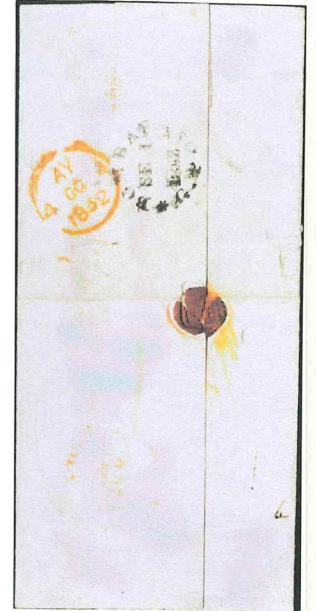
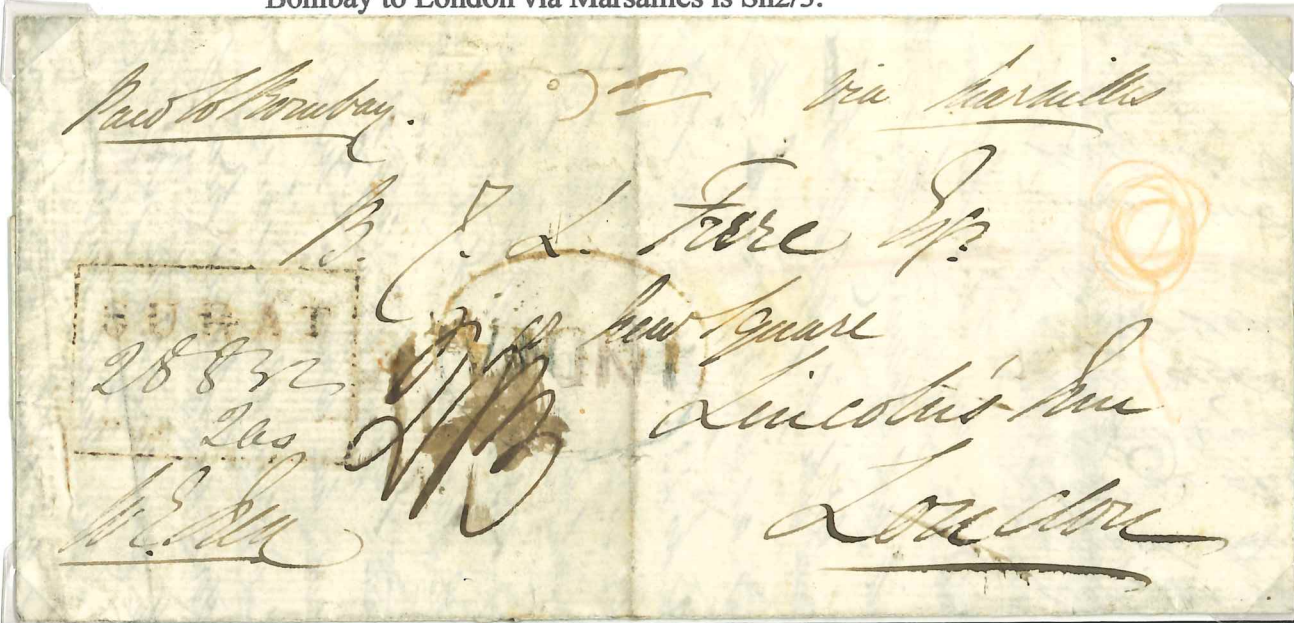


An entire letter from Surat District in the Bombay Presidency .Once the chief commercial city of India Addressed to Lincolns Inn London.The postal instructions are "Paid to Bombay" and to go "via Marseilles". The letter was written on the 28th August 1852. Posted in the Post Office SURAT and the handstamp Type HG 3 with the date 28-8-52 and paid 2 As. HG states in use 1841-47 in red ,later amended to 1853

On the reverse is the handstamp of the Bombay G.P.O. HG Type G4 in use from 1850-55. There is an oval INDIA in Black 37 x 26mm which may be an error.

The mail was loaded into the "Ajdaha" an E.I.C.regular steamer and sailed on the 1st September arriving in Suez on the 16th September. It was sent overland to Alexandria and sailed in the "Medina", an H.M.Packet and arrived in Marsailles via Malta on the 3rd October. It arrived in London on the 4th October 1852. Transit time 37 days .The postage shown from Bombay to London via Marsailles is Sh2/3.



An outer cover of a letter posted in Ootacamund, a hill station in South India The letter has the despatch stamp **OOTACAMUND, DATE, Paid 10AS** HG Type 4 in use from 1838-45. It passed through Bombay **BOMBAY** in oval frame. The mail was loaded in the "Victoria" which sailed from Bombay on the 2nd February and arrived in Suez on the 18th February. Loaded at Alexandria in the "Iberia" on the 21st February and arrived Malta on the 26th February, transferred on to the "Locust" and arrived in Marsailles on the "nd March and London on the 7th March. The London receipt stamp confirms. Transit time 6 weeks.

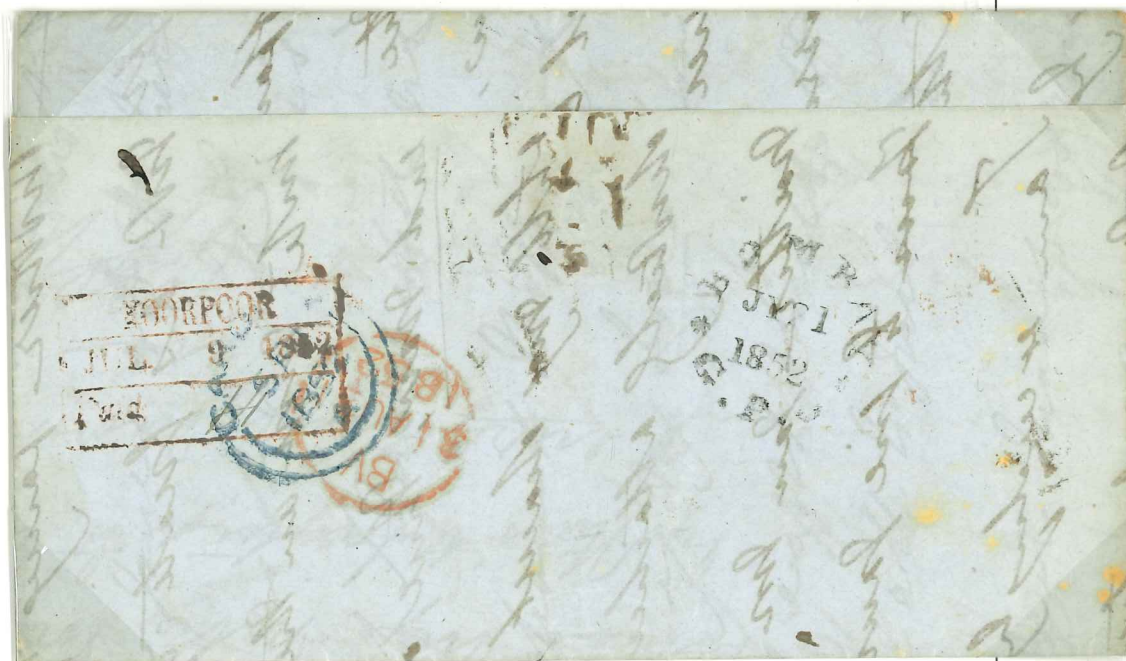


This entire was written in Ootacamund on the 22nd October 1838 and has the **Ootacamund 23 October 1838 Paid** Post Office stamp with the Manuscript amount of postage as 12As. The instructions were for the letter to be sent via Bombay & Alexandria and from the INDIA in an ellipse in black, most unusual, the letter was sent via Bombay. The letter arrived in London on the 7th Jan 1835, London Post Office Stamp and postage paid was Sh2/6.



To the Treasurer of
The London Missionary
Society
in Bombay Wimpole St
Abbey Church London.

An entire cross written letter by the son of Lady Tyler from Noorpoor, a town in the Kangra District, 37 miles from Dharmsala. Noor poor in black, should be Red, stamp H.G.2 in use from 1952. Dated 19th July 1852 and Paid. The letter sent via Bombay and Marsailles. **BOMBAY** in oval frame with Circular Bombay despatch stamp dated July 21 1852. Probably London circular receipt stamp in red with the date 31st August, and Cardiff receipt stamp 5th September. Letter tells of Son terminating relationship.

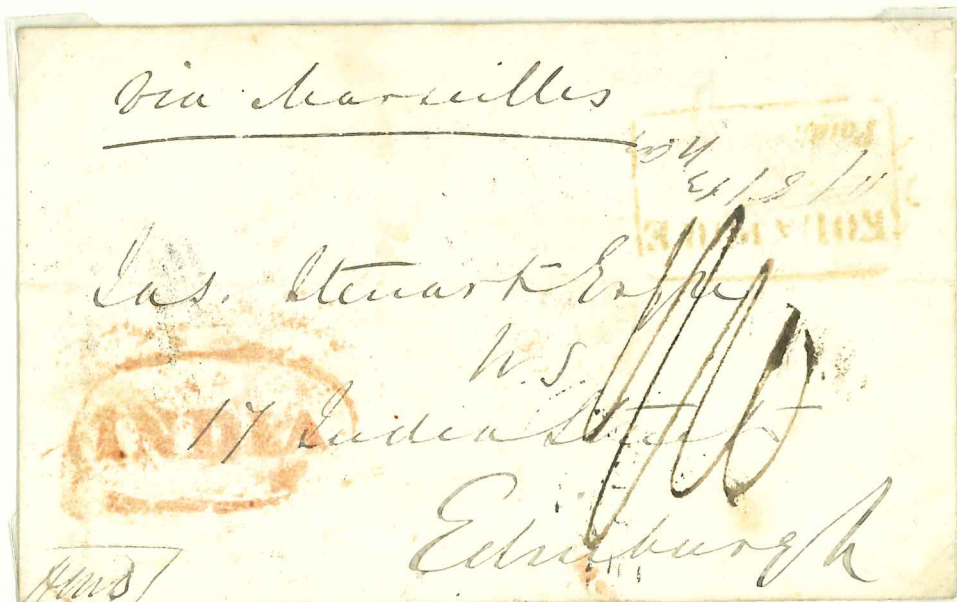


A two page letter by Captain George Frazer stationed in Nagpur dated 25th June 1839 and addressed to his Brother, James, in Inverness. The letter deals with a legal case which is going on in Delhi.

The letter was posted in Nagpur on the 26th June. On the reverse is "NAGPUR", 26th June 1839: Paid, HG 3 in use from 1838-40, The sum Rs1 As.4 for the double rate, in manuscript. On the front is "BOMBAY" which was in use from 1838-54.. There are no details of the transport of the letter but it arrived on the 10th September 1839. The transit time would appear to be 10 weeks. This would have been the period of the monsoon in western India when shipping was interrupted.



This outer cover was posted in a village KOLAPORE, exact position not known but presumably in the Bombay Circle. KOLAPORE 11/8/53 Paid stamp with the date in manuscript and the postage, also in manuscript 4As. The letter passed through Bombay on the 15 August where the Bombay G.P.O. date stamp plus the usual INDIA stamp was applied. The letter arrived in the U.K. presumably the foreign section with the handstamp date 28SP 1853 and received in Edinburgh SEP 29 1853. Transit time via Marsailles 29 days.



Part of an entire letter posted in Ferozepore, a town on the Sutlej River in the Punjab. The address is difficult to decipher. The reverse has the despatch office stamp "FEROZEPORE"- 28 Novemr 1846; Bearing 2As.. (HG. Type 2 in use from 1839-46) There are no Post Office stamps on the front to indicate receiving office or date.



An entire letter from Ed Ommanney to his mother sent from Dinapore a military Station in the Patna District in Bengal Presidency. The letter is dated 17th April 1847 and has the Dinapore despatch handstamp also dated 17 April 1847. The writer asks for the letter to be despatched by overland mail via Bombay with the British postage prepaid..The **INDIA PAID** handstamp was applied in Calcutta and is HG 20 which was in use from 1845 to 1862 There is a British **PAID** Handstamp dated 7th July 1847 which indicates the letter's arrival and a **BEDFORD** handstamp dated 8th July indices receipt. Transit time 80 days.



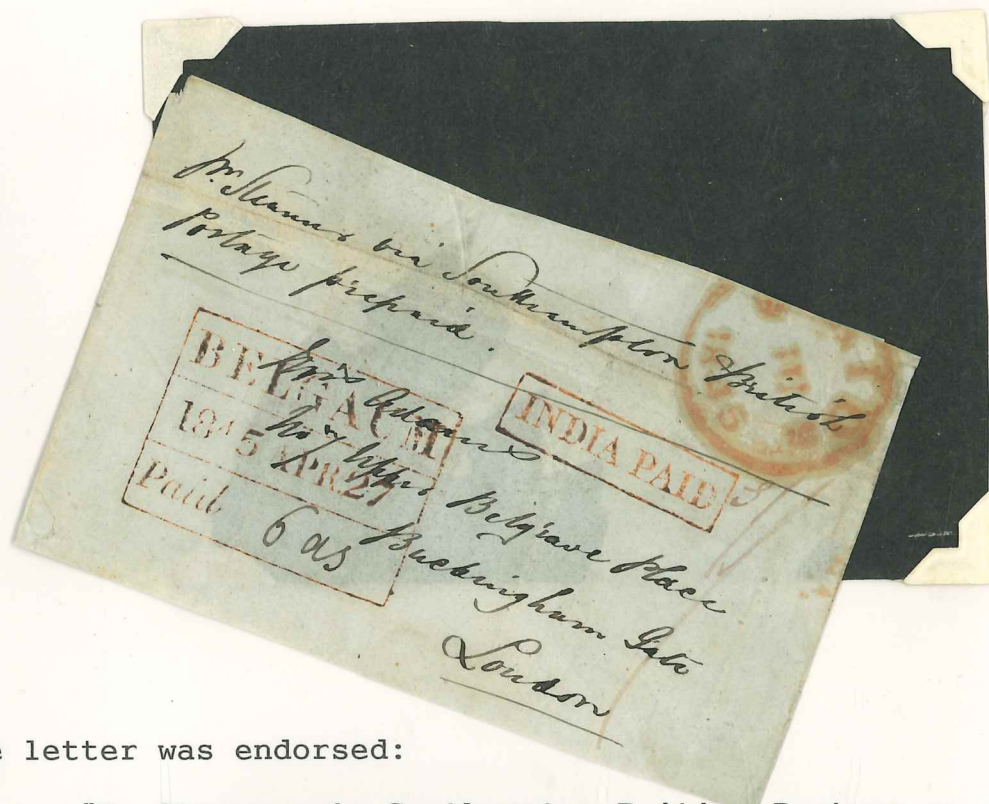
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The Belgaum Post Office used two different All India Slide type of despatch stamps, "BELGAUM/date/Paid". The larger measured 38 x 27 mm, and the word "Belgaum" was in large letters 4 mm high.

Here is an early example of this stamp, BELGAUM/1845 APR 27/Paid 6as" on this letter, with inland postage of 6 as. prepaid to Bombay.



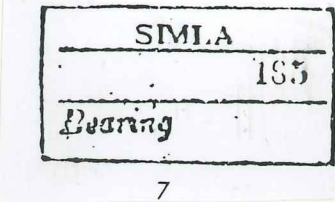
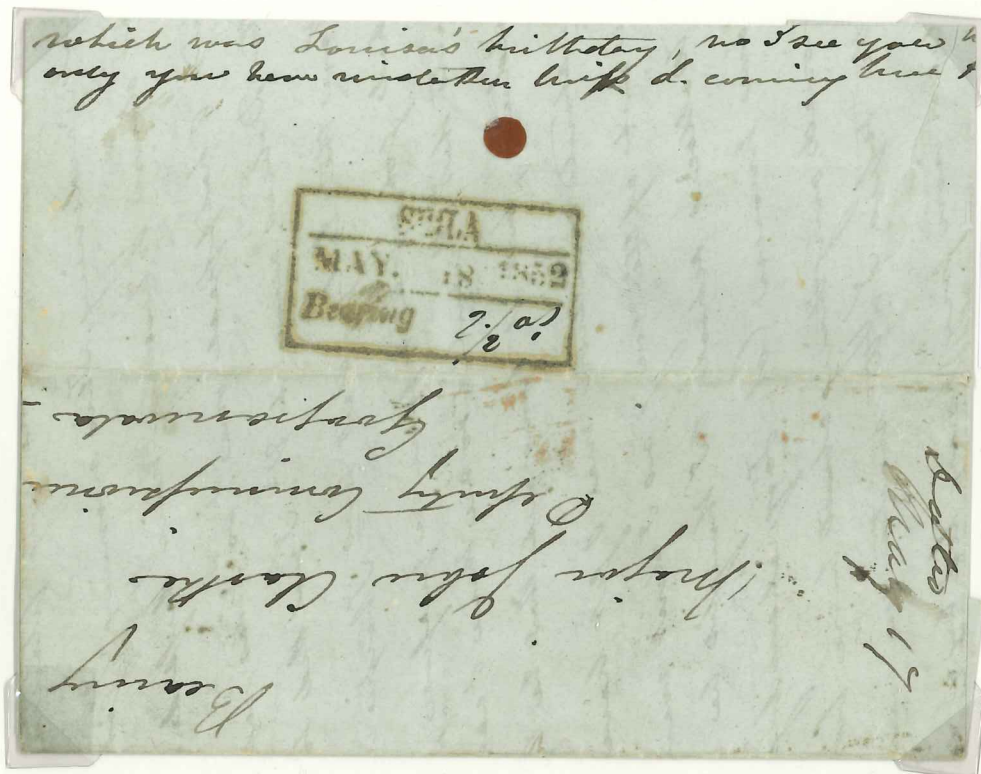
The letter was endorsed:

"Pr. Steamer via Southampton British Postage prepaid"

and stamped "INDIA PAID", against which the *British Postage* of 1/- was written in red ink.

EIC "Queen"		PSNC "Iberia"		PSNC "Duke of Corn."	
Bombay	1.5.1845	Alexandria	23.5.1845	Malta (Est)	27.5.1845
Aden	11.5.1845	Malta	27.5.1845	Gibraltar	3.6.1845
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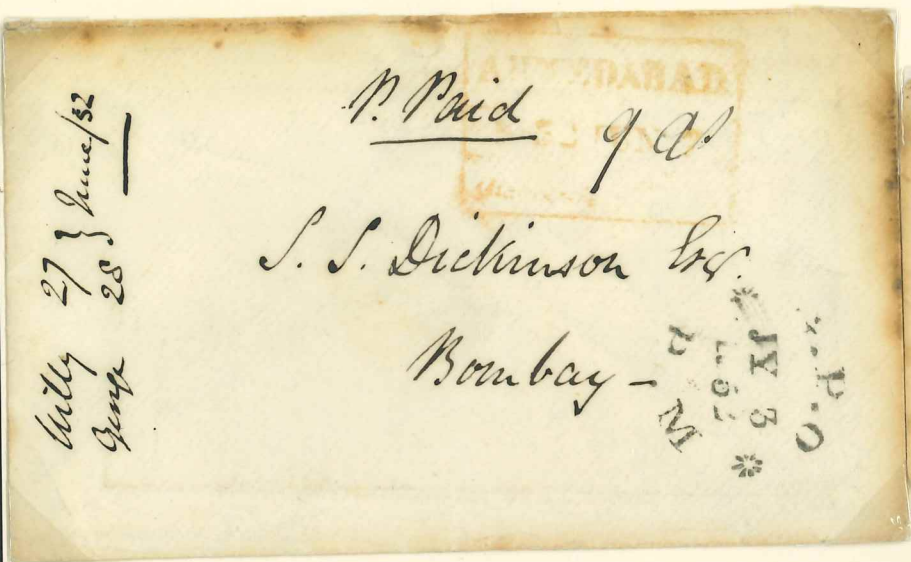
A folded local letter .The contents ,one would suspect, from the wife of Major John Clarke,who is up in the hills,Simla, for the hot wearther giving all the local news.The letter is dated 17th May 1852.It bears the handstamp for Simla but is not described by Hammond Giles.It is similar to type 7 but the lettering is taller and there is clearly a slug for the date which does not appear in HG's detail. The letter was sent to Goojranwala, a district approximately 80Km North of Lahore, in the Punjab.There is no receipt post office.



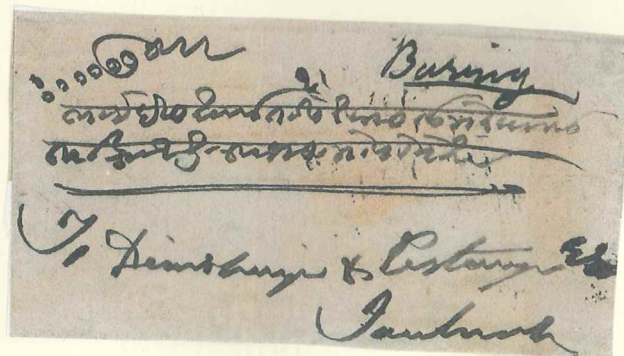
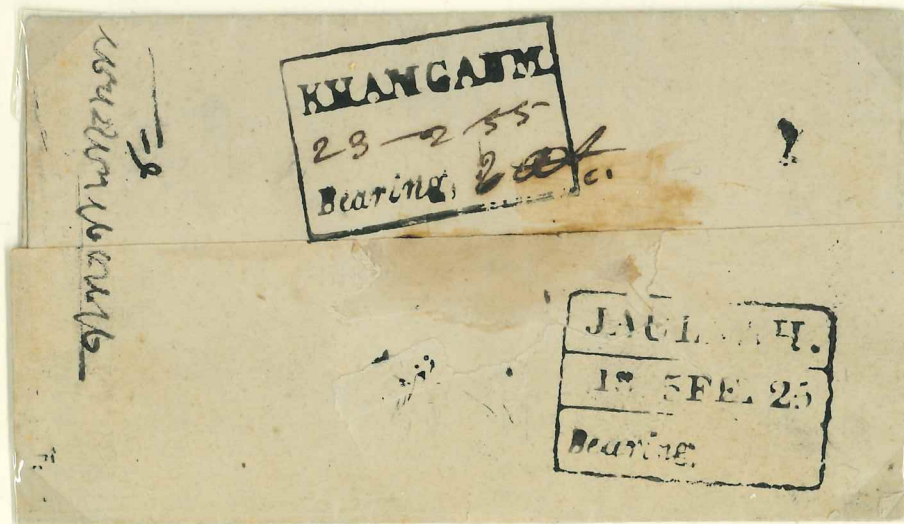
An entire local letter sent from what would appear to be Saugor (Bombay). This was the Headquarters of Saugor District , Central Provinces, 654 miles from Bombay and 760 miles from Calcutta..The letter was despatched on the 16th August 1854 and bears the handstamp in RED "Saugor-Date-Paid "in a rectangle. H.G. 4 in use from 1854.The letter was sent to Madras and has the "G.P.O.-date" in a rectangle. H.G MX5 in use from 1837 and the handstamp "AM" in a rectangle, showing a morning delivery.



Two small covers to the same addressee in Bombay from Ahmedabad, a town 130 miles from Bombay. On the front of each cover is the rectangular handstamp "AHMEDABAD"-DATE - Paid - (HG 1993 Supplement) in use from 1852. Both have the Bombay General Post Office circular stamp with G.P.O. - date- AM/PM. The first letter has the date July 3rd and the second August 13. The "PM" stamp is not recorded by Giles



A local folded letter sent from KHANGAUM, a village/town in the Central Provinces on the 23rd February 1855, with the post office handstamp in black "Bearing 2As." Addressed to Jaulnah, a village in the Aurungabad District, Hyderabad State. The letter has the Jaunlah Bearing stamp with the date 25th February 1855. This type of stamp (HG Type 6) was in use from 1850 -1854 when this type of stamp was superseded in 1858 by the circular handstamp



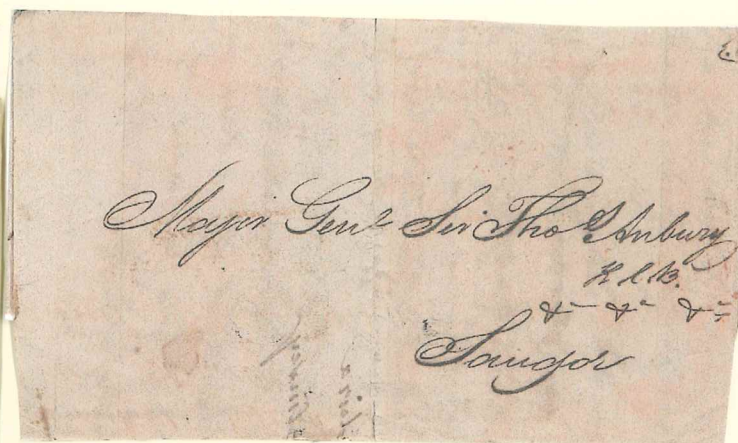
A local cover written in local script but addressed in English despatched from GOOTY, in the Anantapur District, Madras Presidency to Madras. There is the despatch stamp in RED, "GOOTY"- date 15th Decr 1846 in manuscript-**Paid 2As**" in a rectangle, H.G.2 in use from 1839. There is the Madras receipt stamp "G.P.O.-19 DE 1846" in a rectangle H.G.MX 5 in use from 1837.



An entire letter from Bangalore, the seat of government of Mysore State, written on the 29th February 1848 and addressed to Secunderabad, a British cantonment in the Hyderabad State, six miles from Hyderabad City. The post office despatch stamp, "BANGALORE, date-paid" is the H.G. type 9, in use from 1835-55 and the charge 3As. The handstamp is "SECUNDERABAD - Date - Paid" H.G.2 in use from 1838-58, here used as a receipt stamp. The date would appear to be March 10th.



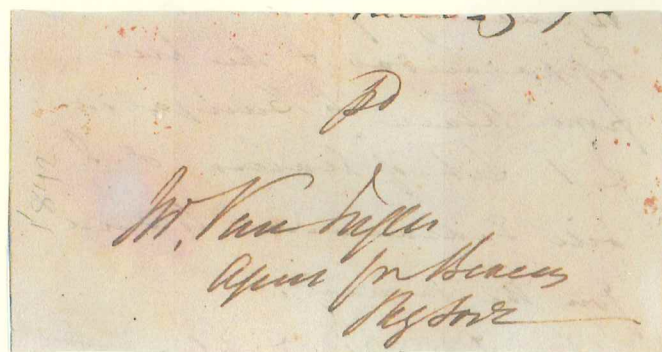
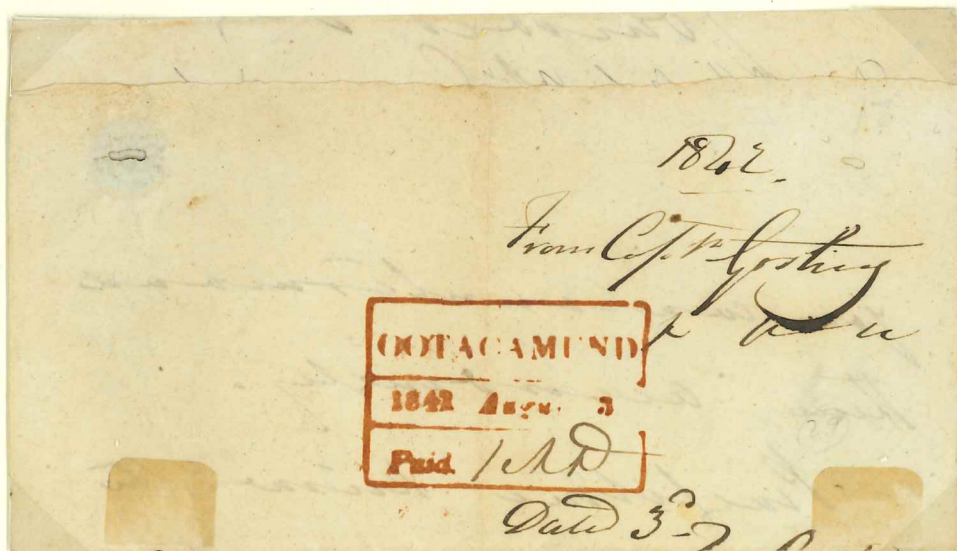
An very fragile entire letter from Calcutta to Sauger addressed to Major General Sir Thomas Anbury KCB. The letter is dated 25th July 1839 with the "Calcutta" despatch stamp HG21 in red used as both a despatch and receipt stamp from 1837 - 45. There is no receipt stamp for Saugor but the letter indicates that the letter was received on the 3rd August 1839.



An entire letter from a Captain Gosling stationed in Ootacamond to a Mr Van Ingles? Agent for Bearers, Mysore.

The letter is dated 3rd August 1842. "Please let me know the expense of ½ hire to Tippacandao and the hire from there to Bangalore of 1 set of bearers and I will endeavour to send you the money

On the reverse is the handstamp "OOTACAMUND -3RD August 53 -1 As HG 4 used from 1838-45



Two letters from a John Cathcart apparently from Meean Meer, the name of the Army Cantonment at Lahore, to his brother Robert in Edinburgh. They relate to his late mothers affairs.

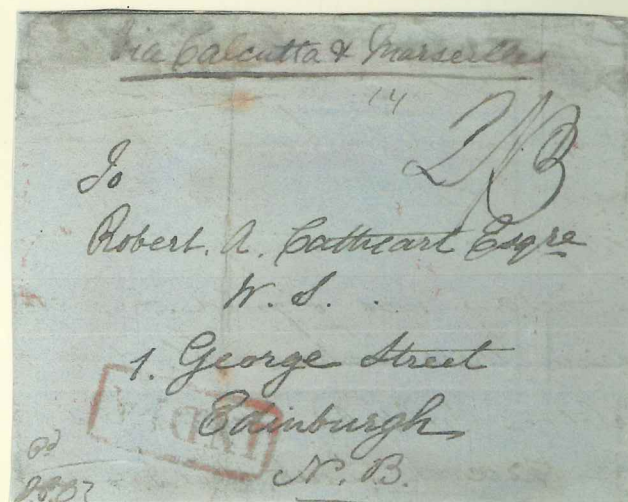
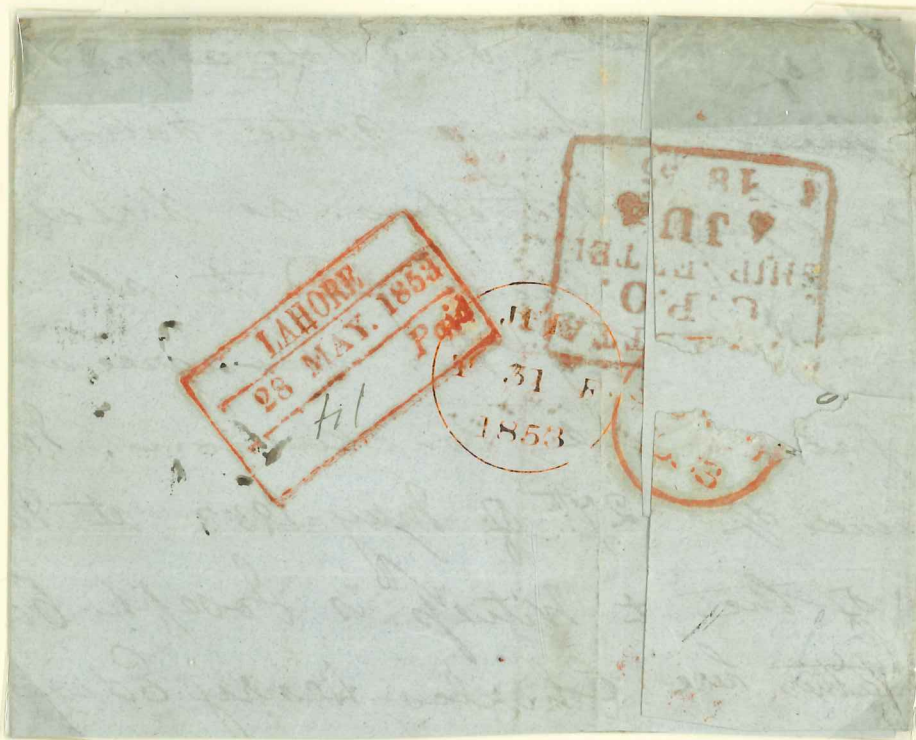
The first letter dated 28th May refers to a Power of Attourney. The Power is witnessed by two Officers .It must be presumed that John was in the the Indian Native Infantry.

The letter passed through "Lahore -28th May 1853- ???Paid ", Not shown by Hammond Giles. It was then received in Calcutta "CALCUTTA- G.P.O.-SHIP LETTER- 4 JUN-1853", HG SD11 in use from 1837-54. On the front is usual "INDIA" in a rectangle. The letter arrived in Edinburgh on the 1st August 1853.

The second letter dated 17th September 1853 on the front "Via Bombay & Marsailles" passed through "LAHORE-18 SEP 1853-Paid" not shown by Hammond Giles, and was received in "BOMBAY- G.P.O.-23sep" in a circle, HG G4 in use from 1850-55. On the front the usual "INDIA" Received in the U.K. 29th October 1853.

It is interesting to note that the sender could dictate which route in India the letter should be sent.

The transit time for the first letter was nearly 9 weeks whereas the second letter was nearly six weeks!!!.





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An entire letter dated 6th May 1839 from one John Bott at KURNAUL, District Headquarters in the Punjab on the old bank of the Jumna river 1030 miles from Calcutta and 1056 miles from Bombay. The front has the instruction for the letter to go "1ST steamer from Bombay". There is the **INDIA** in an ellipse HG Type SD7 in use until 1856. On the reverse is the **KURNAUL** Post Office Stamp HG Type 3 with date and paid, in use from 1837-40. The remainder are U.K. receipt stamps, all of the 15th July 1839. From the dates, it would appear, that the letter was sent in the "Atalanta" on the 20th May arriving in Suez 15th June. Then from Alexandria to Malta, Gibraltar, Falmouth and arrived in London on the 15th July 1839. Transit time 72 days.



An entire letter dated 5th October 1839 from Poona. On the front is the rectangular "POONAH-date-Paid" despatch stamp (HG 9 in use from 1838-54) The amount charged is 1As. which is clearly postage to Bombay. On the front also is INDIA in an oval. (this is probably HG SD 7 in use from 1837.). This unusual in Black. There is a manuscript charge of 3/6, the postage from Bombay to London. On the back are two London Receipt stamps, both dated 2nd December 1839.

It would appear that the letter was despatched from Bombay in the "Zenobia" which left for Aden on the 7th October. It arrived in Suez on the 26th October and was carried overland to Alexandria and was loaded in the "Hermes" which sailed for Malta on the 30th October arriving on the 4th November. It was transferred to the "Tagus" which arrived in London on the 26th November.

Transit time.59 days.



A cover from Jansi, a district headquarters on the road between Cawnpore and Saugor in the Central Provinces, The **JANSI, Paid stamp** in red, is not listed by Hammond Giles. There is a date of despatch, 5th January 1842 and a postage paid of Rs.1-0-0. This is the full postage. The letter passed through Bombay and the stamp in red (HG SD9) in use from 1844-57 for overland post, was applied. The London **PAID 27 MR 1848** was fixed and the letter delivered in Forres on the 1st March 1848. 2 months.



A letter from a Corporal Thomas Bowen, Her Majesty's 14th Light Dragoon Guards to Mr. James Smith in Birmingham. The letter was posted in Kirkee, a town in the Poona District of the Bombay Presidency. The letter has the handstamp of **KIRKEE, 1855, Free** in red (HG 6) first used in 1855. This enabled troops to send letters free, when countersigned by their Commanding Officer. The letter arrived in Bombay on October 17 1855. The Bombay stamp in black (HG G4) in use until 1855 was applied. together with the **INDIA** in an ellipse (HG SD7) in use until 1956. It arrived in Birmingham on the 21st November 1855

Transit time just over one month

