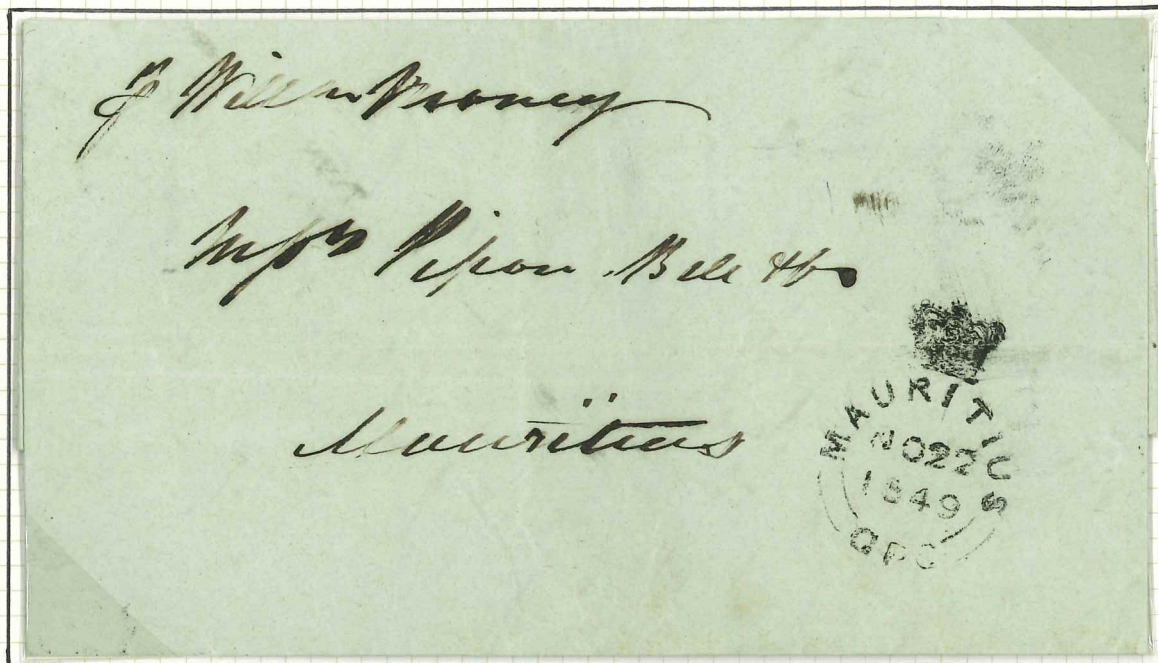
Letter additionally struck on arrival with a faint but very early strike of the GPO/MAURITIUS d/r d.s. for NO 19 1850.

Earliest known recorded date for the "Ship Letter" h/s is 8 NO 1850 and is still in use to-day as a Paquebot mark.

1849

MAURITIUS G. P. O. Crowned Circle 1848-1861.

Letter from India written 28 SEP 1849 struck with a MAURITIUS GPO Crowned  
Circle for NO 22 1849.




Letter carried per 'William Varney' from Calcutta to Port Louis.

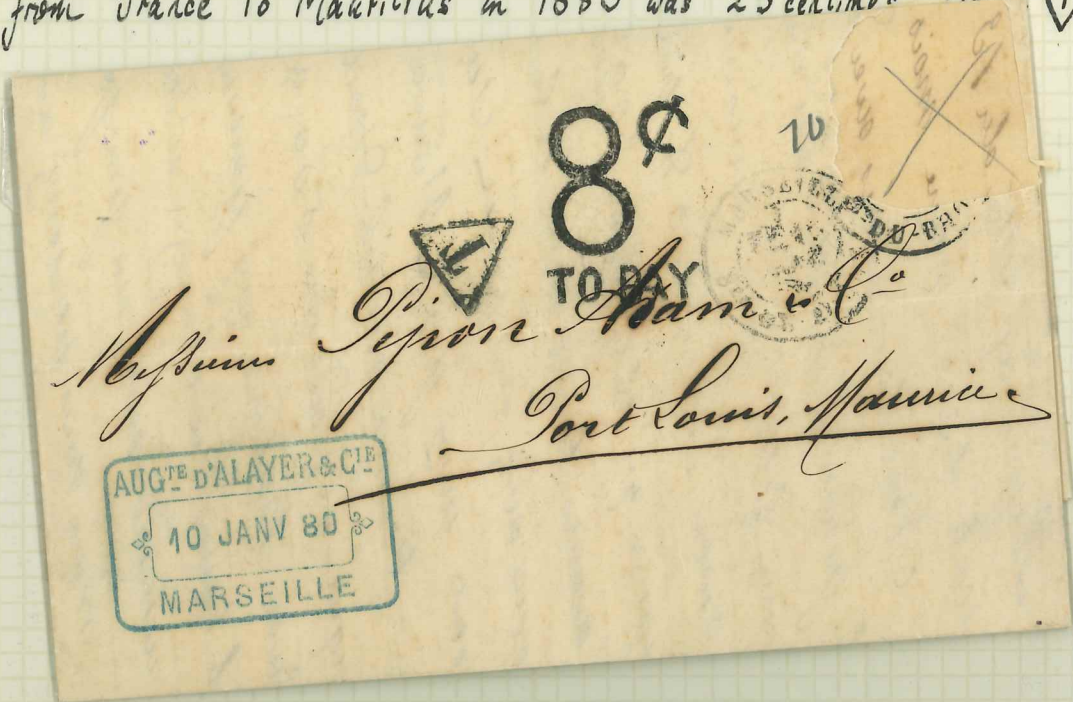
Earliest and latest dates recorded are 19 Ju 1848 and 22 MY 1861.

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Contents of letter refer to shipments of rice and grain for Mauritius.

8¢  
TO PAY

10.1.1880 MARSEILLES to MAURITIUS, franked with a 10c. stamp,  
which would have prepaid only the printed matter rate: the single letter  
rate from France to Mauritius in 1880 was 25 centimes. H...  (taxé).

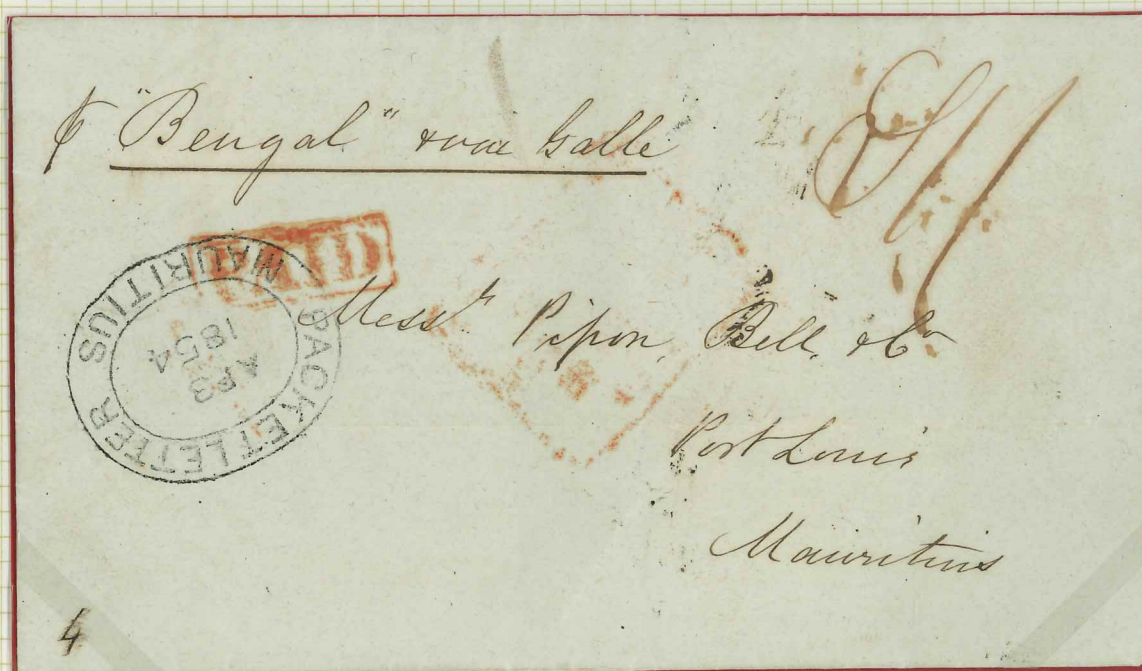


STAMP  
REMOVED

The PACKET LETTER handstamp Type B — 1850 - 1856.

India — Mauritius via Ceylon.

Entire struck with the Type B handstamp in black not conforming to Langlois' theory that mail routed via Ceylon was always struck in red.



Entire ex. Calcutta 15 FE 1854, endorsed per "Bengal" via Galle carried per steamer "Indiana" en route Calcutta, India to Plymouth via Cape, ex. Galle 23/3, arr. Port Louis 2/4 just 10 days between Galle and Mauritius.

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Per Steamer via Gallé Paid.  
MADRAS G.P.O. 1852JU8  
INDIA PAID  
Mauritius  
8<sup>th</sup> June 52.

introducing  
Mauritius  
MADRAS G.P.O. 1852JU8  
INDIA PAID  
Mauritius

Per Steamer via Gallé  
MADRAS G.P.O. 1852JU9  
INDIA PAID  
Mauritius  
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Via Aden  
MADRAS G.P.O. 1852JU9  
INDIA PAID  
MADRAS G.P.O. 1852JU9  
INDIA PAID  
Mauritius  
27<sup>th</sup>

In First Ship  
Messrs Pipon Bell & Co  
Mauritius

via Ceylon.  
MADRAS G.P.O. 1852JU9  
INDIA PAID  
MADRAS G.P.O. 1852JU9  
INDIA PAID  
Mauritius

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*for Steamer*  
Messrs. Pison Bell & Co  
via Caylon  
Mauritius  
PACKET LETTER MAURITIUS  
MR 22  
1855  
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*for Steamer Lady Jocelyn*  
Messrs. Pison Bell & Co  
Port Louis Mauritius  
PACKET LETTER MAURITIUS  
DE 3  
1855

*Autour*  
Monsieur A. Viot  
Nantes.  
OUTRE-MER  
30  
48  
MARTES

*for "Lady Jocelyn"*  
Messrs. Pison Bell & Co  
Mauritius  
PACKET LETTER MAURITIUS  
DE 3  
1855

*for "Mauritius"*  
Messrs. Pison, Bell, & Co  
Port Louis  
Mauritius  
PACKET LETTER MAURITIUS  
JU 9  
1854

Handwritten text on a folded letter, including a red circular postmark.

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Handwritten text on a folded letter with a red rectangular postmark that reads "CALCUTTA G.P.O. SEPTEMBER 15 1852" and two circular stamps.

Handwritten text on a folded letter with a circular postmark that reads "CALCUTTA G.P.O. POST OFFICE." and a small circular stamp.

Handwritten text on a folded letter, including the phrase "I will pay for the postage upon this card here".

Handwritten text on a folded letter with a red rectangular postmark that reads "CALCUTTA G.P.O. SEPTEMBER 15 1852".

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