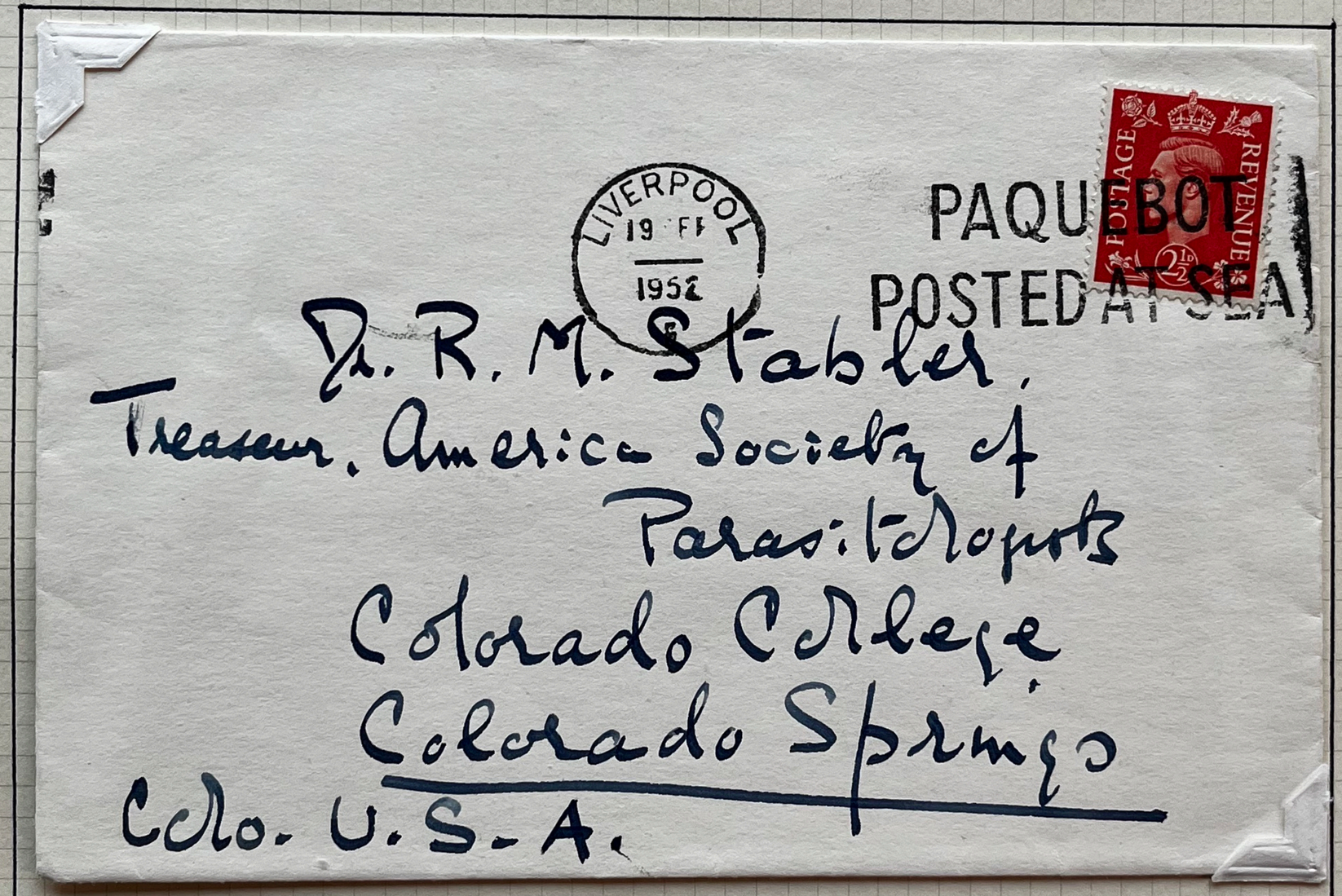
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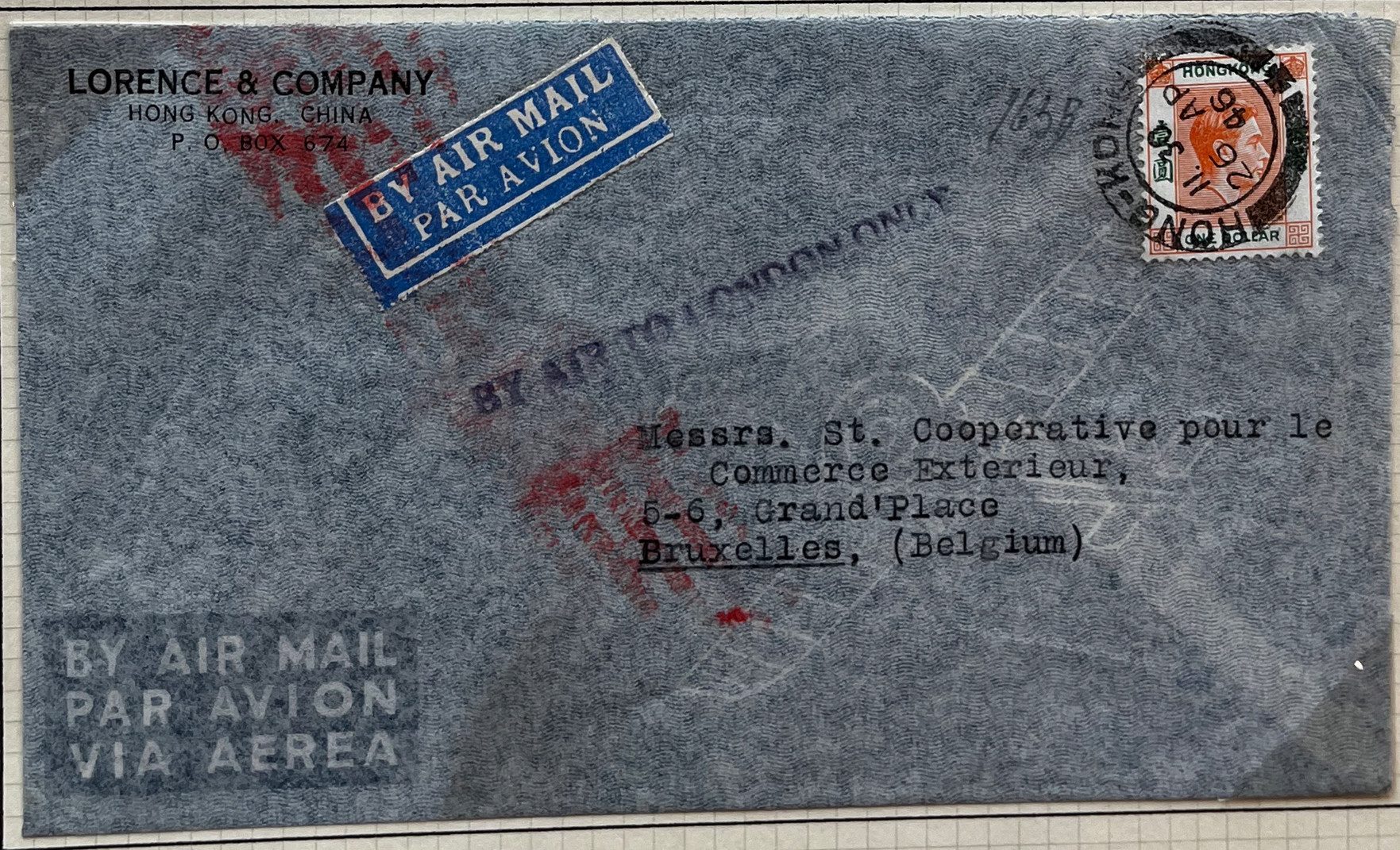




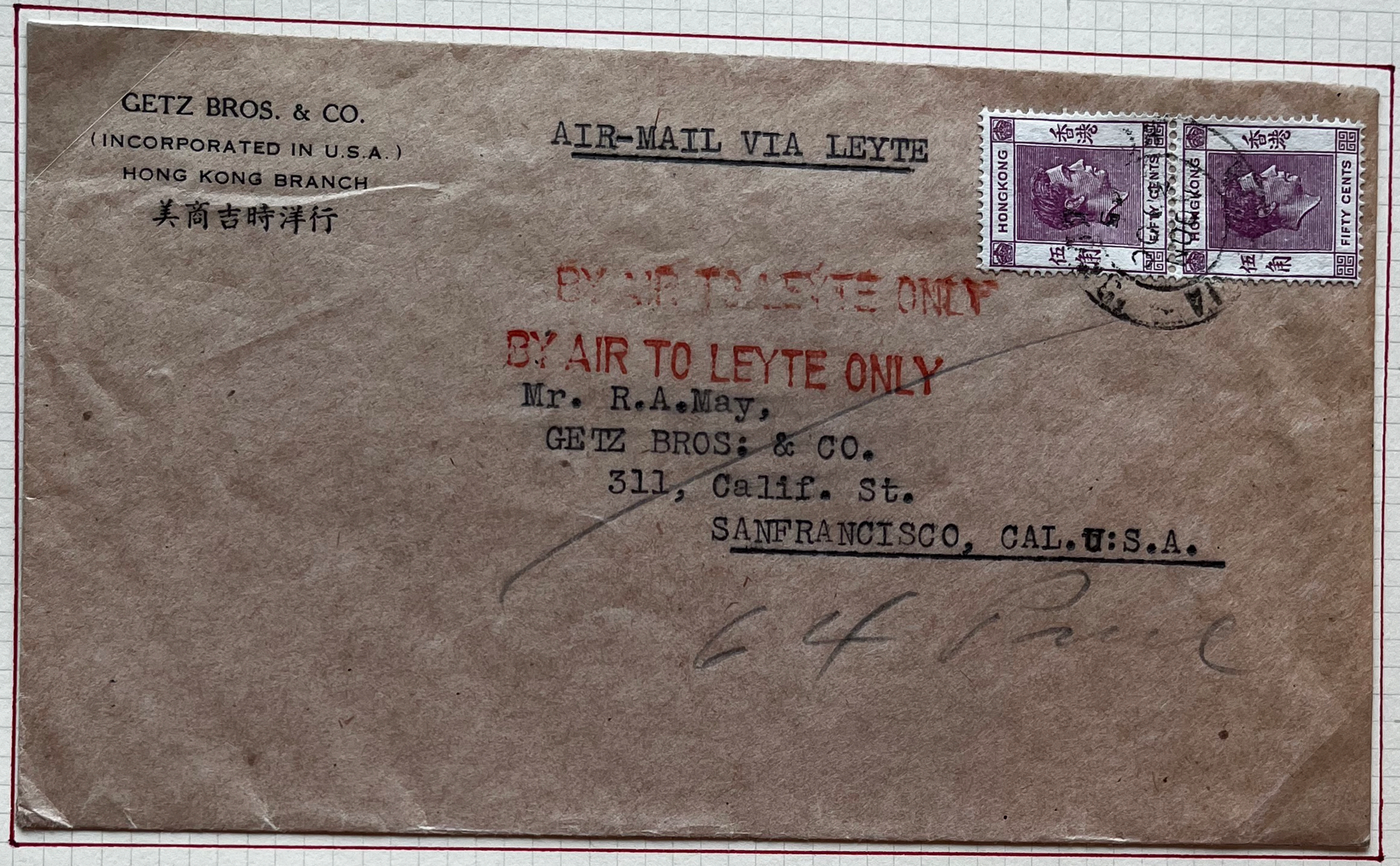
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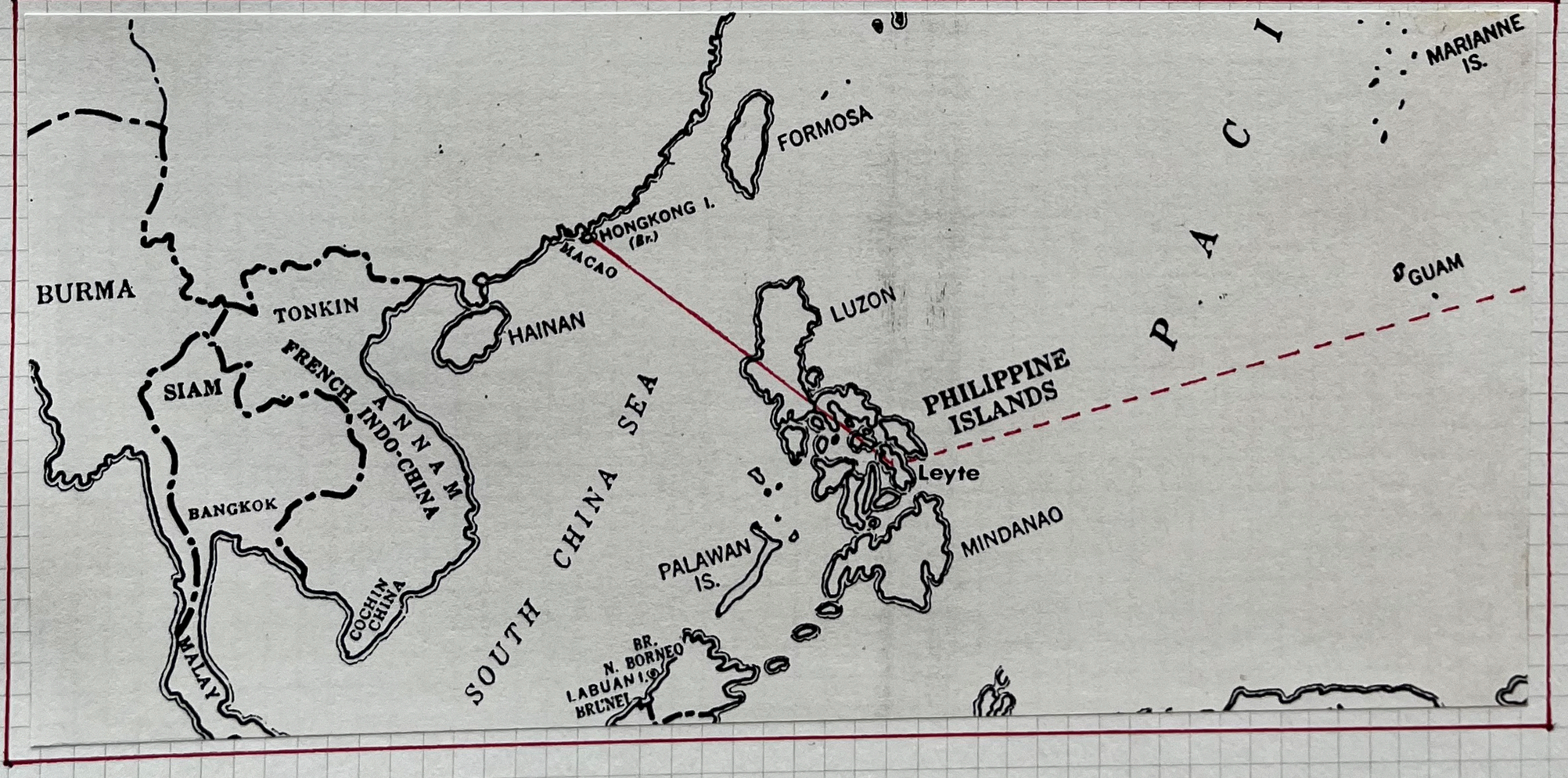
Both covers traveled by air to London where the air mail labels were defaced by red bars, indicating that they were not entitled to further air service.



AIR/SEA MAIL



Postage paid was sufficient for transmission by air only as far as Leyte in the Philippines, as indicated by the handstamp. The cover then traveled on to San Francisco by sea.



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Special envelopes were prepared by the parent company, Imperial Airways, to celebrate the event and these were sold to the general public.

Bad weather interfered with the flight schedules for August 20th and only the Belfast to Douglas, Isle of Man and Manchester flights went through that day.

On August 21st, the complete air service was instituted. Many of the covers sent on the 21st are postmarked the 20th since inclement weather caused their delay.

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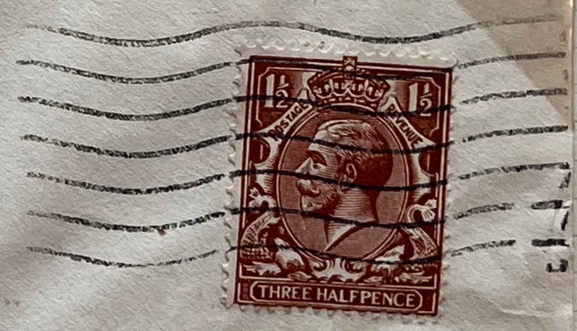
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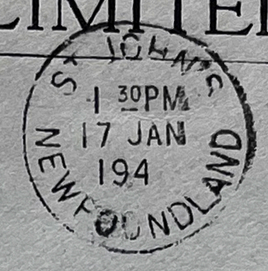
A CHINESE POSTCARD



Using stamps as part of the design, most postcards of this type were made between 1907 and 1910, a period of cheap stamps and labor in China.

PERFORATED INITIALS

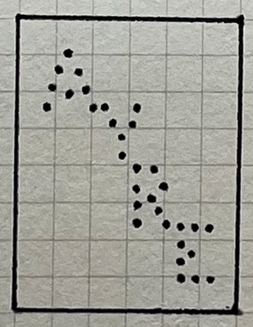
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Messrs. Wright & McGill,
1463 York Street,
Denver, Colorado,
U. S. A.

215 to 219, 231 to 235, 249 to 253,
WATER STREET. ST. JOHN'S.
NEWFOUNDLAND,



AUSTRALIA

Australia's first air mail stamp was issued on 20 May 1929 in preparation for the Perth to Adelaide air service, inaugurated 2 June 1929. The design, prepared by R. A. Harrison in conjunction with Harold Herbert, features a de Haviland biplane flying over a scene of Merino sheep and eucalyptus trees. Issued in sheets of 80 (8 rows of 10). Engraved by A. Taylor and recess-printed by John Ash.





180,000 were perforated "OS" for Official use



Variety: Plane dropping bomb





The internal air mail rate was 3d per ½ oz.,
plus normal postage.



Backstamped "CHICAGO, ILL JUL 7 5:30 PM 1929 AIR MAIL"

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The stamps were recess-printed from flat steel plates, a process in which the sheets were dampened before printing. Shrinkage of paper is always greatest across the direction of the mesh, and such shrinkage after printing explains the difference in size of the two types.



Type A 31 x 22 mm
Vertical mesh



Type B 31 3/4 x 21½ mm
Horizontal mesh

4 Plates Were Used



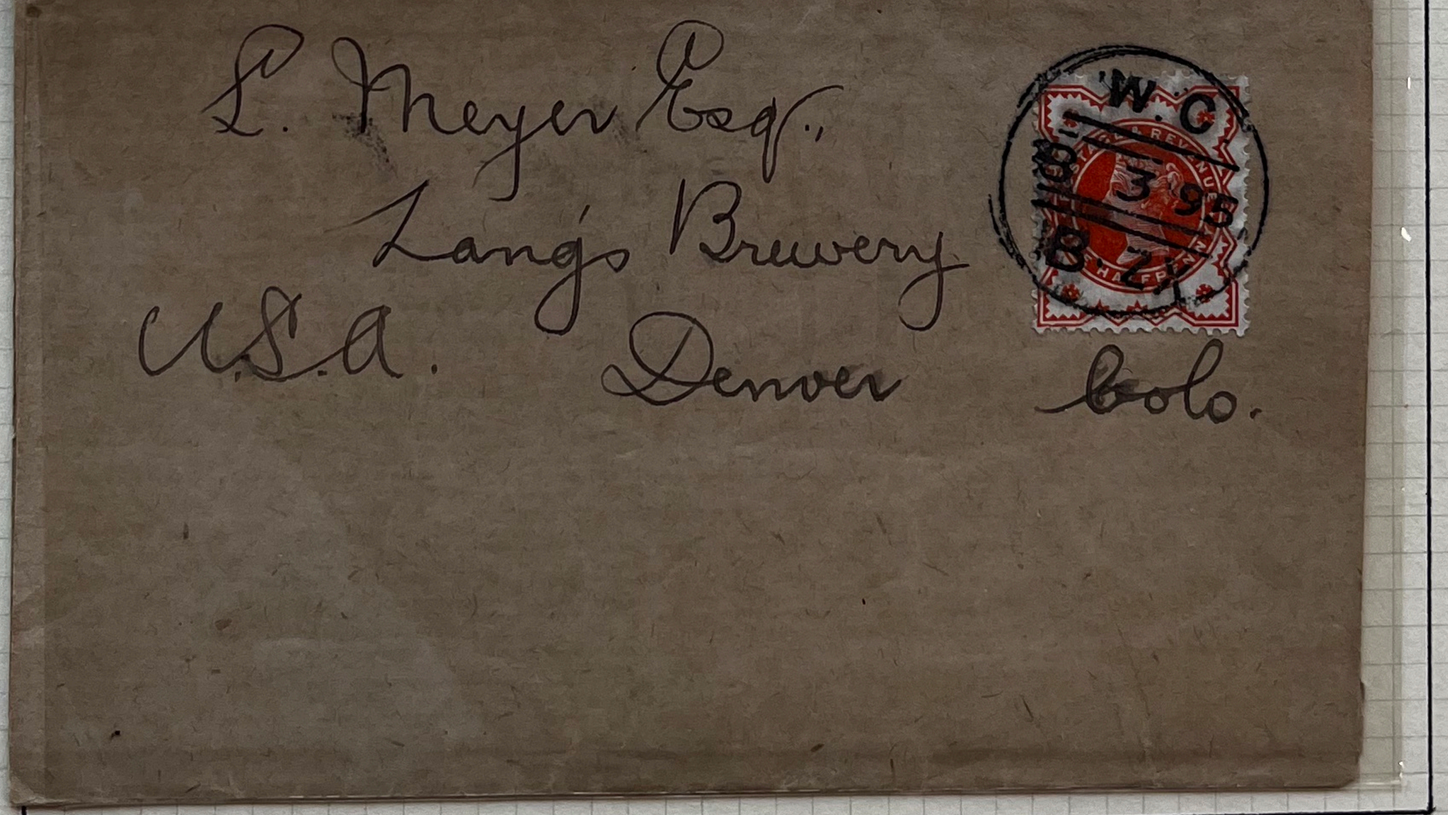
Plate 3

Plate 4

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NEWSPAPER BRANCH CANCEL





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Durban's rickshaws, drwan by Zulu men, were introduced by a wealthy local merchant named Sir Marshall Campbell in 1893. Within fifteen years, as many as 2,000 rickshaws were competing for business in Durban. This competition led the runners to decorate the rickshaws and themselves.

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RICKSHAWS

Postcard franked with a Natal 1d KEVII, cancelled "Durban JU 24 05 Natal" to Sedgley, Staffordshire, England.





SOUTH AFRICA TO ENGLAND



Ricksha Boys

1637 Published by Sallo Epstein & Co., Durban

Will love from Frank
From Durban Dec 20th 05

By regulation, for overseas postage, communication could only be written on this side of the card.

DURBAN 8 PM DE 20 05 NATAL

WORTHING 5 PM JA 13 06

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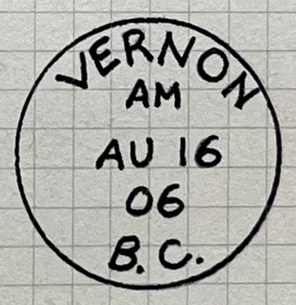
SOUTH AFRICA TO CANADA



July 8th 1906. South African Ricksha Boys Mt. Pleasant.

1658 Published by Sallo Epstein & Co, Durban





"My Dearest Gladys,

Just a card to let you know
I am still alive & kicking.
All asses kick you know &
that is what your last card
said I was.

With love Janet."

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A CHRISTMAS
POST CARD



Stewart & Schaefer, Cape Town Box No. 1205

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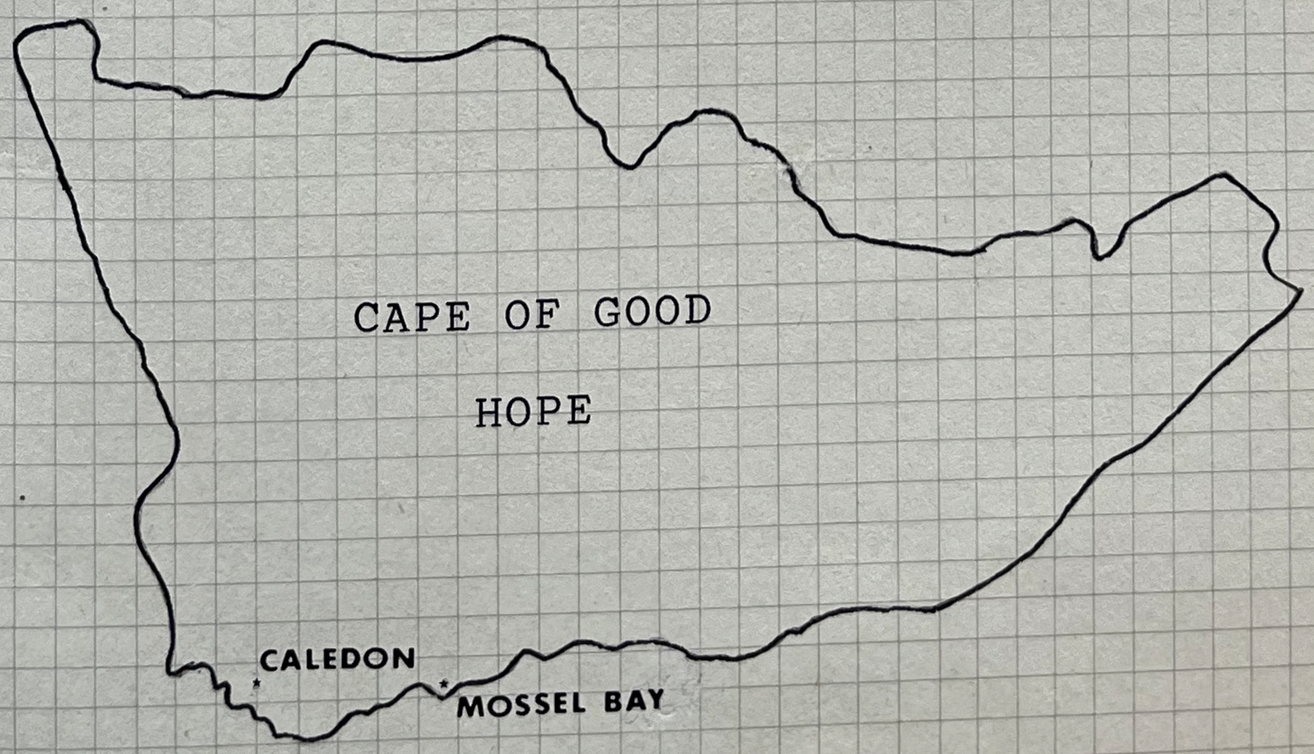
A Jinricksha

23. 12-04.

Dear Annie, / merely writing you a line to wish you a happy Xmas & a prosperous Coming Year. Love to all. Dolly.

CALEDON A DE 23 04 C.G.H.

MOSSEL BAY DE 25 4



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Hong Kong to USA 1907



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RICKSHAWS

Postcard franked with Australian KGV 2d red, postmarked "PAQUEBOT 18 DEC 34 ADEN" to Western Australia, with a note, "This is one of the human horses of Colombo. The streets are lined with them. xxxx "





RICKSHAWS

USEFUL NOTES ON ARRIVAL AT COLOMBO.

BOAT HIRE.—From Ship to Shore and vice versa—
Between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Each Passenger 25 cents.
Between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. „ „ 40 „

RICKSHAS.— Not Exceeding ten minutes ... ... 10 cents.
Ten minutes to half hour ... ... 25 „
Half hour to one hour ... ... 50 „
Each subsequent HALF hour ... ... 10 „

CARRIAGES.—Half hour ... ... Rs. 0 50
Half hour to one hour ... ... „ 1 00
Each subsequent hour or part thereof ... „ 0 50
To MOUNT LAVINIA, special rates.

The above are Day Fares; from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the charges are one-third more.

Places of Local Interest, with Distances.

Cinnamon Gardens	2 miles.	Golf Links	4 miles.
Race Course	3 „	Kelani Temple	5 „
Kotahena Temple	2½ „	Mount Lavinia	7 „
Museum	2½ „		

Bristol Hotel Tariff.

Single Rooms	from Rs. 3·00	Breakfast	Rs. 2·00
Double Rooms	„ „ 6·00	Luncheon	„ 2·00
Early and Afternoon Teas	„ 0·50	Dinner	„ 3·00

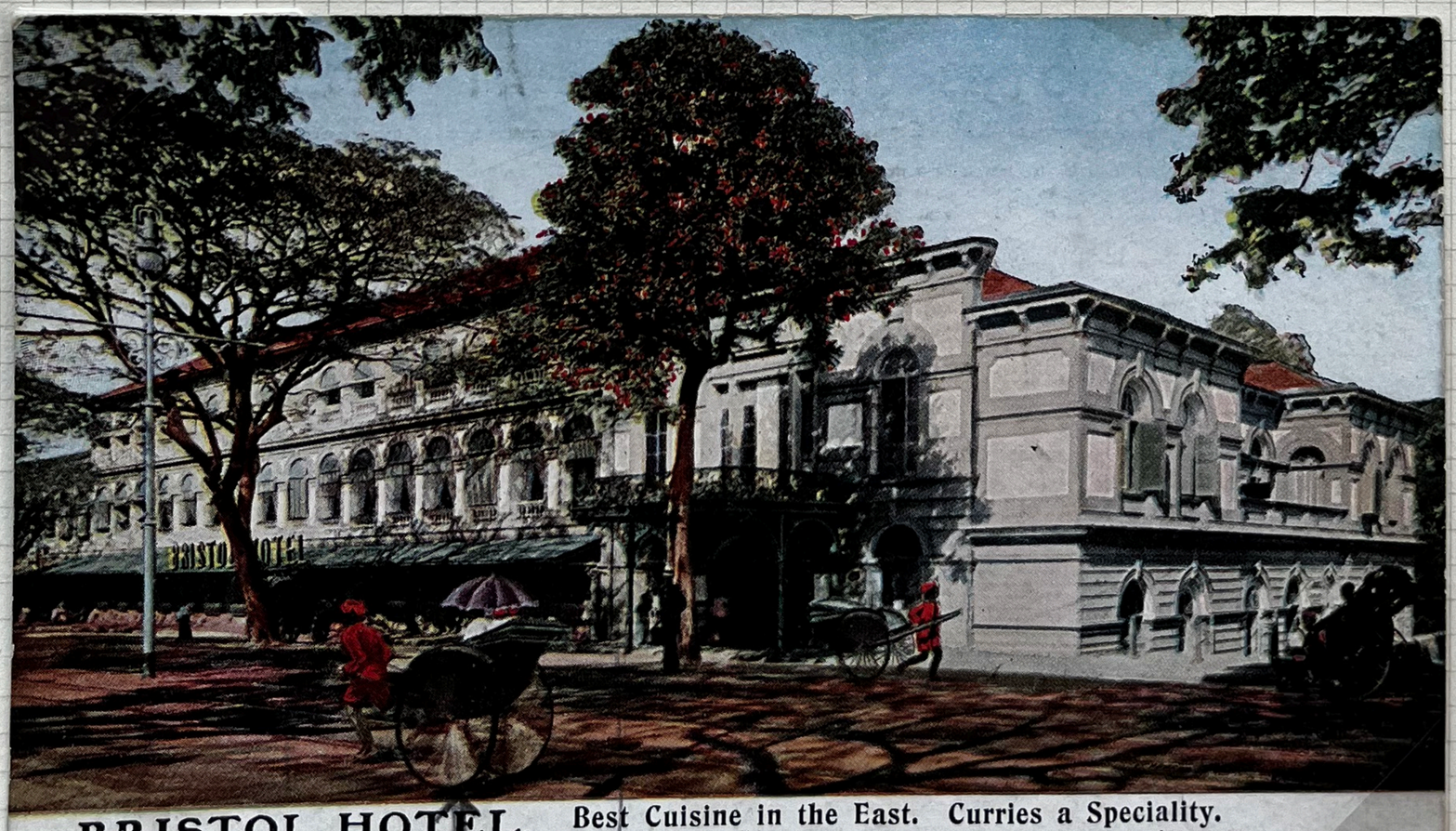
A day or two—A la carte.

Inclusive terms for long stays—3 to 14 days, Rs. 8·00 per day. 15 days and over, Rs. 7·00 per day. NO EXTRAS.

1 Rupie (Rs.) à 100 cents = Kronen 1·60 tl

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Best Cuisine in the East. Curries a Speciality.
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A mighty Tusker, Ceylon.

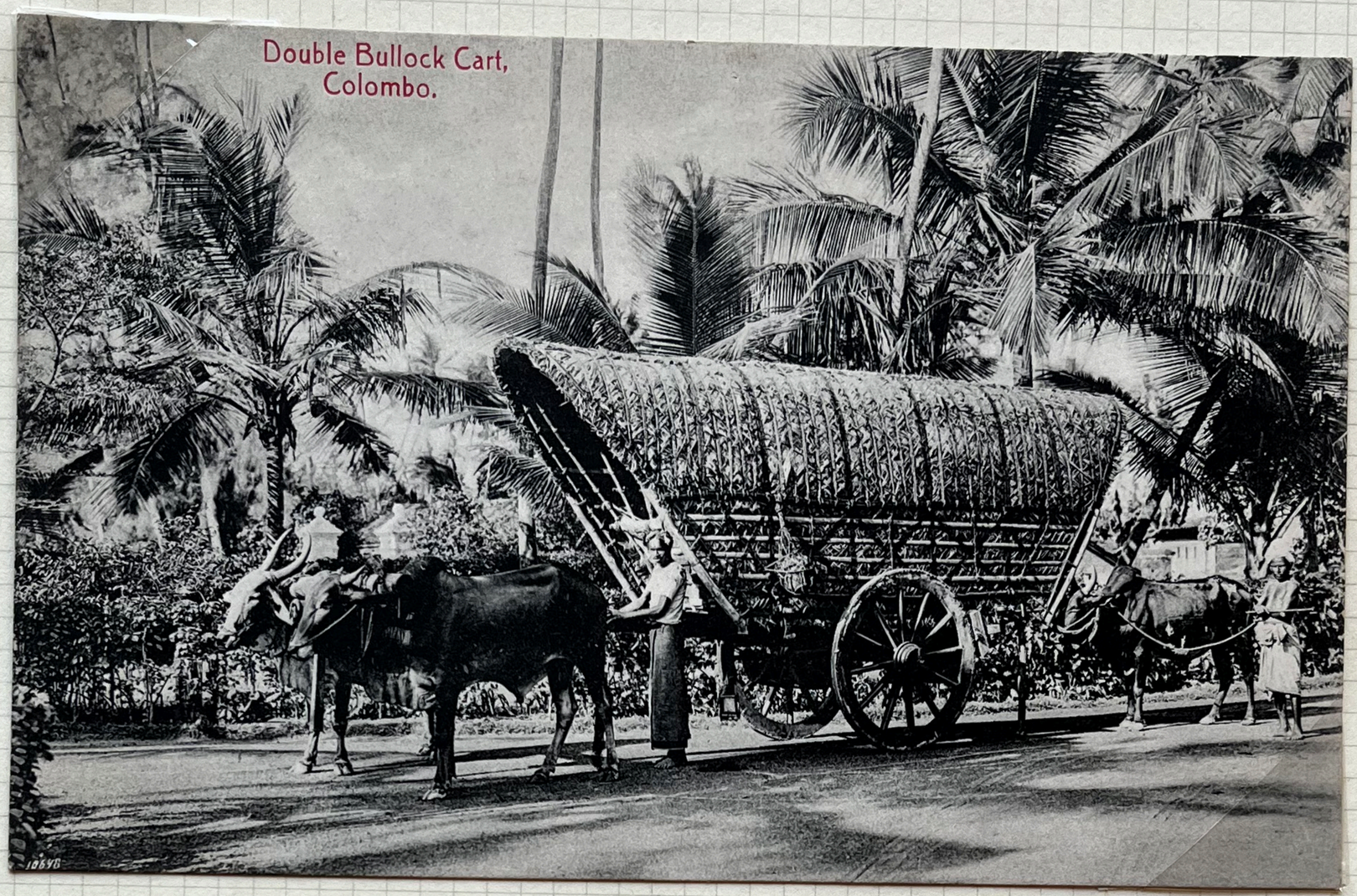


Kandy Perahara, Ceylon.

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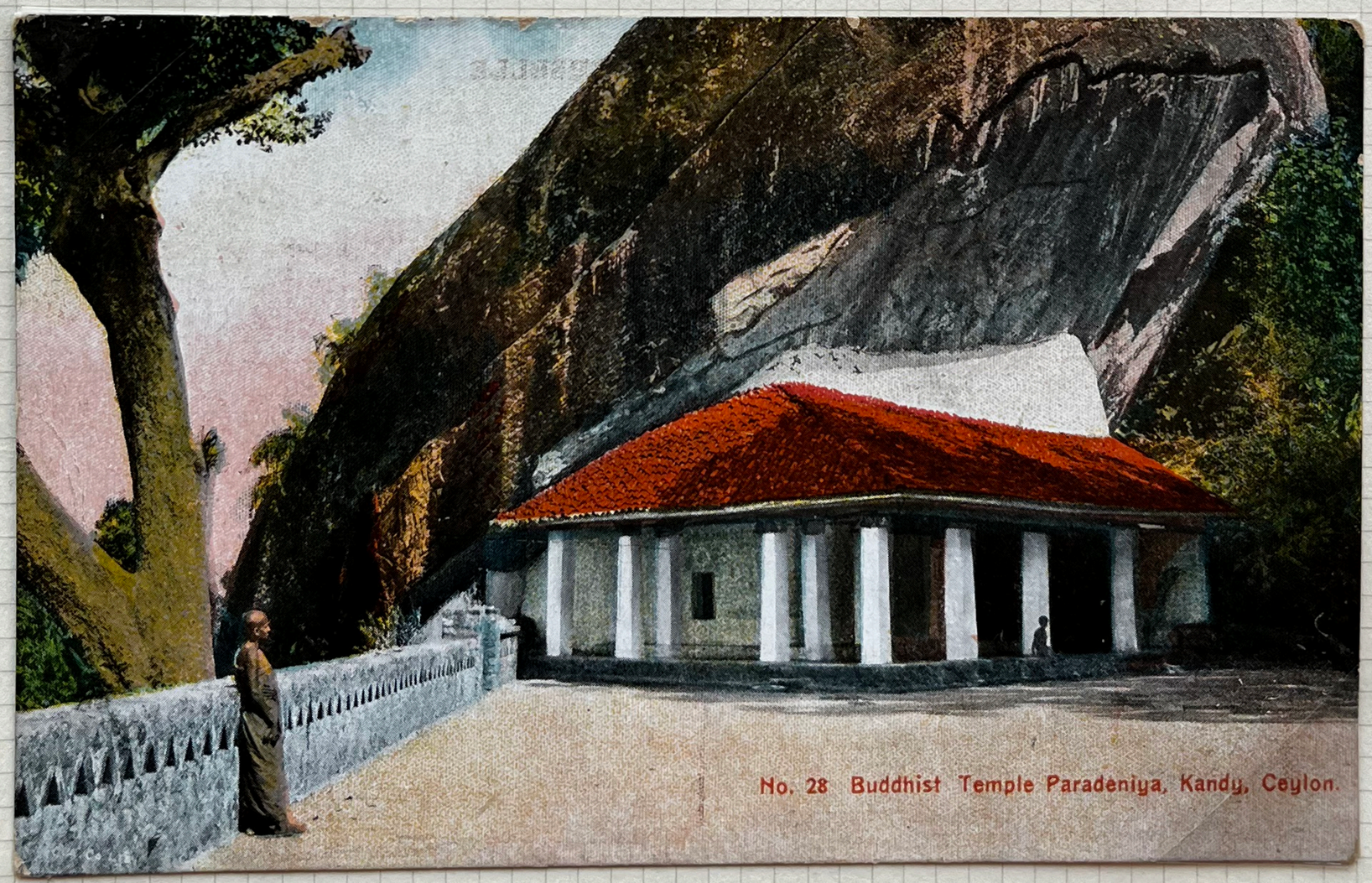
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Hindoo Temple, Colombo.



No. 28 Buddhist Temple Paradeniya, Kandy, Ceylon.

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Native Fishing Canoe in full sail, Colombo.



PLUCKING TEA UP-COUNTRY ESTATE, CEYLON.

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The Negombo Canal, Ceylon.

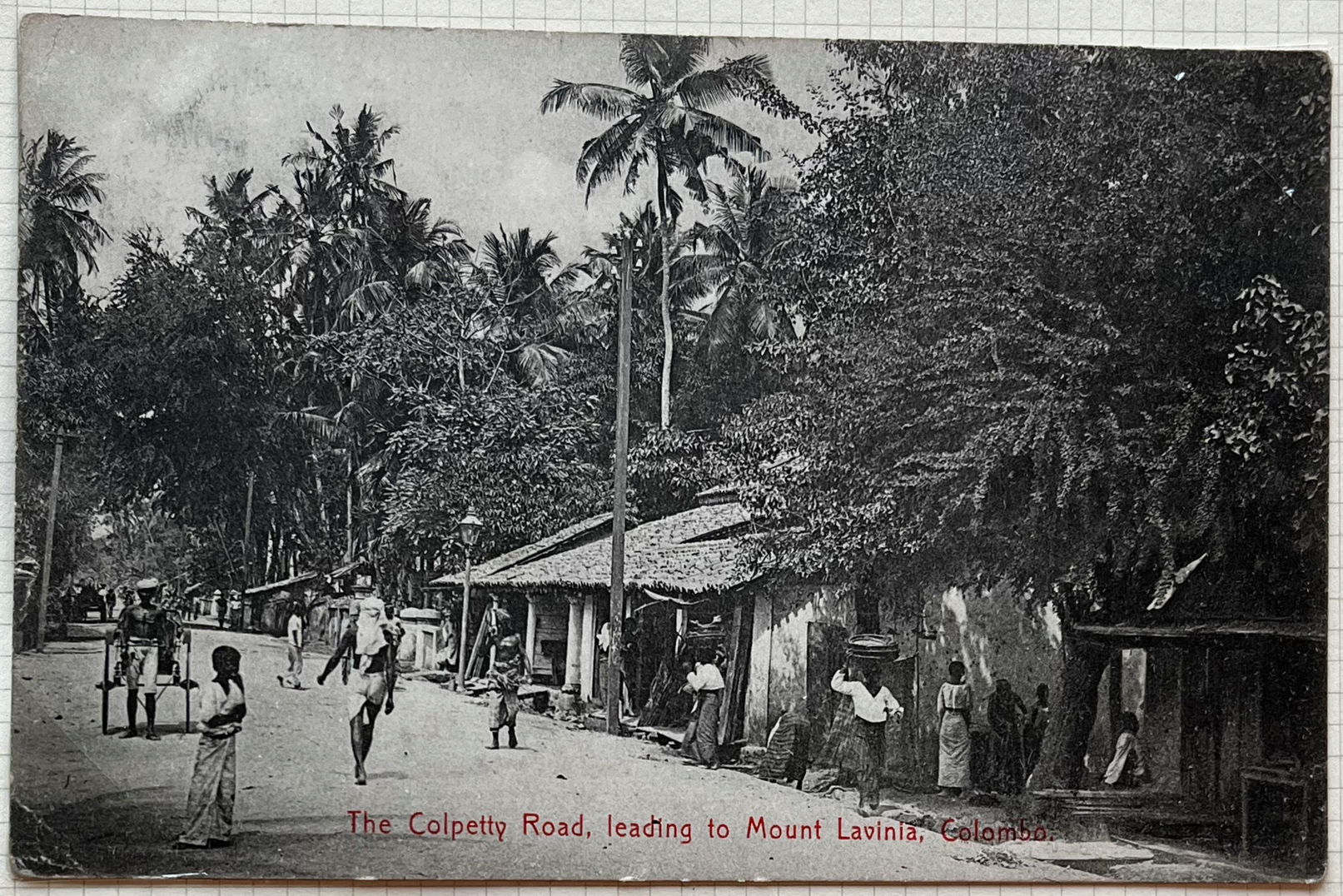


Native Huts, Cotta, Colombo.

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Franked with KEVII 6-cent red, postmarked
"COLOMBO JU 18 10" to Vienna, Austria



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