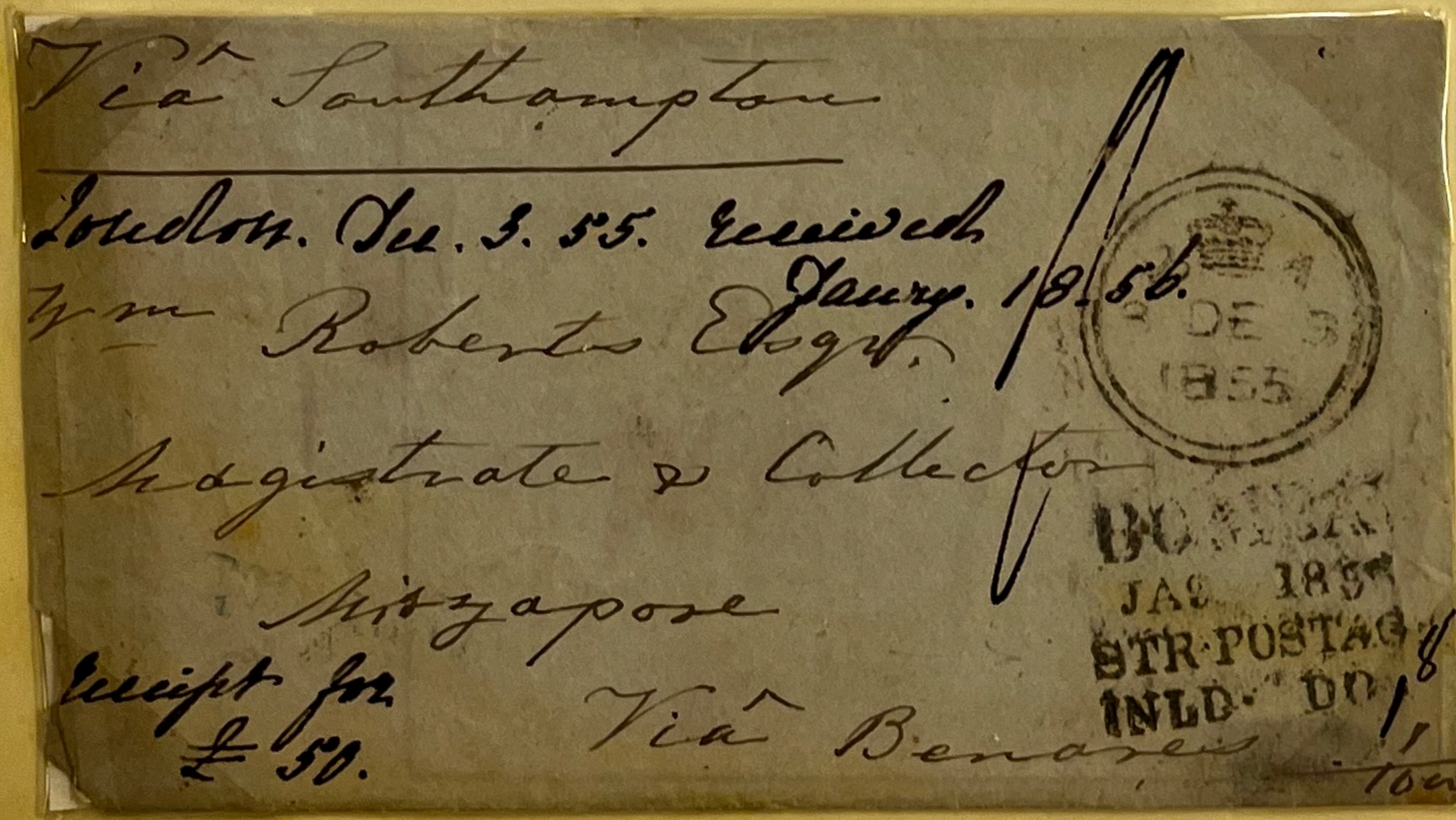


Two entire letters from the U.K. to Fort William, Calcutta to the same addressee. Neither letters would suggest that they were posted in the British Post Office and do not bear any any London marks. Both were received in the Calcutta General Post Office and had the **CALCUTTA G.P.O...** stamp in red applied. The top letter has the month date slug **NO** inverted, the date is 12 NO 1836. The ship Letter Receipt Stamp is similar to (HGSR22) but the postage is not clear. The second letter has the **CALCUTTA G.P.O. 27 MY 1838** stamp in red. Again the Ship Letter Receipt stamp similar to (HGSR 22) but this time it is clearly single postage Inld Ptg 5, Ship Do 2, (1) As7.





An entire letter from London dated September 1852, despatched from the Fenchurch Street Post Office with postage paid to Bombay. The letter was redirected to Poona. The Bombay Bearing stamp was applied and a charge to Poona of As.6 raised.



A cover apparently from London to Mirzapore, a town approximately 900 miles North East of Bombay on the banks of the river Ganges, which had postage paid as far as the port in the U.K. A stamp has been applied in Bombay which details the Steamer Postage and Inland Postage that has to be paid. This stamp was in use from 1844 to 1857.

Recd W. H. Drew - Dartmouth
 Recd Dec 1841
 Aug 19. 1842
 The Rev. B. Rice
 London Miss. Society
 1841
 Paid Bangalore
 Via Falmouth India
 Containing a fine penmanship in the question of the
 Missionary work of New
 (copy 1)

The Honble the Secy of the
 the Military Fund of the
 East India Company
 India House
 London

Entire from John Ruebottom, Manchester to the Honourable the Secretary of
 the Military Fund dated 20th March 1841.

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LETTERS
REFERENCE SARAH SANDS
Mother

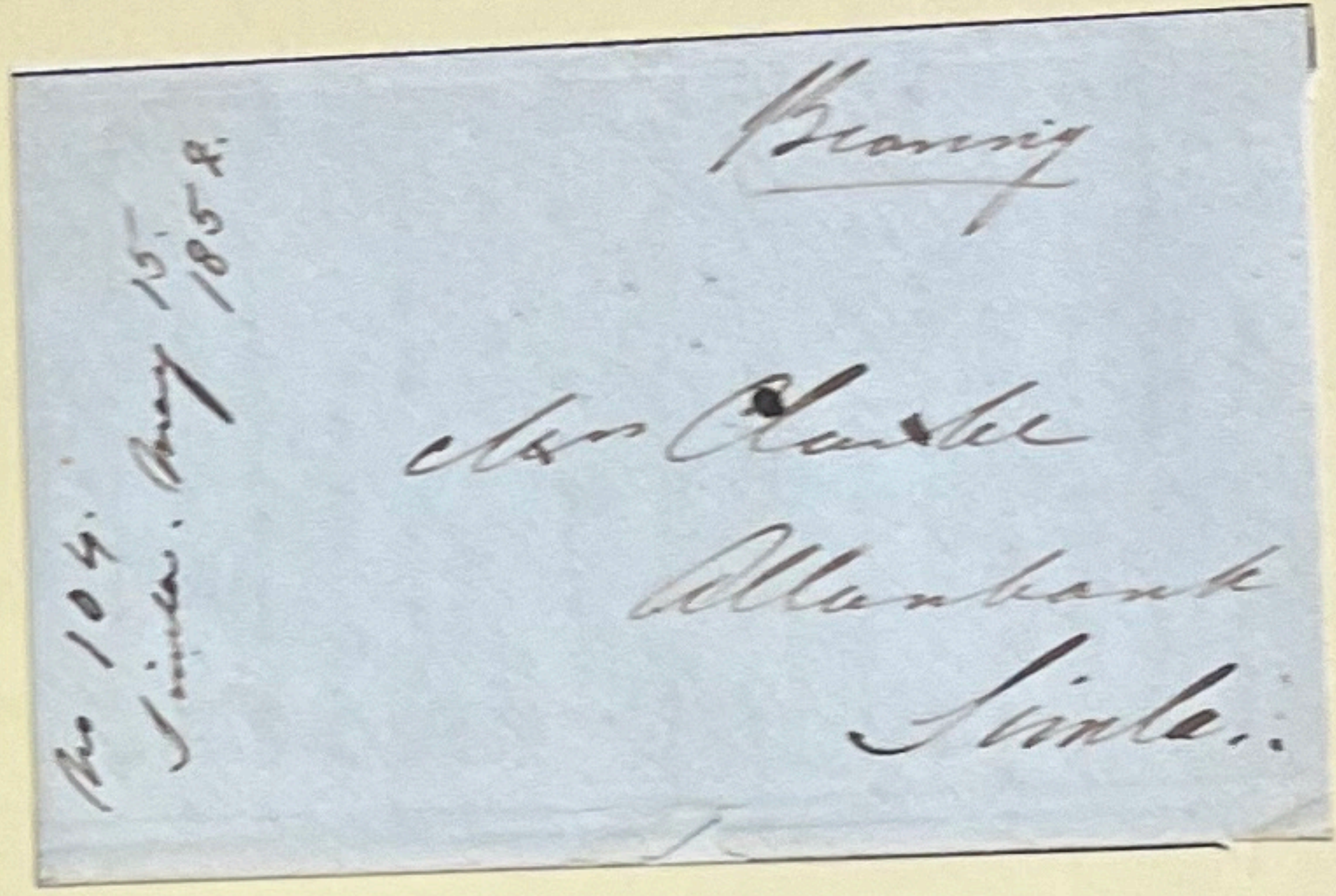
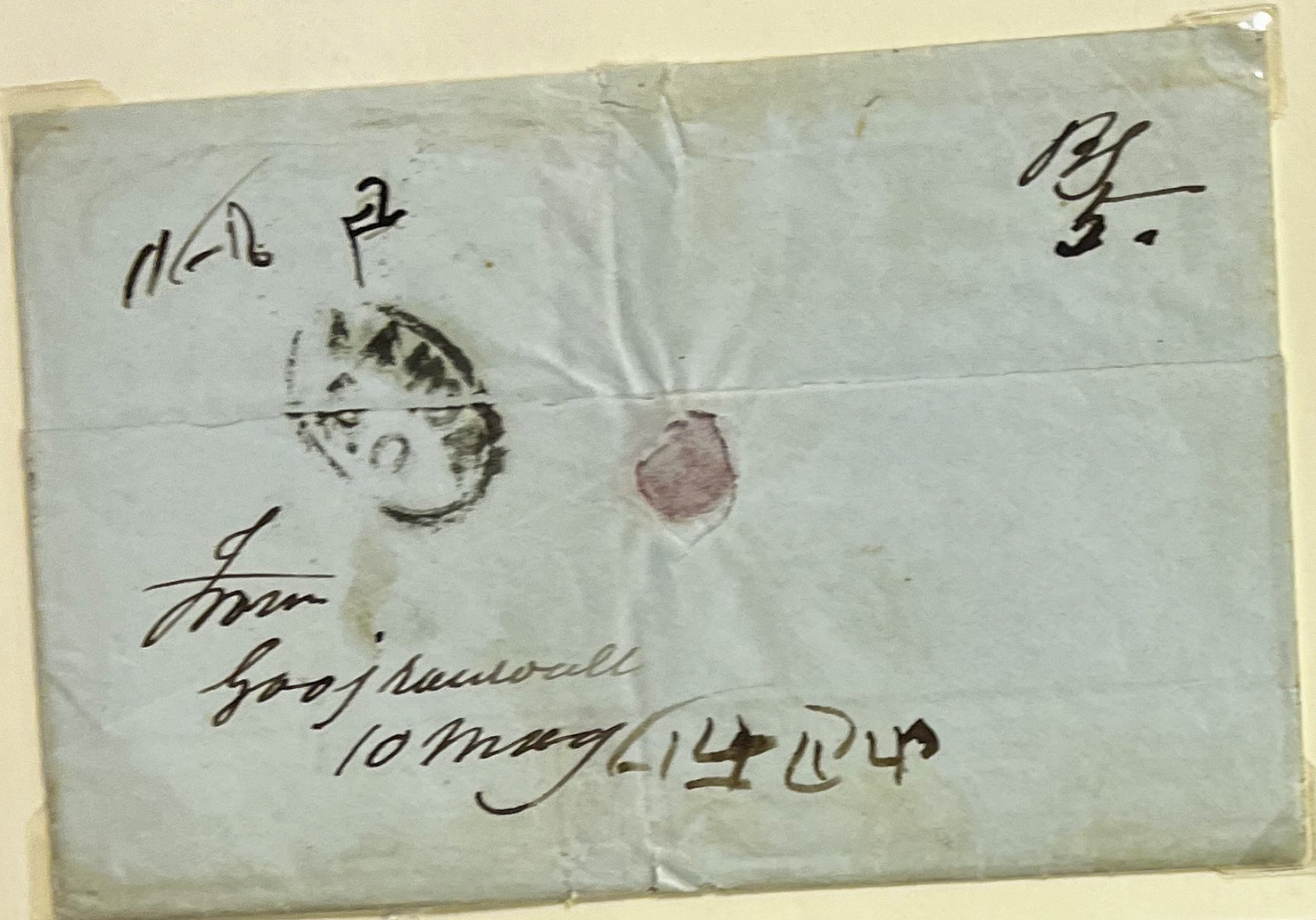
Calcutta
February 17th 1857.

My dear Annie,
 Many many thanks for your
 kind and welcome letter of the 2nd Jan
 As also for the numerous letter you have
 written to me since I left home. I was
 afraid my letter would not reach my
 Mother till some time after the telegraph
 message would arrive regarding the
 fire in board the Sarah Sands. We
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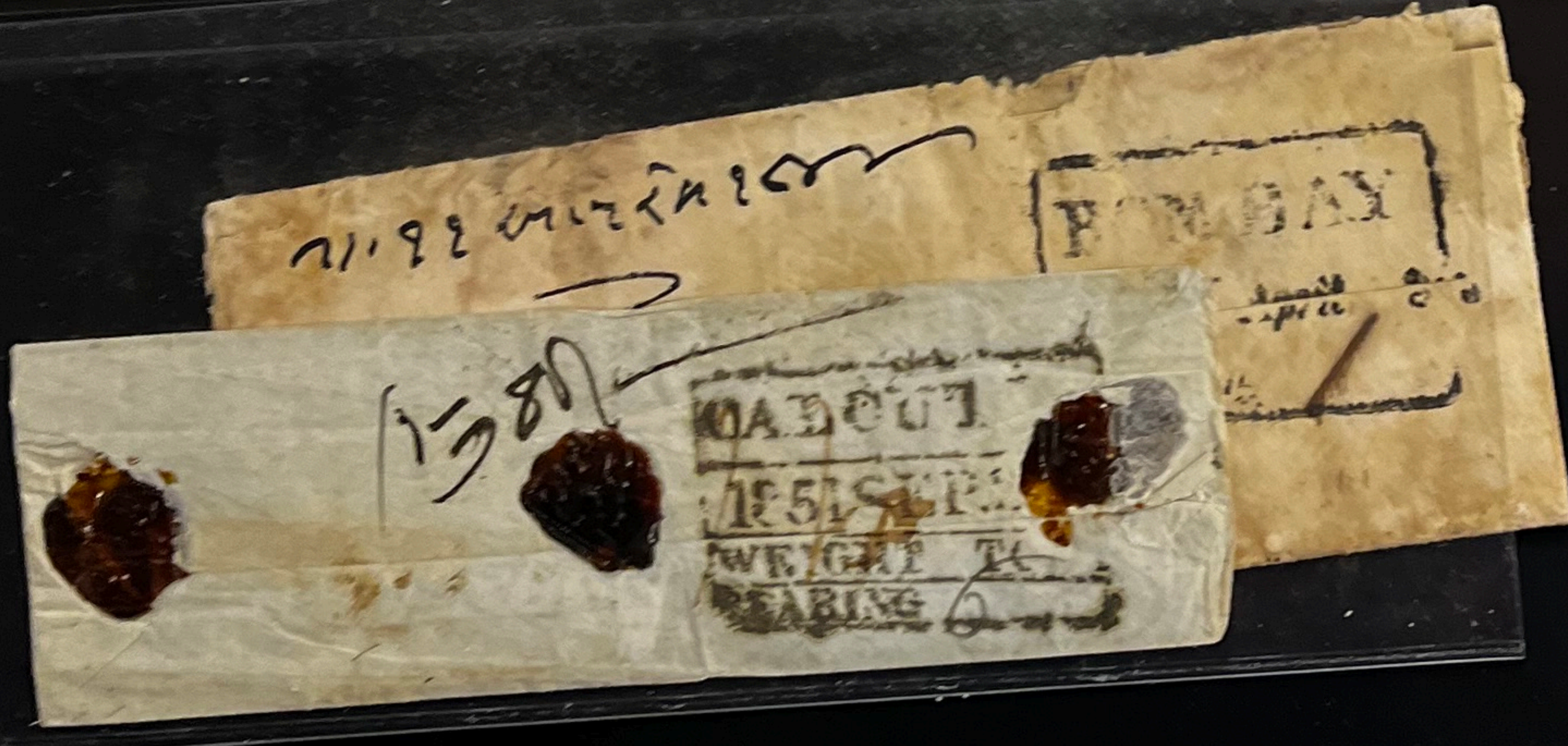
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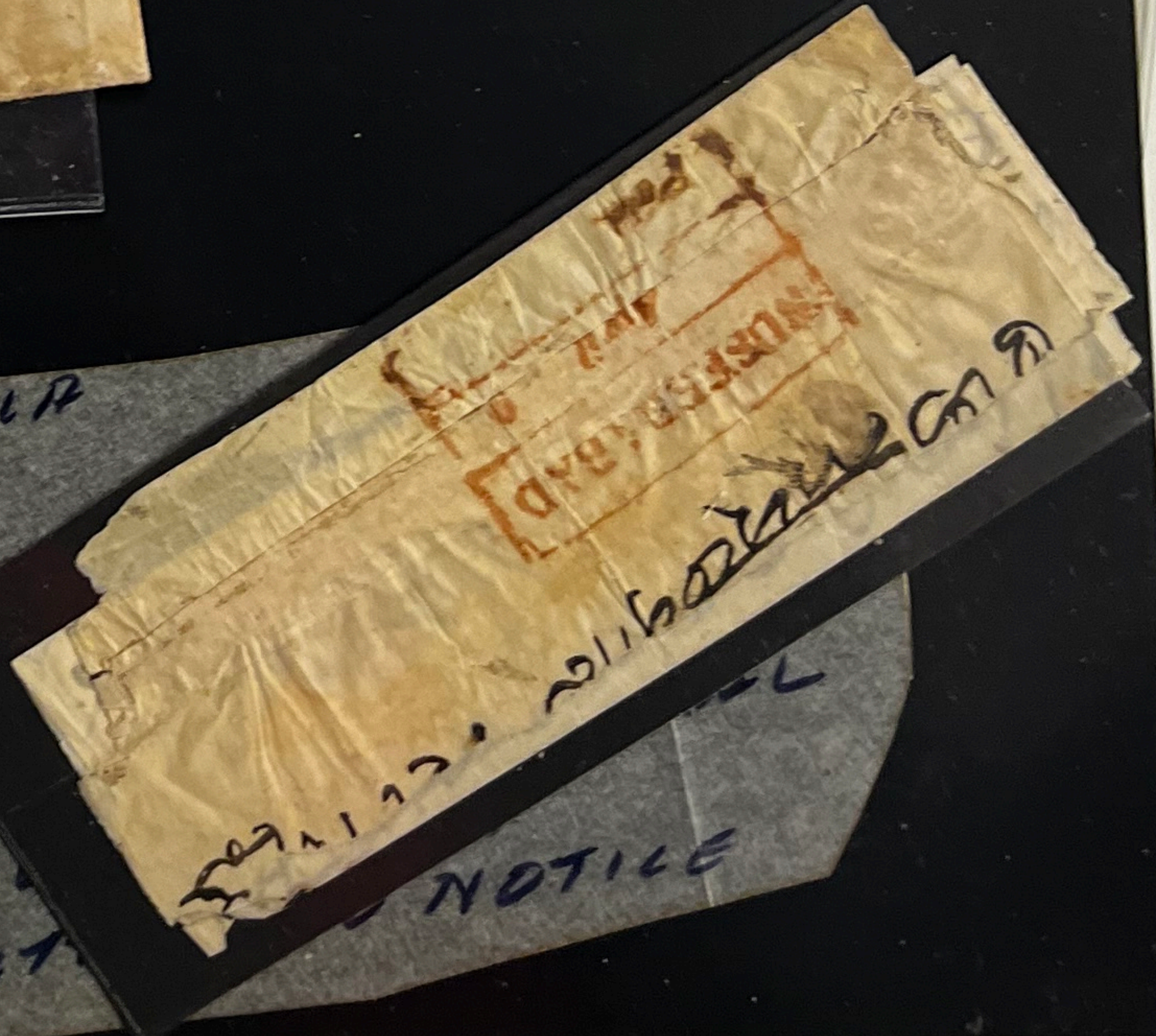
Letter from GOOJRANWALLA in the Punjab to Simla. The handstamp LAHOR was used by the military when handing letters over to the civil Post Office. May 1858 suggests the wife Mrs. Clark was in the hills for the hot weather.



Note postage rate of 2/



TYPE IV - ALL INDIA
1837-
NUSSEERABAD
PT
(UNDER POST)
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*Munshi Pipon Bell Rao
Port Louis
Mauritius*

A native letter of 1861 sent to a munshi care of someone in the 11th Regiment Native Infantry in Cannanore. The letter was sent "Bearing" and cancelled VELLORE with transit BANGALORE and receipt faint CANNANORE RECEIPT Dec 8
A bearing letter.

*To Jinnah's care
Bind care of the
Munshi II
Bearing
Cannanore*

1861
DEC 7
BANGALORE

Sh1/- . Backstamp Bombay Bearing and ma

Entire letter dated 17th December 1851, addressed to Lady Tyler from her son in Noorpoor with Noorpoor despatch in red, Paid, but with date 184?. Bombay transit in black dated 3rd January 1852 and INDIA in oval in red. February 1852 receipt.

Via Bombay & Madras
Lady Tyler
Cardiff
Wm. G. ...

A letter from London addressed to the Rev. Rice in Bangalore, Southern India. The letter was posted on the 30th November 1840 and a PAID stamp applied. The sender instructs it to be sent

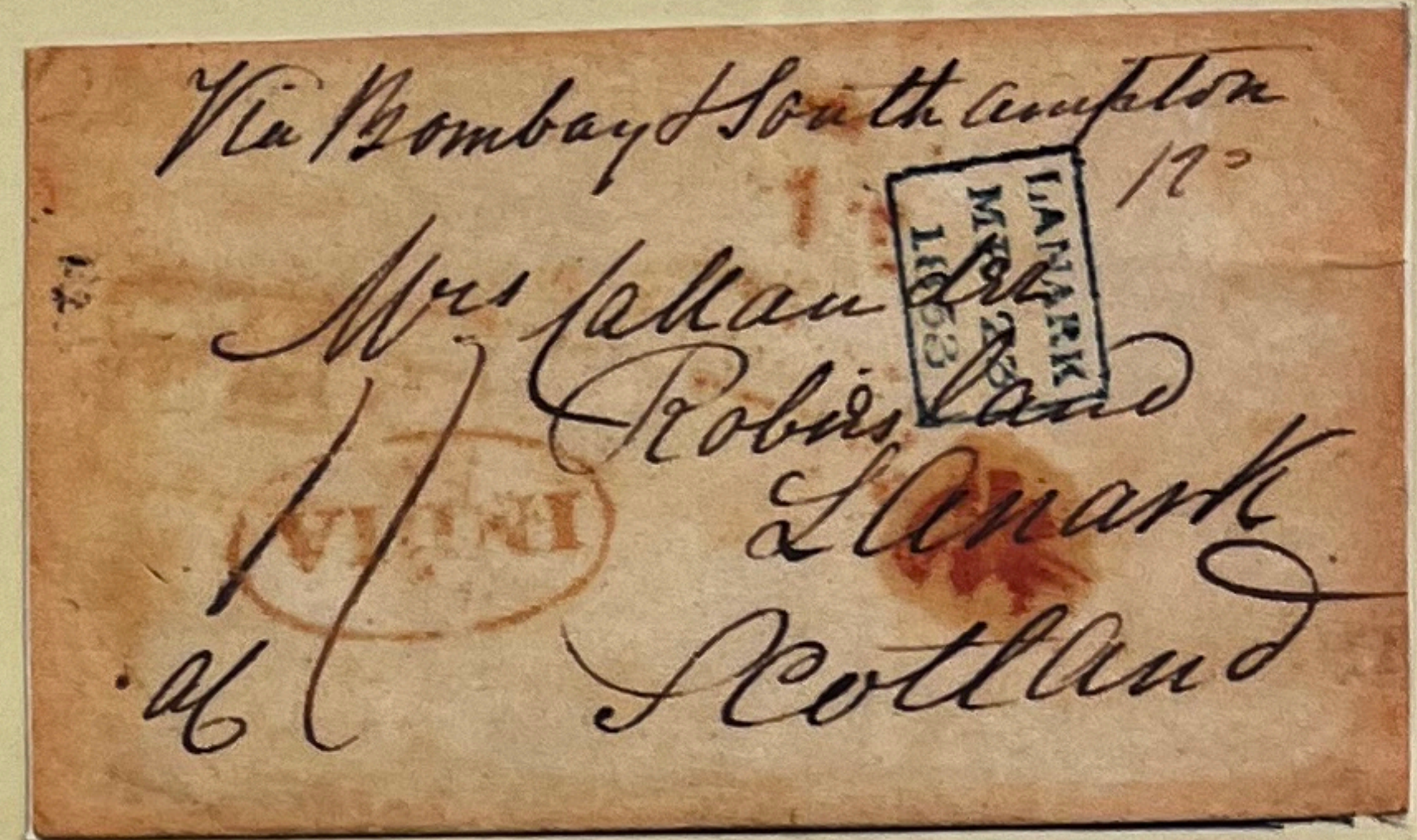
Via Bombay & Madras
Rev. Rice
Cardiff
Wm. G. ...

18th August
Lady Tyler from
Office of despatch
INDIA in red,
Bombay transit in
black. U.K and Cardiff in red.

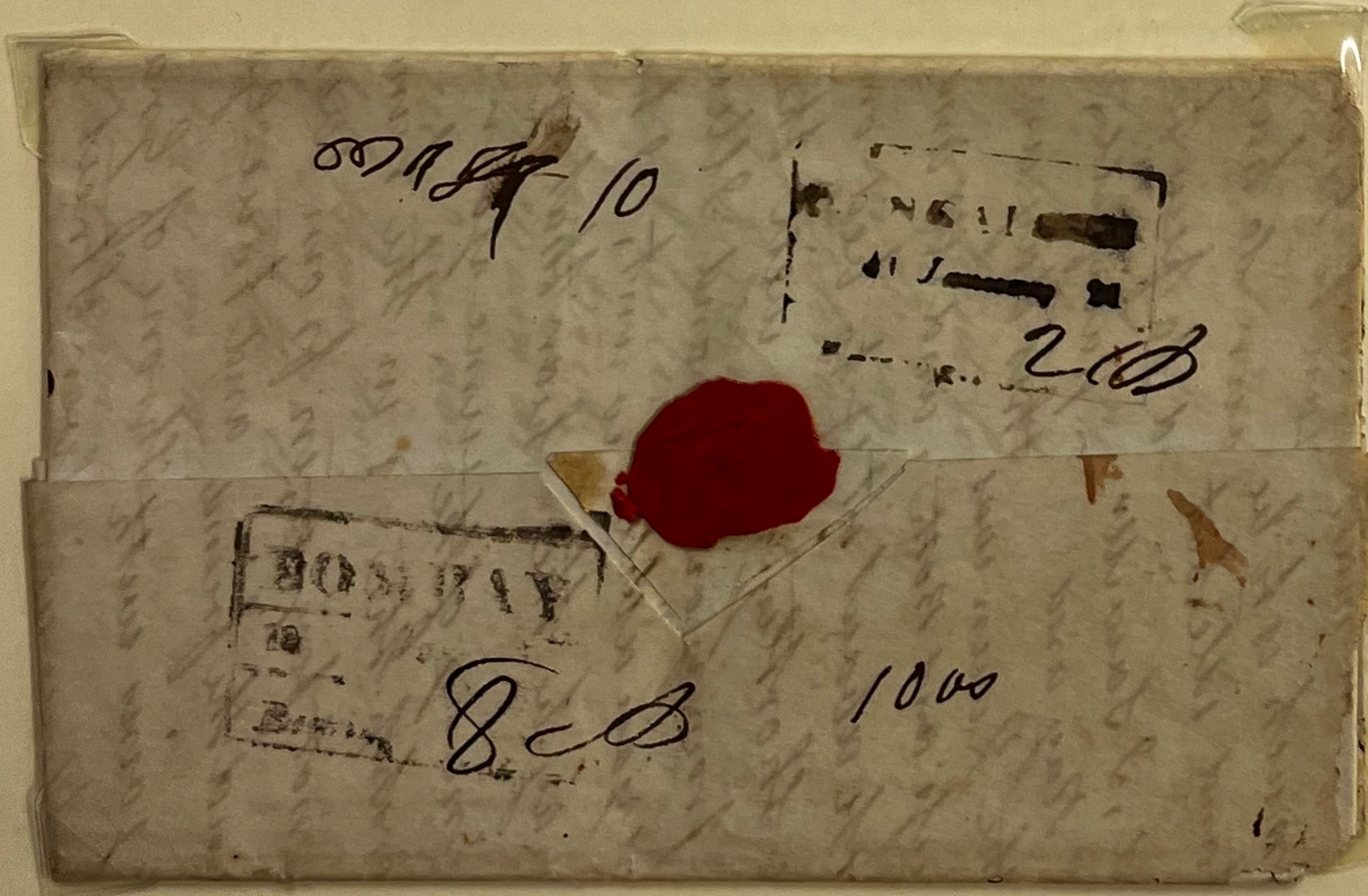
A folded letter from ,probably, the district medical officer at Cuddapah. This is the head quarters of a district in the Madras

A letter written in Simla , a hill station in the Himalayas, posted on 4th February 1853. The handstamp of **Simla** post office showing post paid and date is on the back together with the Bombay G.P.O. and date stamp(HG G4) in use from 1850-55 in black. The front has the Bombay version of the **INDIA in an oval** stamp used for overseas letters and a Lanark arrival stamp showing the 23rd March.

The transit time would appear to be six weeks ,which is good.



A letter from London addressed to the Rev: Rice in Bangalore, Southern India. The letter was posted on the 30th November 1840 and a **PAID** stamp applied. The sender instructs it to be sent via Falmouth , steam packet. The interest is on the back. On arrival in Bombay, a black Bombay Bearing stamp was applied showing a charge of 8as postage to Bangalore. The letter was then redirected to Ootacamund and a BANGALORE Bearing stamp used to show additional postage of 2as. The total paid by the recipient of 10As.

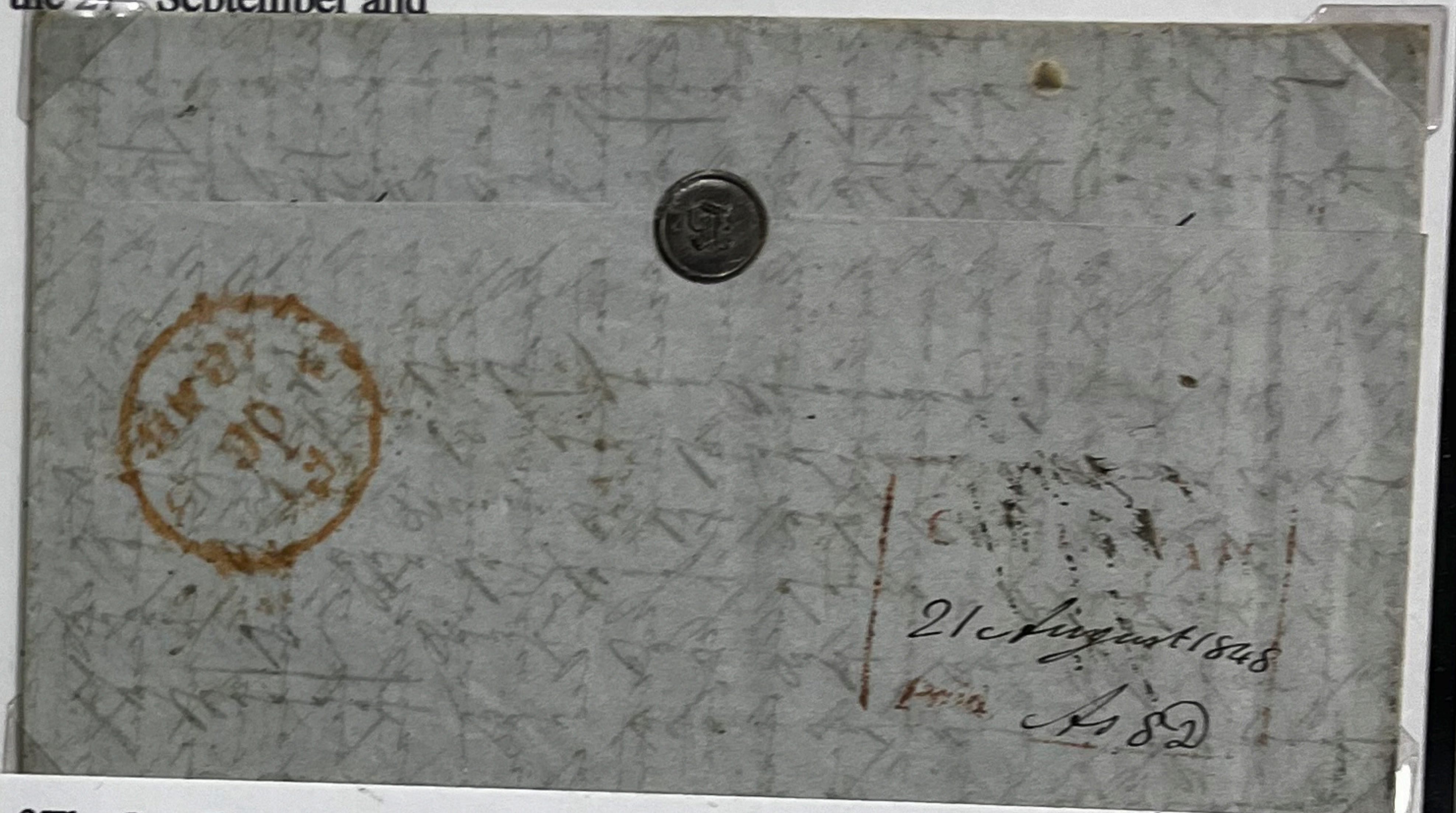


A folded letter from ,probably, the district medical officer at Cuddapah. This is the head quarters of a district in the Madras Presidency, about 150 miles from Madras. The back of the letter shows the handstamp of 'CUDDAPAH' IN RED HG5 in use from 1838 -1853. The date of despatch is 21 August 1848 and post Paid As.8. On the front is the 'BOMBAY' IN AN OVAL' showing that the letter passed through Bombay. The letter talks about catching the ship from Bombay and via Marsailles. The ship was therefore the Acbar which left Bombay on the 31st August for Aden arriving on the 11th September and on to Suez arriving on the 19th September. Then overland to Alexandria and put into the Ardent on the 22nd September for Malta arriving on the 26th September. Then transferred into the Merlin departing for Marsailles on the 27th September and arriving on the 30th September 1848.

The British receipt stamp would appear to be 8th October.

Transit time 50 days

The contents are mainly about the health of their child which suffered a fever after having a vaccination.

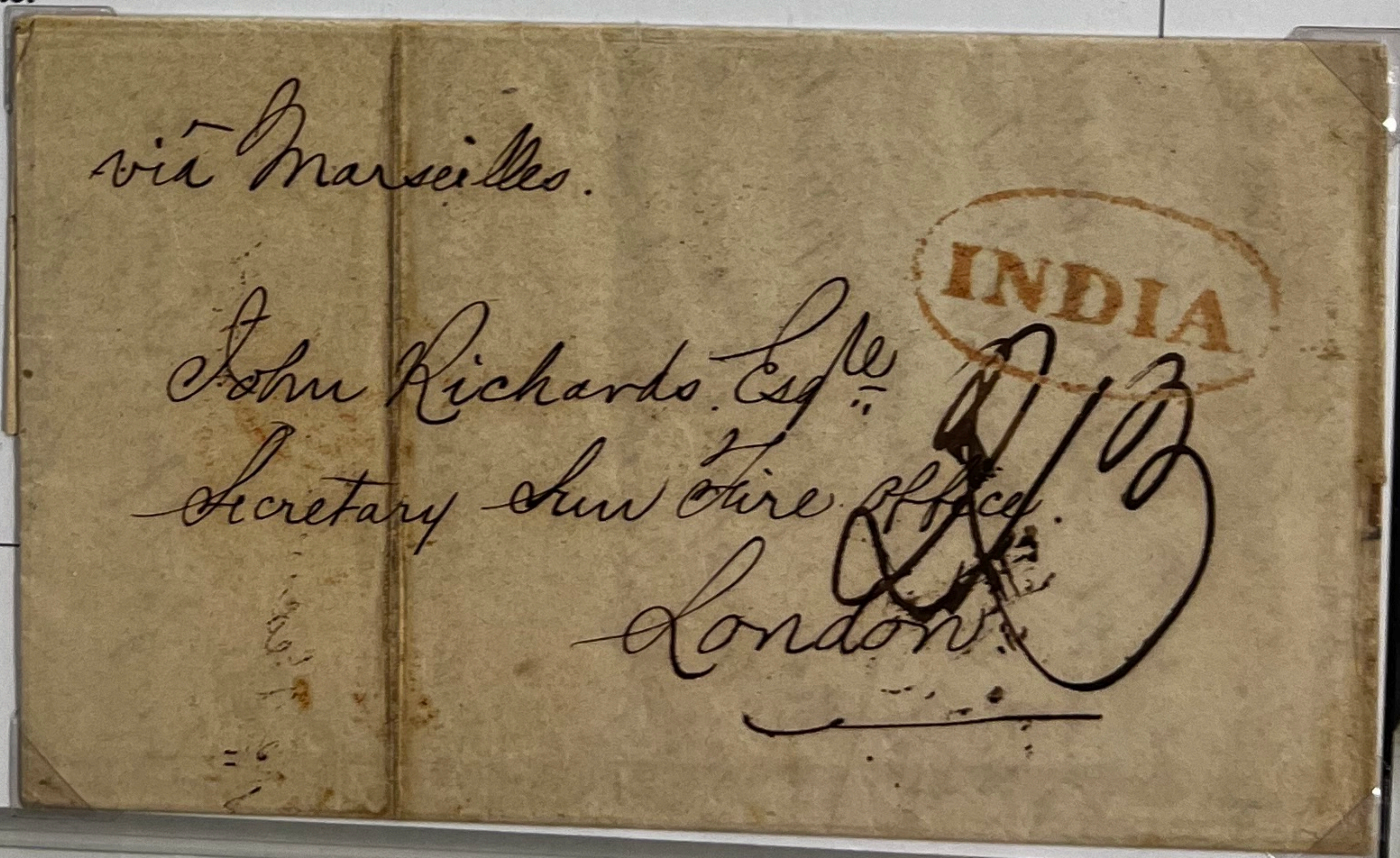


A folded letter from the Agent of The Sun Fire Insurance, London, posted in Bombay on the 14th October 1852. On the reverse the handstamp of Bombay Despatch in black HG G4 in use from 1850-55. On the front INDIA in oval HGSD7 used for overseas letters in red from 1840-56. The letter to be sent via Marsailles.

The letter probably despatched in the Victor on the 16th October .Arrived on the 26th October and transferred to the Orient and arrived in Suez on the 2nd November. Arrived in Malta on the 8th November and Marsaille

on the 11th November 1852 and London on the 14th November. This is confirmed by the British receipt stamp of that date.

Transit time one month. Postage paid in the U.K. Sh2/3.



From the contents from a missionary journal P.S. "Never

A native publication which would appear to have been distributed to post offices. Each post office would appear to have used a "Bearing" stamp with date to indicate receipt

मंगलवादि

- 1) यदीयवनाहजमनाका मंगलमपुत्रपुत्रा
- 2) यदीयवनाहज
- 3) लवमदरहज

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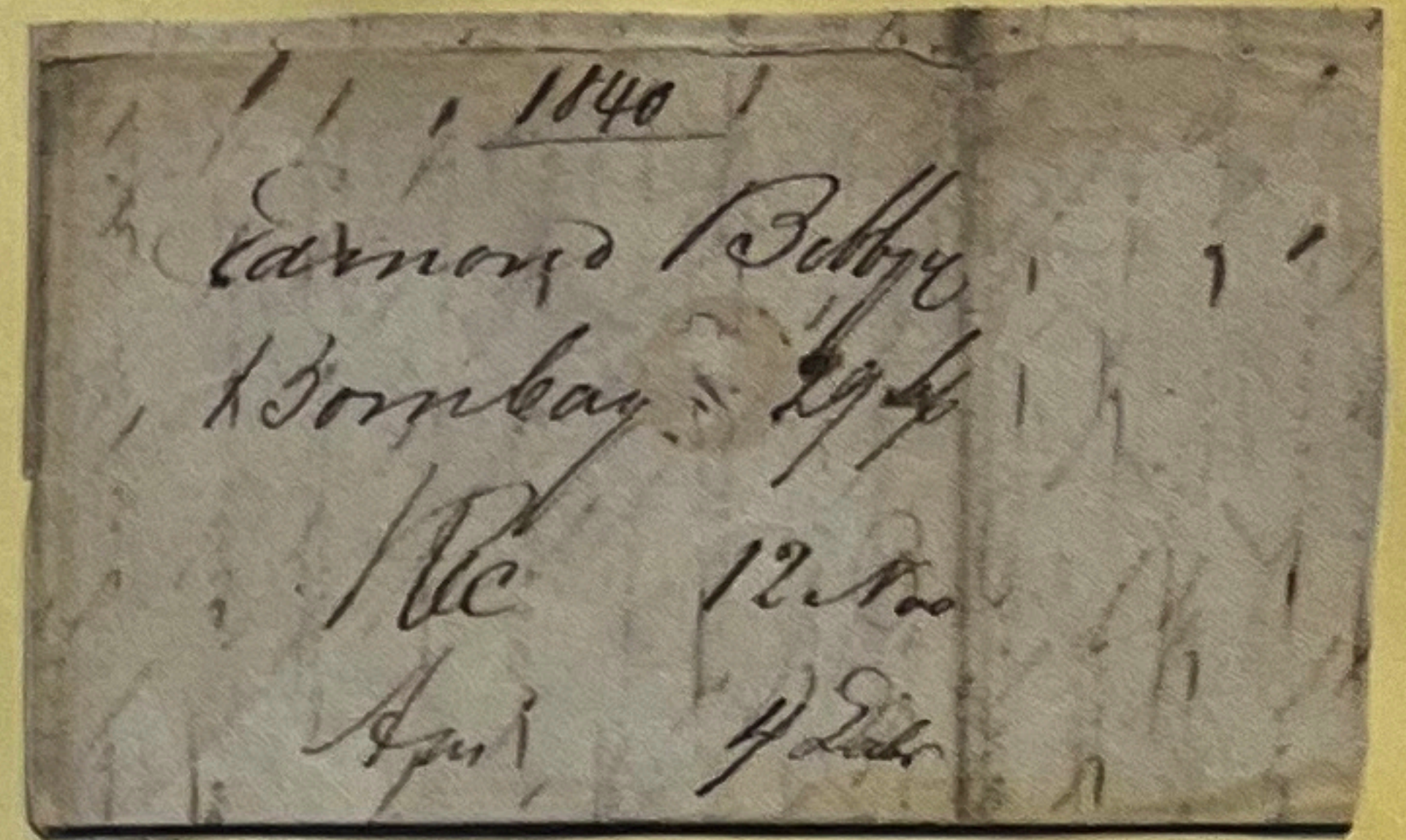
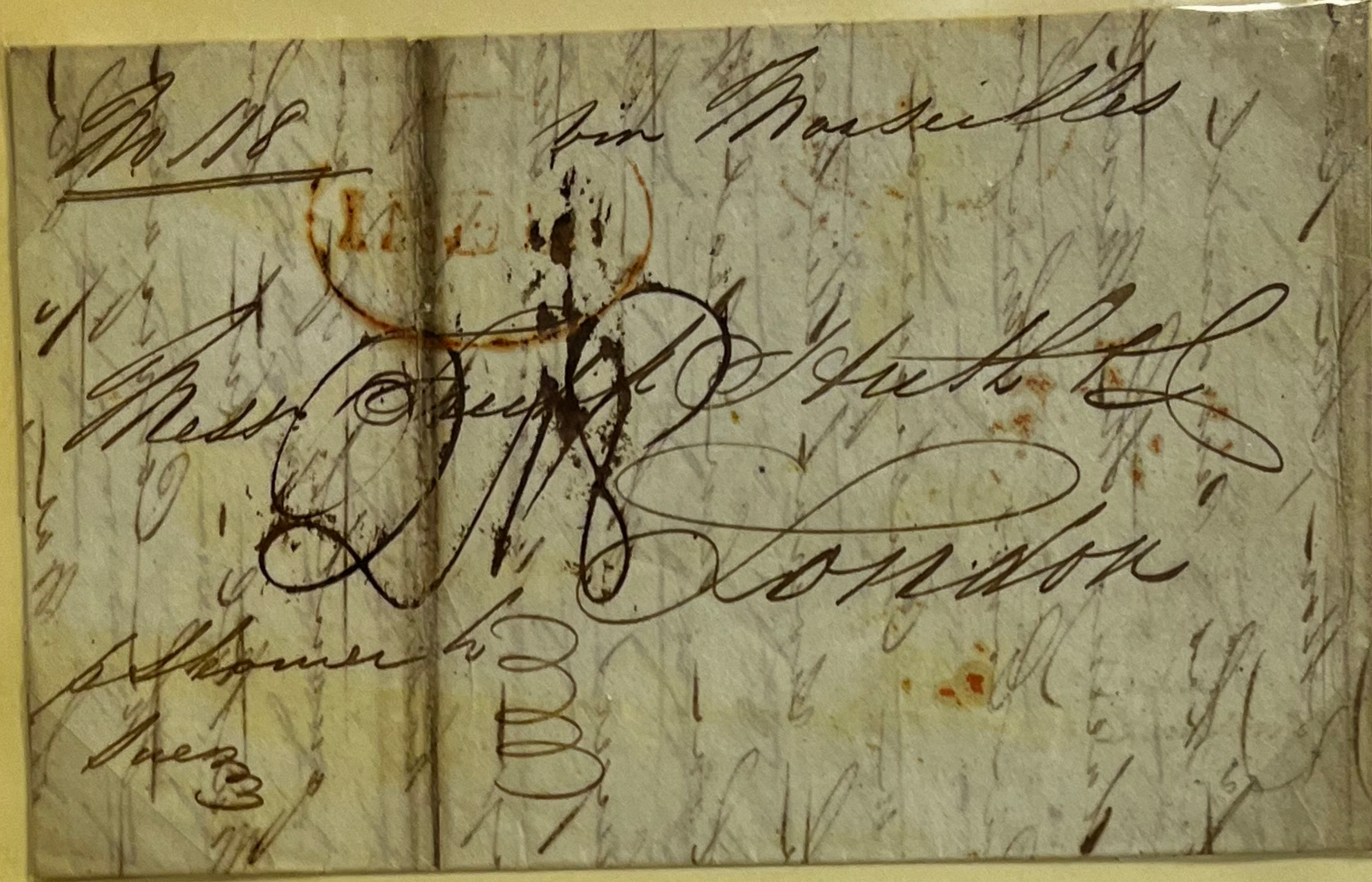
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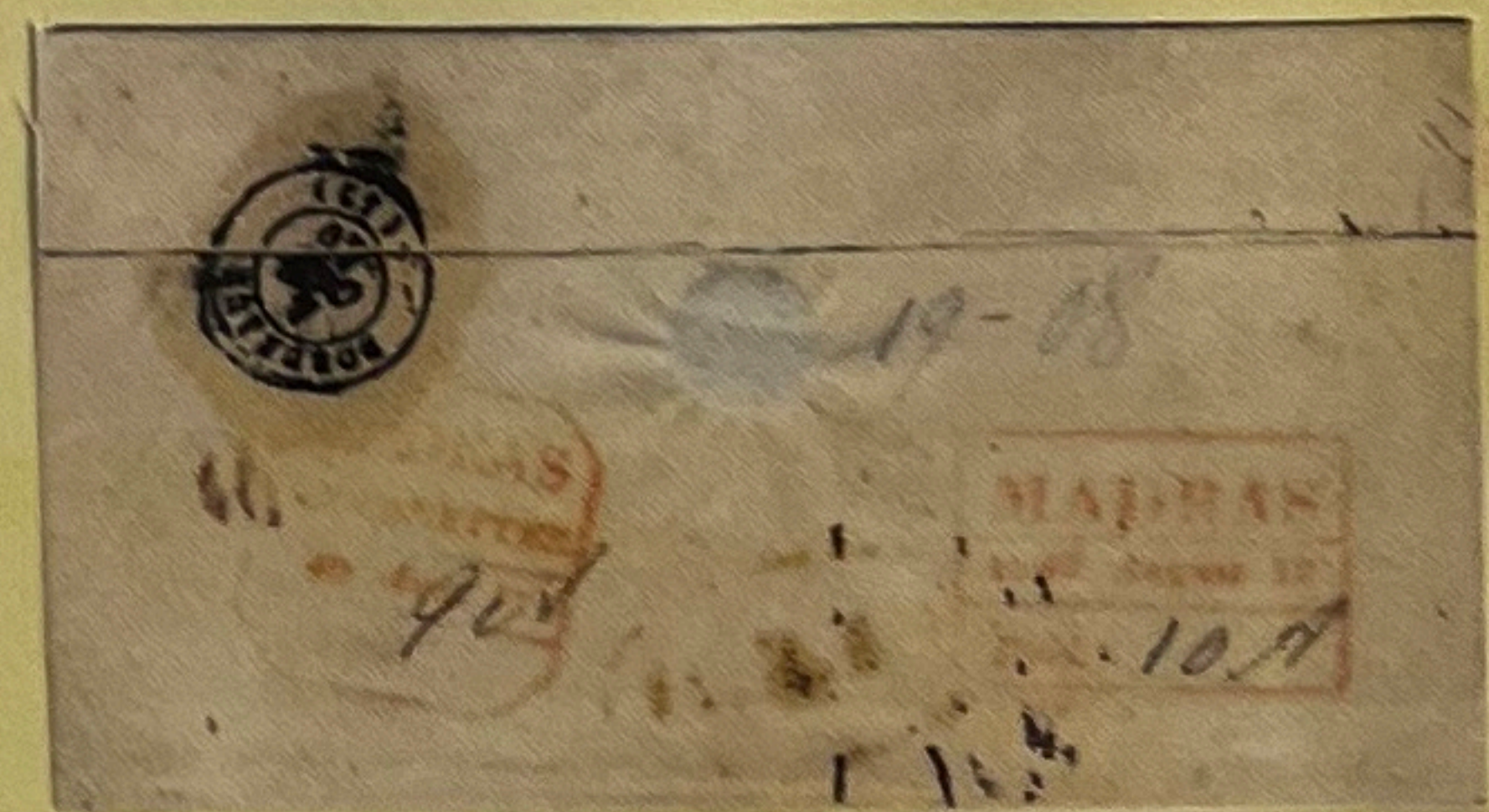
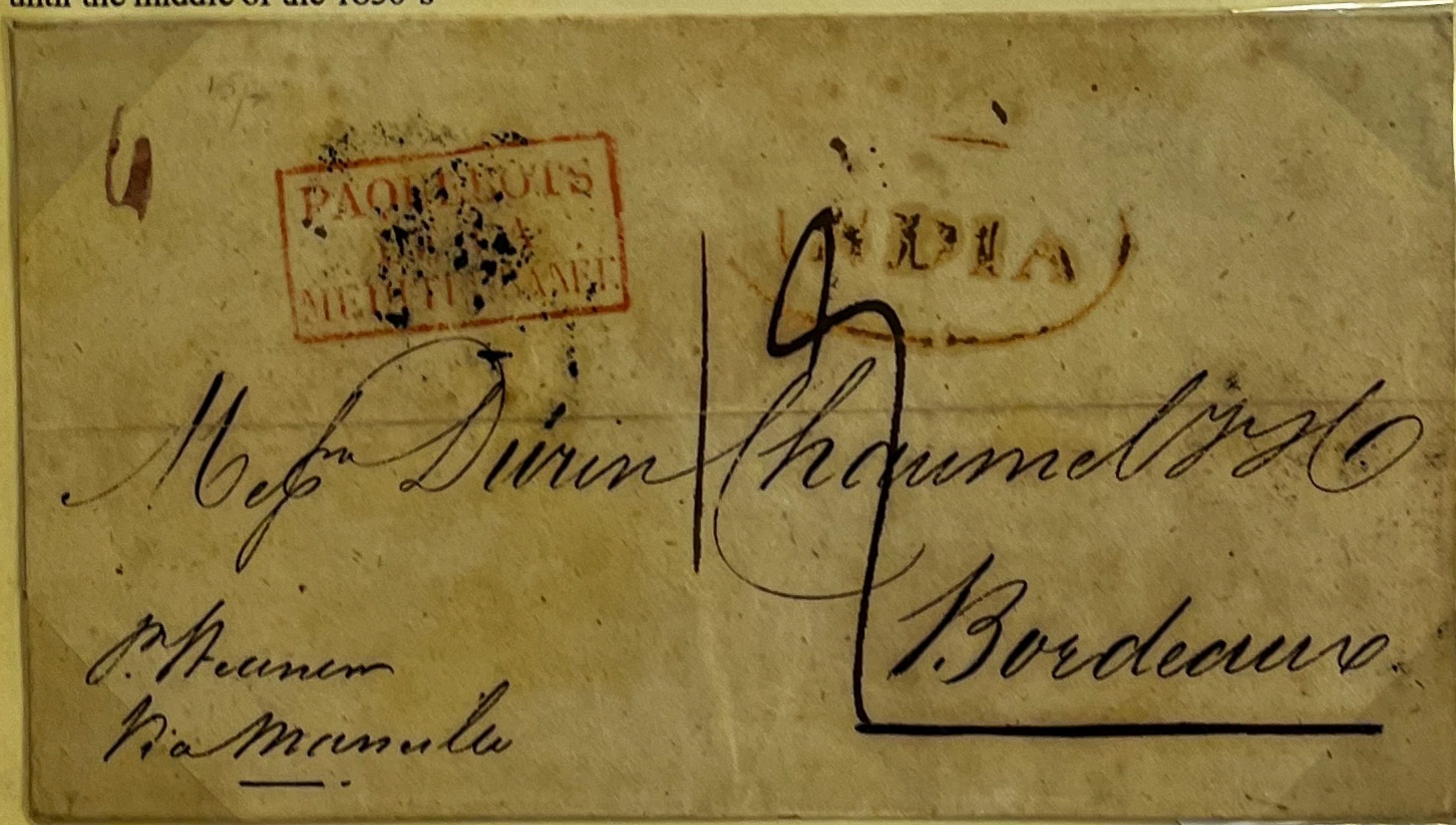
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This letter from the same agent in Bombay as the previous one was despatched apparently on the 29th September 1840. Here is the use of the "Bombay" INDIA stamp. These stamps were first introduced in 1837 and continued to be used until the middle of the 1850's

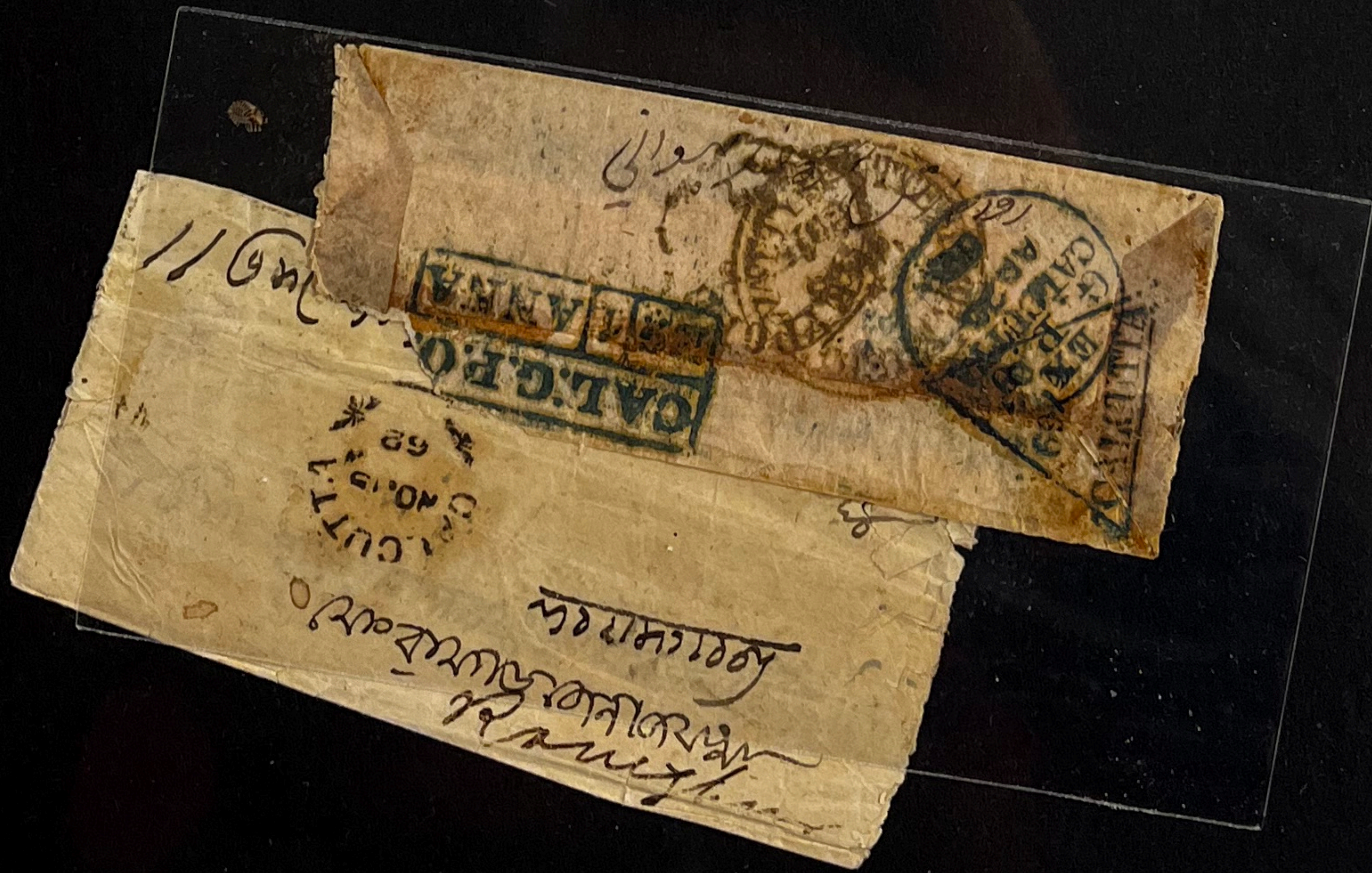
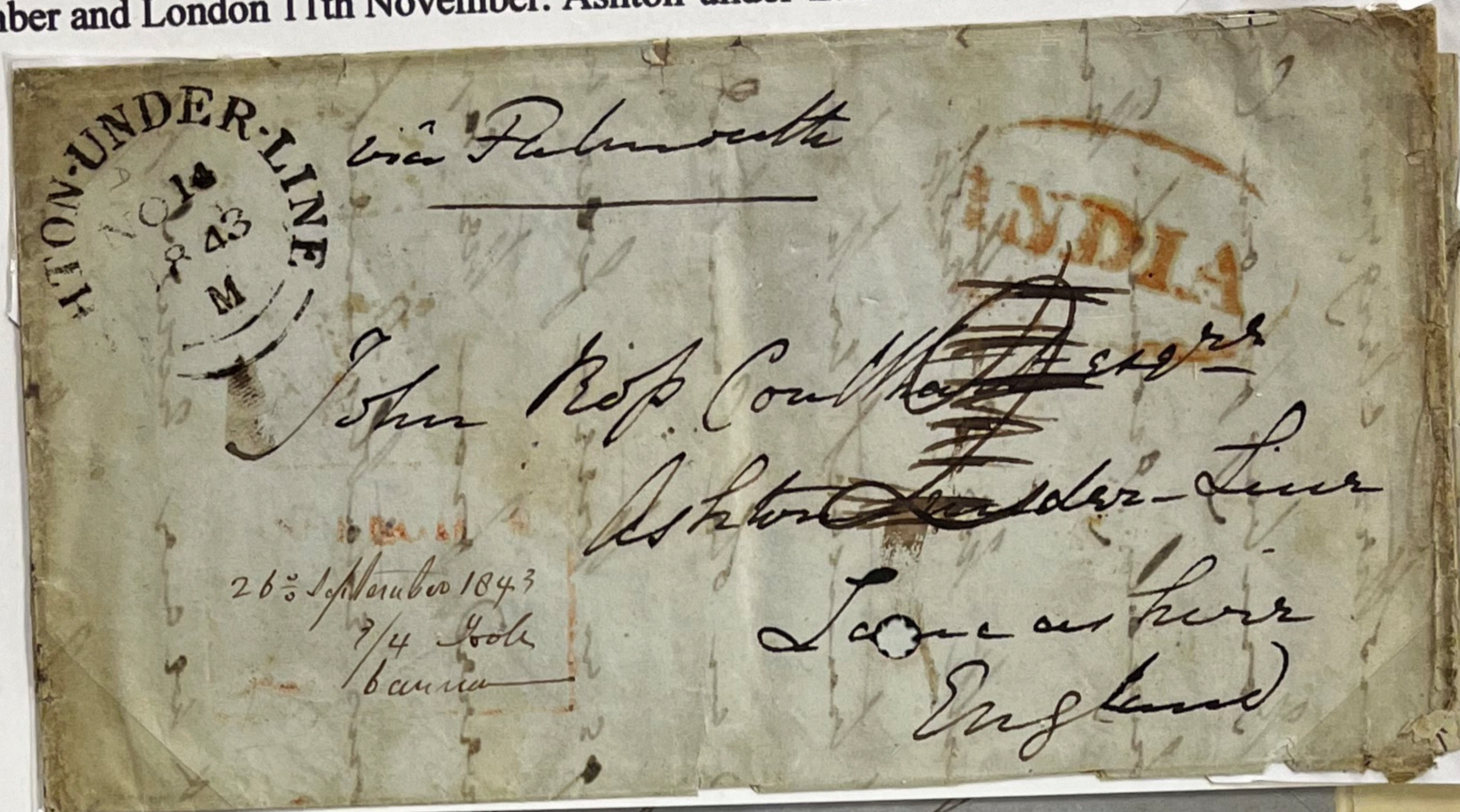


A further letter posted in 1840 to Bordeaux in France. This letter was posted in MADRAS and the stamp indicates that postage was paid. This postage would have only been to Bombay as the full postage could not be paid at that time. The INDIA stamp was then applied in Bombay

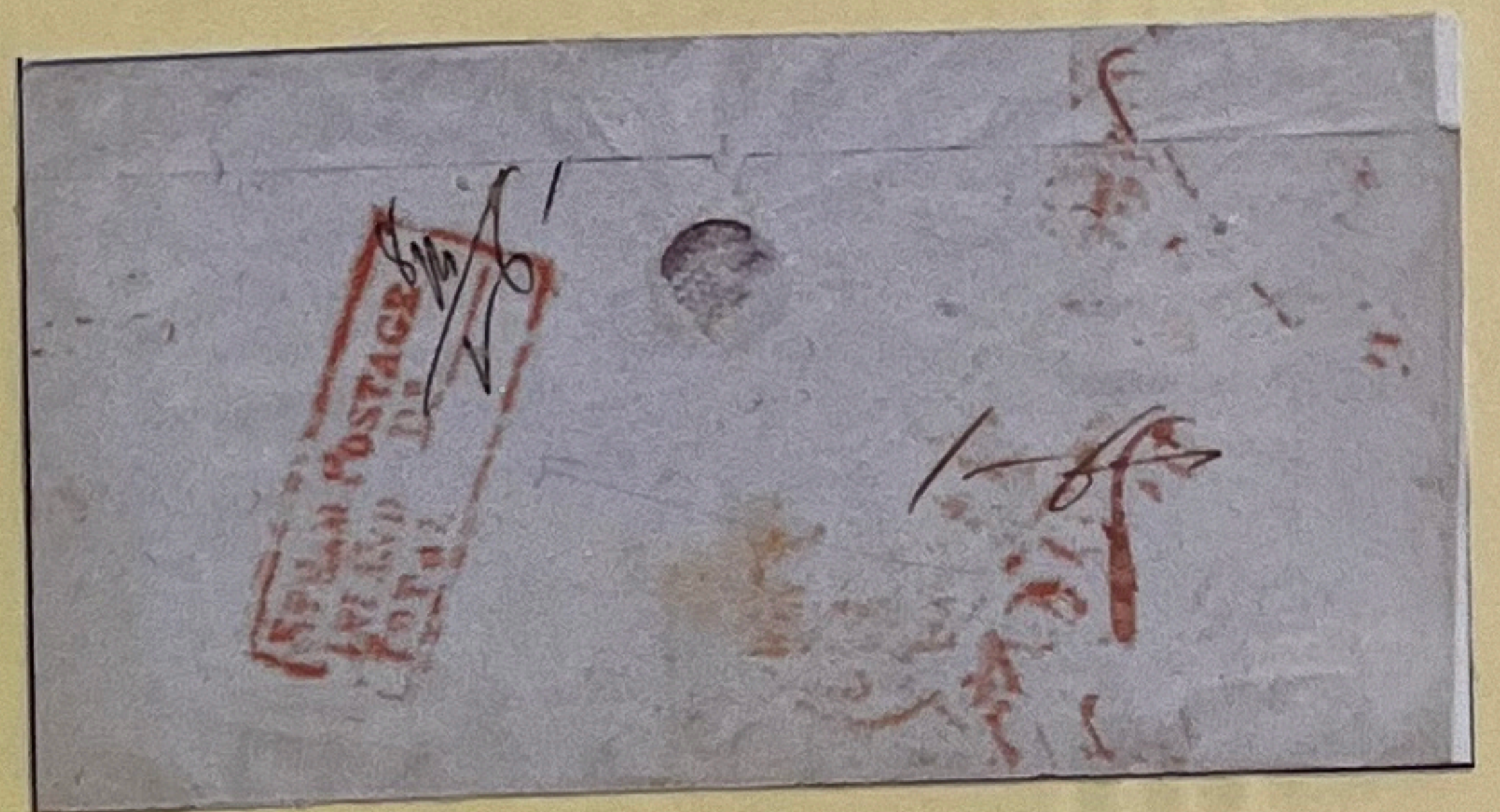
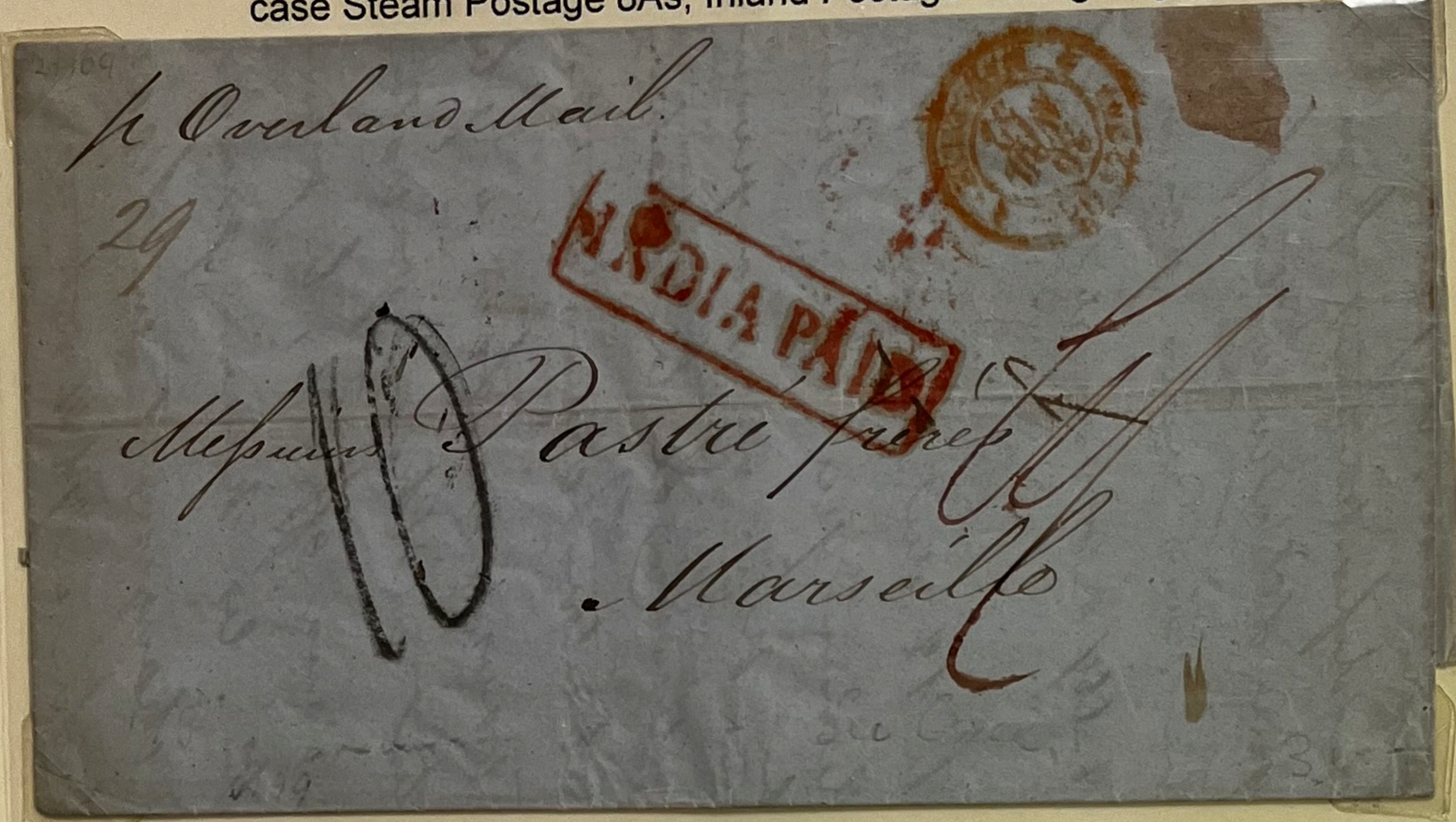
Part of an entire letter, clearly from the contents from a missionary. The final P.S. "Never forget to pray for the conversion of the heathen, especially Hindus. Without prayer nothing has been or will be done."

On the front is a hand despatch in red. The despatch office is unclear but the date in manuscript is 26th September 1843, weight ¼ Tola, paid 6 annas. Also on the front is **BOMBAY** HG/SD7 in use from 1840 to 1856. On the reverse is the Bombay General Post Office Stamp HG/G2 with the date 1 Oct 1843. There is a **LONDON** receipt stamp with the date 15 Nov 1843.

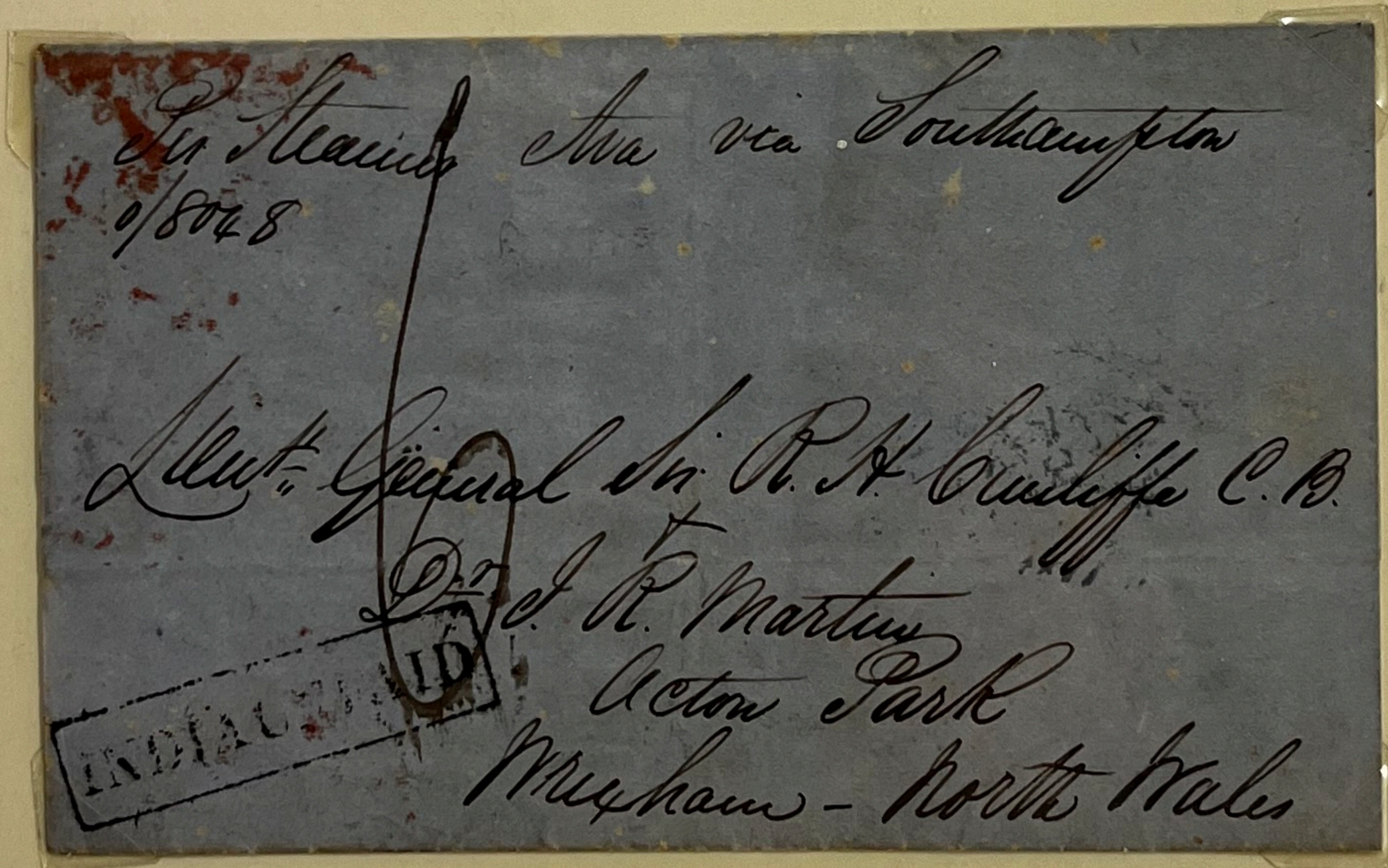
The route is probably Sailed in "Victoria" from Bombay on 2nd October: arrived Suez 21st October. Overland to Alexandria. Sailed in "Orient" 24th October. Arrived Southampton 8th November and London 11th November. Ashton-under-Line 14th November 1843. Transit 50 days.



From 1844, it was possible, but not compulsory to pay the total postage for letters by the overland route to Europe or the U.K. and an **INDIA PAID** (HG SD20) handstamp applied. On the reverse there is a **Ship Letter (Despatch)** (HG SD13) stamp showing the amount of postage paid in this case Steam Postage 8As, Inland Postage 14AS giving a total of Rs.1-6-0



There is also an INDIA UNPAID stamp



Per Overland
Henry

To

On the Line

Lieutenant Robert Watts.
Capt. Richard M. Hodgson
Long Street Strand
London



20th N.I. Arrived
13 May 1855.
12 Oct.
James Young
Beth his
Barkley
Falkner
Gov. of Straits
Fur. s.c.
21 Dec.
1841.
Bundelkhand,
Transit.
Advocate in
Army Apr.
1851
Aug. 1851
of Delhi;
with 2 clasps.
His Diary and
capture of Delhi,
and capture of
Gen. Sir H. W.
A. F. Scott,
The Times, 14 July
1851, ii. 234.
Officers of
Col. K. Young. 1806-62.

Per Malacca Mail
Palmouth
Pilem Poley Coy
Portsmouth

Handwritten letters and envelopes, some with red wax seals and stamps.

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A native ... probably sent Bearing
(Bairing) from Masulipatam to
Secunderabad with transit at
Hyderabad. Note also rectangular
2ndD (second delivery)

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