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HYDERABAD
POST PAID

-1830

The letter below was despatched in 1822 with postage paid to Madras the exact amount of which is not shown, but is stated as "double inland, and would have therefore been 12 annas. The despatch stamp "HYDERABAD/POST PAID has been applied in black, and on arrival in Madras, the cover was then stamped with the MADRAS SHIP LETTER/G.P.O./Date ship letter despatch mark(This is the 1st setting of this mark, in use from 1820 to 1824)

The letter was also receipt stamped in Madras with the date mark also used from 1820 to 1824.



On arrival in Britain the red date receipt stamp was added (21.FE.1823) and the delivery date stamp was added on the following day(22.FE.1823)

The letter was first marked at Portsmouth, after the INDIA LETTER/PORT/* MOUTH had been applied in red, with the postage rate of 1/8d, which was a sea rate of 4d(special concessional rate for India letters), plus the 1/4 rate for inland transit from Portsmouth to London (72 miles). The letter was then readdressed to Biggleswade, a further 50 miles, for which the inland rate was 1/2. In both cases of inland rates quoted, it is for a double letter. *(Type In.3b)