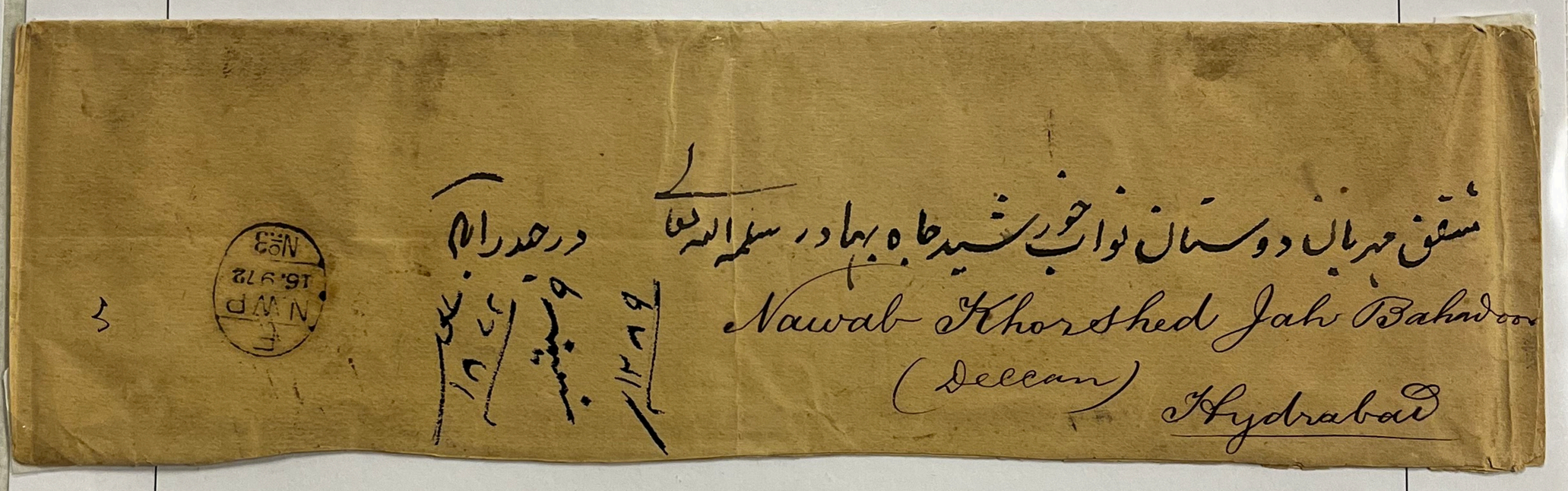
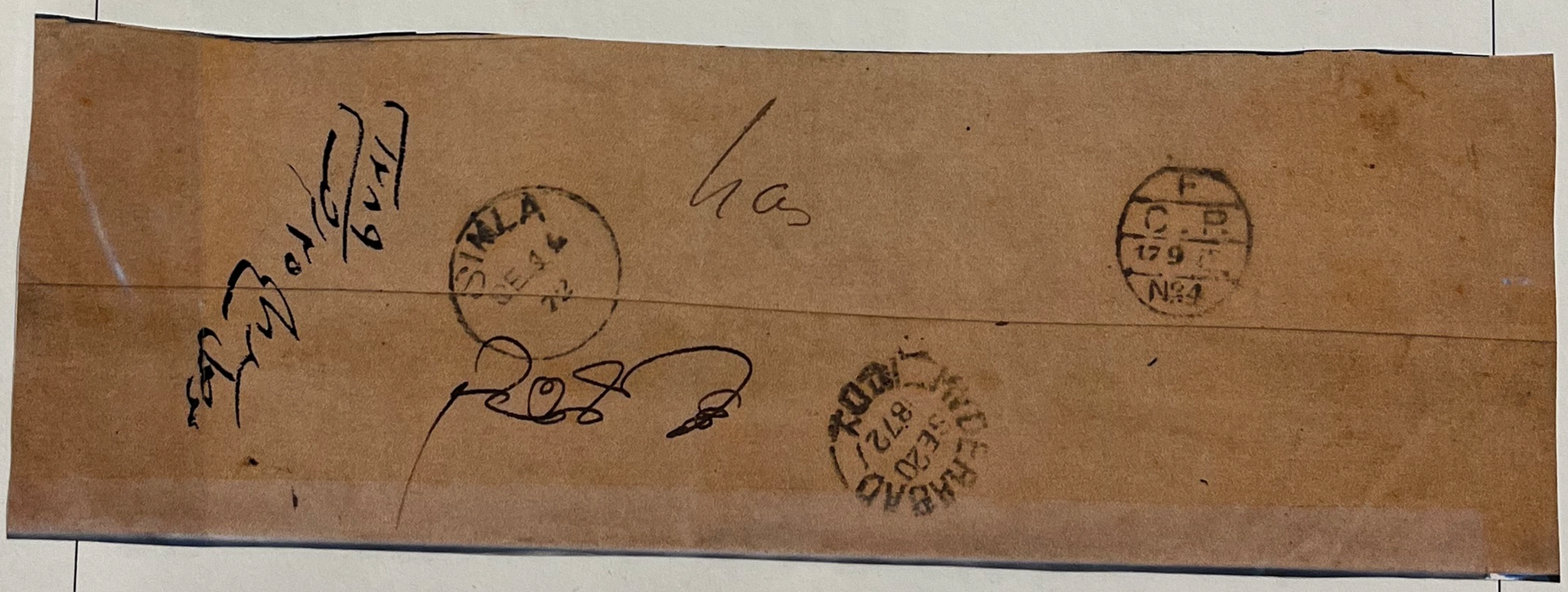
A letter addressed to HYDRABAD (DECCAN) posted in Simla on the 14th September 1872. The letter does not have an adhesive stamp.There are two Railway Mail Service transit stamps. The first on the front of the letter is an R.L.Type129a, medium oval, in use from 1871-73 shows F in the top segment for Frontier; N.W.P. (North West Provinces), in the second segment; the date in the third segment; it is probable that the No3 in the fourth segment is the number of the Sorter's set.

On the reverse of the letter is the despatch stamp. Simla ,dated SEP14 (1872) The second Railway transit stamp is again an R.L. Type 129a, medium oval, and "Frontier" but with C.P. in the second Segment (Central Provinces), the date in the third segment; and sorter set No.4. There is the Hyderabad 1st delivery stamp dated 20th September..There would also appear to be the postage due in manuscript, 4 As.

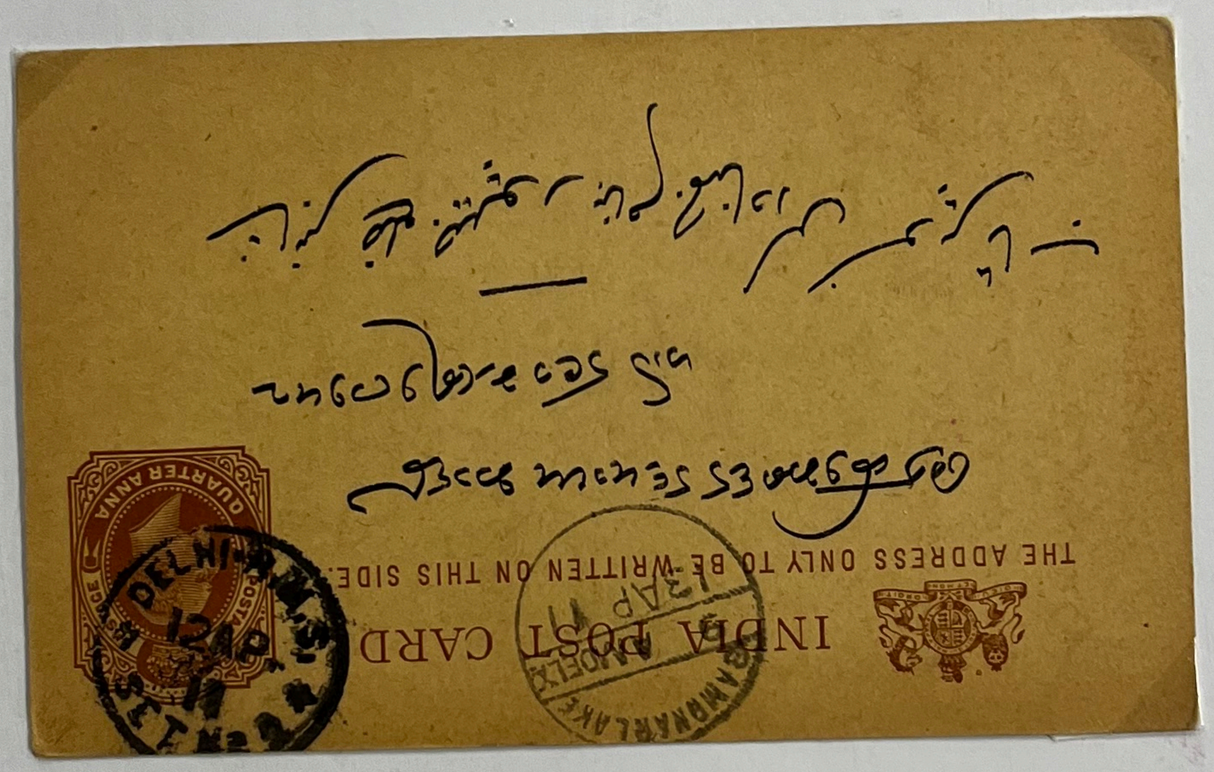




INDIAN **RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE**

With the expansion of trade in India, it was clear that transport would be needed. As with the U.K., railway construction was commenced generally from Reginal towns, Bombay, Calcutta, Allahabad, Etc. The first construction undertaken was from Bombay to Thana, a distance of 21 miles , opened in 1853. At first mail was carried in the Guards van but with the increase in mail, a separate van was attached in charge of a Mail Guard. The mail could be posted on certain trains, and this led to sorters in the mail carriage. These sorters were collectively known as "Sets", .and could be any number of persons depending on demand. The Railway Mail Service was eventually administered by the Inspector-General, Railway Mail Service. The Service had its own set of handstamps and stamp cancellers. Below are some examples

DELHI –R.M.S.
SET No 2



T.P.O.MAIL AGENT
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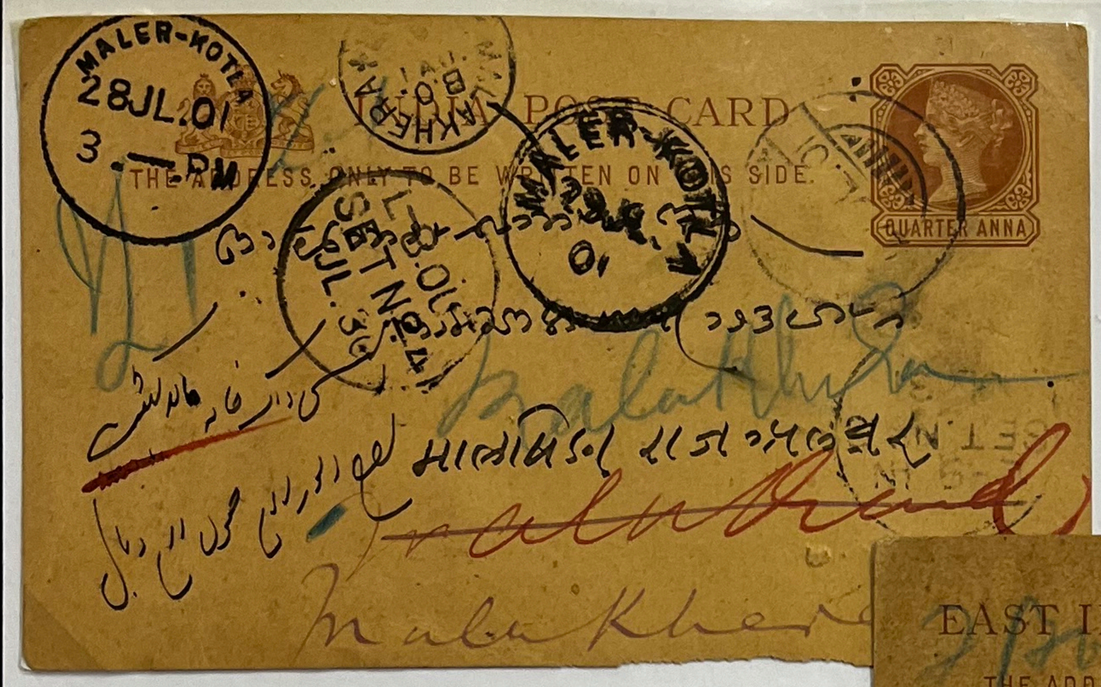
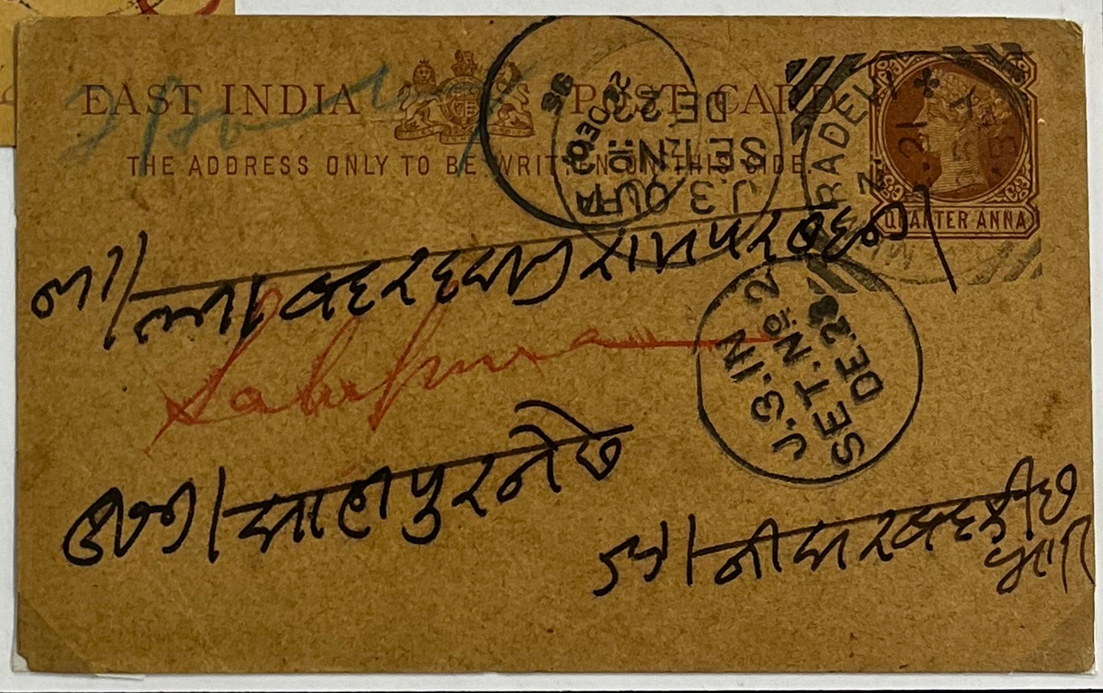
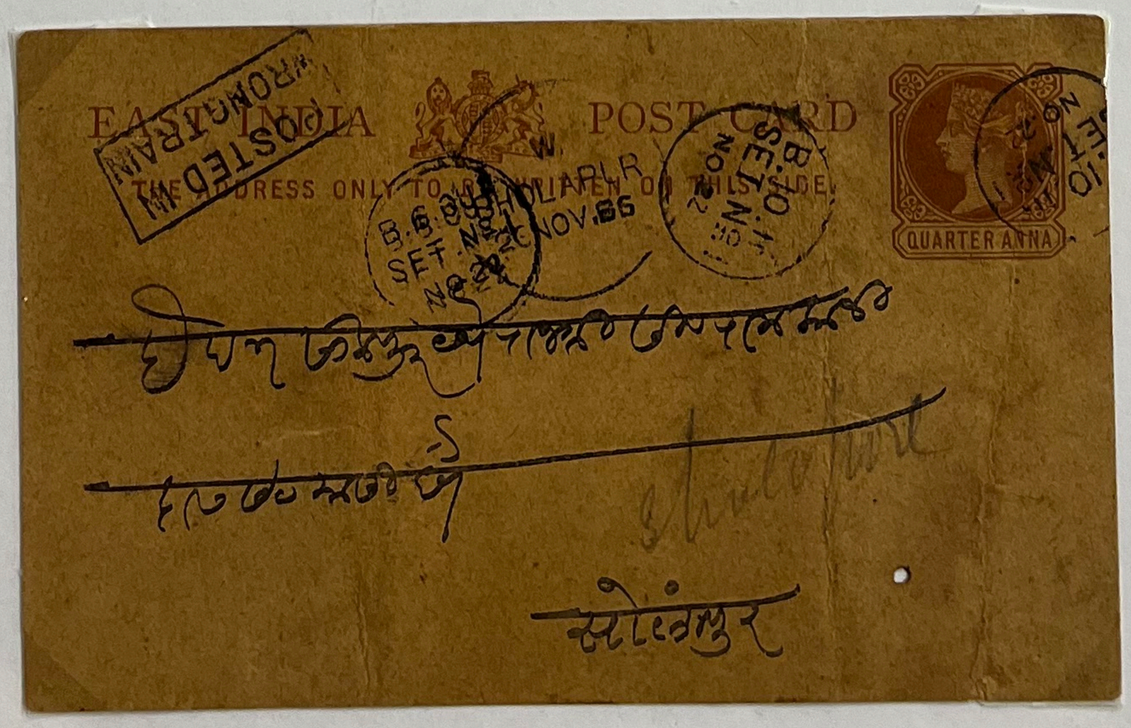


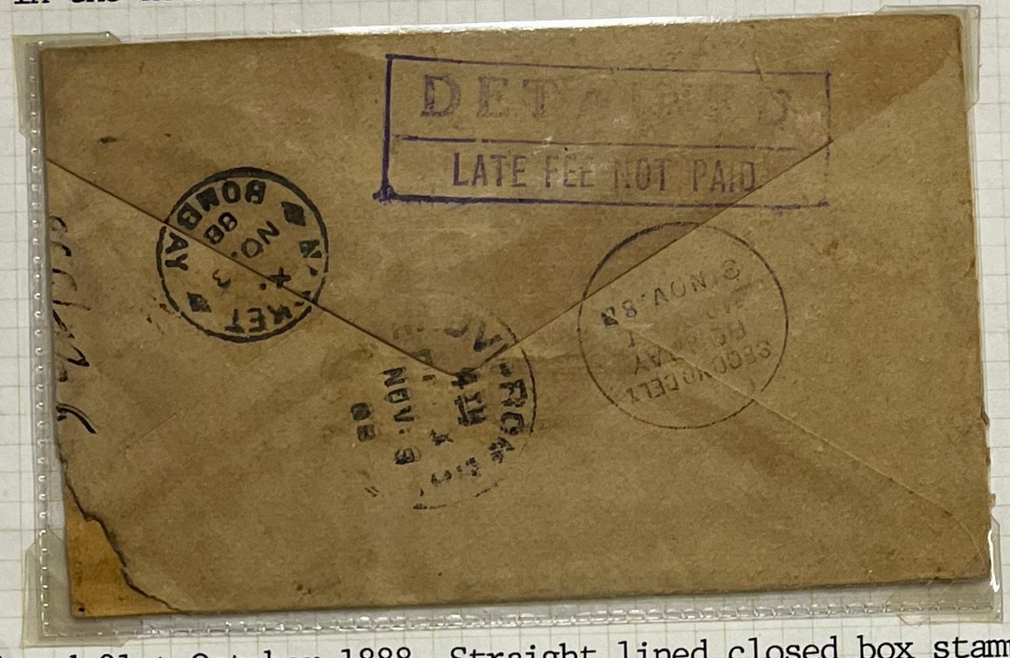


'Posted In Wrong Train'

A printed post card Type R.L.CP1 !/4 Anna ,brown first issued in 1979 addressed to Sholapur..
probably posted in the mail box of the train and cancell4ed B10, IN Set No.1 November 22. The sorter would have realised that it was travelling in the wrong direction and applied the POSTED IN WRONG TRAIN in a rectangle stamp. The card was then transferred to the Railway sorting carriage, B 5 OUT,
The card was delivered in Sholapuron the 26th November 1886.

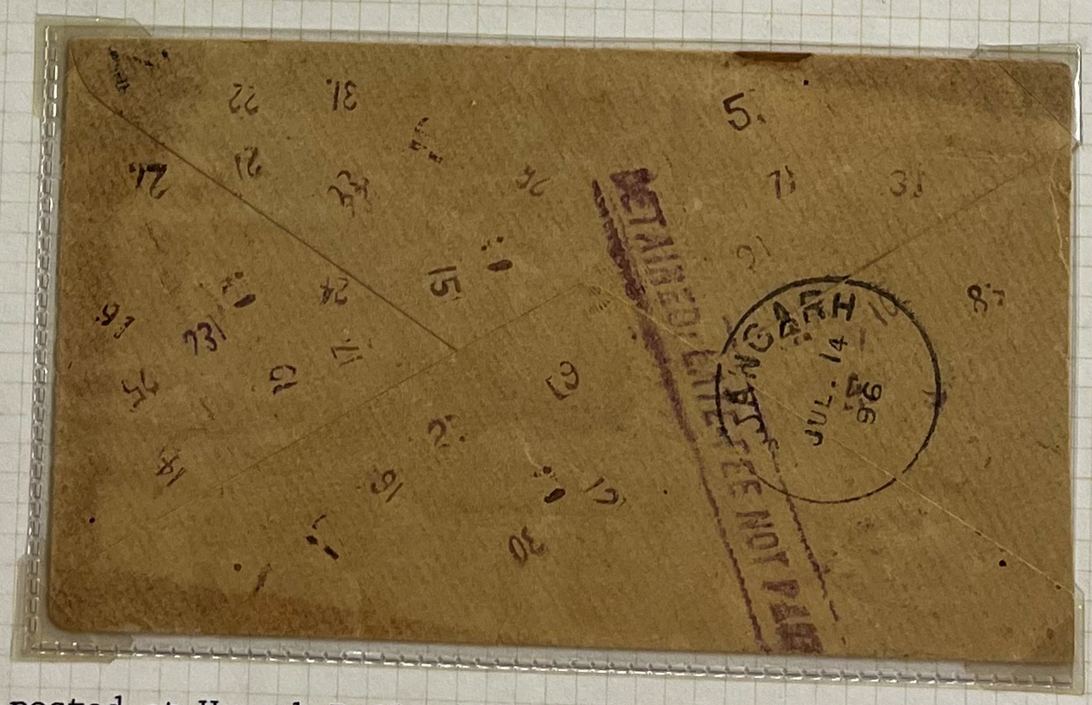


Cover dated 4th January 1884. The open ended wavy line stamp is printed in the normal violet colour.



Cover dated 31st October 1888. Straight lined closed box stamp.

Two different format 'detained' stamps. The topmost with the wording on one line and inclined to the right. The second stamp of a wavy appearance.

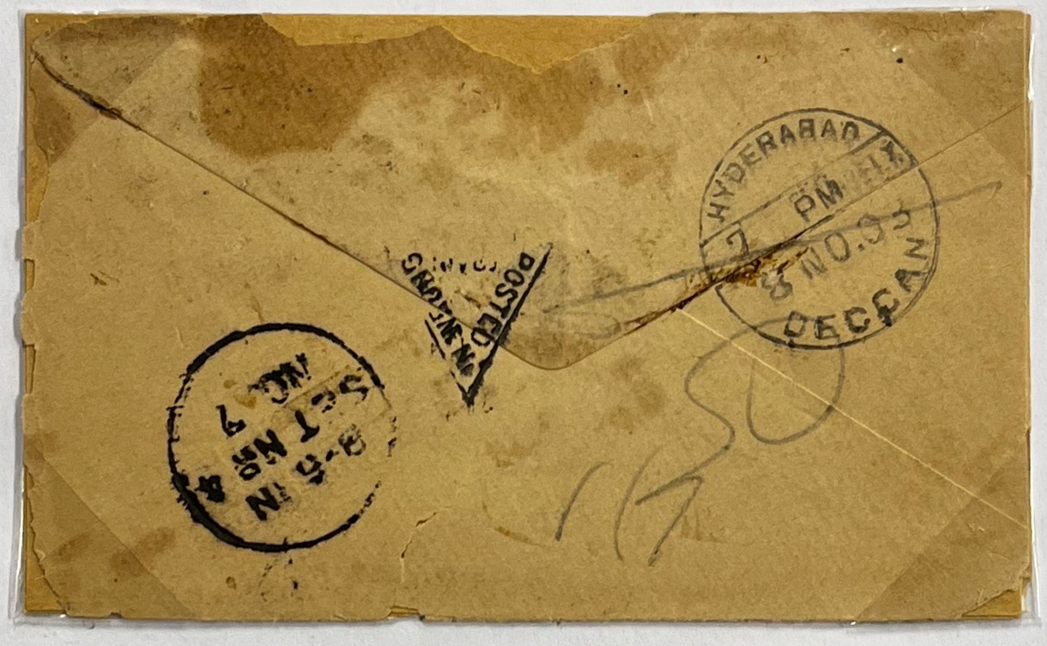


Cover posted at Howrah Railway Station 9th July 1896 arriving at Sujangarh 14th July 1896.

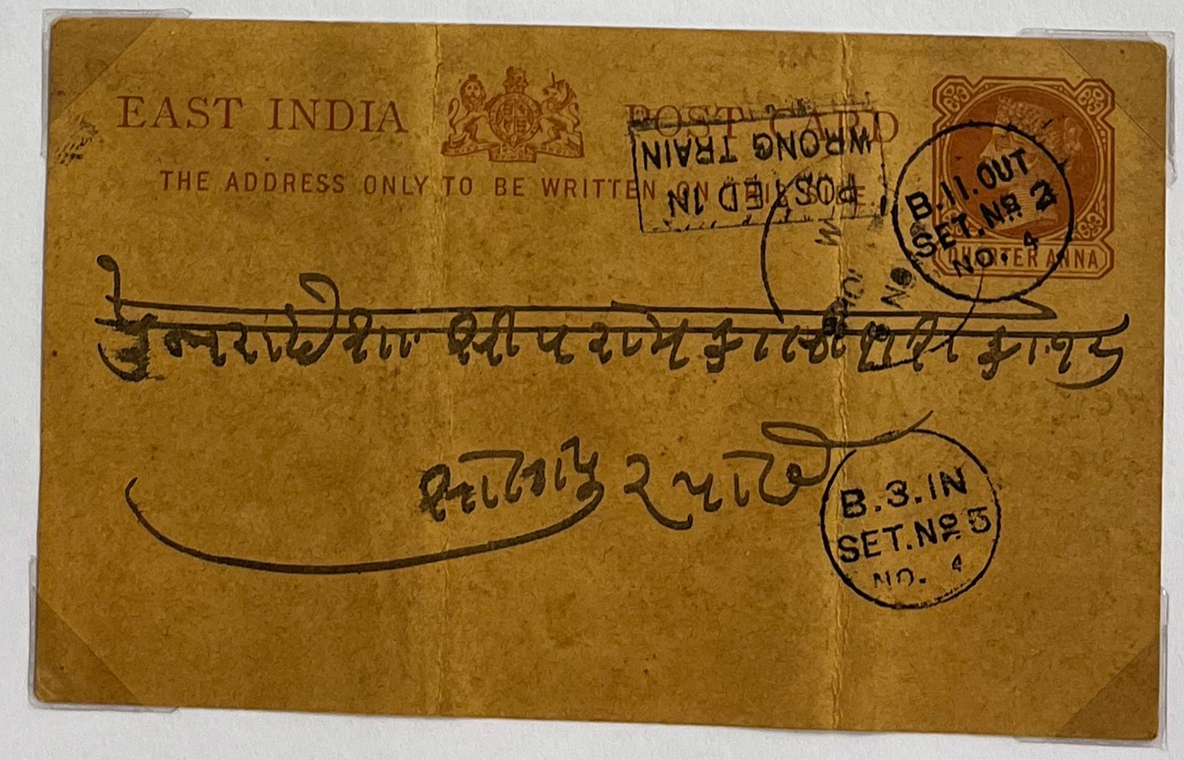
Posted In Wrong Train.

Two covers showing the triangular “Posted in Wrong Train “.

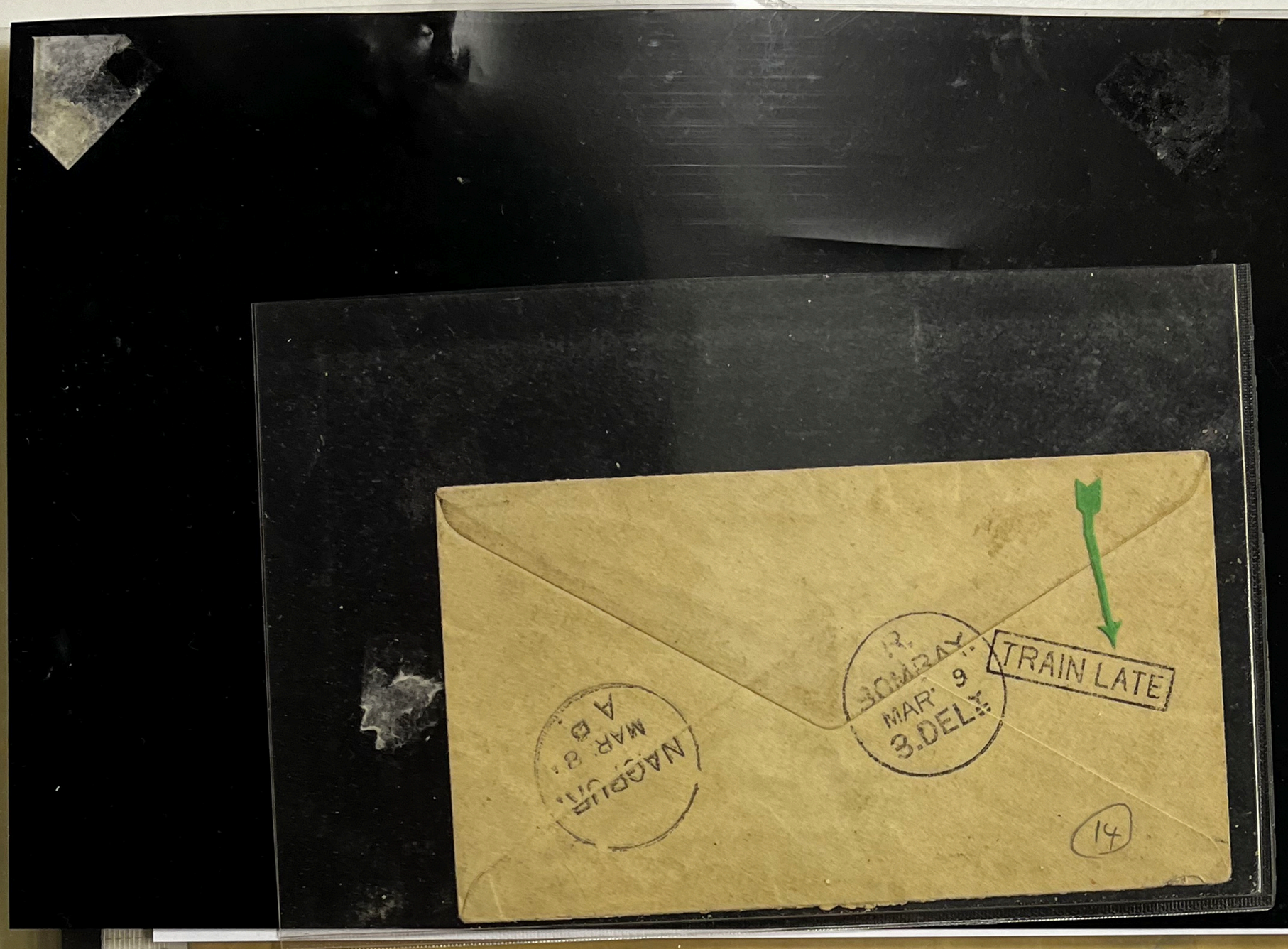
Cover dated 7th November 1903. The item is addressed to Hyderabad. It has been cancelled with the railway sorting stamp “ B. 6. OUT / SET. No. ? / No. 7 “.
As the cover had been sent on the wrong train the item received the triangular “Posted in Wrong Train “. It was returned on the same track and again sorted when it received the sorting stamp 2 B. 6. IN / SET. No. 4 / No. 7 “.
The card arrived for delivery at Hyderabad 8th November 1903.



‘Posted In Wrong Train’

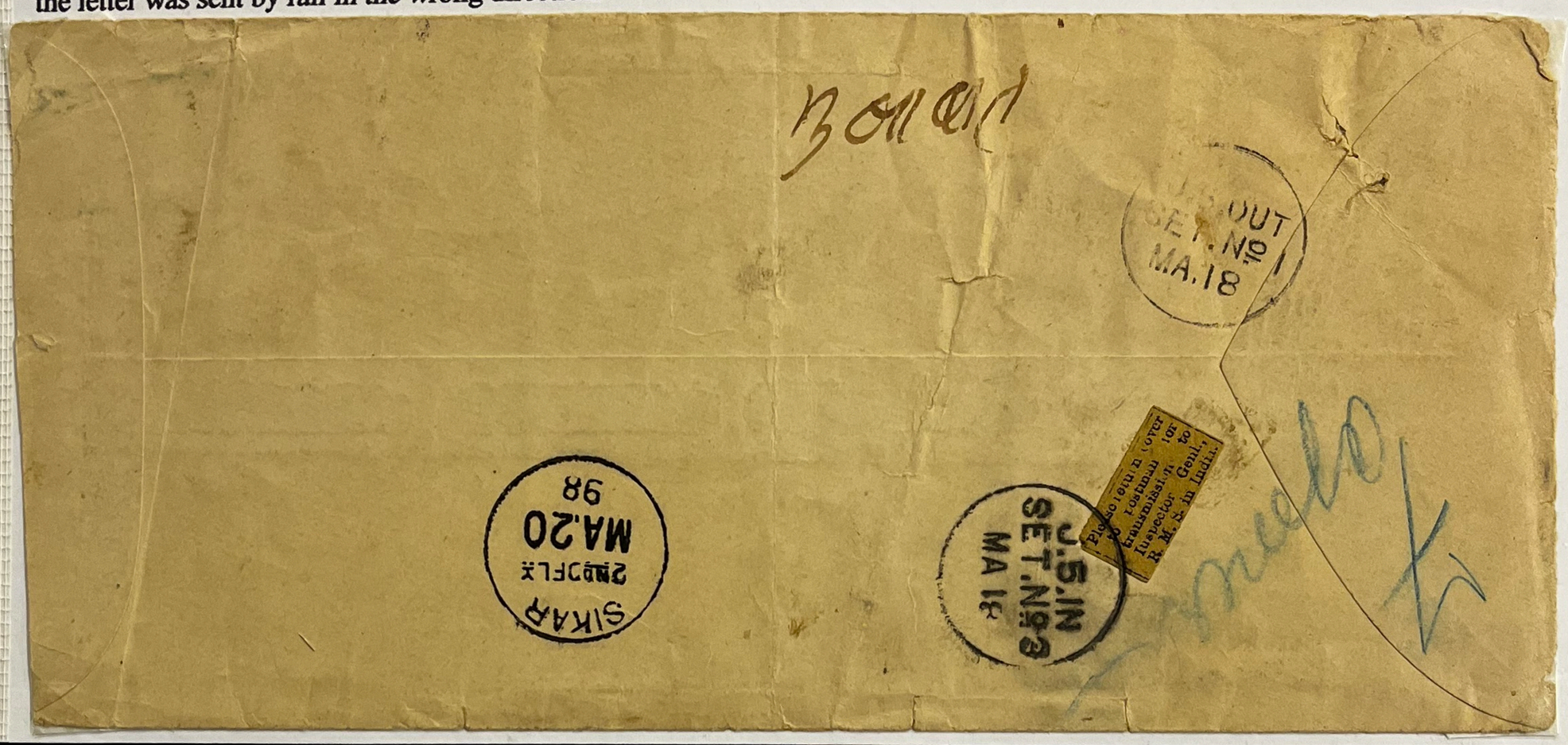


Queen Victoria quarter anna postcard dated 4th November (no year).
In addition to the boxed ‘Posted In Wrong Train’ the card shows two Railway Sorting stamps. The first ‘B.11. OUT/SET.No.2 / No. 4’ indicates the outward journey when the mistake was discovered. ‘B. 3. IN/SET. No. 5 / No.4’ indicates sorting on the return journey in order to put the item onto the correct train.

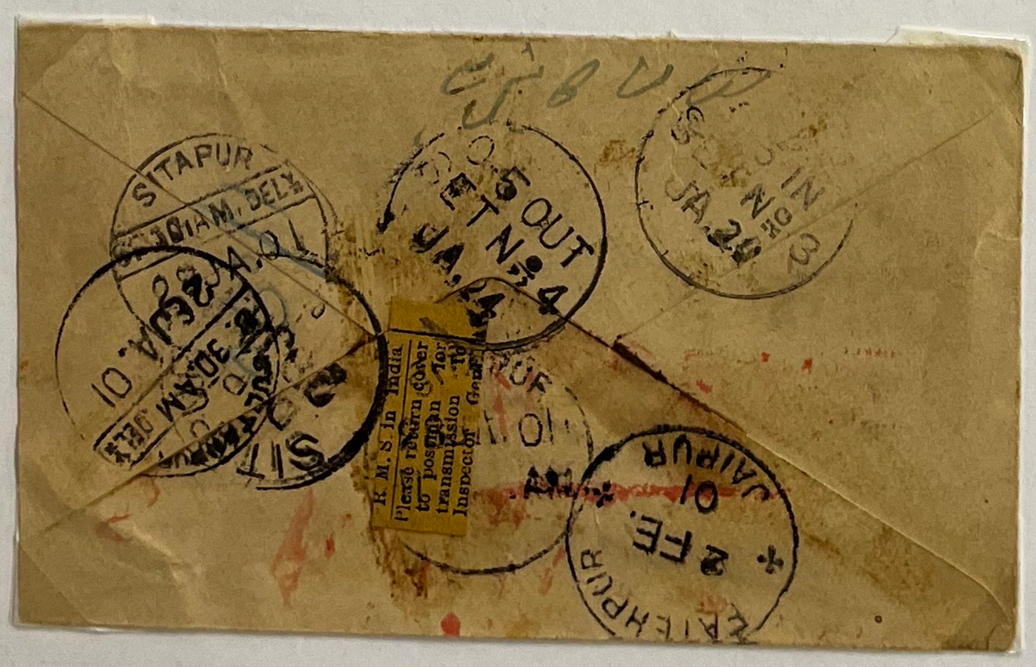


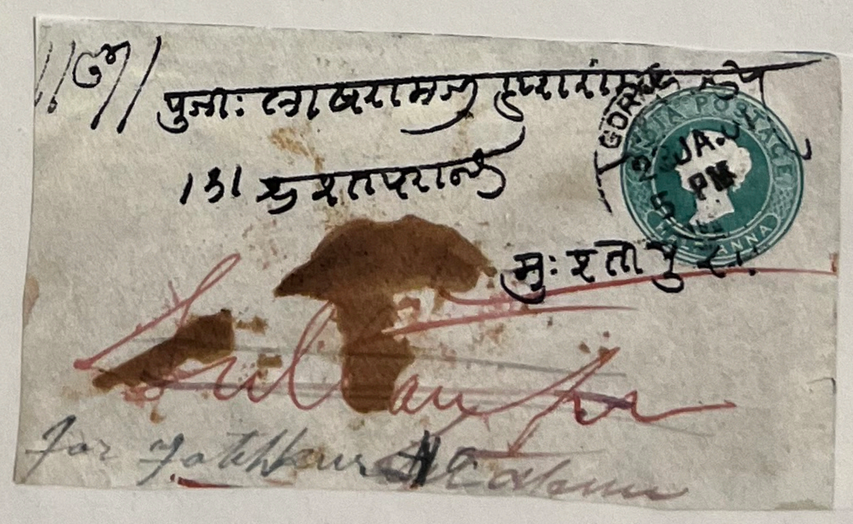
Cover dated 14th November 1905.
Item has been cancelled with a railway sorting stamp " M-3 IN / Set No.2 / No.14 ".
Again the letter has been posted on the wrong train and the triangular stamp applied. It has been returned the following day "M-3 OUT / SET No.1 / No. 15 ".
It arrived at it's destination in London, U.K. 2nd December 1905.

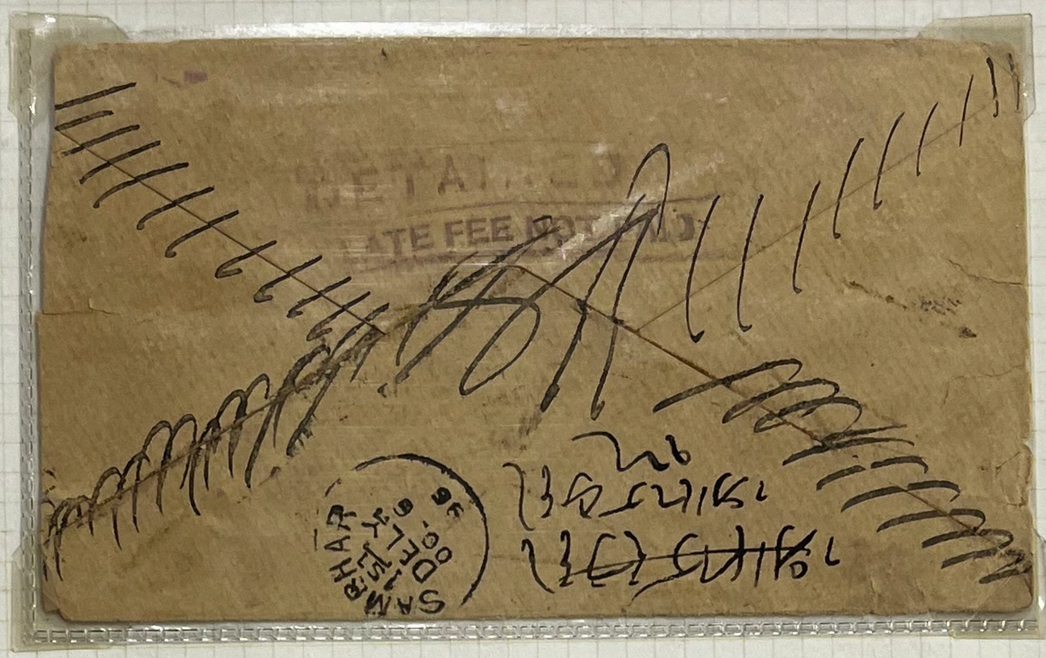
A cover sent from Ajmere, an important city in Rajpootana, North India, with postage 2 Annas.The cancel is Khaisarghat, Ajmere and dated 17th Mar 1898. The letter was sent by Railway Post and the transit stamp J.5.OUT, Set No 1, MA 18 affixed. A small yellow label was then stuck on the letter requesting that the cover be returned to the Inspector General R.M.S. and the label cancelled with J.5.INSET.No.3 MA18. The cover was delivered to the addressee at Sikar on the 20th March 1898.Clearly the letter was sent by rail in the wrong direction.



A postal stationary envelope embossed with a ½ Anna Green stamp.The type was first issued in 1883. It is cancelled "Gorakpur", a town in the United Provinces, 506 miles from Calcutta. Below the stamp is a handstamp in Hindi.It is cancelled 23 Jan . 01. There is a revised address in English in red ink; "Sultanpur. There is also a further address in English in pencel "for Fetehpur Jaipur" On the reverse, there are numerous cancels. The earliest is a Rail Post Office, O-5 IN, SET No.3 Ja ?. After that , the letter travelled to the end of the section , when the little Yellow label was stuck on and cancelled with O-5 OUT, SET No.4 JA24.The letter was then cancelled "Sultanpur 8.30am dely ,26 JAN.01: the next cancel is "Sitapore 0830AM dely, 28th JA 01,; there is a further Sitapur cancel "28 Jan ; there is a final cancel "FATEPUR- JAIPUR, 2 FEB 01.Presumably it reached the correct addressee Would as much care be taken today???.





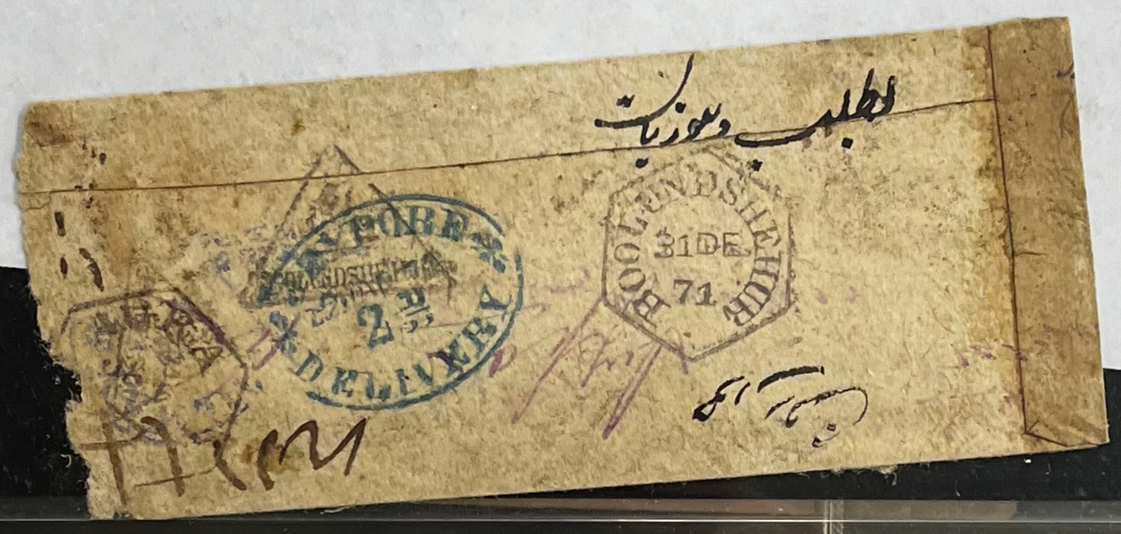


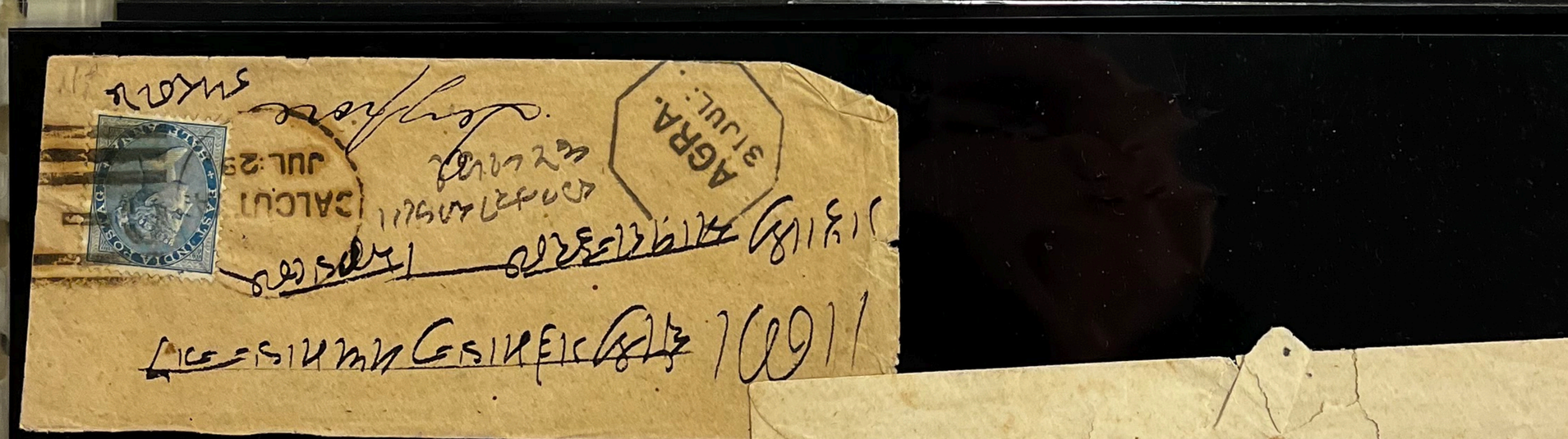
Cover posted at Cawnpore Railway Station 4th November 1896.
The cover shows a most unusual 'detained' stamp in two lines. The stamp is open ended and of a wavy appearance.

East India Post Card posted Saharanpur Railway Station 3rd Jan. 1896.

The boxed 'detained' stamp, similar in design to the previous, measures 54mm x 13½mm as opposed to 50mm x 16½mm of the first.

P.C.of 1901 with railway cancels with L-9 IN, Set No.5 dated 31JL and L-8 OUT,SET 4 dated 30 JL additional handstamps MALER-KOTLA,28JL and MALER-KOTLA 29JL also MALAKHERA B.O..



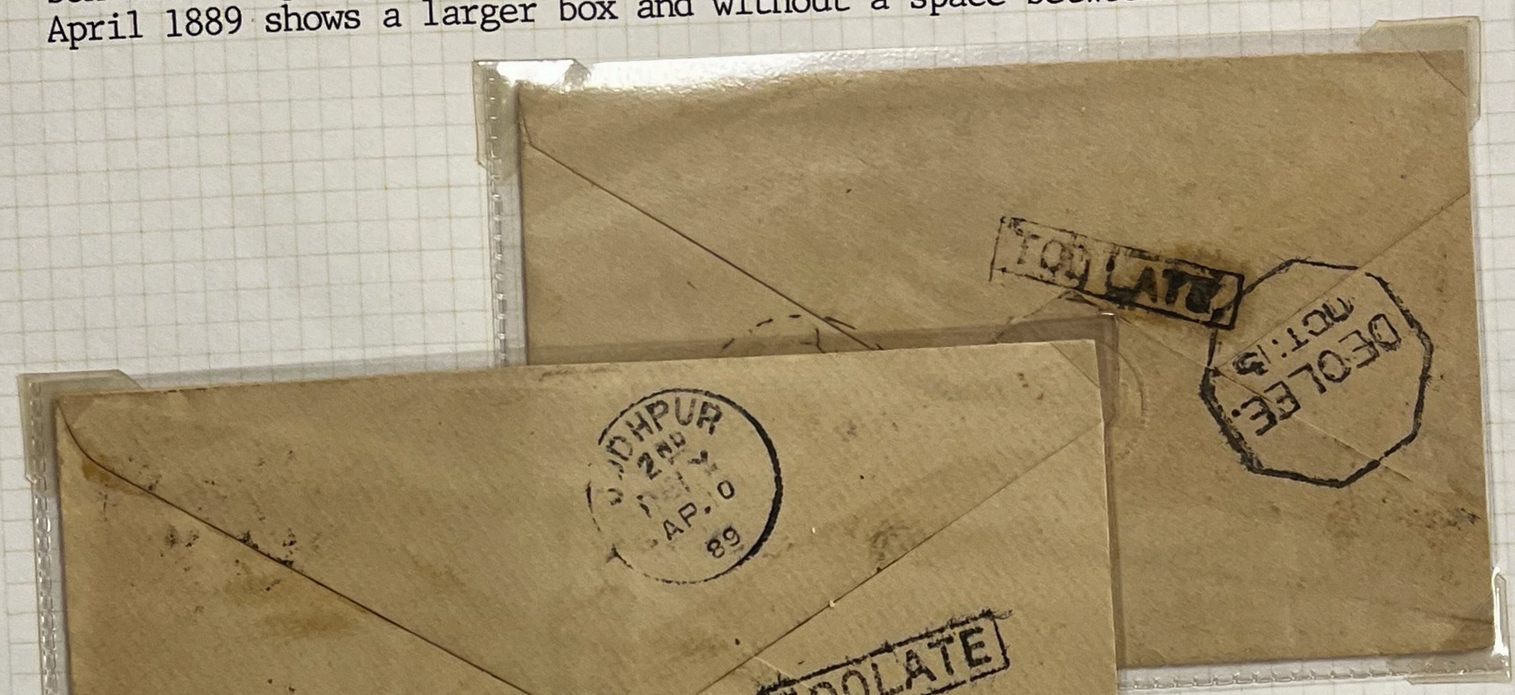


A cover cancelled 'F 6 IN SE
with triangular handstamp 'Posted in wrong train'

P.C.with Railway Handstamps J22 IN,SET N

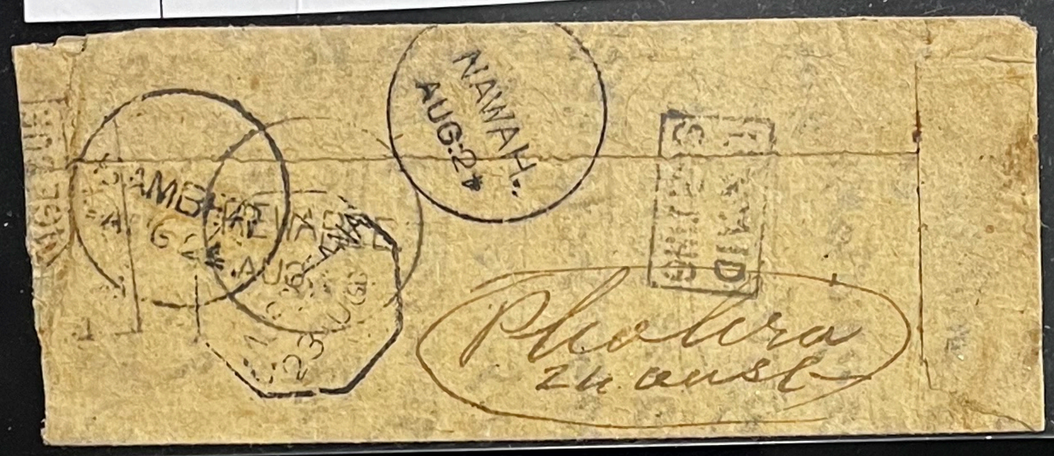
Year 1900

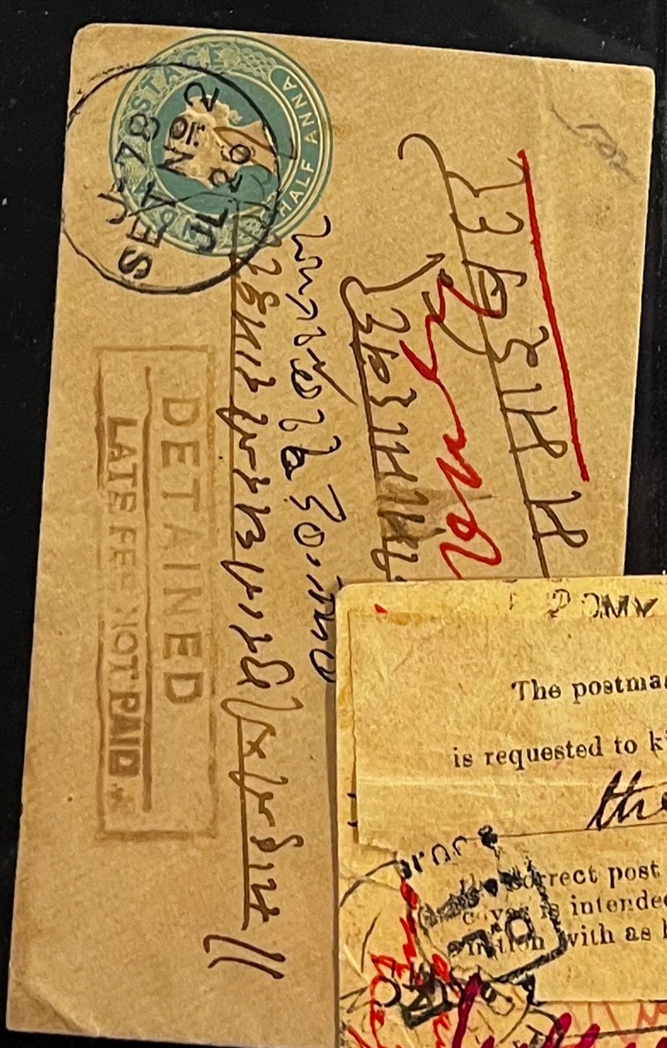
Various examples of the 'TOO LATE' stamp can be found. Off the two covers below the topmost dated 13th October (No year) shows a small box with a space between the two words. The second cover dated 6th April 1889 shows a larger box and without a space between the words.

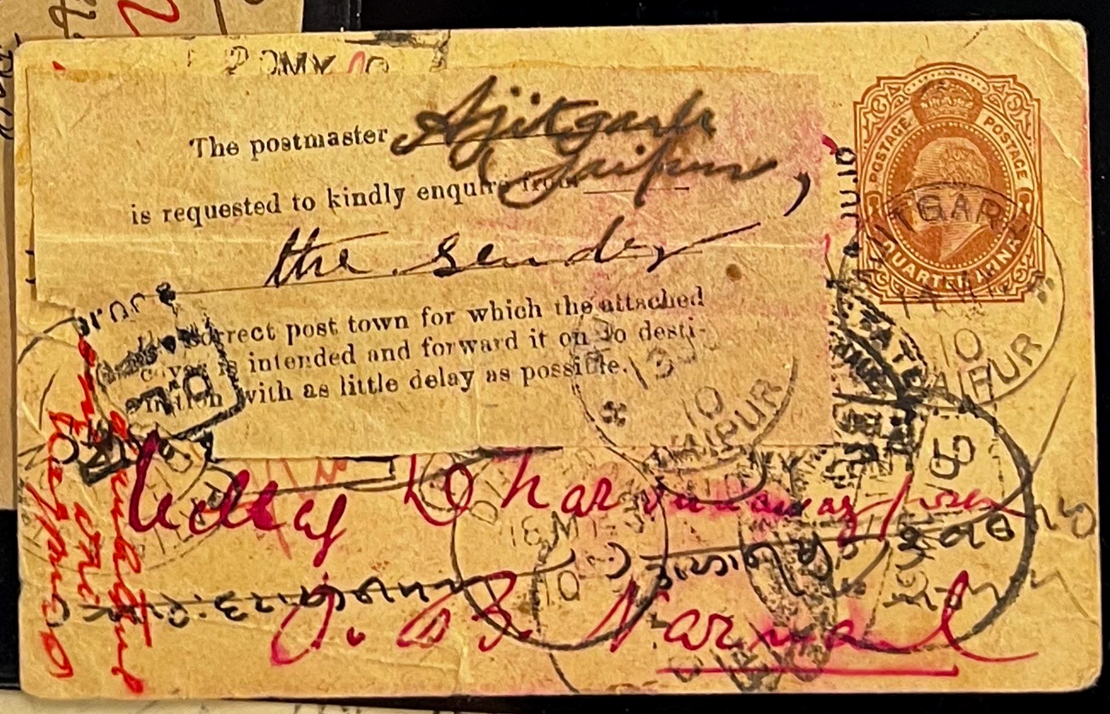


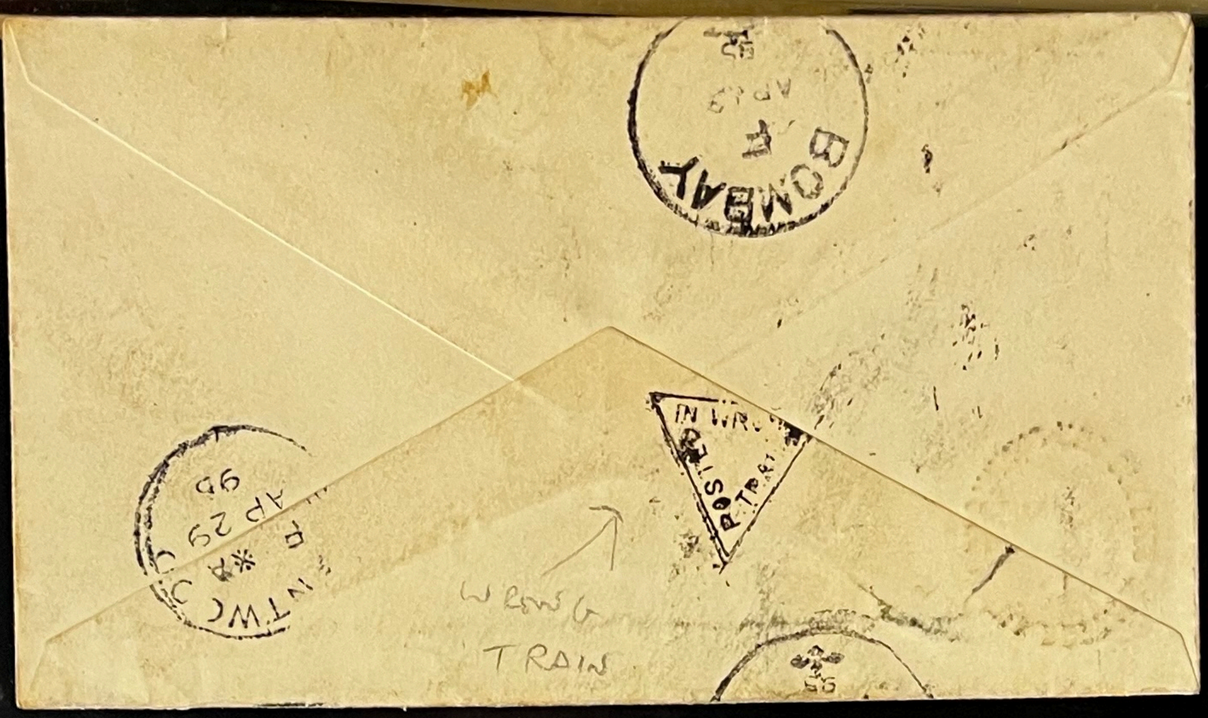
Cover dated August 1891 showing a smaller boxed 'TOO LATE' with little or no space between the two words.

Kastenstempel mit der zweizeiligen Inschrift "Un
Kastenstempel mit zweizeiliger Inschrift "Postage
Brief aus Rewaree über Rajpootana (Achteckstem
im Einkreisstempel /56/ (Sortierstempel von Nawa





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APR 3
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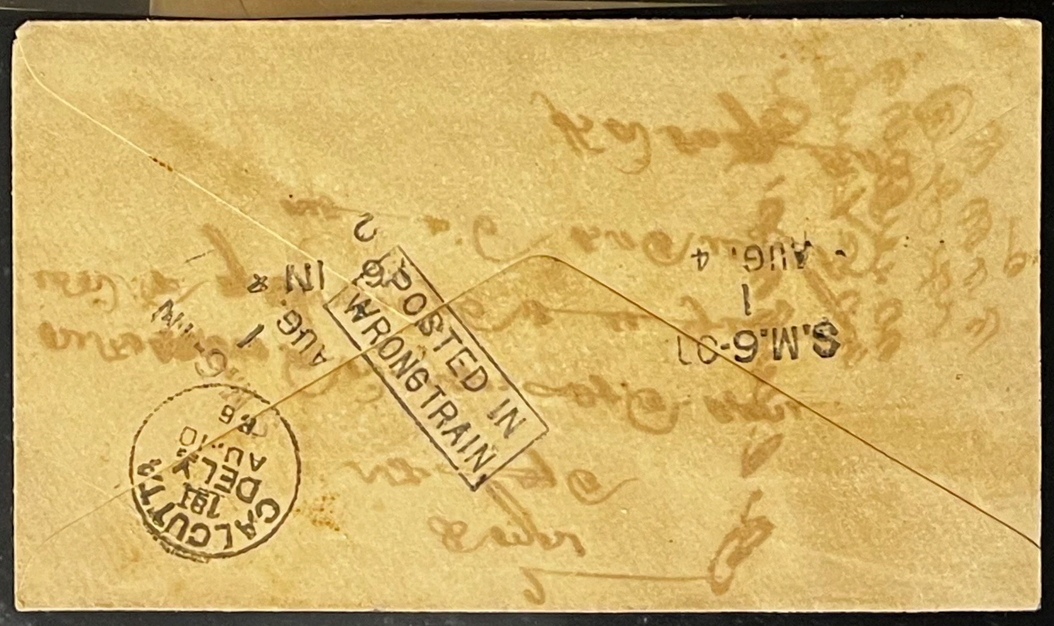
WRONG TRAIN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S.M.6-01
AUG. 4
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P.S.envelope QV½As cancelled with railway cancel
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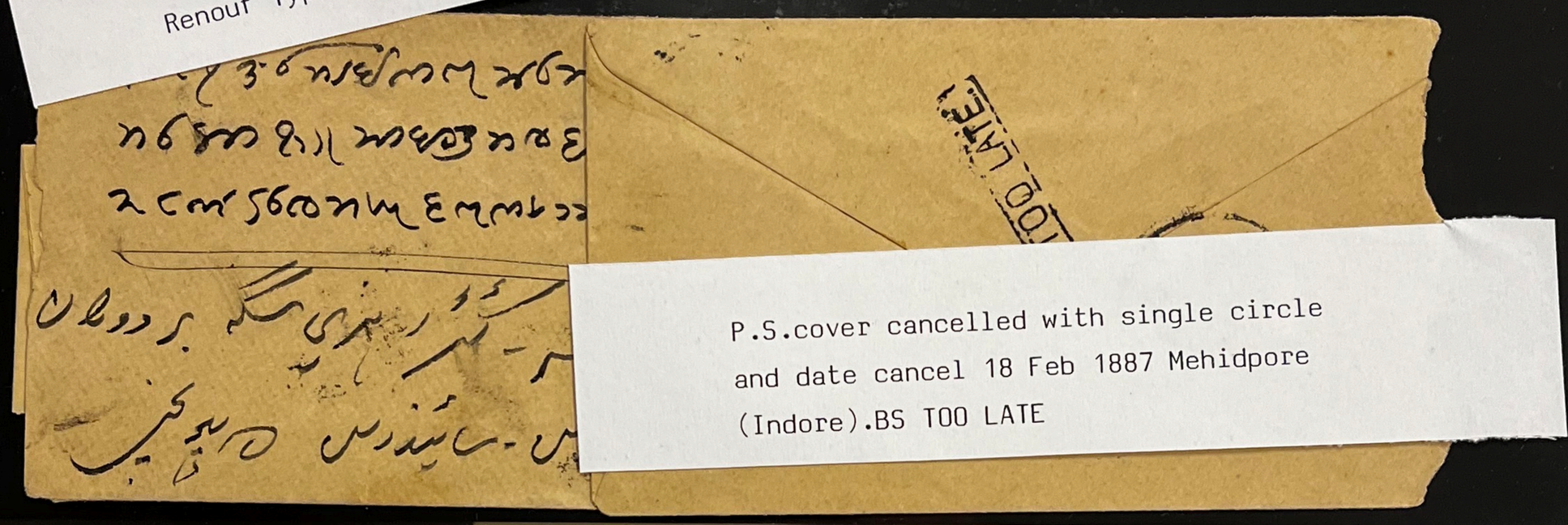

P.S.cover cancelled with single circle
and date cancel 18 Feb 1887 Mehidpore
(Indore).BS TOO LATE

1884 P.S.cover cancelled No1 R.S.CAWNPORE rear Sikar transit,RAMGARH delivery
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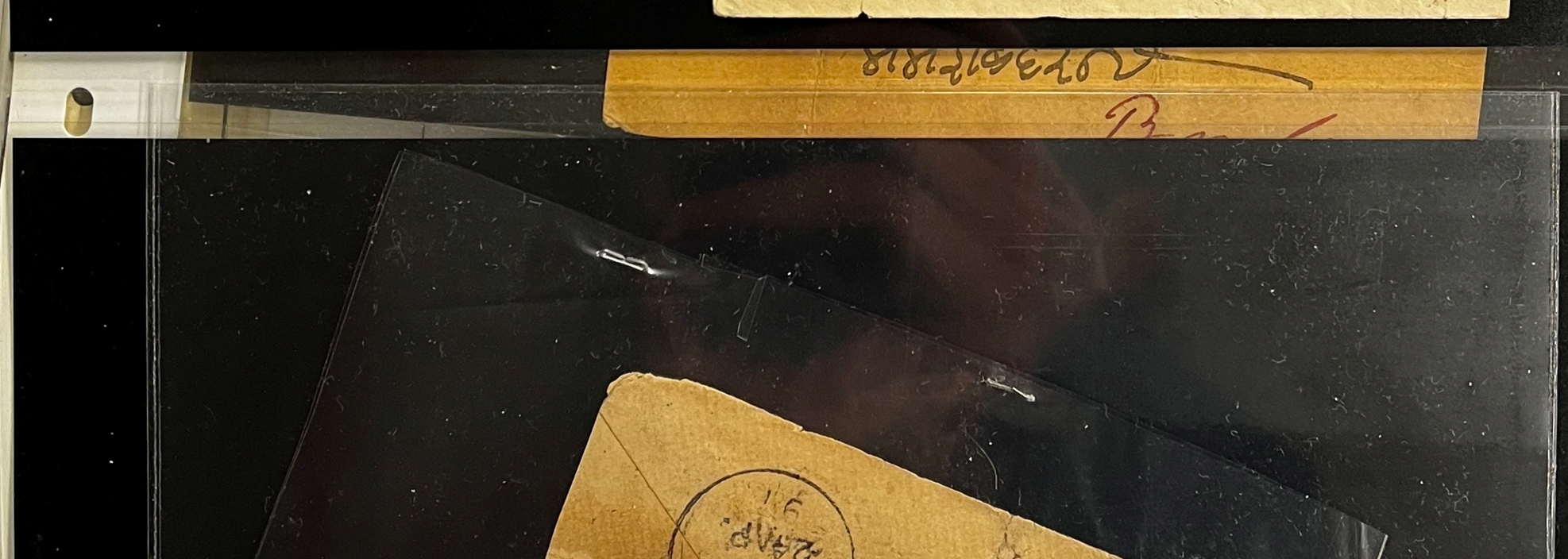
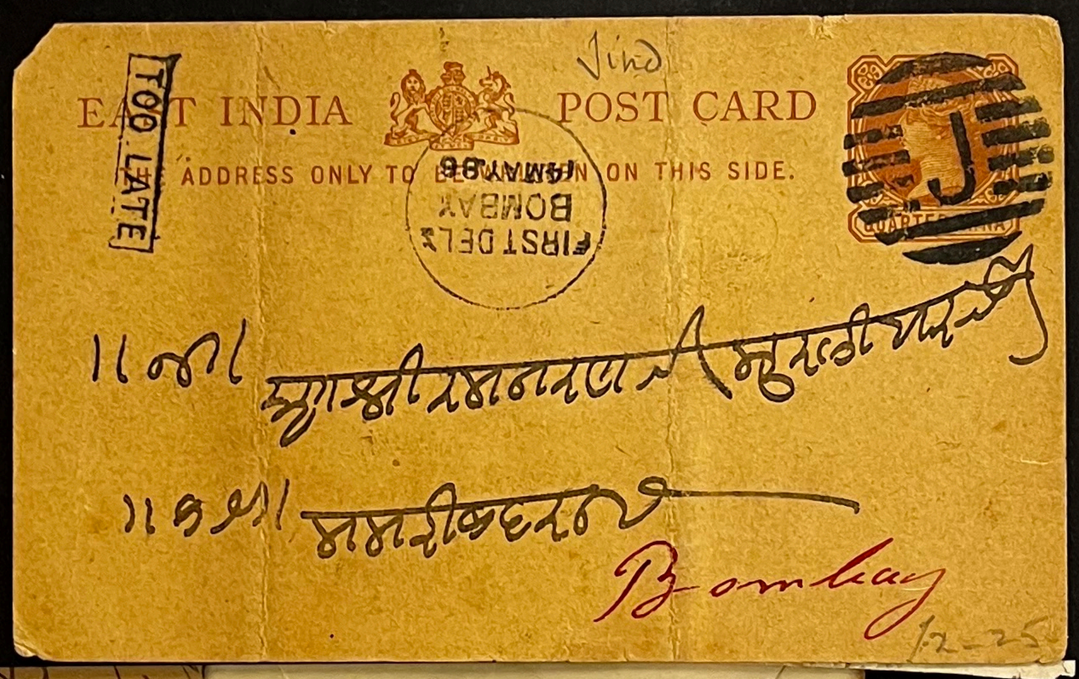
PS Cover QV ½As. in use around 1873 cancelled with T in circle of Bars
Rear T.P.O.MAIL AGENT MUZAFFARNAGAR and delivery SAMBHAR




EAST INDIA POST CARD

ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

TOO LATE

FIRST DELY BOMBAY 15 MAY 86

Jind

Bombay 1/2-25

D. L. O. BOMBAY 16 JUN 87

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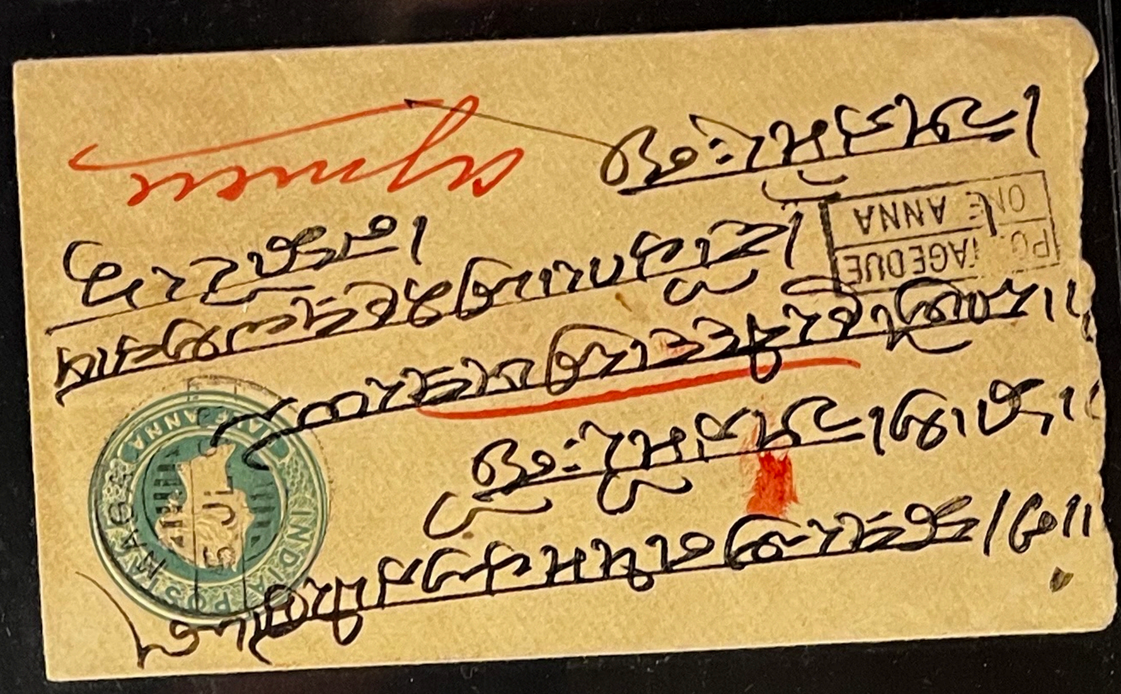
UNPAID SORTING

CALCUTTA NIGHT SORTING



INDORE-CITY
QUARTER ANNA
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE
Sarayen Das
Superintendent to the
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TOO LATE
BOMBAY
APR 12
88
MICH. ST.
APR 30
POSTAGE DUE
1 ANNA
INDORE CITY
1 OCT. 63
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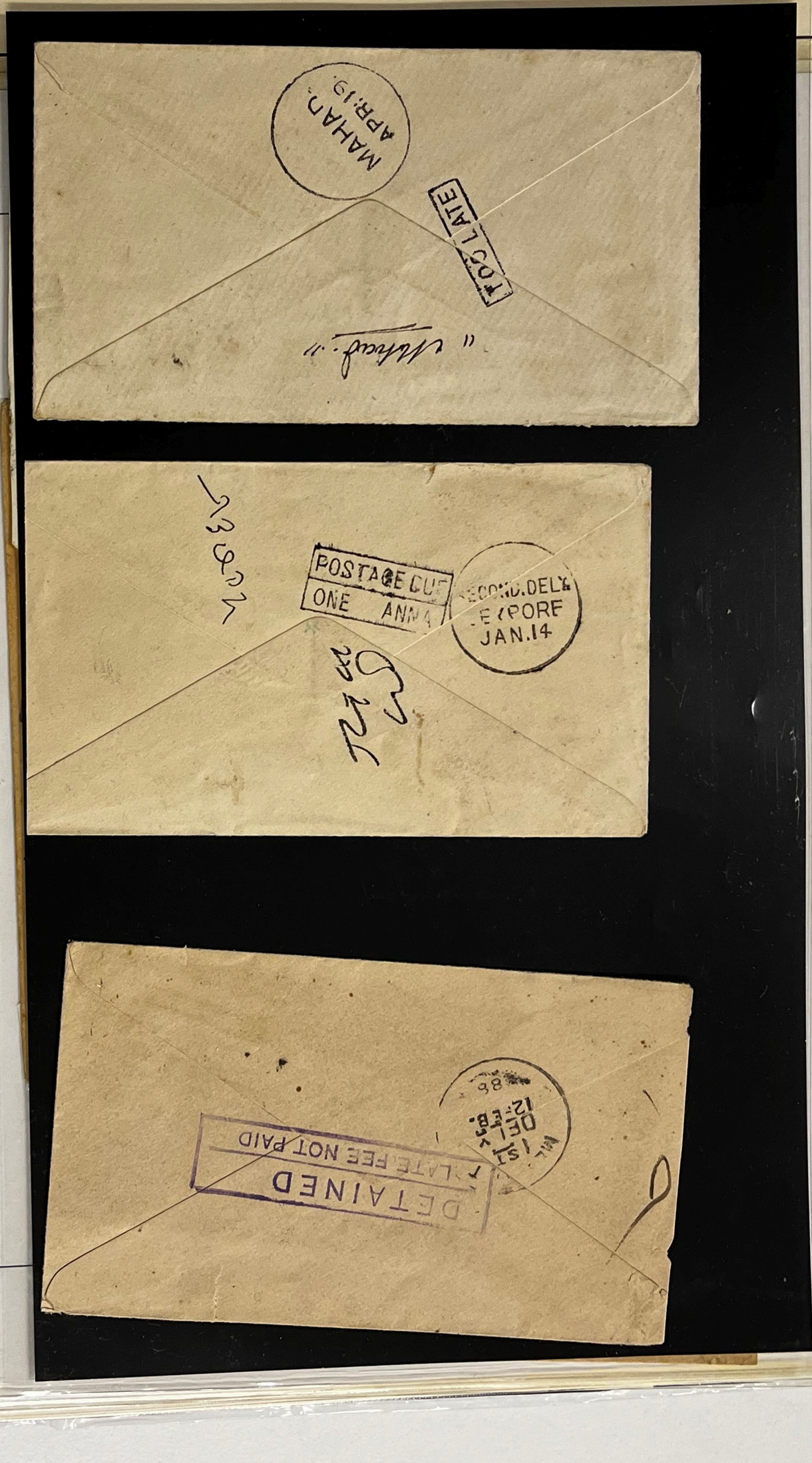
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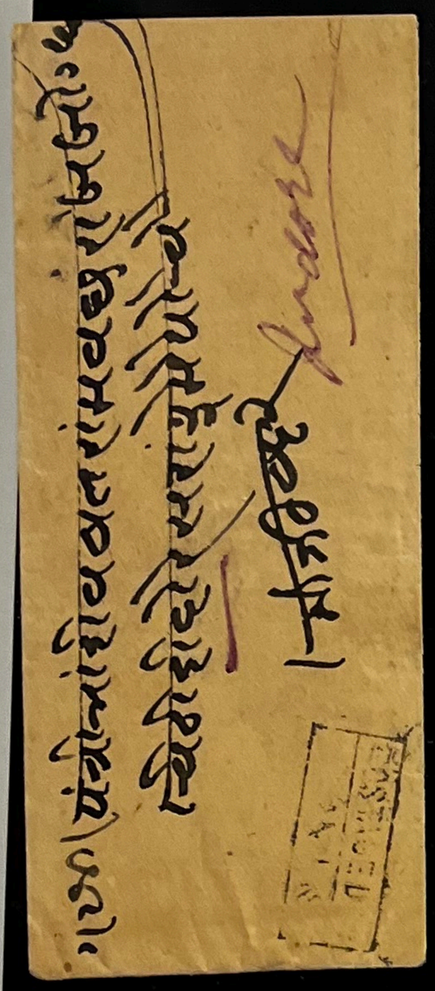
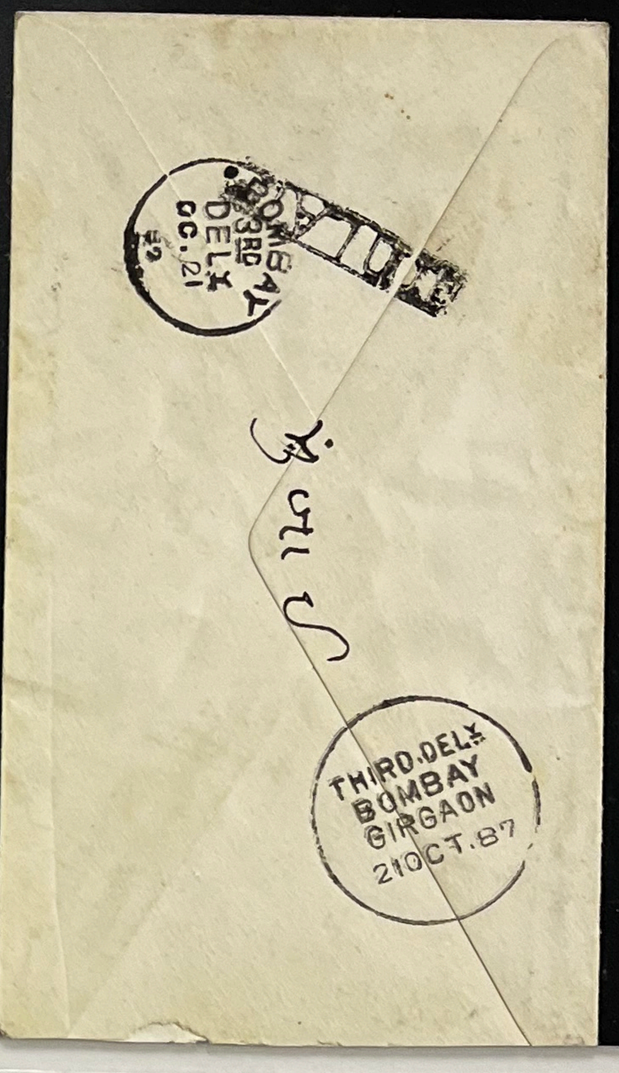
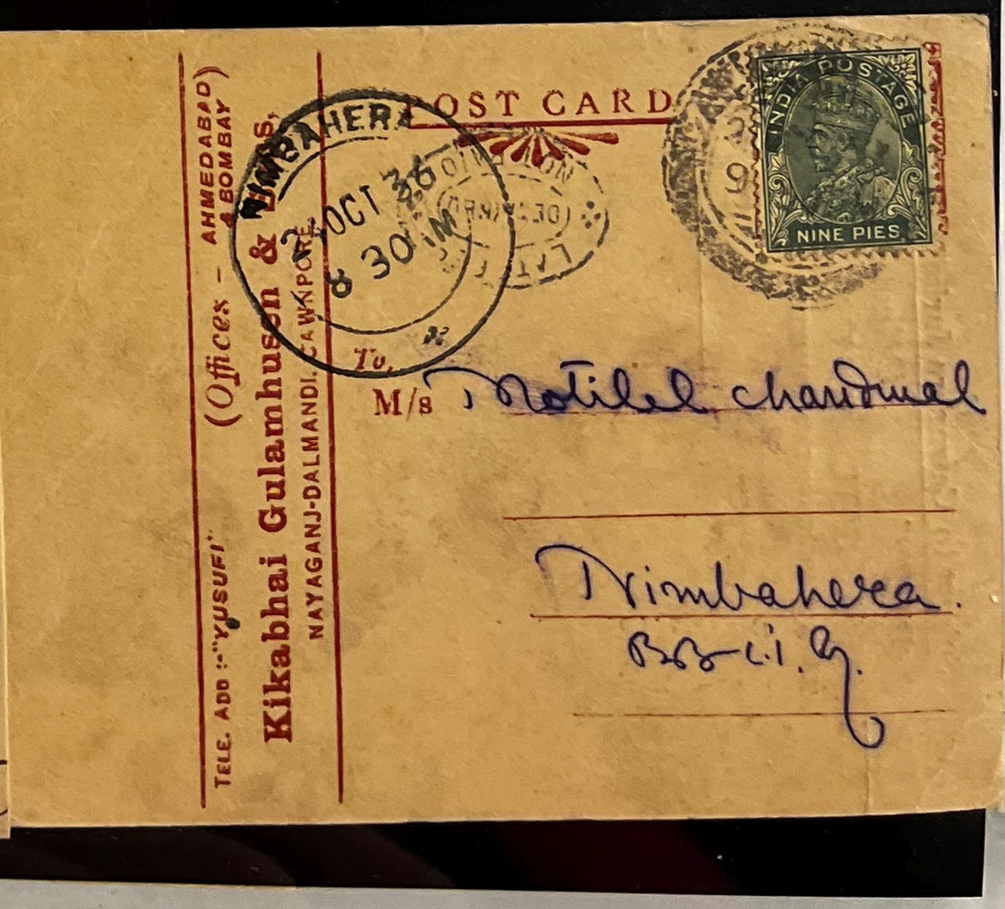
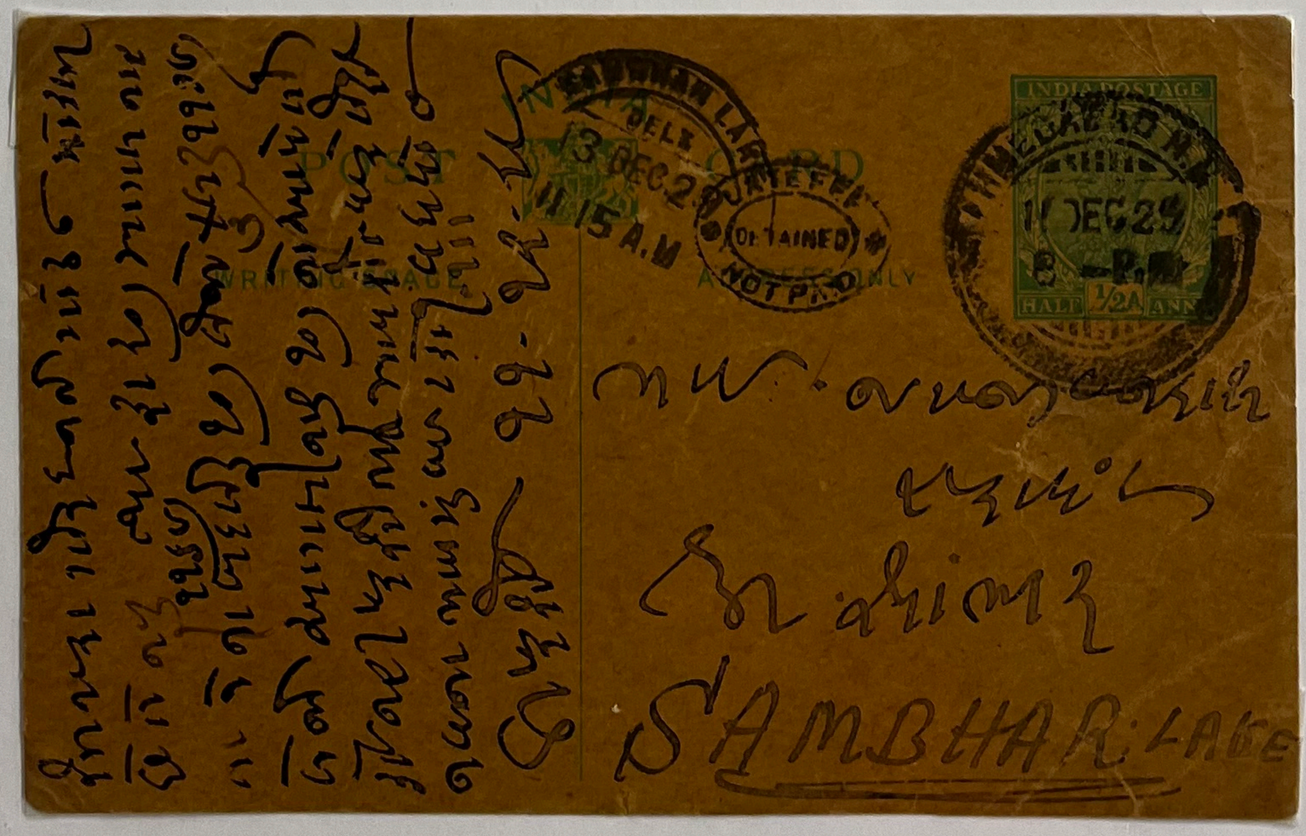


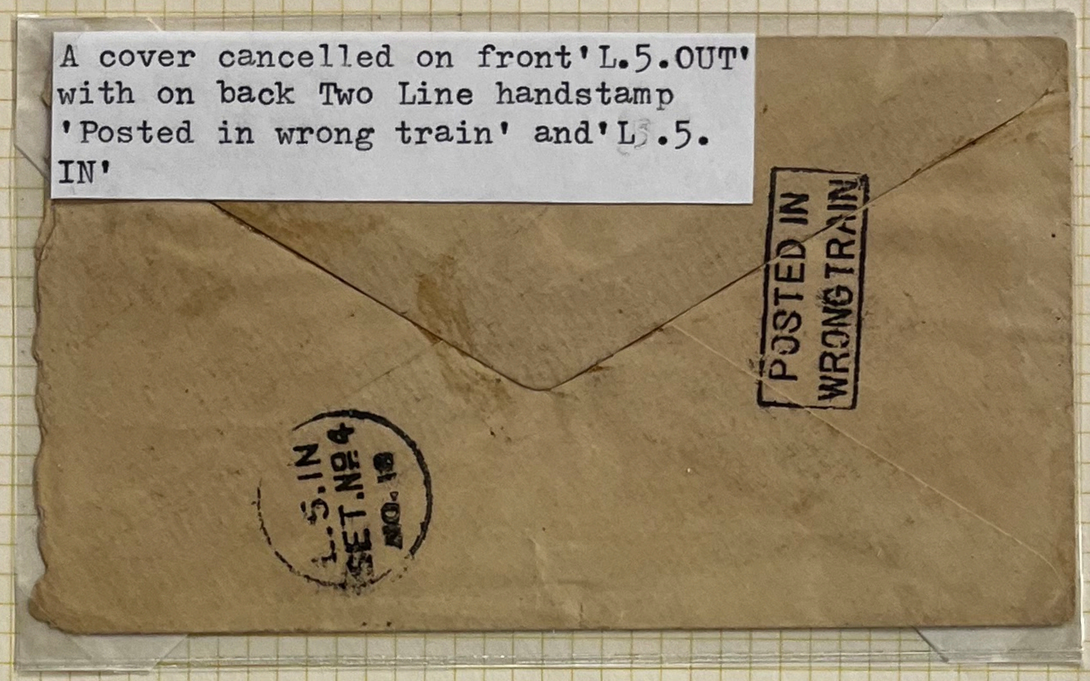




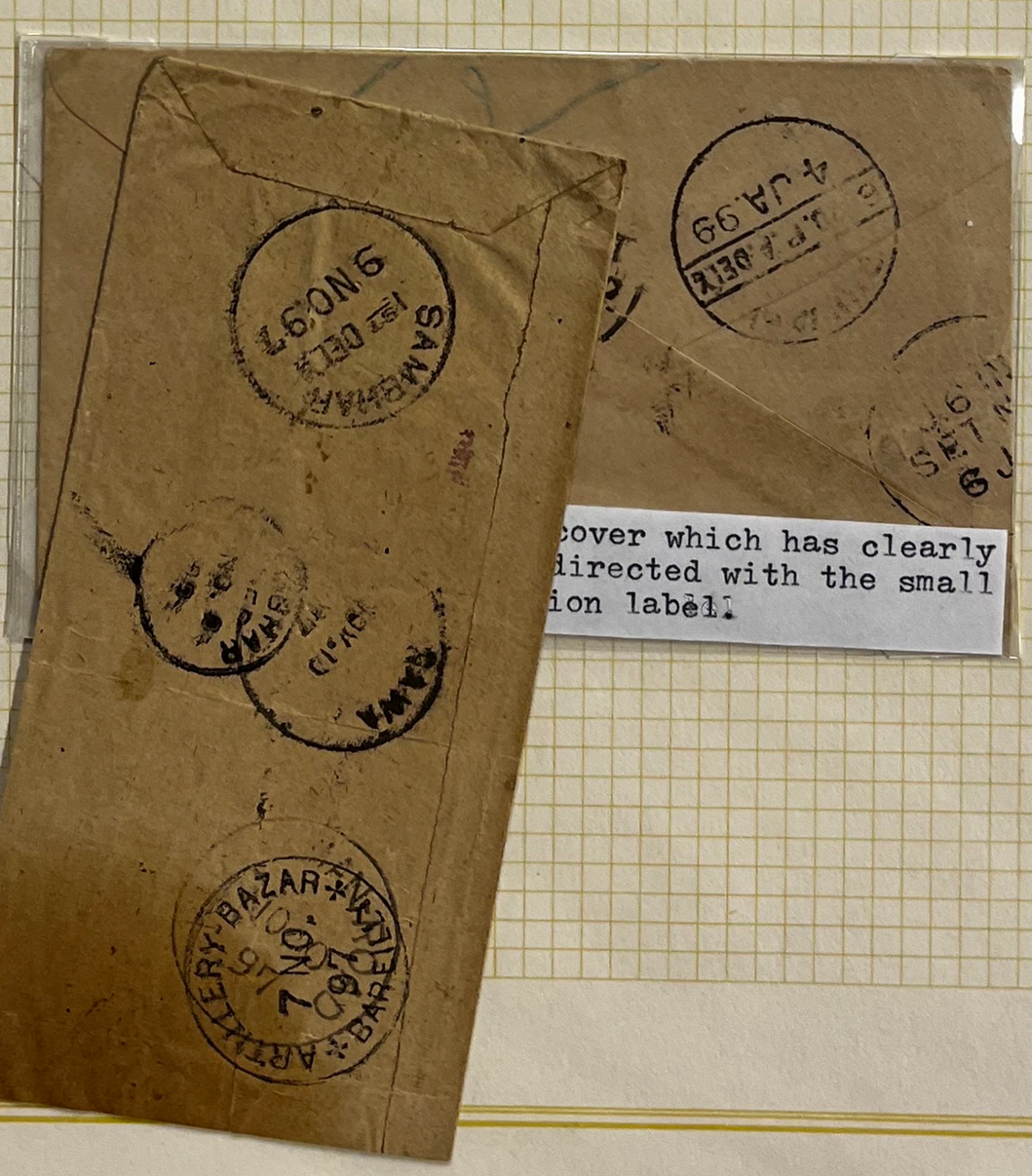
THE LATE FEE

This was introduced as early as 1837. It enabled people wishing to post a letter after the close of normal business, namely 4 pm to post a letter up to 6.45 pm, on payment of a fee This would be distributed at the di8scretion of the Post Master General to Post Office staff who were involved in the extra work Later, the fee was payable on all mail posted after 6pm up to fifteen minutes before the despatch of t5he mail. The fee could be as much as half a Rupee. Conversely all mail posted after the end of normal working hours,would be delayed unless the late fee was paid. Below are two items showing the handstamp applied on mail so delayed.





A cover cancelled on front'L.5.OUT' with on back Two Line handstamp 'Posted in wrong train' and'L.5. IN'



cover which has clearly
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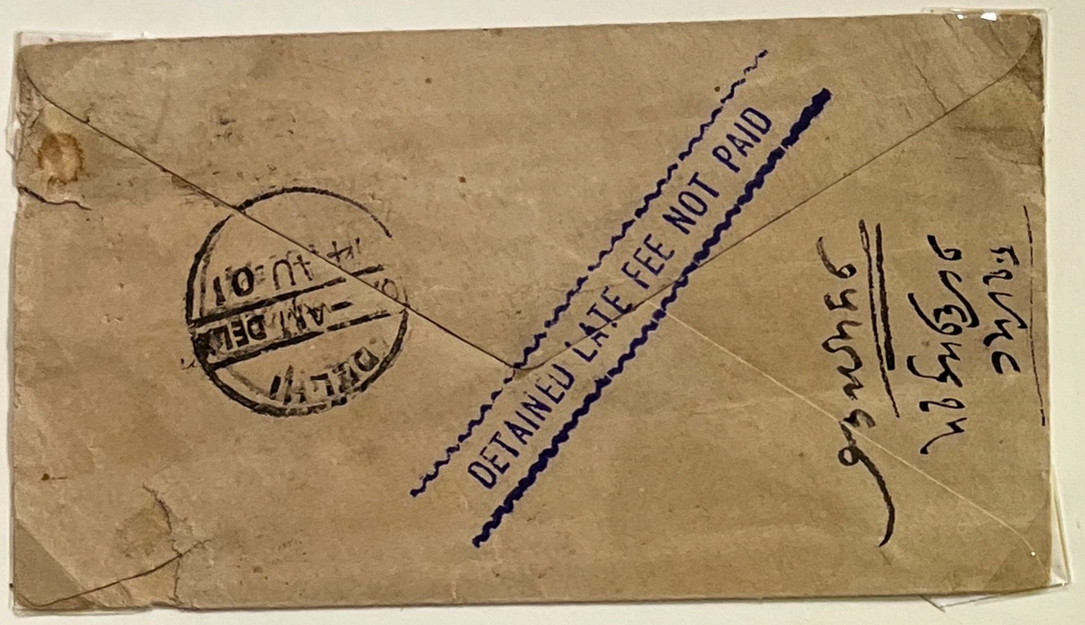
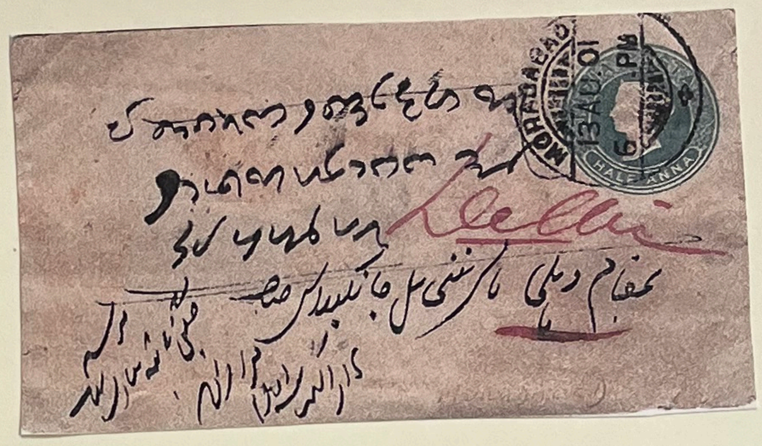
A Queen Victoria 1/2 Anna Postal Stationary Envelope RL type EP1 .The letter is addressed in Urdu with manuscript"Delhi" inserted by the post office. It was posted in "Moradabad" on the 13 Au 01 at 6pm. On the reversed is the horizontal handstamp in purple "DETAINED LATE FEE NOT PAID". This was applied to the letter because of the time of posting





May 1905
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Cancel S.M.O. KHANDWA 22 OCT 06
STR. LINE 'DETAINED - LATE FEE NOT PAID'
DELIVERY 'FORT BOMBAY - WINDOW

DETAINED: LATE FEE NOT PAID

POST CARD

INDIA POSTAGE
THREE PIES

Dharamdas Amba'al & Co., Karachi City.

INDIA POSTAGE
3P. 3P.
THREE PIES

INDIA POSTAGE
HALF ½A ANNA

Lala Ramjuvan
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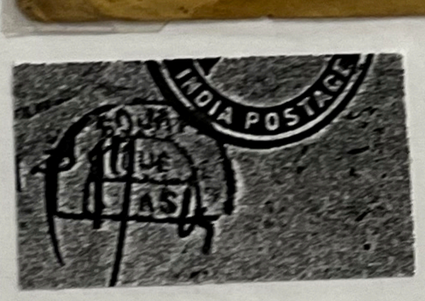
(Alwar)

3 PS
INDIA POSTAGE
8 SEP 48


INDIA POSTAGE

NATHDWARA
2 SEC 48
UNPAID
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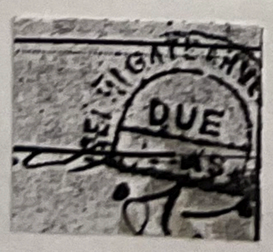
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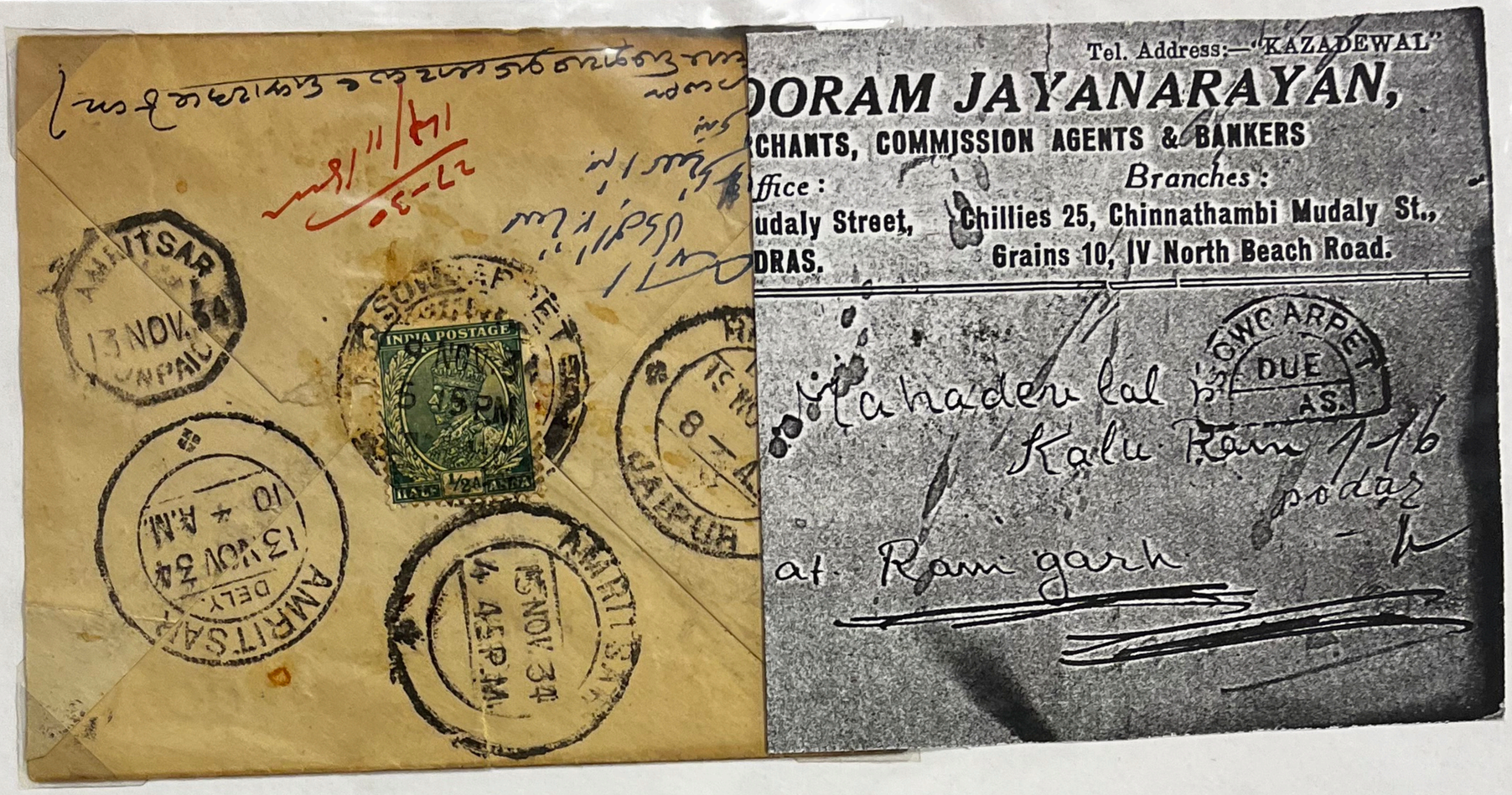
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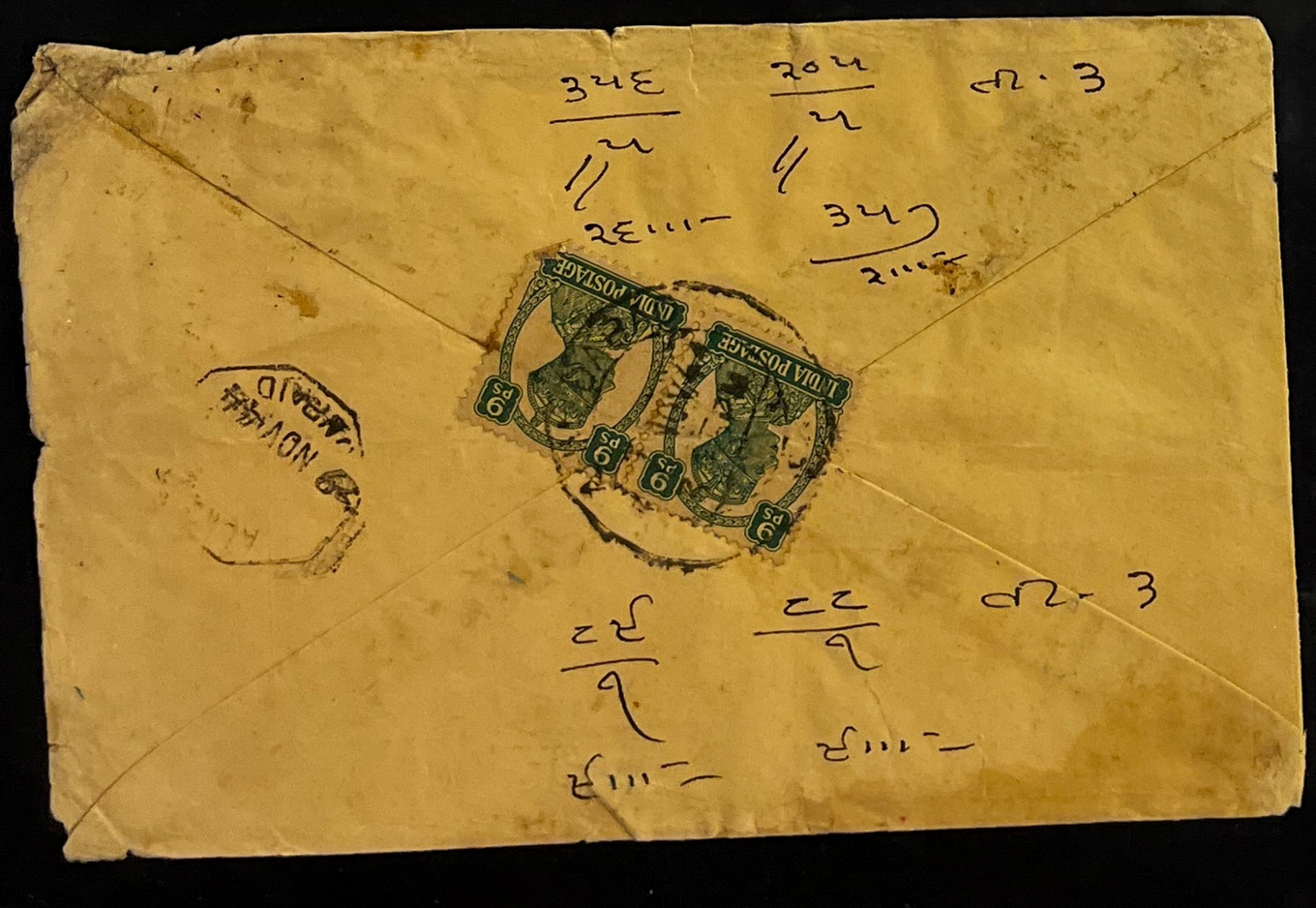
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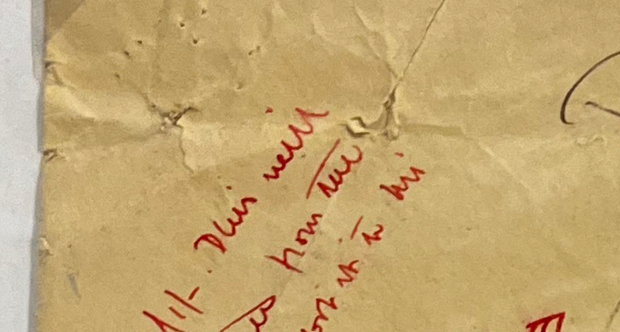

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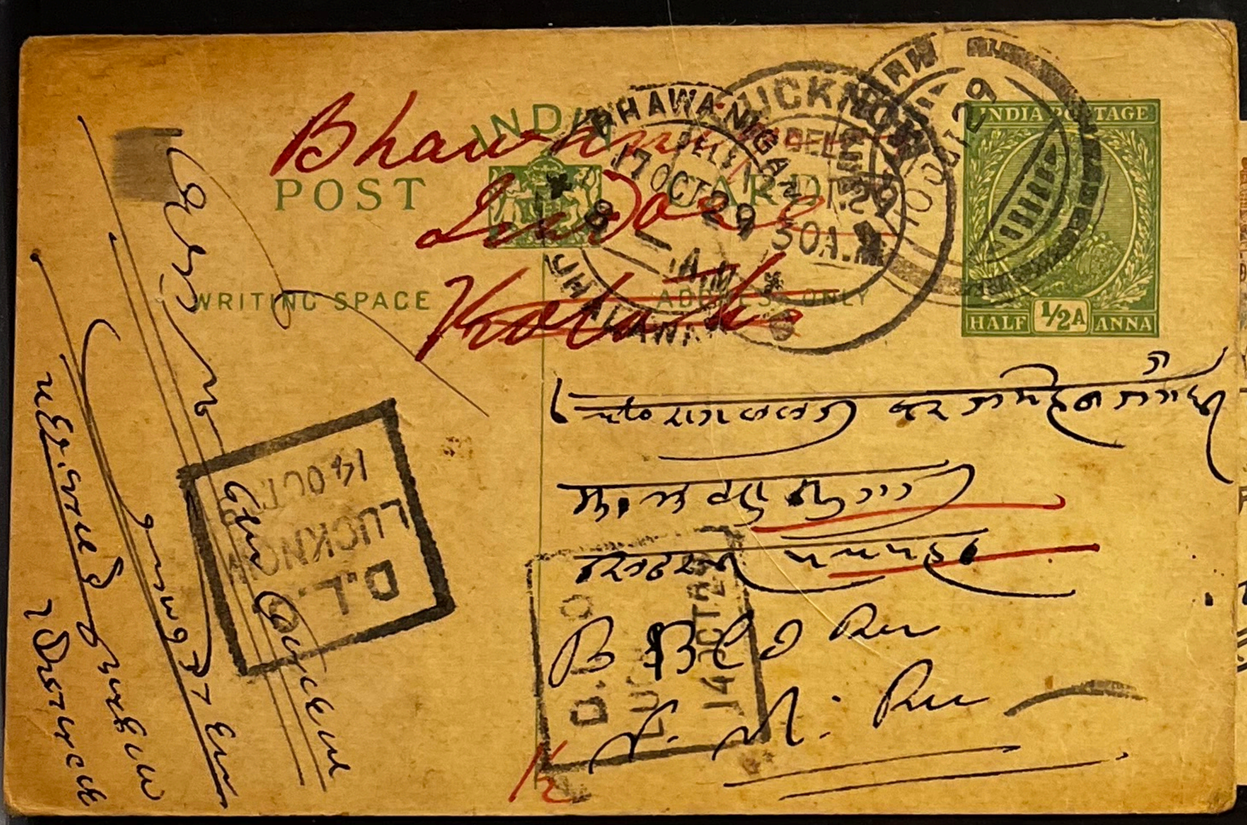
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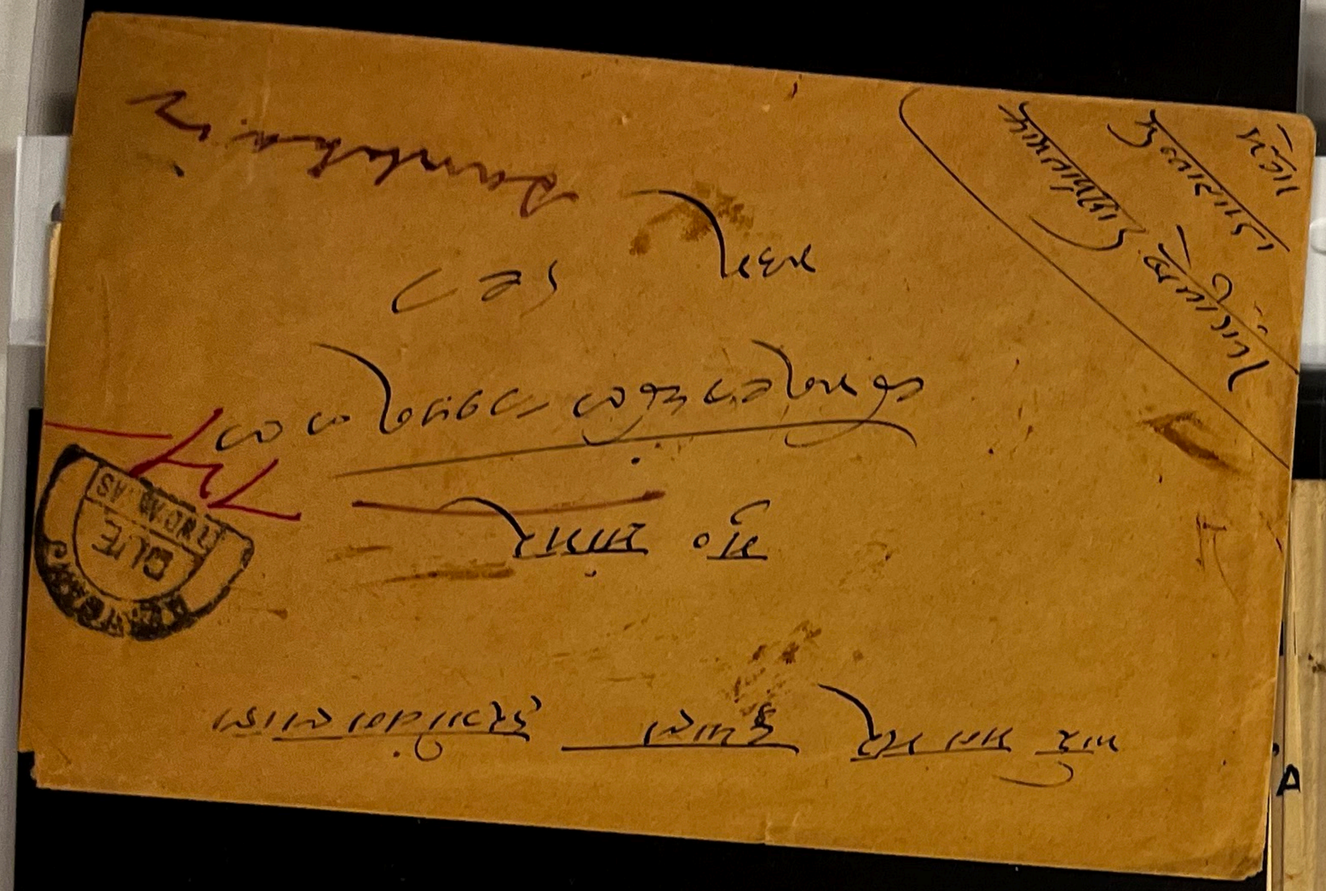

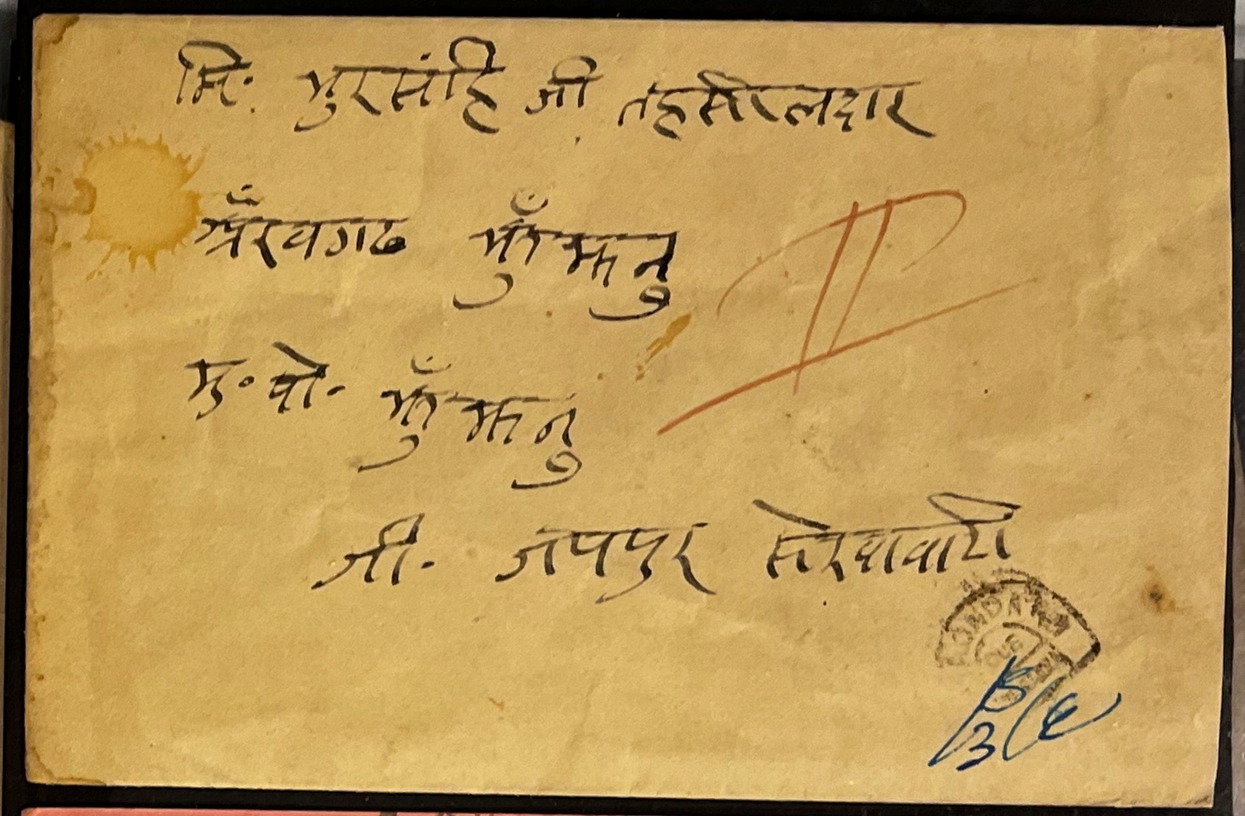

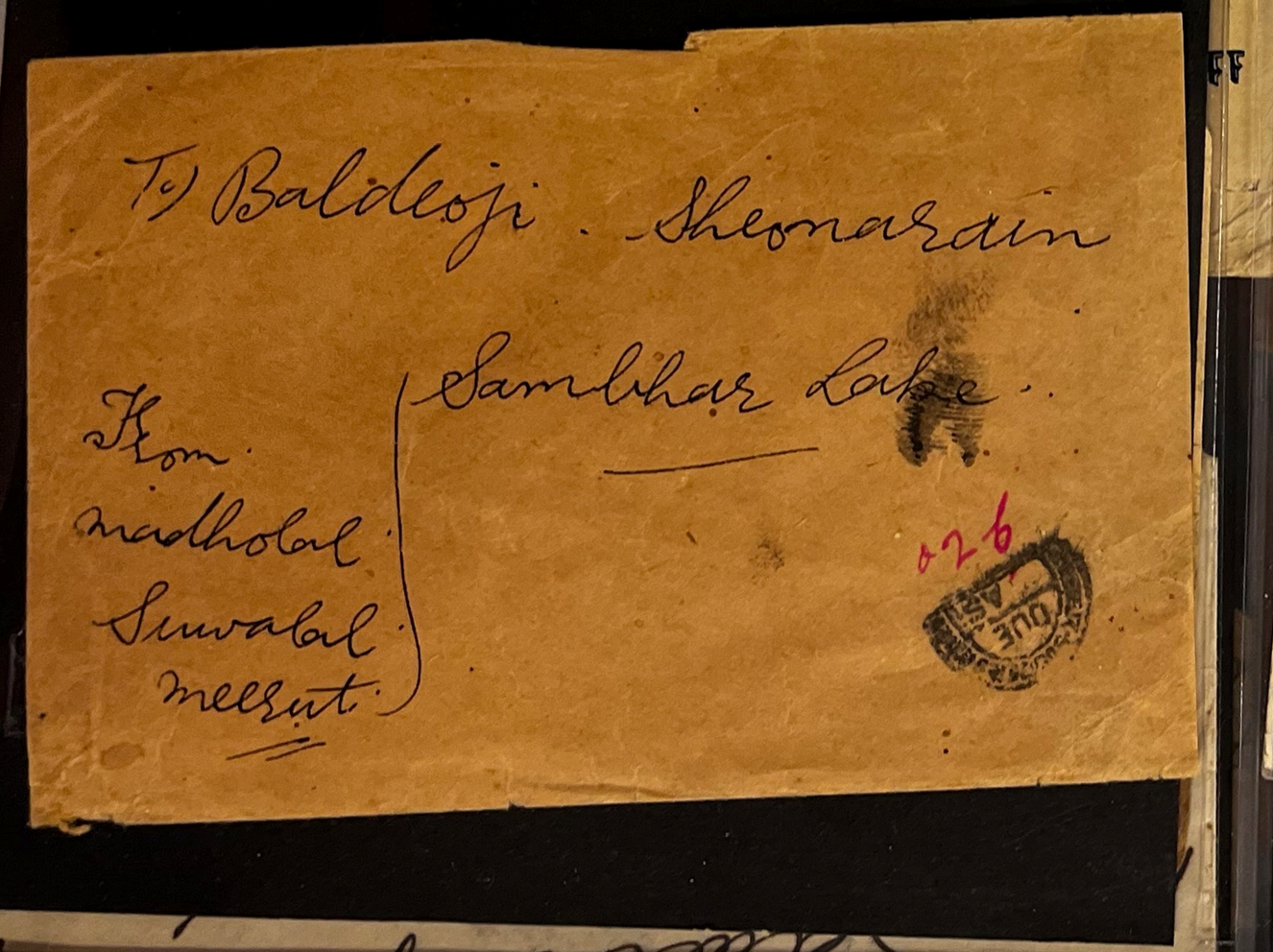
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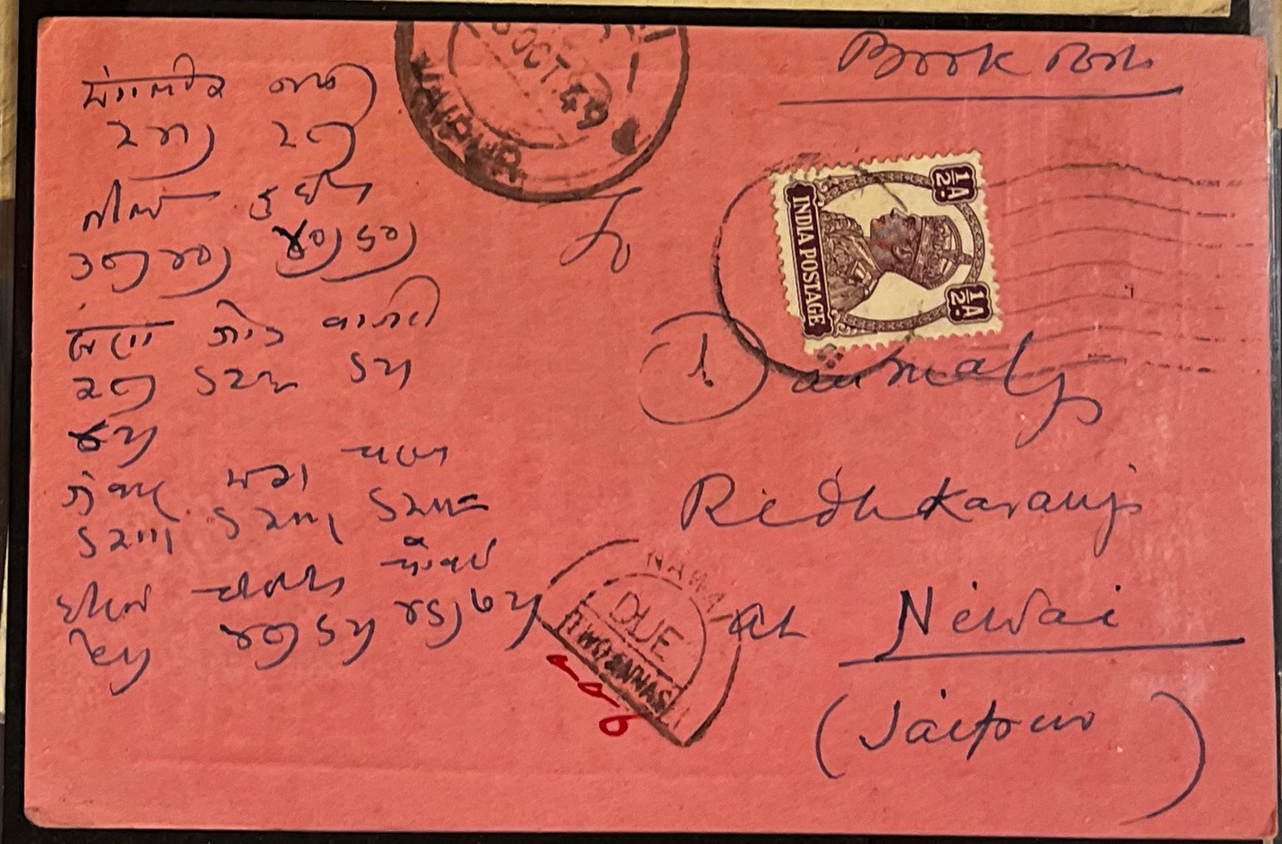
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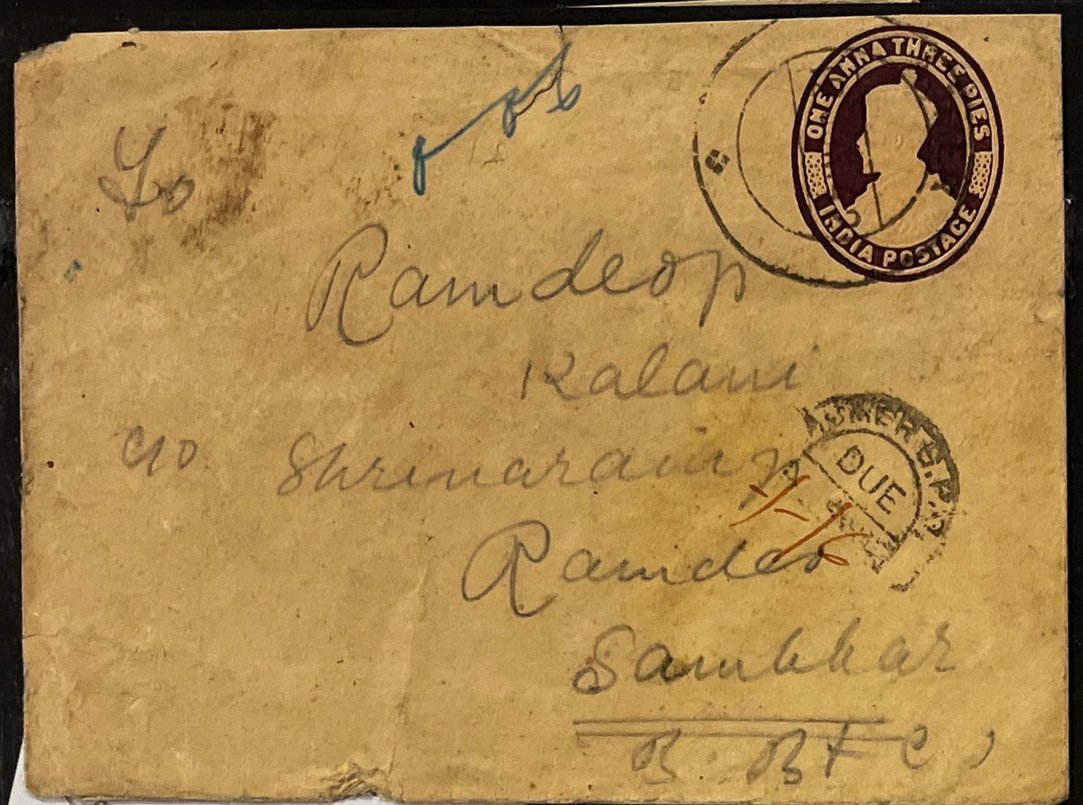
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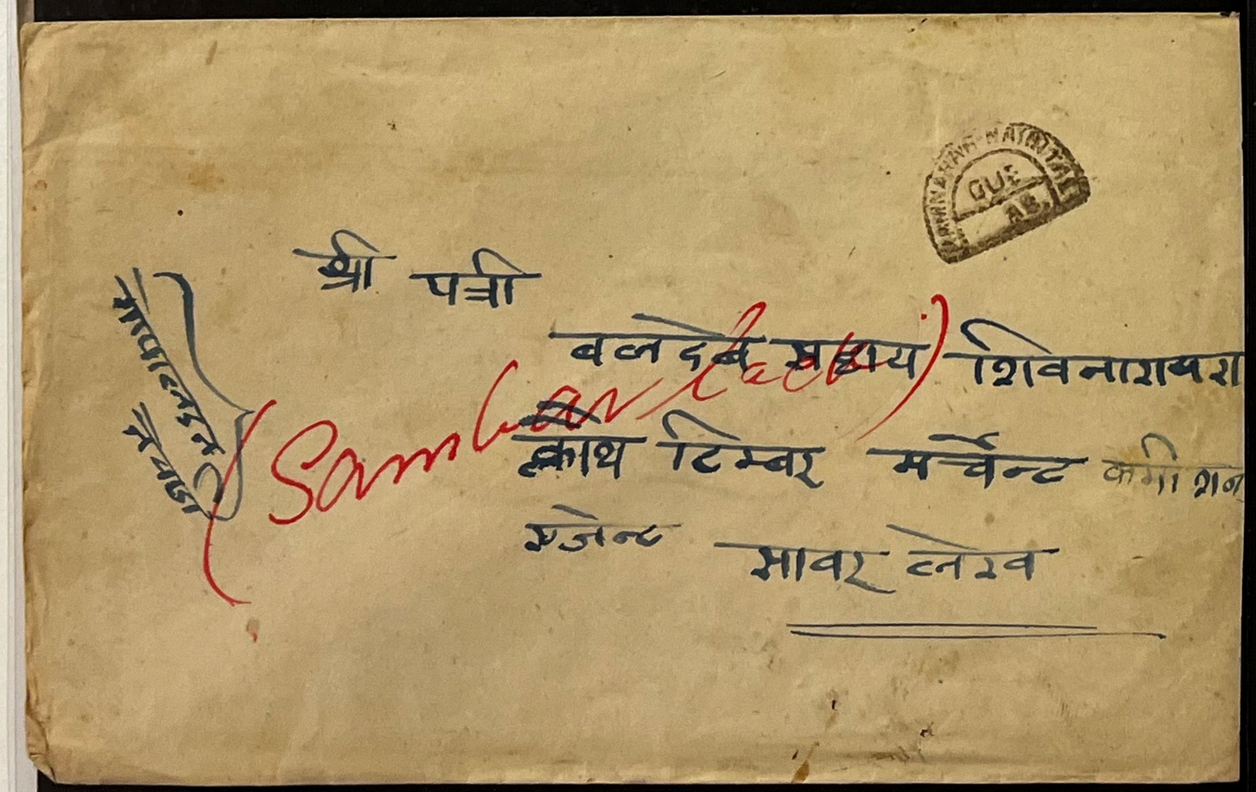
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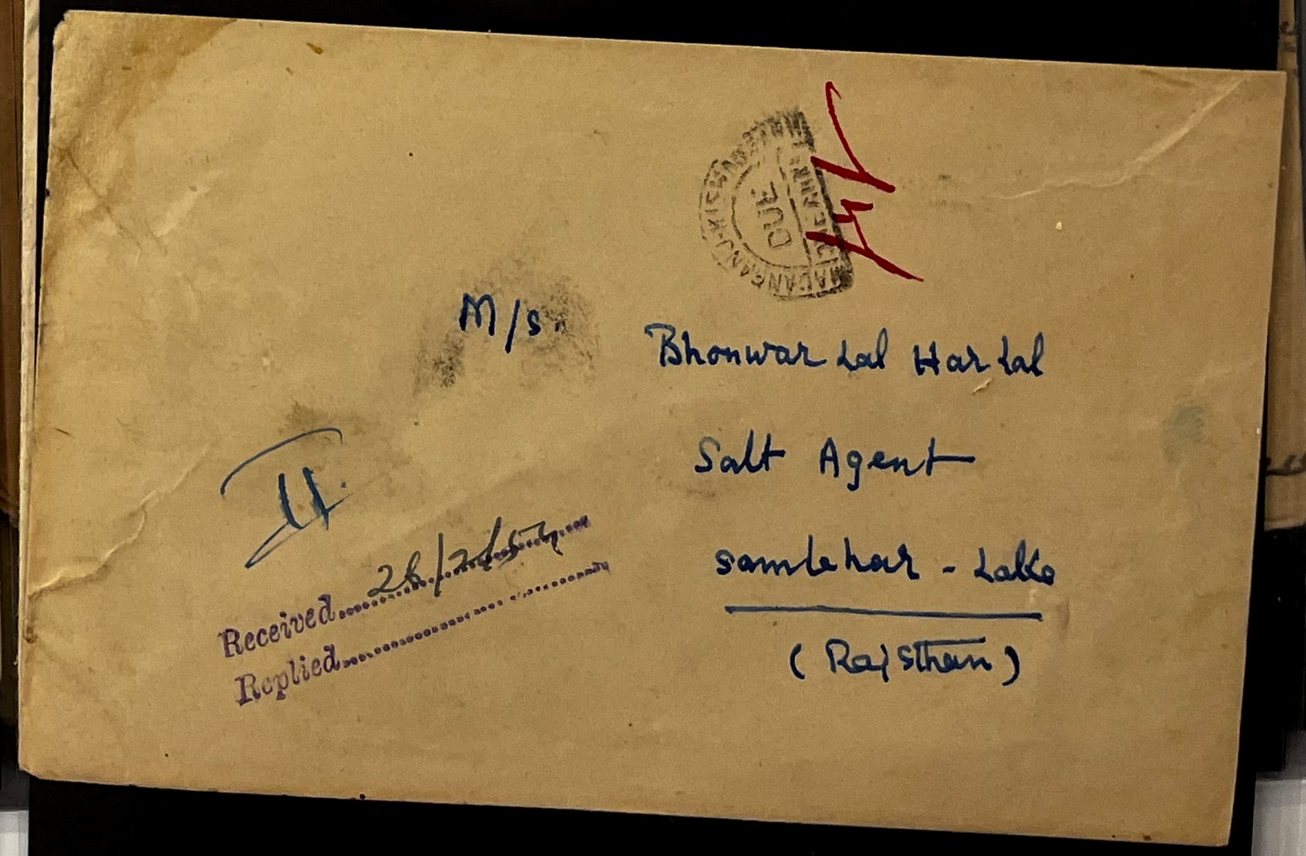
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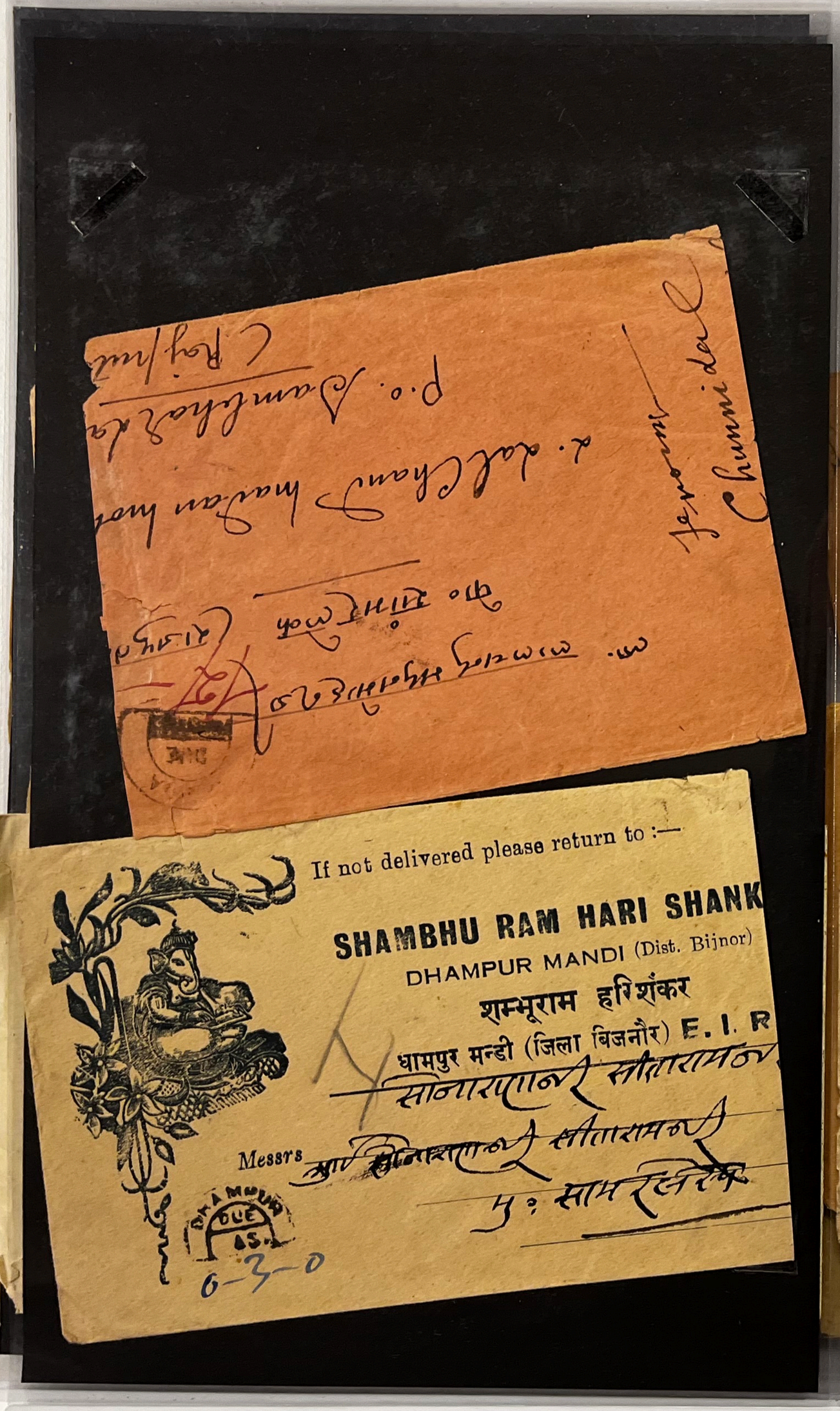

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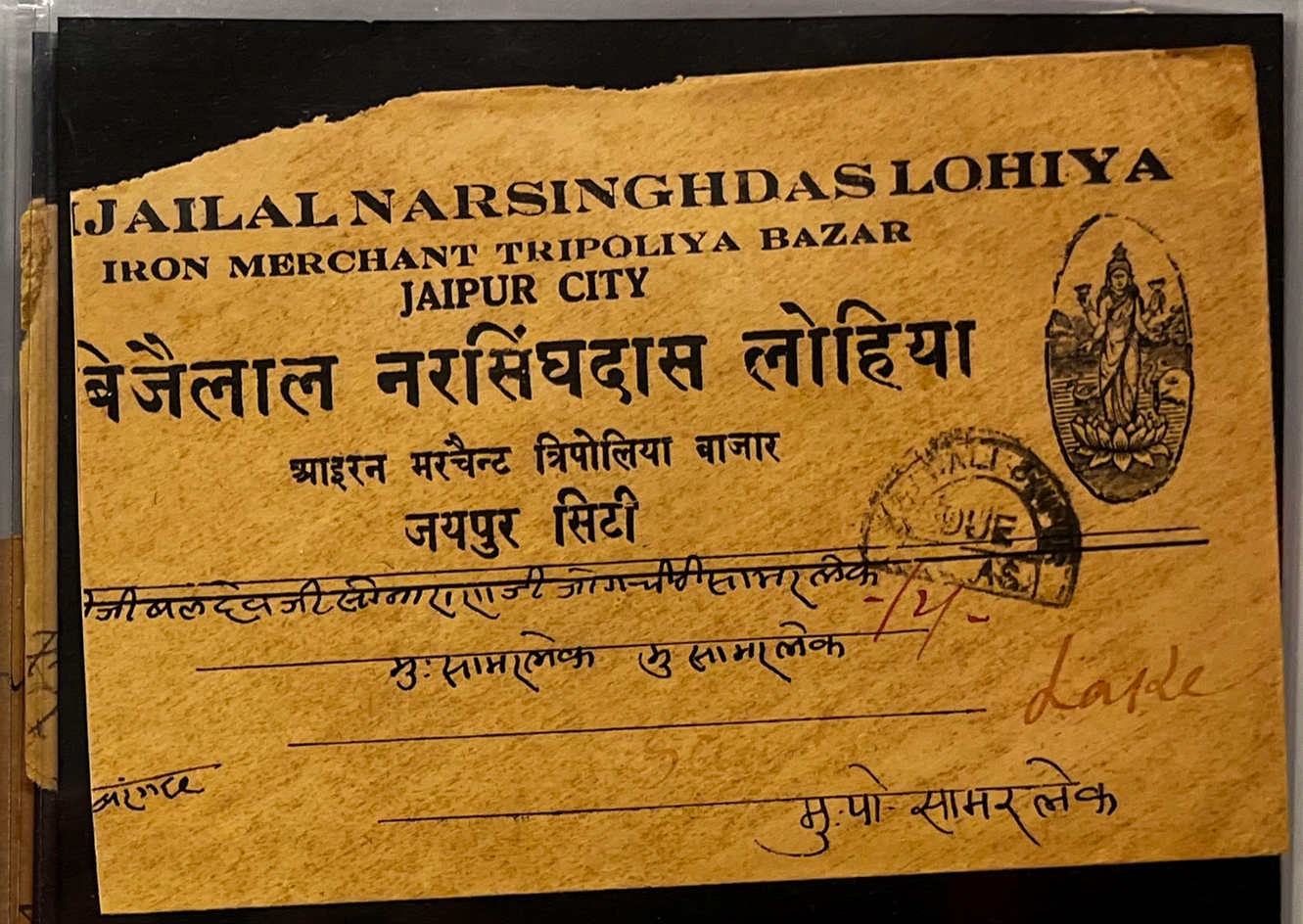

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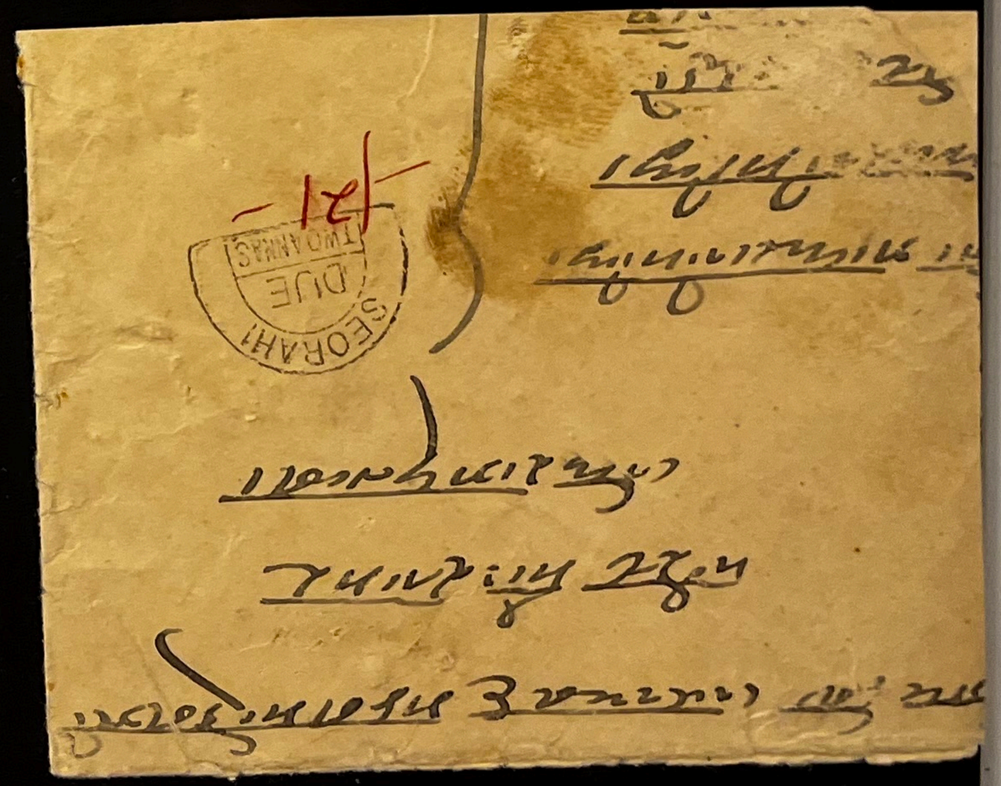

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To,

KANKROLI
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On Her Majesty's Service.

Please return this envelope to the postman.

Col. A. Venture.

Deputy Commissioner

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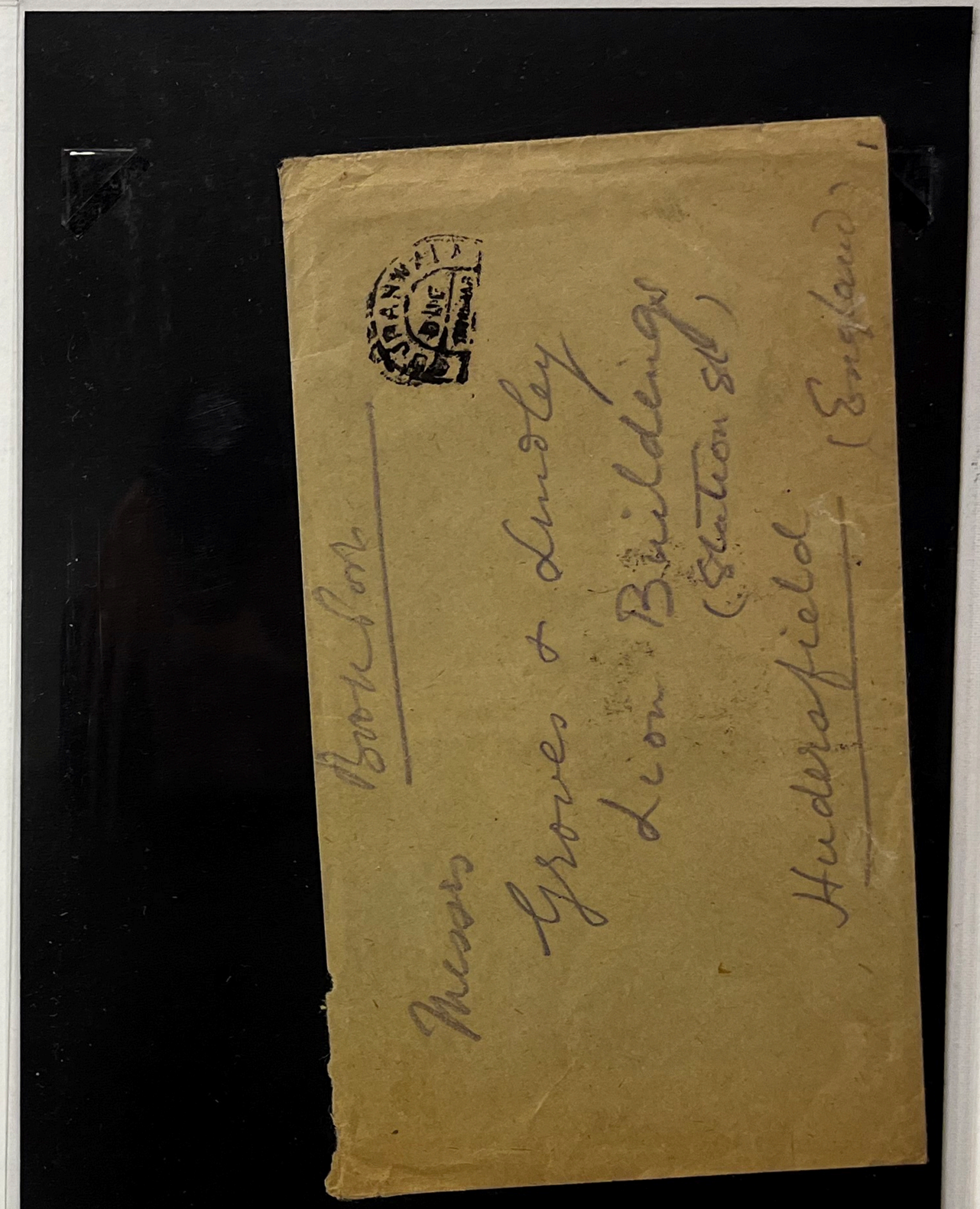

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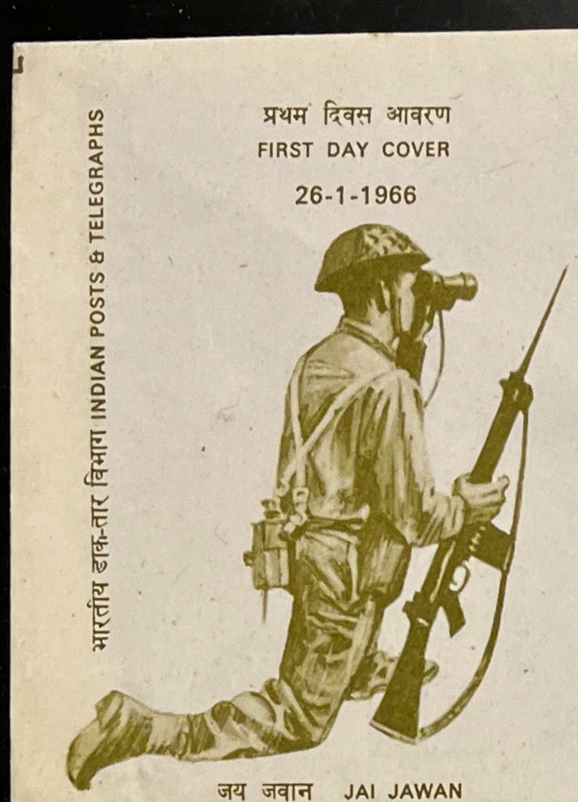

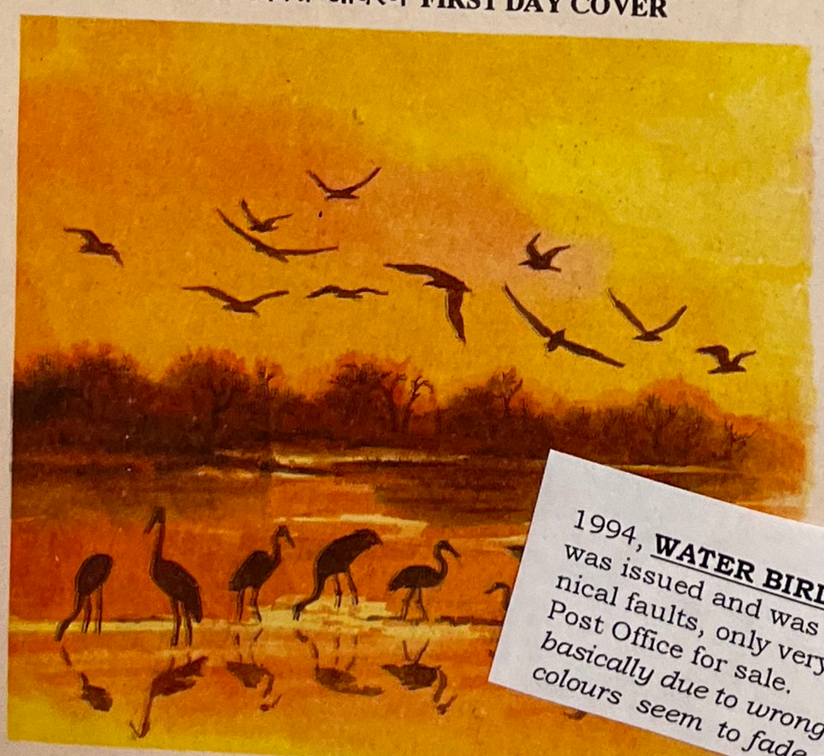

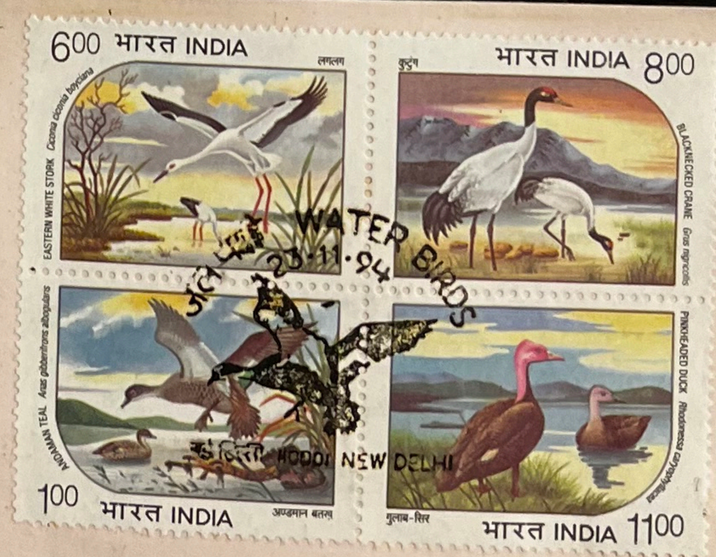

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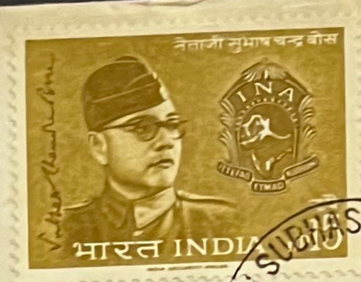

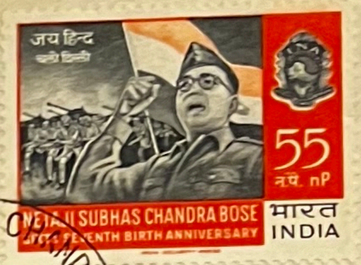

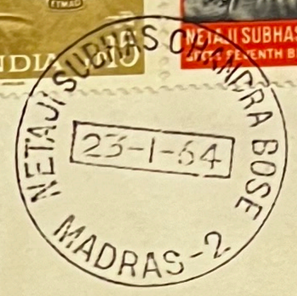

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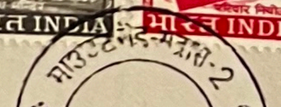

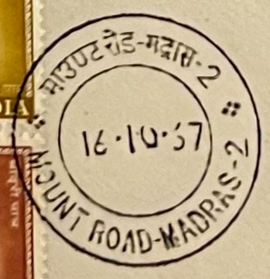

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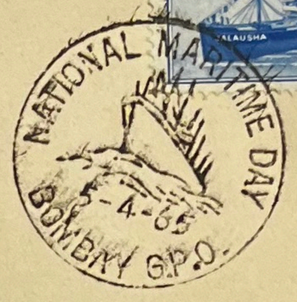

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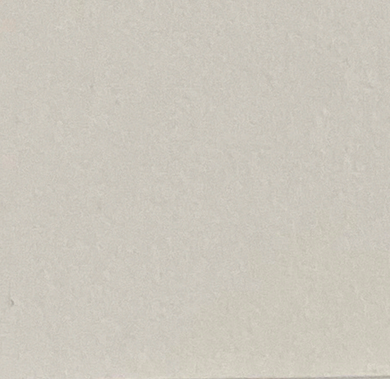

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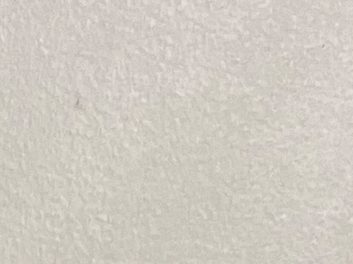

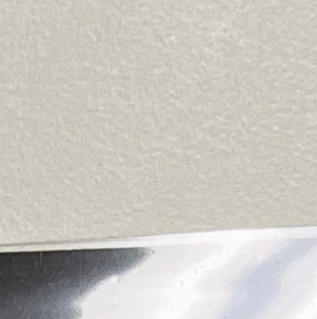

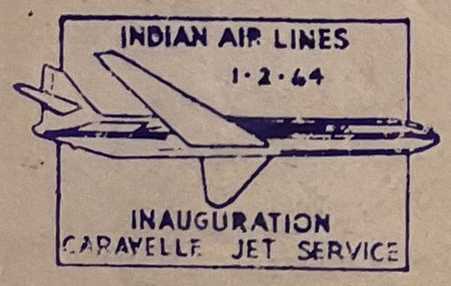

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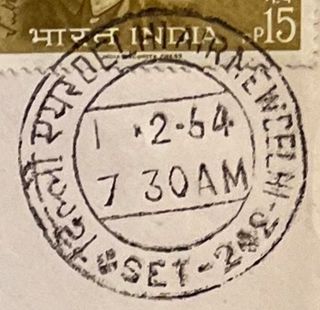

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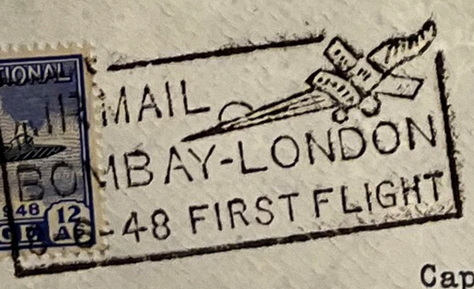

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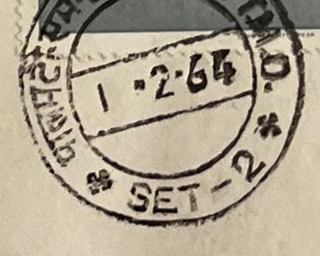

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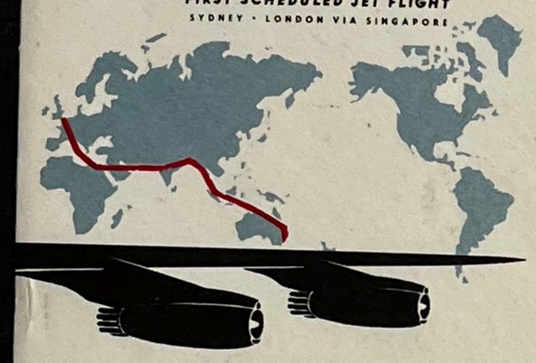

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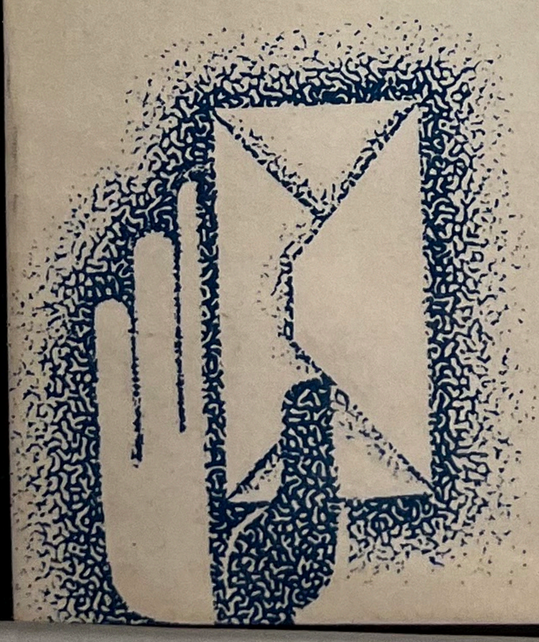

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