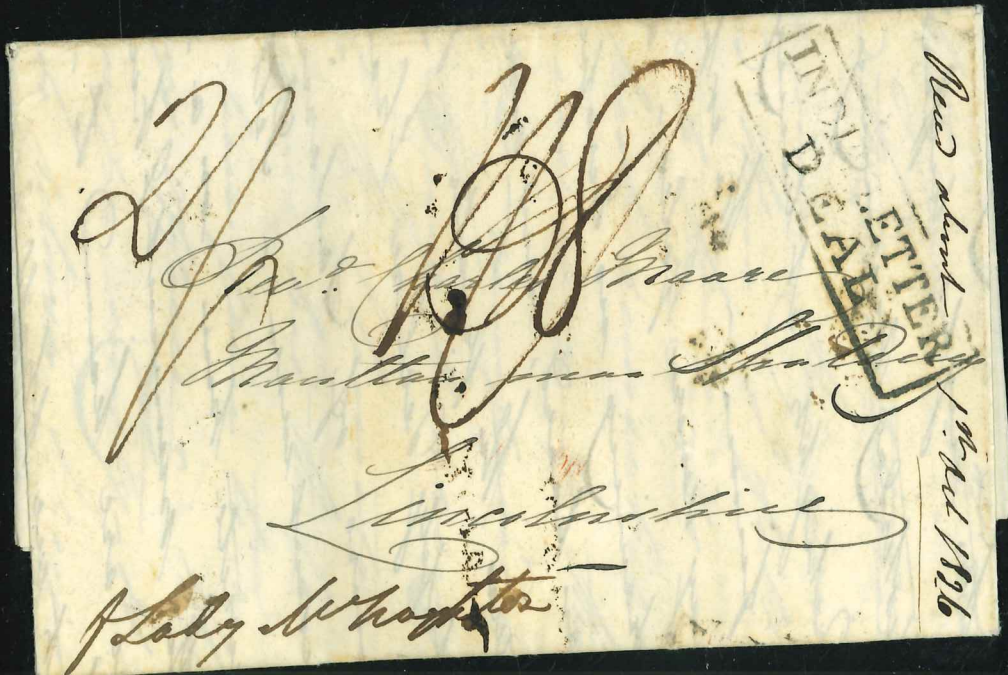


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Entire folded letter from a trader in London to J.W.Rubon Esq,a trader in Calcutta dated 20th August 1836.Postage paid London with **London Ship Letter dated 20th August 1836** despatched by ship "Duke of Buccleugh"Arrived in Calcutta on the 23 December 1836. Circular **G.P.O DEC23 1826** used in Calcutta from 1834-1837 and Ship Letter (Receipt) stamp with (1) indicting single weight and Inland Postge and Ship Postge of As 6. Duration 126 days. Letter gives sale prices of INDIGO, SUGAR,Etc.



An entire letter from Edmund Antrobus, Coutts & CO, London to Major Andrew Hervey, 65th Regiment Native Infantry, Bengal dated 6th March 1833. General Posr Stamp as a cross in red dated 11 March 1833 in use from 1829 -50 and SHIP LETTER LONDON in red with date 11 March 1833. Calcutta Ship Letter Receipt in Black HGSR9 showing Inland Postage 10As and Ship Postage 3As Total 13As Also Calcutta General Post Office stamp HG G8 in Red in use from 1825-34. Letter directed to Mhow. ~~Now~~ receipt stamp



The Post Master General in the United Kingdom obtained Parliamentary approval to levy postage on all letters leaving India and despatched to India, in the United Kingdom.



A letter dated July 1826 addressed to Lady Amhurst, wife of the Governor-General in Calcutta from a son or daughter. Note the **Post Paid Ship, London** and the **Calcutta G.P.O. 14 DE 1826** receipt stamp. The month slug is inverted. The rate Sh2/2 is the postage to the port in the U.K. The route was via the Cape of Good Hope.

An interesting entire folded letter written on the 13th June 1826 in Bath and addressed to Miss J.F.Crighton in the care of E.Malony, Esq. Calcutta, Bengal. Note the simple address. The letter was posted in Bath on June 14th and the postage to the port in the U.K. paid. The red handstamp with the letter "F" was presumably applied in London indicating that the letter had postage paid to the port and the Post Paid Ship Lr (RL149) would have been used at the London Ship Letter Office.. When the letter arrived in Calcutta, the letter was stamped with **Calcutta G.P.O. 23OC 1826** handstamp (HG G8) in use from 1825-1834 and a further Ship Letter receipt stamp in black (HG SR9) indicates that the charge levied to bring the letter by ship and delivery in Calcutta was "Inld Ptg 5 As and Ship Do 2 As a total of 7 As.

Note: The letter is cross written; a method common at that time to save weight and therefore postage.

The transit time 132 cdays.

