

1888

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Rome, Bombay to Brindisi

Sea Post Office



October 30, 1888. Letter to Germany paid at the 2 anna rate, and directed "via Brindisi." This envelope bears three vertical slits called "rastel" marks applied by striking with a razor sharp blade, the slits designed to let in fumigation vapors or liquids. These marks were probably applied by the Austrian-Hungarian post office.

November 2, 1888. The S.S. Rome sailed from Bombay on Nov. 2, passed Aden Nov. 8 and arrived at Brindisi Nov. 17.

The Sea Post Office backstamp was struck aboard the Rome, dated with the day of sailing.



November 21. Arrival backstamp at Hohenlimburg, Germany.



1888

U.S. TO INDIA VIA BRINDISI AND ADEN

Guion Line: S.S. Wisconsin, New York to Liverpool

P. & O. Line: S.S. Parramatta, Brindisi to Aden

S.S. Assam, Aden to Bombay



Sept. 28, 1888. Double U.P.U. rated letter at 5¢ per ½-oz., overpaid 2¢ by a pair and a strip of 4 of the American Bank Note Issue of 1883, at Rochester, N.Y.

Sept. 29. Backstamp 3 PM at New York. The European

steamers had all sailed 11:30 AM of the 29th. Next sailing was Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 2 PM of the S.S. Wisconsin, Guion Line, for Liverpool.

London Times, Oct. 13. LIVERPOOL Oct. 12. The Guion Line steamer Wisconsin, from New-York, arrived in the Mersey to-day.



The P. & O. Line's S.S. Parramatta had left London Oct. 12 so the mails were sent overland across Europe to meet her port of call at Brindisi. Oct. 15. Transit backstamp at Brindisi. The London Times records the Parramatta's passage:

BRINDISI, Oct. 15. Parramatta, from London Oct. 12, arrived here at 10:30 a.m. yesterday, and left for Colombo and Sydney with the outbound India, China and Australian mails.



SUEZ CANAL, Oct. 18 Parramatta arrived at Port Said at 8:30 a.m. and entered the Canal at 10 a.m. to-day.

ADEN, Oct. 25. Parramatta for Australia left.

Oct. 23. Letter went aboard S.S. Assam, left Aden Oct. 25, arrived Bombay Oct. 31.

1891

INDIA TO EUROPE VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Sutlej, Bombay to Brindisi
Sea Post Office



January 28, 1891. U.P.U. post card put into the mails at Calcutta where it was cancelled by a "squared circle" obliterator. It went by rail to Bombay, terminus of the Peninsular & Oriental Line from Brindisi, for a January 31 arrival.

January 31. Card was processed by the Sea Mail clerks aboard the P. & O. Liner S.S. Sutlej, which departed from Bombay on January 31.

February 14. Sutlej arrived at Brindisi, Italy.

February 16. Brussels arrival. Post card was readdressed to College du Sacre Coeur, Charleroi, arrival mark at Charleroi the same day.

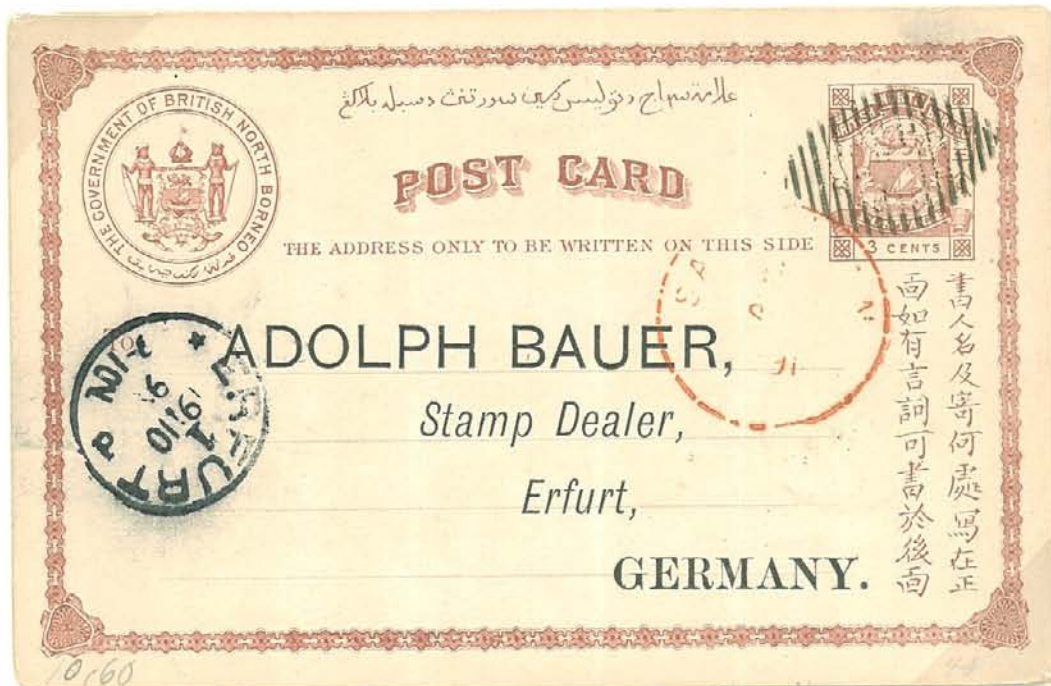
February 18. Post card was directed back to Brussels for an arrival Feb. 18.



1891

NORTH BORNEO TO GERMANY VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S. S. Malwa, Singapore to Colombo, Ceylon
S. S. Britannia, Colombo to Brindisi, Italy



September 9, 1891. 3¢ Post Card, Issue of 1889, posted at Sandakan, North Borneo, cancelled by the segmented rim circular date stamp of that town and a barred "football" obliterator. Rate of 1891 was: post cards to the U.K. and U.P.U. countries, 6¢ each. This early 1891 usage presumably fell under an earlier 3¢ rate.

Mail went by local steamer to Singapore to meet the port of call of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.'s steamships at that port.

Sept. 22. Transit damaged rim backstamp at Singapore. The P. & O. steamers from the Far East sailed:

<u>Malwa</u> : Shanghai	Sept. 12	<u>Britannia</u> : Colombo	Oct. 1
Hong Kong	15	Aden	8
→ Singapore	23	Port Said	14
Penang	25	Brindisi	16
Colombo	30	Malta	18
		Gibraltar	21
		London	25

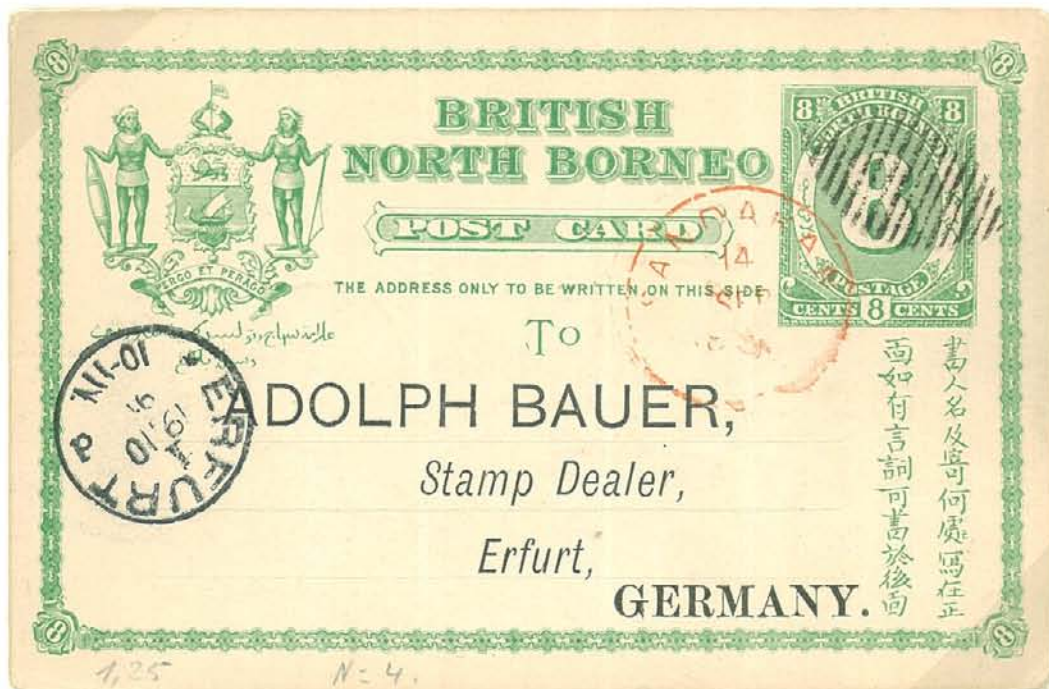
Oct. 19. Erfurt, Germany arrival stamp tracks with European mail ashore at Brindisi Oct. 16.



1891

NORTH BORNEO TO GERMANY VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S. S. Malwa, Singapore to Colombo, Ceylon
S. S. Britannia, Colombo to Brindisi



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September 14, 1891. 8¢ Post Card, Issue of 1889, posted at Sandakan, cancelled by the dashed rim circular date stamp of that town and a barred "football" obliterator. Rate of 1891 was post cards to the U.K. and U.P.U. countries, 6¢.

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	Penang	25		Brindisi	16 →
	Colombo	30		Malta	18
				Gibraltar	21
				London	25.



Oct. 19. Erfurt, Germany arrival mark tracks with European mail ashore from Britannia at Brindisi Oct. 16.

1892

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
INDIA TO FRANCE VIA BRINDISI AND MONT CENIS TUNNEL
S.S. Himalaya



November 15, 1892. U.P.U. rated letter paid by the 2 annas 6 pies embossed stamped envelope. Mail went by rail Calcutta to Bombay.

November 19. Transit at Bombay, backstamp, the letter went aboard the S.S. Himalaya of the P. & O. Line, which departed from Bombay Nov. 19. It was sorted by the Sea Post Office clerks aboard the Himalaya where it received the sorting backstamp. This is Type 7 of which 85 examples have been recorded from 10 October 1891 to 13 May 1905.

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November 30. Himalaya arrived at Brindisi, an Italian port on the Adriatic Sea. Italian sorters backstamp.

December 2, 1892. Mail was transported by rail across Italy and went through the Mont Cenis tunnel which ran from Bardonecchia, Italy to Modane, France. Mail was received into France there and an entry mark was struck aboard the Modane to Paris T.P.O.



S.1890

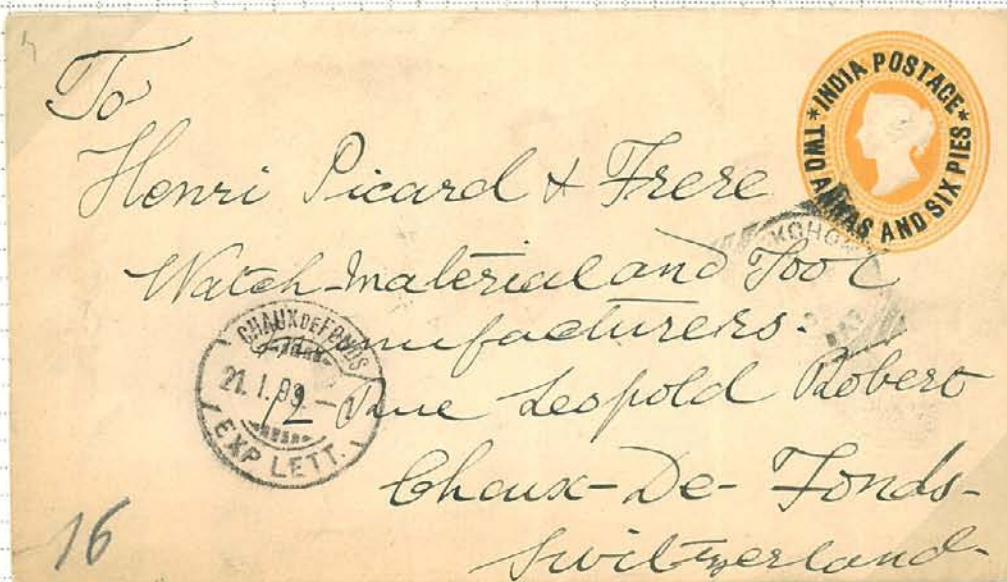
December 2. Paris arrival backstamp.



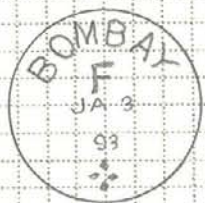
1893

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
INDIA TO SWITZERLAND VIA BOMBAY, ADEN AND BRINDISI

S. S. Oriental, Bombay to Aden
S. S. Arcadia, Aden to Brindisi



January 2, 1893. This letter was posted at Ahmedabad, a district of Guzerat province, Bombay presidency.



January 3. Transit backstamp at Bombay where the letter was held for the departure of the P. & O. steamer for Aden.

January 7. The Sea Post Office backstamp aboard the S.S. Oriental bears the code "B" for this passage. Steamers to Europe:

<u>S.S. Oriental</u>		<u>S.S. Arcadia</u>	
Bombay	Jan. 7	Colombo	Jan. 5
Aden	12 →	Aden	11
		Port Said	16
		Brindisi	19 → Overland to Switzerland.
		Malta	20
		Gibraltar	21
		London	28.



January 21. Receiving mark at Chaux de Fonds, Switzerland.

1893

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S. S. Ancona, Shanghai to Colombo, Ceylon

S. S. Australia, Colombo to London via Brindisi

Post Card rates from Hong Kong in 1893 were:

- 1¢ Local Rate
- 3¢ for the U.K. and U.P.U. Rate
- 4¢ for the Brindisi Route.

This local rate post card (Type P6, 1¢ green on buff card) was augmented with the 2¢ rose Issue of 1882 to make the rate to the U.K. via London. It was endorsed to the steamer "Ancona."



February 2, 1893. Card and adhesive cancelled by the Webb Type D obliterator which he notes, "Used on cover with B62 obliterator 29 SE 70 to 10 DE 1893. After B62 was withdrawn from normal use, this cds was used to cancel adhesives:

Earliest known date on adhesives 12 July 1893
Latest known date on adhesives 2 Jan. 1903."

This card pushes the earliest known date back to 2 Feb. 1893.

P. & O. steamer transit was, as follows:

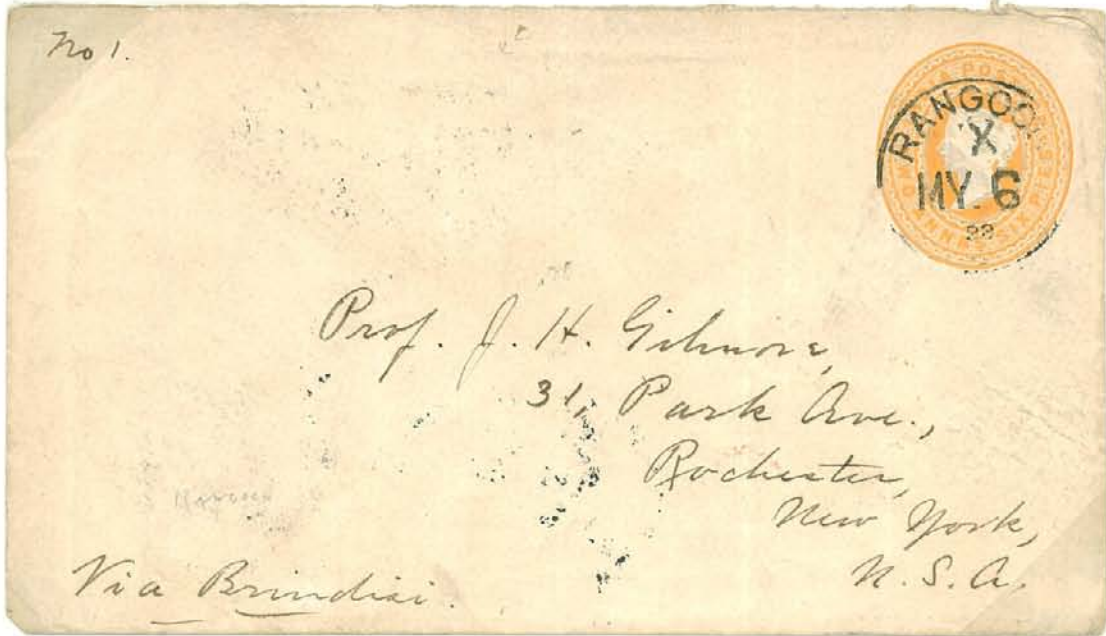
<u>S.S. Ancona</u>		<u>S.S. Australia</u>	
Shanghai	Jan. 28	Colombo	Feb. 16
Hong Kong	Feb. 2	Aden	22
Singapore	7	Port Said	27
Penang	10	Brindisi	Mar. 2
Colombo	15	Malta	3
		Gibraltar	6
		London	10.

1893

BRITISH BURMAH TO U.S. VIA BOMBAY & BRINDISI

P.&O. Line: S.S. Assam, Bombay to Brindisi

White Star Line: S.S. Majestic, Queenstown to New York



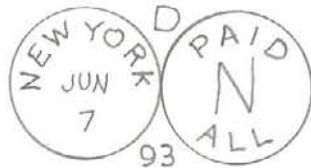
May 6, 1893. Letter paid by India stamped envelope, 2anna 6pies, U.P.U. rate, at Rangoon, British Burmah. It went by rail to Bombay.



May 13. Transit backstamp at Bombay. S.S. Assam of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. departed this date from Bombay to Brindisi via the Suez Canal, she arrived at Brindisi, Italy May 26.



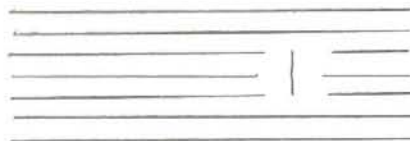
May 29. Transit backstamp at London. U.S. bound mails were sent on to Queenstown, Ireland. The White Star Line's S.S. Majestic departed from Liverpool May 31, picked up mails at Queenstown June 1.



N.Y. Times. Arr. N.Y. June 7. S.S. Majestic (Br.,) Parsell, Liverpool May 31 via Queenstown to H. Maitland Kersey. Arrived at the Bar at 12.20 P.M.



June 7-8. N.Y. transit and Rochester arrival backstamps.



1893-94

CANADA TO INDIA VIA NEW YORK AND BRINDISI
CUNARD LINE, R.M.S. Aurania, N.Y. to Queenstown
P. & O. LINE, S.S. Rome, Brindisi - Aden - Bombay



December 21, 1893. Letter posted at Bathurst, Toronto at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate paid by small Queen Issue of 1888. Mail during winter months was forwarded through New York.

London Times, Jan. 1, 1894. CUNARD AURANIA, from New York for Liverpool arrived at Queenstown at 2:15 a.m. yesterday.

Mail for India "via Brindisi" went by rail across Europe to Italy via the Mont Cenis Tunnel.

Jan. 8. P. & O. S.S. Rome departed from Brindisi, arrived at Aden Jan. 15.

Jan. 15. Rome went on the Aden-Bombay leg of her voyage and mail was marked aboard as SEA POST OFFICE, backstamp. Rome arrived at Bombay Jan. 20.

Jan. 23. Arrival backstamp at Cocanada, Madras Presidency, India.



1894

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Ganges, Bombay to Aden

S.S. Valetta, Aden to Brindisi

S.S. Lahn, North German Lloyd, Southampton to New York



February 12, 1894. Letter paid at the U.P.U. rate of 2 anna 6 pies, effective since Jan. 1, 1891. Posted at Tirupuvam, Madura, 270 miles S.W. of Madras. Backstamp.

February 15. Transit backstamp at Bombay. The P. & O. Line Ganges departed from Bombay Feb. 17 and arrived at Aden Feb. 22, from which port she returned to Bombay. Her mails were transferred to the Valetta which had left Colombo, Ceylon Jan. 15 with the Australian mails.

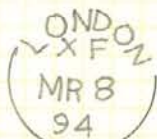
March 3. Valetta made the final leg of the voyage, Aden to Brindisi, arriving at the latter port on March 3.

March 5. Transit backstamp at London.

March 7. SOUTHAMPTON. North German Lloyd S.S. Lahn, Capt. Hellmers, from Bremen, sailed from Southampton for New-York at 5 PM today.

March 15. N.Y. Times. Arrived SS Lahn (Ger.), Hellmers, Bremen March 6 via Southampton to Oelrichs & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 7:27 AM.

March 16. Arrival backstamp at Boston.



1894

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

S. S. Victoria, Bombay to Brindisi

DOMINION LINE, S. S. Ontario, Liverpool to Boston



Feb. 23, 1894. Letter to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions at Boston paid by the 2 annas 6 pies Indian stamp, Issue of 1892. This was the Jan. 1, 1891 rate to U.K. and all countries whether Union or not.



Feb. 24. Transit backstamp at Bombay. The P. & O. Line S.S. Victoria departed from Bombay Feb. 25 via Aden (Mar. 2) for Brindisi where she arrived March 9.



March 24. Boston arrival backstamp. Arrived Boston March 23, Steamer Ontario (Br.,) Campbell, Liverpool, England Mar. 10 via Halifax, N.S. 21st, 7 PM to E.A. Adams & Co.

S.S. Ontario was a Dominion Line steamship.

1894

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
MADRAS TO DENMARK VIA BOMBAY, ADEN AND BRINDISI

S.S. Assam, Bombay to Aden

S.S. Valetta, Aden to Brindisi



June 19, 1894. Envelope posted at Ootacamund in Madras in the Neigherry Hills, 52 miles E.N.E. of Calicut.

June 22. Letter backstamped in transit at Bombay and same day backstamped aboard the S.S. Assam out of Bombay. The code letter "C" appears in the Sea Post Office backstamp, assigned this voyage.

P. & O. steamship passage dates were:

S.S. Assam

Bombay	June 22
Aden	29 →

S.S. Valetta

Colombo	June 22
Aden	30
Port Said	July 6
Brindisi	9 →
London	23

→ Overland to Denmark.



July 12. Letter arrived at Ullerslev and forwarded (backstamp) same day to Kjertermind.

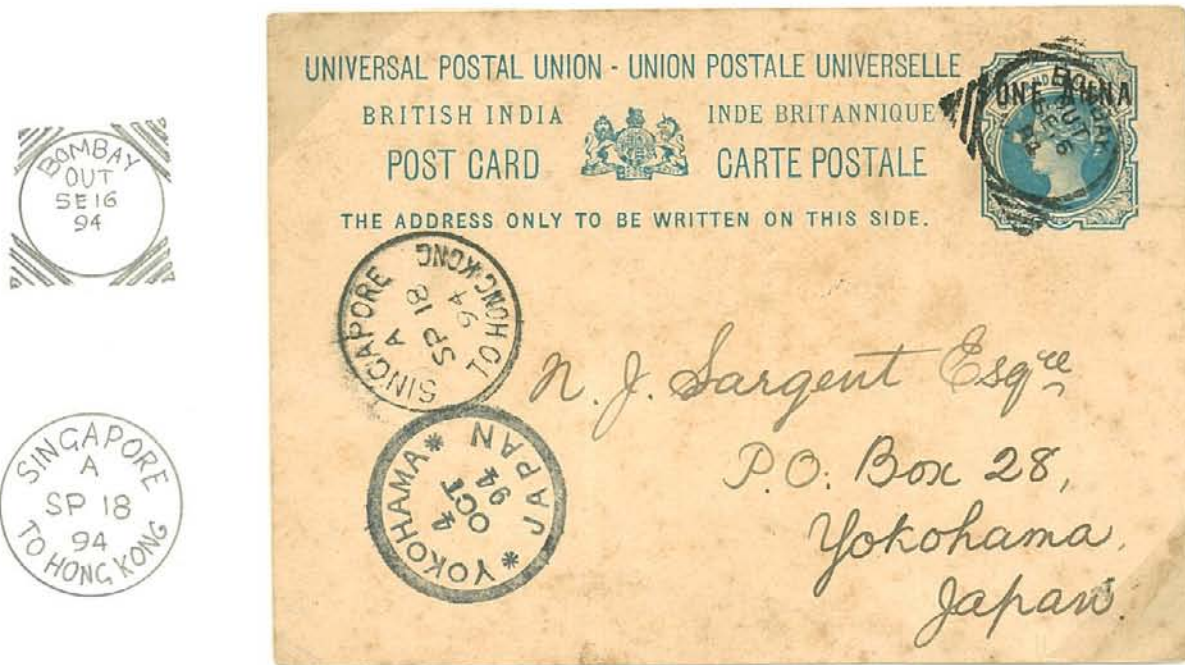
1894

BOMBAY TO YOKOHAMA VIA SINGAPORE & HONG KONG

"SINGAPORE TO HONG KONG" Sorter's Mark

P. & O. Line: S. S. Siam, Bombay to Hong Kong

German Steamer: S. S. Nürnberg, Hong Kong to Yokohama



Sept. 6, 1894. The "squared circle" of the Bombay OUT cancel obliterates the ONE ANNA surcharge on the 1½ anna U.P.U. post card.

London Times Sept. 8, 1894. P. & O. SIAM left Bombay yesterday afternoon for Shanghai.

The Siam's dates were: Bombay Sept. 7; Colombo 11th.; Penang 16th.; Singapore 18th; Hong Kong 23rd.; Shanghai 27th.

Sept. 18. In transit at Singapore the card received the seldom seen SINGAPORE TO HONG KONG sorter's mark, Type 3, used Sept. 1878 to Jan. 1900.

Sept. 23. Siam arrived at Hong Kong, landed the Hong Kong and Japan mails, and sailed on to Shanghai.

Sept. 28. German steamer Nürnberg departed from Hong Kong for Yokohama.

Japan Weekly Mail, Oct. 6. Arrived Yokohama Nürnberg, German steamer, 2009, Hugo Walter, 4th October - Hongkong 28th Sept., mails & general - A. Ahrens & Co., Nachf.

Oct. 4. Textbook strike of the Yokohama receiver.



1894-95

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Clyde, Bombay to Aden

S.S. Oceana, Aden to Brindisi

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD (North German Lloyd)

S.S. Elbe, Southampton to New York



December 19, 1894. Letter paid at Calcutta at the double U.P.U. rate of 2 annas 6 pies per $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. by a pair of the Issue of 1892. Letter went by rail to Bombay.

Sailing of the P. & O. Line were:

<u>S.S. Clyde</u> : Bombay Dec. 22	<u>S.S. Oceana</u> : Aden Dec. 28
Aden 27	Brindisi Ja. 3, '95.

January 1, 1895. S.S. Elbe of the North German Lloyd Line departed from Bremen, picked up the U.S. Mails at Southampton.

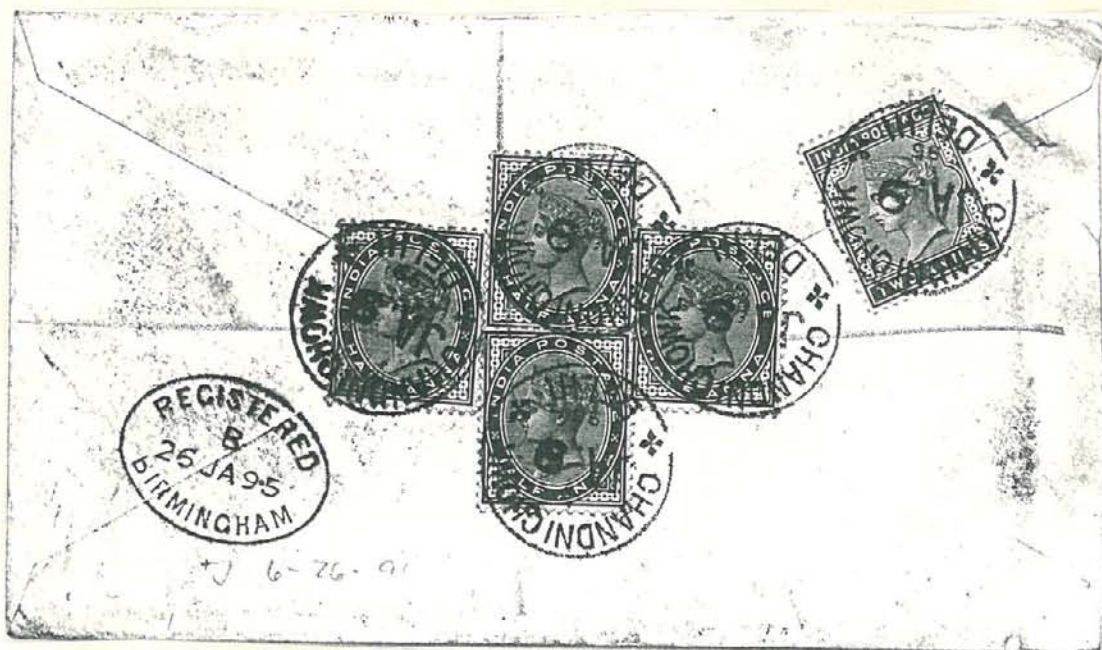
January 11. S.S. Elbe arrived at New York.



January 12. Philadelphia main office transit backstamp and Spring Garden Street office receiving backstamp.

1895

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
India to England via Suez Canal and Brindisi
S. S. Caledonia, Bombay to Brindisi



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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
India to England via Suez Canal and Brindisi
S. S. Caledonia, Bombay to Brindisi



January 9, 1895. A registered letter posted at Chandni-Chowk-Delhi, India and endorsed: Via Brindisi. Payment was by the two anna embossed envelope and a half anna stamp, Issue of 1882, on the face, and four half anna stamps on the reverse plus a 2a. adhesive, Issue of 1882, total paid 6½a., being the rate of January 31, 1880 at 5d. (3-1/3a.) via Brindisi, plus registry fee. The letter also bears the Registry handstamp of Chandni-Chawk - Delhi, an office of Delhi, which was in the Punjab region of India.

The Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.'s S.S. Caledonia departed from Bombay January 12, 1895, touched at Aden the 17th, then went up the Red Sea, passed through the Suez Canal, and arrived at Brindisi, Italy on January 24.



January 26. London Registry Office "hooded scroll" transit stamp.

January 26. Same day Birmingham arrival backstamp at the Registration Office.

N.B.: Caledonia was a 7558 ton screw steel steamer. On her maiden voyage she left London October 5, 1894, for Bombay.

1895

SEA POST OFFICE

British Mail to and from Aden and India

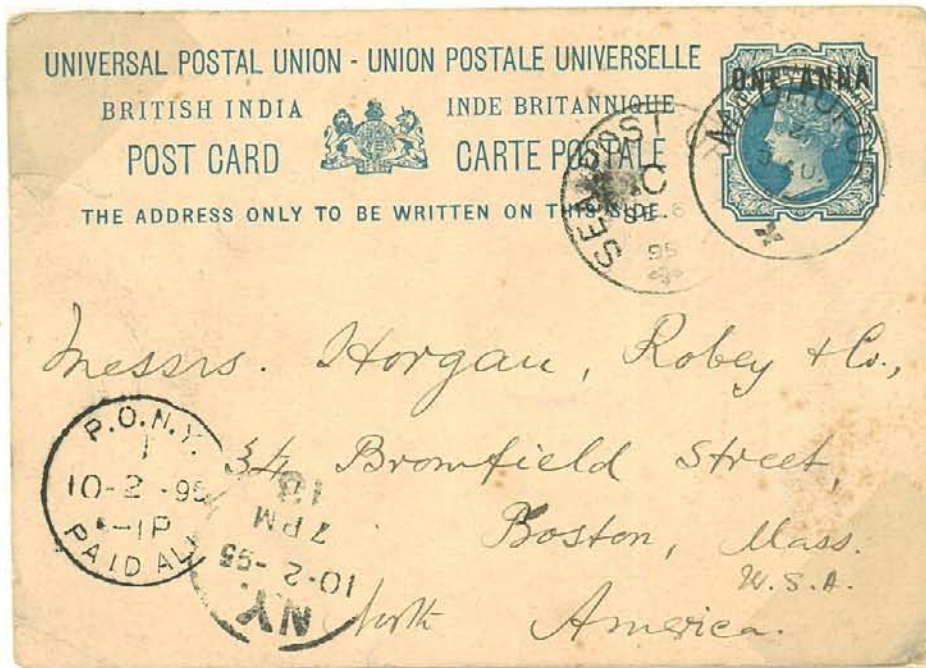
As part of the policy for speeding up the distribution of mails, it was arranged that Post Office personnel would travel on the mail steamers between Suez and Bombay in order to sort the mail en route.

Two types of handstamps have been observed by this collector on mail via this route.



1870's to 1890's

Mid-1890's (See below).



Aug. 3, 1895. Receipt stamp at Madhupur, India. "Sea Post Office" mark applied en route to Suez. (See above.)

Oct. 10, 1895. Port of New York "Paid All" transit.

Oct. 10, 1895. New York transit.

1895

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
BRINDISI TO HONG KONG VIA COLOMBO, CEYLON

S.S. Valetta, London to Colombo via Brindisi
S.S. Mirzapore, Colombo to Hong Kong



October 1, 1895. Penny U.P.U. postal card rate to Shanghai. This card was posted October 1, so it missed the Sept. 27 sailing of the P. & O. S.S. Valetta from London with the China mails. Card was forwarded through Europe to meet the Valetta at her call at Brindisi, Italy on October 6.

Card cancelled by the "hooded scroll" of London.

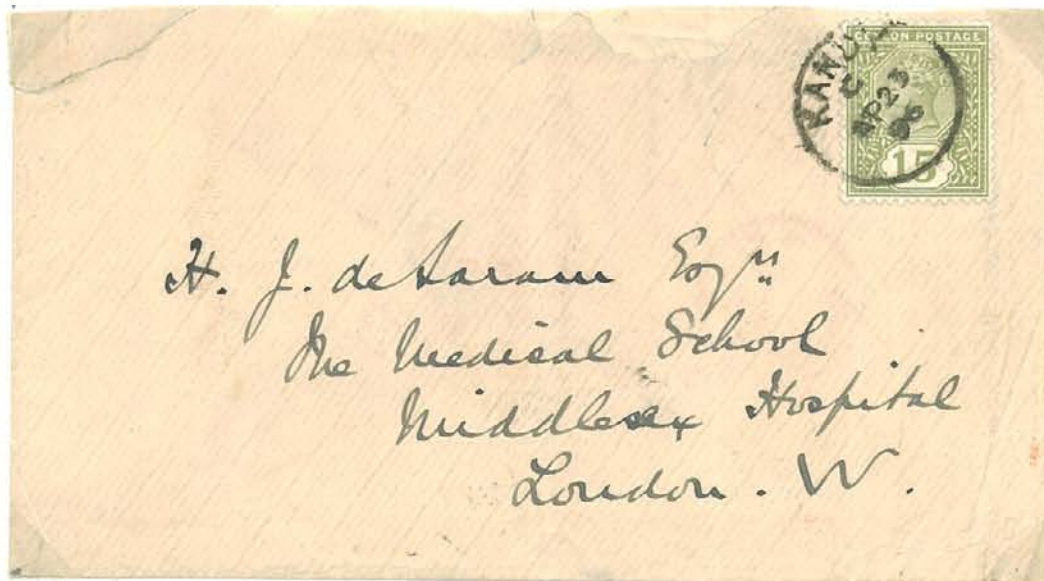
Transport by P. & O. packets was, as follows:

<u>S.S. Valetta</u>		<u>S.S. Mirzapore</u>	
London	Sept. 26	Colombo	Oct. 23
Gibraltar	30	Penang	27
Malta	Oct. 4	Singapore	29
→ Brindisi	6	Hong Kong	Nov. 4 →
Port Said	10	Shanghai	9
Aden	15		
Colombo	22		



Nov. 4. Arrival postmark at Hong Kong where the Mirzapore's mail went ashore. Mail forwarded to Shanghai by rail, while the ship was en route for a Nov. 9 arrival.

1896



CEYLON TO LONDON

THIS COVER WAS IN THE MAIL PLACED ABOARD THE P&O LINE SHIP S.S. VALETTA WHICH CLEARED COLOMBO ON 24 APRIL 1896 FOR ITS ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF LONDON. VALETTA CALLED ADEN ON 1 MAY, THEN TRAVERSED THE SUEZ CANAL, ARRIVING PORT SAID ON 6 MAY. SHE THEN CLEARED FOR BRINDISI, ITALY. AT BRINDISI, LETTER MAIL WAS OFFLOADED AND THEN CARRIED BY ITALIEN RAIL THROUGH THE MOUNT CENIS TUNNEL TO MODANE, FRANCE. HERE THE MAIL WAS TRANSFERRED TO FRENCH RAIL. BY FRENCH RAIL TO CALAIS, THEN BY BRITISH MAIL PACKET ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND BRITISH RAIL TO LONDON.

S.S. VALETTA - STEEL HULL, SCREW STEAMER - 4911 TONS DISPLACEMENT.
FIRST MAIL RUN ON 13 FEB. 1874 - LONDON TO AUSTRALIA.

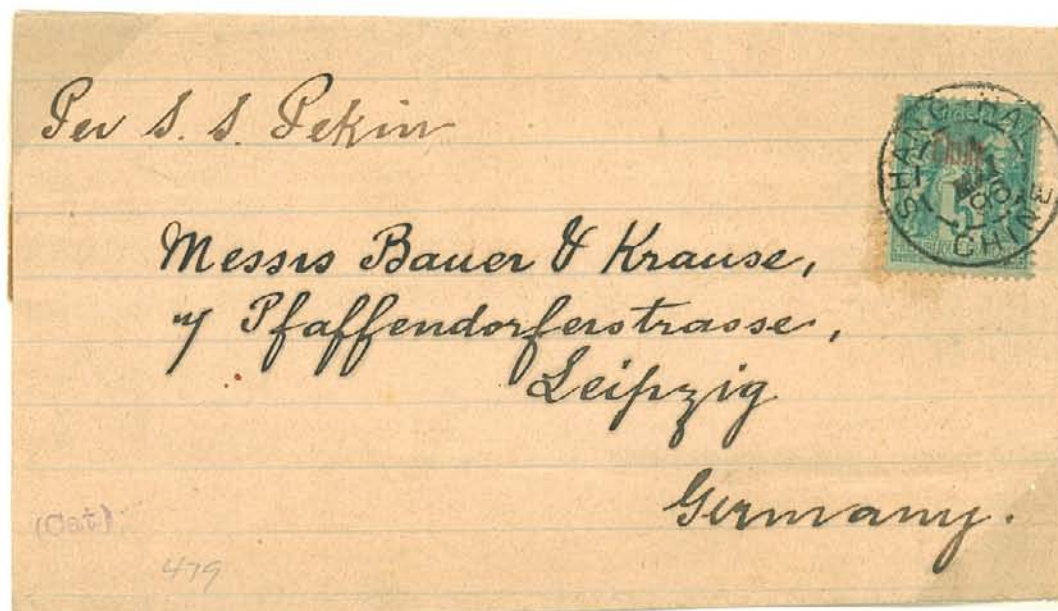
1896

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
SHANGHAI TO GERMANY VIA BRINDISI

S. S. Pekin, Shanghai to Colombo, Ceylon

S. S. Oceana, Colombo to Brindisi

A catalogue wrapper posted at the French Offices in China, paid 5 centimes, printed matter rate, by the French Peace and Commerce Issue of 1894 overprinted "Chine" in red. Wrapper is noted "(Cat.)" in purple at lower left and endorsed: Per S.S. Pekin.



May 1, 1896. Circular date stamp of the French Office at Shanghai cancels stamp.

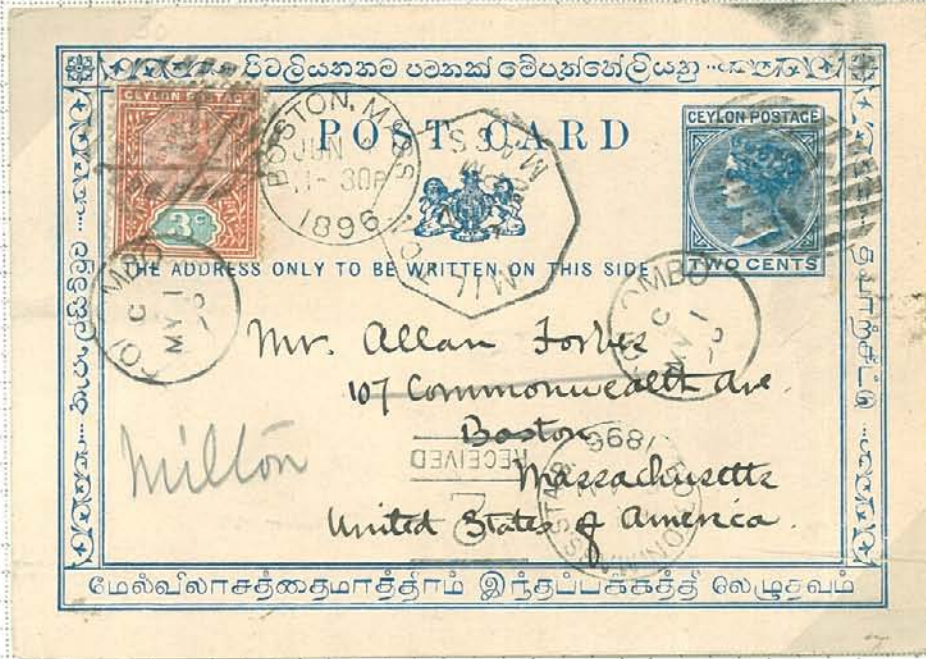
P. & O. steamships carried the catalogue, as follows:

<u>S.S. Pekin</u> :	Shanghai	May 2	<u>S.S. Oceana</u> :	Colombo	May 21
	Hong Kong	7		Aden	27
	Penang	15		Port Said	J. 1
	Colombo	20		Brindisi	4
				Malta	5
				Gibraltar	8
				London	13

June 4. Mails from Oceana for Europe went ashore at Brindisi.

1896

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
COLOMBO, CEYLON TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI
S. S. Himalaya, Colombo to Brindisi
CUNARD LINE, R. M. S. Aurania, Queenstown to New York



May 1, 1896. Type CD (Robson Lowe) "A" handstamp cancels the 2c U.P.U. rate of 5c made up by 3c adhesive, Issue of 1893. Card went aboard the P. & O. S.S. Himalaya at Colombo May 7, her dates were:

Colombo	Aden	Port Said	Brindisi	Malta	Gibraltar	London
May 7	May 14	May 19	May 21	May 23	May 26	May 30

May 23. Card was put ashore at Brindisi for overland shipment to London, thus saving 7 days had it been left aboard the Himalaya. Forwarded to Queenstown to connect with the Cunard Line steamer.



2 RECEIVED



June 2. Arrived N.Y. S.S. Aurania (Br.,) McKay, Liverpool May 26 via Queenstown to Vernon H. Brown & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 1:06 PM.

June 3. Received at Boston, card was forwarded June 4 to Milton, Mass.

June 5. Milton octagonal receiving stamp.



1896

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
India to Belgium via Suez Canal and Brindisi
S.S. Sotlej, Bombay to Brindisi



September 1, 1896. A letter posted at Cocanada, India and paid at the Zanna 6pies Issue of 1892, the U.P.U. rate. Letter is endorsed: Via Bombay. The adhesive was written over, "Stamped paid" to tie the stamp to the cover to prevent theft.

September 4. The Sea Post Office backstamp, showing index "A". The S.S. Sotlej of the P. & O. Line had the following dates:

Bombay	September 4
Aden	10
Brindisi, Italy	18.

After departing Aden on September 10, the Sotlej went up the Red Sea and transited the Suez Canal en route to Brindisi.



September 1. Brussels (Bruxelles), Belgium receiving backstamp tracks with the arrival date of S.S. Sotlej at Brindisi.

1899

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
DUTCH EAST INDIES TO GERMANY VIA COLOMBO & BRINDISI

S.S. Ballaarat, Singapore to Colombo, Ceylon

S.S. Britannia, Colombo to Port Said, Egypt

S.S. Isis, Port Said to Brindisi



July 20, 1899. Formula post card of Netherlands East Indies franked at 7½ cent, the International Postal Card rate. Pictured on the reverse are scenes of Sumatra.

Posted at Bindjei with same day transit at Medan, the card went by local steamer to Singapore, per "square round" postmarks.

July 24. Card handled by the Netherlands Indies postal agent at Singapore. It went by the P. & O. steamers, following schedule:

<u>S.S. Ballaarat</u>		<u>S.S. Britannia</u>		<u>S.S. Isis</u>	
Shanghai	July 18	Colombo	Aug. 4	Port Said	Aug 16
Hong Kong	22	Aden	11	Brindisi	18.
→ Singapore	27	Port Said	16		
Penang	29	Marseilles	21		
Colombo	Aug. 2	London	28		



August 17 (sic). Arrival mark at Gotha, Germany. Day date in error, probably arrived the 19th.

1899

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Egypt, Bombay to Brindisi
WHITE STAR LINE
S.S. Germanic, Queenstown to New York



October 31, 1899. A letter paid at the U.P.U. rate of 3 annas by a strip of 6 of the half anna Issue of 1882 (Issue of the Empire). Cancellation at Dacca, routing via Bombay.

Nov. 4. Backstamp of the Sea Post Office aboard the P. & O.

Line's S.S. Egypt, which left Bombay Nov. 4, went by Aden Nov. 8, and arrived at Brindisi the 16th.

NEW YORK _____
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BOSTON _____
- MASS - RECEIVED
DEC 2 7-AM _____

N.Y. Times. Arr. N.Y. Nov. 30. S.S. Germanic (Br.,) Haddock, Liverpool Nov. 22 and Queenstown 23rd to White Star Line. Arrived at the Bar at 7:55 P.M.

Dec. 1. Transit backstamp at New York.

Dec. 2. Boston arrival backstamp.

1900

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Egypt, Bombay to Suez

Sea Post Office



April 5, 1900. Stamped embossed envelope, one anna, posted at Benares Cantonment. One anna was about 3c, U.P.U. rate was 5c, so this envelope was underpaid. Stamped T = Taxe (postage due) and rated in blue crayon 15 centimes due for underpayment plus fine.

April 7. Sea Post Office backstamp. Letter received aboard the S.S. Egypt, P. & O. Line, which departed Bombay April 7, touched at Aden April 11 and arrived Suez April 15, per backstamp. She arrived at Brindisi, Italy, her European port, on April 18.



April 15. Received at Suez, the letter was delivered to Mrs. Grant, passenger aboard the S.S. Manora at Suez. She paid the Egyptian 15 centimes due.

1900

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Sobraon, Bombay to Brindisi

White Star Line: S.S. Majestic, Queenstown to New York

Sea Post Office



May 30, 1900. Stamped ONE ANNA embossed envelope augmented by 1 anna maroon and half anna green, Issue of 1882 to make up U.P.U. rate of 2anna 6 pies (2½anna.)

May 31. Transit backstamp at Calcutta.



June 2. The P. & O. steamer Sobraon departed Bombay on June 2 and the sorting clerks struck the SEA POST OFFICE backstamp. She touched at Aden June 7 and arrived at Brindisi June 14.

June 20. S.S. Majestic of the White Star Line sailed from Liverpool and picked up the European mails at Queenstown the 21st.

June 27. Arrived New York, Majestic, Capt. Smith, at the Bar at 7:20 P.M.

June 28. Arrival backstamp at Boston.

BOSTON
MASS
JUN 28 130 PM '00

1900

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL LINE

S.S. Sobraon, Bombay to Brindisi via Suez Canal
Sea Post Office



August 9, 1900. Embossed dtamp pays 2 annas 6 pies U.P.U. rate to Denmark. Posted at the High Court Buildings in Madras.



August 11. S.S. Sobraon of the P. & O. Line departed from Bombay, Sea Post Office backstamp. The date on the stamp was set on the date of sailing and this date was used for processing mail aboard on the entire trip.

August 24. Sobraon arrived at Brindisi, Italy. She passed through the Suez Canal en route.



August 27. Arrival backstamp at Skjern, Denmark.

1901

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
PENANG TO AUSTRIA VIA SUEZ AND BRINDISI

S. S. Coromandel, Penang to Colombo

S. S. Australia, Colombo to Port Said

S. S. Isis, Port Said to Brindisi



August 22, 1901. A post card paid at the 3c rate at Penang by Straits Settlements Issue of 1899. The card travelled by a series of P. & O. Line ships to Brindisi, Italy.

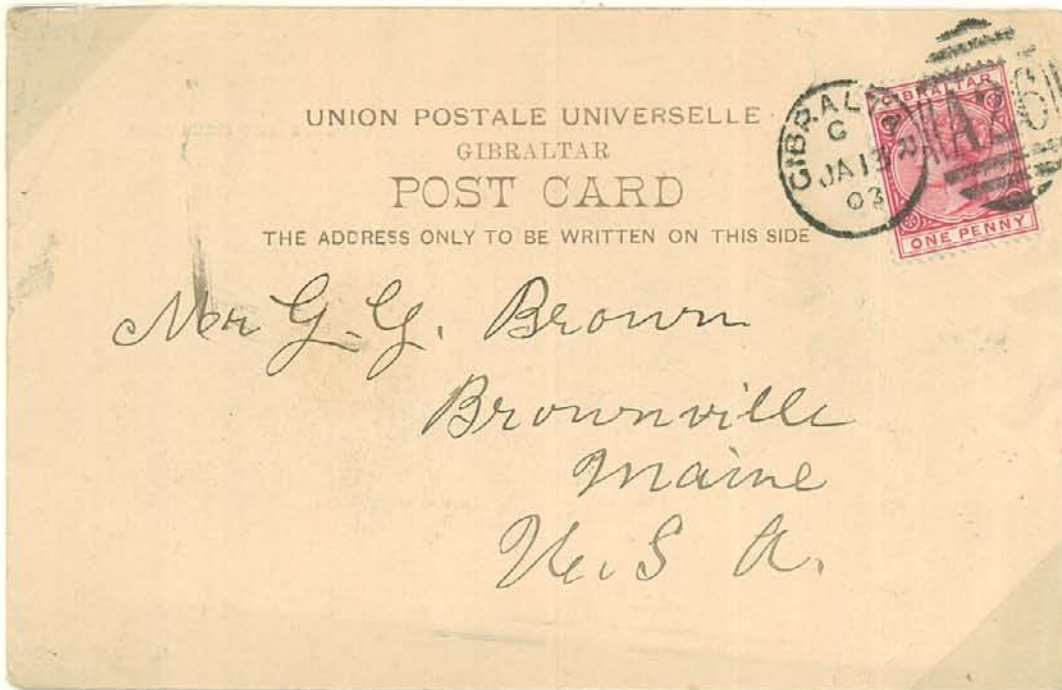
<u>S.S. Coromandel</u>		<u>S.S. Australia</u>		<u>S.S. Isis</u>	
Shanghai	Aug. 13	Colombo	Aug. 29	Port Said	Sept. 10
Hong Kong	17	Aden	Sep. 6	Brindisi	12
Singapore	22	Port Said	10		
→ Penang	24	Marseilles	14		
Colombo	29	Gibraltar	18		
		London	22		



Sept. 15. Receiving date stamp at Villach, Austria, tracks with the Sept. 12 arrival of Isis at Brindisi.

1902

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
S.S. Massilia, Gibraltar to Plymouth (from Bombay)
CUNARD LINE: R.M.S. Umbria, Queenstown to New York



January 13, 1902. Postal card paid at Gibraltar at the one penny U.P.U. rate by 1d. Issue of 1886. Cancellation is by the duplex with the killer "A26", the British Post Office number assigned to Gibraltar.

January 15. S.S. Massilia of the P.&O. Line left Gibraltar for Plymouth.

London Times, THURSDAY, Jan. 16. The P.&O.'s MASSILIA, from Bombay, left Gibraltar at 9:30 a.m. yesterday (Jan. 15) for Plymouth where she may be expected at 6 p.m. on Saturday (Jan. 18) and London the following day. Times, MON., Jan. 20. MASSILIA, from Bombay for R.A.D., passed Gravesend yesterday.

N.Y. Times. Arrived N.Y. Jan. 26 SS Umbria (Br.,) Dutton Liverpool Jan. 18 and Queenstown 19th to Vernon H. Brown & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 4:36 A.M.



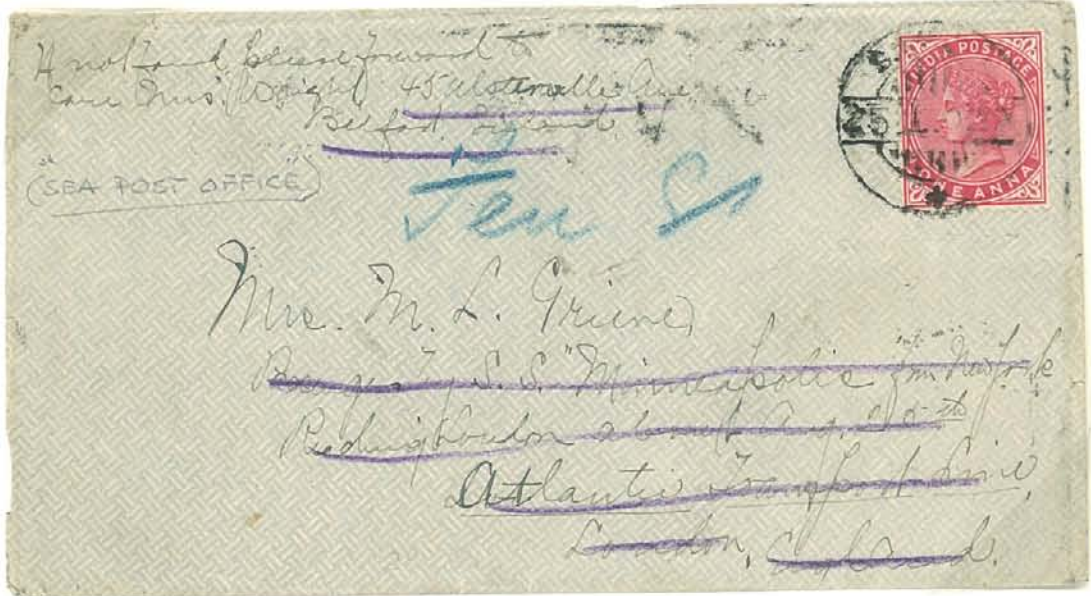
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1902

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
BOMBAY TO LONDON VIA BRINDISI

S.S. Massilia, Bombay to Brindisi via Suez



July 26, 1902. A letter posted in India and addressed: Mrs. M.L. Grieve/ Passenger of S.S. "Minneapolis" from New York/ Reaching London about Aug. 25th/ Atlantic Transportation Line/ London, England.

At Bombay the letter went aboard the P. & O. Line's S.S. Massilia, where the postal agent aboard struck the transit backstamp. She was designated by the Index letter "B" on this passage. Her dates were: Bombay, July 26; Aden, August 1; Brindisi, August 9.

August 11.
Letter arrived
at London, back-
stamp.



August 25. Letter was held per the addressor's instructions, but the addressee could not be found. The further instructions, "If not found please forward to...Belfast, Ireland" were also followed, and the letter was forwarded to Belfast, London machine backstamp.



August 26. Belfast arrival back-
stamp.

1902

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Oriental, Bombay to Brindisi

White Star Line: S.S. Germanic, Queenstown to New York

Sea Post Office



August 7, 1902. A ONE ANNA overprinted embossed envelope augmented with a single and a pair of the half-anna Issue of 1882 to total 2 anna 6 pies (2½a.) U.P.U. rate to the U.S.

August 9. Letter travelled overland by rail to Bombay where the P. & O. Line's S.S. Oriental departed August 9. Letter was processed by Ocean Mail clerks aboard Oriental where the SEA POST OFFICE backstamp was struck. Oriental touched at Aden August 15, arrived at Brindisi the 22nd.

August 27. S.S. Germanic departed from Liverpool and picked up this letter at Queens-town where she touched port on the 28th.



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	BACK BAY STATION
C	_____

Sept. 4. S.S. Germanic arrived at New York this date to White Star Lines. Backstamp.

Sept. 5. Arrival backstamp at Boston's Back Bay Station.

1903

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S. S. Malta, Shanghai to Colombo, Ceylon

S. S. Australia, Colombo to Port Said, Egypt

S. S. Isis, Port Said to Brindisi, Italy



March 26, 1903. A picture post card paid at the Portugese Colony of Macao by a copy of the 4 avos provisional overprint Issue of 1902. Card was sent over to Hong Kong to meet the sailings of the P. & O. steamers to Europe.

March 27. Transit at Victoria, Hong Kong. Steamer transit was, as follows:

<u>S.S. Malta</u>		<u>S.S. Australia</u>		<u>S.S. Isis</u>	
Shanghai	Mar. 24	Colombo	Apr. 9	Port Said	Apr. 21
→ Hong Kong	28	Aden	16	Brindisi	23
Colombo	Apr. 9	Port Said	21		
		Marseilles	25		
		Gibraltar	27		
		London	May 1		



April 25. Arrival postmark at Brussels tracks with the arrival date of Isis at Brindisi.

1904

FRANCE TO HONG KONG VIA SINGAPORE
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. China - London to Colombo, Ceylon

S.S. Bengal - Colombo to Hong Kong

Marine Sorter Mark - Singapore to Hong Kong



Feb. 22, 1904.
Postal card into the mail at Paris, Blvd. St. Germain, paid 10 centimes, U.P.U. rate. The P. & O.'s S.S. China left London Feb. 19, thence to Gibraltar and Marseilles Feb. 26 where this card went aboard. China transferred her mails at Colombo, Ceylon on March 13 to P. & O. Line's S.S. Bengal which arrived at Penang and Singapore on March 19.



March 20. Bengal departed Singapore on March 19 and the China mail was sorted on the run Singapore to Hong Kong where this Type 4 Marine Sorters' mark was struck (only 59 of these marks known on cover.)

Bengal arrived at Hong Kong March 25 and at Shanghai on March 29.

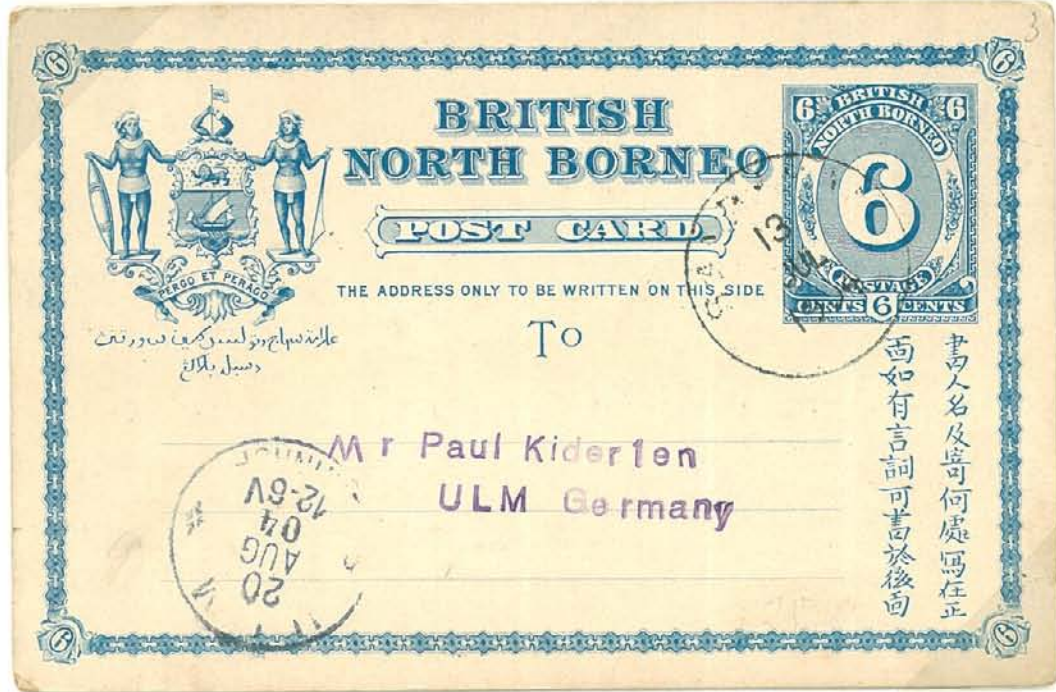
S.S. China. 7912 tons, 500' x 54'. Built 1896 by Harland & Wolff, Belfast. Single screw, 18 knots, triple expansion engines. Service: England-Australia via Suez Canal. Scrapped in 1929.

S.S. Bengal. 4344 tons, 400' x 45'. Built 1885 by Caird & Co., Greenock, Scotland. Single screw, 14½ knots, triple expansion engines. Served on the Australian and Far East routes. Sold in 1906.

1904

NORTH BORNEO TO GERMANY VIA MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S. S. Chusan, Singapore to Colombo, Ceylon
S. S. Mongolia, Colombo to Marseilles



July 13, 1904. 6¢ post card, Issue of 1889, posted at Sandakan, North Borneo. The rate of 1891 was post cards to the U.K. and U.P.U. countries, 6¢.

Mail went by local steamer to Singapore to meet the port of call of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.'s steamships to that port en route from the Far East.

July 21. Transit via P. & O. steamers from the Far East carried this card:

<u>S.S. Chusan</u>		<u>Mongolia</u>	
Shanghai	July 12	Colombo	July 29
Hong Kong	16	Aden	Aug. 5
Singapore	21	Port Said	10
Penang	23	Marseilles	15
Colombo	28	Gibraltar	18
		London	22.



August 15. Mongolia arrived at Marseilles

August 20. Arrival datestamp at Ulm, Germany.

1905

INDIA TO EUROPE VIA SUEZ AND BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S. S. Arcadia, Bombay to Brindisi
Sea Post Office



June 28, 1905. U.P.U. post card posted at Kurseong in eastern India. It went by rail to Bombay, terminus of the Peninsular & Oriental Line from Brindisi.

July 1. Card was processed by the Sea Mail clerks aboard the P. & O. Liner S.S. Arcadia which departed from Bombay this date for Brindisi via Aden. She touched at the latter port on July 7. The Acadia postmarker was designated "B" on this voyage.

July 14. Arcadia arrived at Brindisi, Italy.



July 17. Arrival postmark at Gand (Ghent), Belgium. "35" is a Belgian sorter's mark.

1905

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Mooltan, Bombay to Brindisi

CUNARD LINE, R.M.S. Campania, Liverpool to New York



1905

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
S.S. Mooltan, Bombay to Brindisi
CUNARD LINE, R.M.S. Campania, Liverpool to New York



December 5, 1905. A registered letter posted at Banda, India in central India near Allahabad. Combined postage and registration fees were paid at 5 annas by the embossed Victoria head one anna brown envelope, Issue of 1857, and a strip of four of the one anna carmine King Edward VII Issue of 1902.



December 9. Transit backstamp aboard the Sea Post Office ship at Bombay. P. & O. Line's S.S. Mooltan sailed from Bombay December 9, touched at Aden the 13th and arrived at Brindisi December 20. She was designated "A" on this trip, shown in the date stamp.

December 23. The Cunard Liner R.M.S. Campania departed from Liverpool.



N.Y. Times. Arrived Dec. 31. SS CAMPANIA, Liverpool Dec. 23. The Cunard Line's Campania got in last evening (Dec. 31) from Liverpool 48 hours late, after one of the roughest trips in the ship's history. She brought a remarkable tale about a monster iceberg.

January 2, 1906. N.Y. registry backstamp, transit.

January 3, Arrival backstamp at Rochester, N.Y.

1905-06

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
LABUAN TO LONDON VIA SINGAPORE AND SUEZ

S.S. Simla, Singapore to Colombo, Ceylon

S.S. Macedonia, Colombo to London

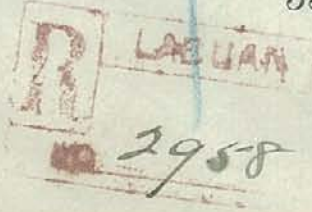
REGISTERED.



MR. FRED. R. PARKER,

35, Linthorpe Road,

LONDON, N.



December 20, 1905. A registered letter franked with a spectacular combination of the complete Issue of 1904, regular Issue of 1896-97 surcharged 4 CENTS in black.

A local steamer transported the letter to Singapore. Transit by P. & O. steamers was as follows:

<u>S.S. Simla</u>		<u>S.S. Macedonia</u>	
Shanghai	Dec. 12	Colombo	Dec. 28
Hong Kong	16	Aden	Jan. 3, 1906
Singapore	21	Port Said	8
Colombo	27	London	20.

London Times, Mon. Jan. 22. P&O Macedonia, Sydney for T.D. passed Gravesend Sat. (Jan. 20). Mail ashore to London.)

This letter processed at London Tues. Jan. 23.

1906

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
Singapore to Switzerland via Bombay and Brindisi
S.S. Egypt, Bombay to Brindisi via Suez



June 14, 1904. A picture post card endorsed: via Bombay, posted paid at Singapore. 8¢ Straits paid by Straits Settlements 3 cents dull violet, Issue of 1904 and 5 cents violet "key" Issue of 1902.

June 15. Transit postmark at Penang. Card went by local steamer and overland to Bombay.

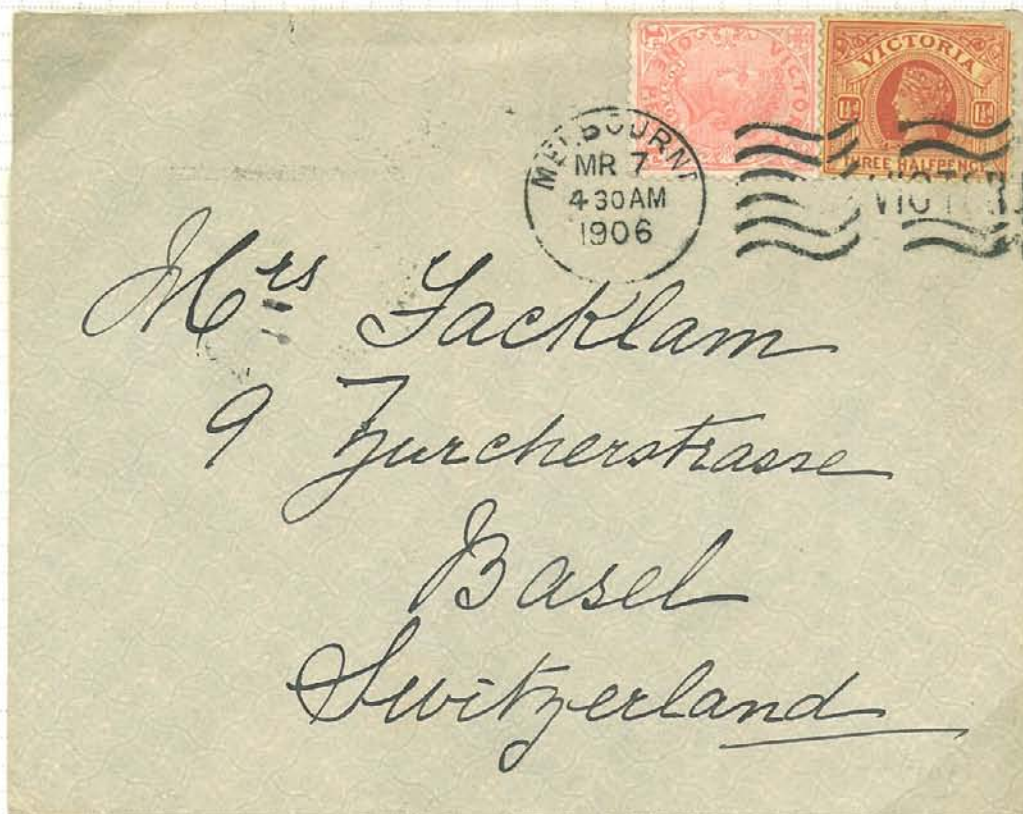
June 23. S.S. Egypt of the P. & O. Line departed from Bombay, touched at Aden June 28, and arrived at Brindisi, Italy July 5.

July 6. Basel, Switzerland arrival postmark.



1906

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
MELBOURNE TO SWITZERLAND VIA SUEZ AND BRINDISI
S.S. Mongolia



March 7, 1906. Letter paid at Melbourne, Victoria at the 2½d. U.P.U. rate.

The P. & O. steamship Mongolia had departed from Sydney Feb. 28 and made a call at Hobart, Tasmania on March 3, arrived at Melbourne March 6. She laid over at Melbourne 96 hours, departing March 10 and touched at Colombo March 21. She arrived at Brindisi April 5.



April 6. Basel, Switzerland arrival backstamp.

1907

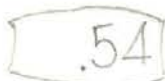
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
DUM-DUM, BENGAL, INDIA TO HOLLAND VIA BRINDISI
S.S. Caledonia, Bombay to Brindisi Sea Post Office

January 15, 1907. Letter datelined at Firing Hall, Dum-Dum. Dum-Dum was a village and cantonment of British India, presidency and province of Bengal, 6 miles W.N.W. of Calcutta, and the headquarters of the Bengal artillery.



January 17. Letter posted at Dum-Dum. The U.P.U. rate of 2½ anna paid by a vertical pair of the one anna carmine rose and half anna green, Issue of 1902.

January 19. S.S. Caledonia of the P. & O. departed from Bombay. She passed Aden Jan. 23 and arrived at Brindisi the 31st. Sea Post Office backstamp aboard Caledonia. She was designated "B" on this trip.



February 2. Haarlem arrival backstamp, also carrier's mark.

1907

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
FORT BOMBAY, INDIA TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI

S.S. Persia, Bombay to Brindisi, Italy
CUNARD LINE, R.M.S. Umbria, Liverpool to New York



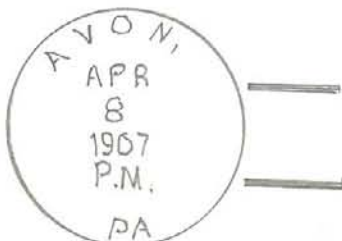
March 12, 1907. A picture post card paid at the one anna U.P.U. international postal card rate by the Issue of 1902. Posted at Fort Bombay, it went aboard the S.S. Persia of the P. & O. Line where it received the SEA POST OFFICE date stamp ("A" was designated for the Persia this voyage.) Her dates were:

Bombay	March 16
Aden	20
Brindisi	27.

March 30. Letter went transit across Europe to London. R.M.S. Umbria of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool this date, picked up the European mail at Queenstown March 31.

N.Y. Times. Arrived New York
April 7. SS Umbria, Liverpool March 30.

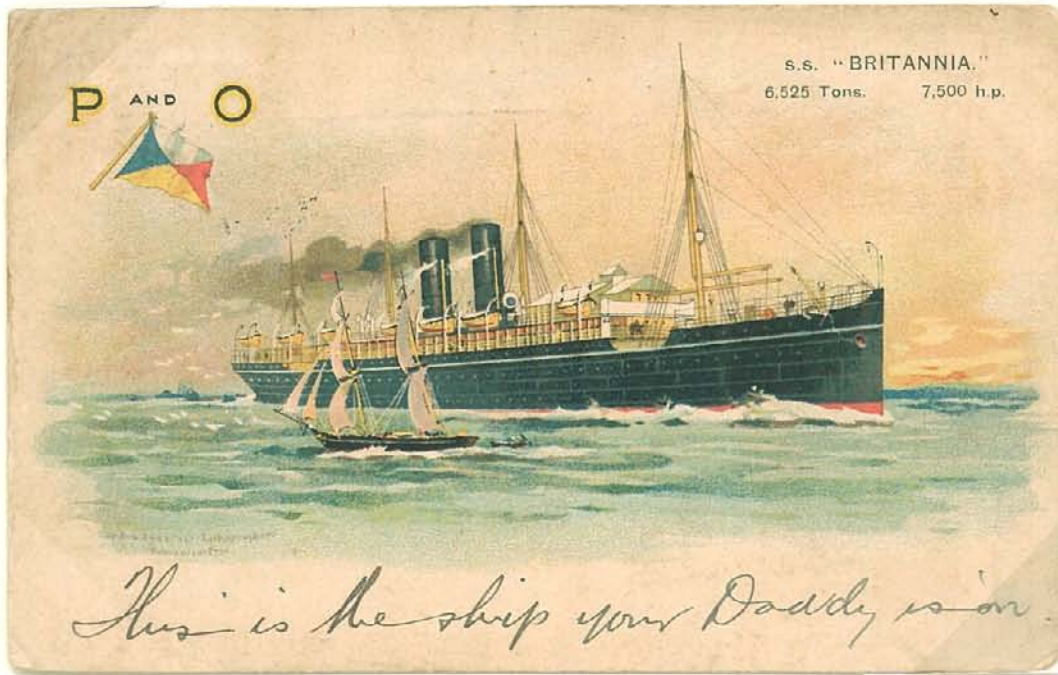
April 8. Avon, Penn. arrival post-mark.



1907

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
S.S. Britannia

Built by Caird & Co., Greenock in 1887. 6525 tons, 465' x 52', single screw, steel, 16½ knots. Service: England to Australia via Suez Canal, scrapped 1909.



This is the ship your Daddy is on



August 29, 1907. Card posted at Port Said, Egypt. Britannia had departed Brindisi Aug. 26, bound for Sydney. Card handled at Port Said as a PAQUEBOT letter, British postage applied.

1907

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
MELBOURNE TO SWITZERLAND VIA SUEZ AND BRINDISI
S. S. Mooltan



October 30, 1907. Letter paid at the 2½d. U.P.U. rate was posted at the Sakilor Railway Station, same day transit at Melbourne, backstamp.

This letter went all the way to Brindisi, Italy on the P. & O. steamer Mooltan, via Colombo, Ceylon and Port Said on the Mediterranean side of the Suez Canal.

She departed Sydney October 26, arrived Melbourne October 28. She laid over at Melbourne 96 hours, departing November 1, and arrived at Brindisi November 25.

November 28, 1907. Arrival backstamp at Basel, Switzerland.



1907

INDIA TO U. S. VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line, S.S. Marmora, Bombay to Brindisi

Hamburg-American Line, S.S. Deutschland, Southampton to N.Y.

Sea Post Office



September 26, 1907. Post card paid at the one anna U.P.U. rate posted at Moradabad in the North-West Provinces, 90 miles by rail N.E. of Delhi.

September 28. Card date stamped aboard the S.S. Marmora of the P. & O. Line which left Bombay this date, touched at Aden October 2 and arrived at Brindisi October 9. Code "B" was assigned to the Sea Post Office date stamp for Marmora on this voyage.

October 11, 1907. S.S. Deutschland (III) of the Hamburg-American Line (HAPAG) touched at Southampton from Cherbourg and picked up the U.S. Mail.

October 17. Deutschland arrived at New York.

1908

BRITISH BURMAH TO U.S. VIA SUEZ AND BRINDISI
P. & O. Line, S.S. Oriental, Bombay to Brindisi
Conard Line, R.M.S. Mauritania, Queenstown to New York

May 24, 1908.
Picture post card
posted at the
Htandawgyi Branch
Office of Pegu,
British Burmah.
1 anna post card
rate paid by
India adhesive,
Issue of 1902,
U.P.U rate. It
is cancelled by
the "R" all-India
series of Burmah.



Code "A" was
assigned to the
Oriental on the
Sea Post Office
run from Bombay
to Aden.

S.S. Oriental

Depart Bombay May 30
Aden June 2
Brindisi 11.
R.M.S. Mauritania
Dep. L'pool June 13
Queenstown 14
New York 19.

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CARTE POSTALE
POST CARD



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*Aden - Bombay
Htandawgyi
Pegu
Brindisi*



*C. Green Esq.
Reading
Me
U.S.A.*

1908

BRITISH BURMAH TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line, S.S. Persia, Bombay to Brindisi

Cunard Line, R.M.S. Lucania, Queenstown to New York

Sea Post Office, Bombay - Aden



August 9, 1908. Post card posted at the Htandawgyi Branch Office in Pegu, British Burmah. Pegu, called Bago by the natives, is on the Pegoo River, a tributary of the Irrawaddy at its delta, 58 miles N.E. of Rangoon. Mail went by rail to Bombay.

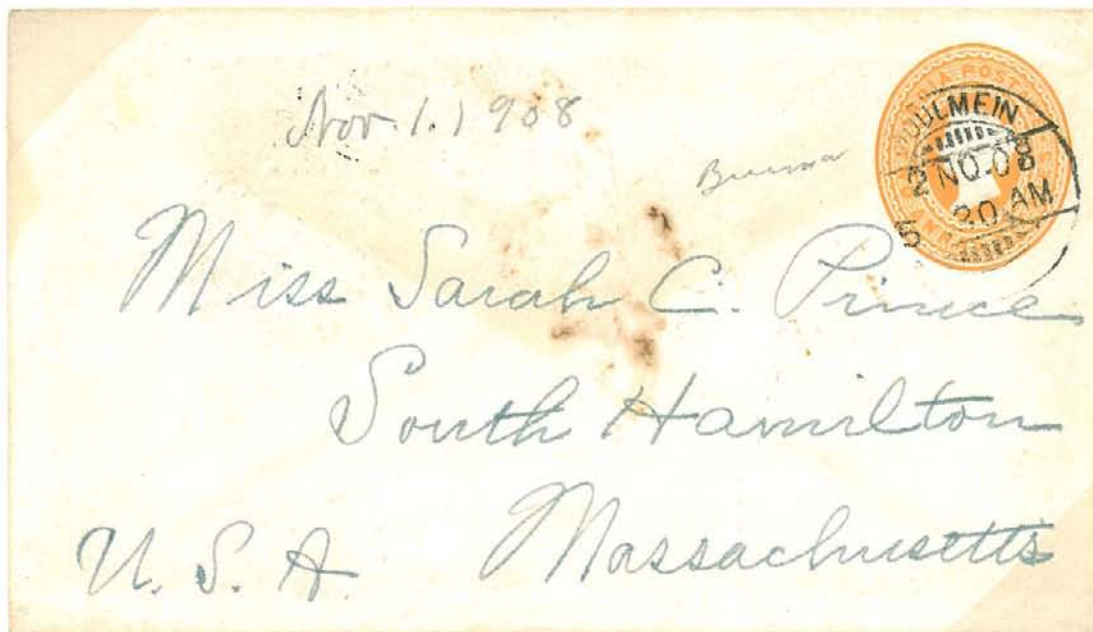
August 15. Card processed aboard the P. & O. Line's S.S. Persia while en route to Aden as noted at the base of the Sea Post Office stamp. Persia was designated by the code letter "C" for this voyage. She touched at Aden August 20, arrived Brindisi August 27.

August 29. R.M.S. Lucania departed from Liverpool via Queenstown the 30th where the U.S. mails went aboard.

September 5. Lucania arrived at New York.

1908

BRITISH BURMAH TO U.S. VIA BOMBAY AND BRINDISI
P. & O. Line: S.S. Marmora, Bombay to Brindisi
White Star Line: S.S. Cedric, Queenstown to New York
Sea Post Office



Nov. 2, 1908. Stamped envelope, 2anna 6pies, U.P.U. rate, posted at Moulmein (Maulmain,) a town of British Burmah, capital of the district of Amherst.

Letter went by rail to Bombay, terminus of the P. & O. Line.

November 7. Backstamp of the Bombay-Aden Sea Post Office struck aboard the S.S. Marmora, which departed from Bombay Nov. 7, touched at Aden Nov. 11, arrived at Brindisi Nov. 18. She was assigned the Index Letter "C" for this voyage.

Mail went overland across Europe to London.

Nov. 21. The White Star Line S.S. Cedric departed from Queenstown Nov. 21.

N.Y. Tribune. Arrived N.Y. Nov. 28, 1908, Cedric Queenstown Nov. 21, White Star.

Nov. 29. South Hamilton, Mass. arrival backstamp.



1908



A PASSENGER ABOARD MONGOLIA, ON HER OUTBOUND TRIP FROM LONDON, WROTE THIS CARD ON 7 NOV. 1908 WHICH IS ADDRESSED TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA. UPON MONGOLIA'S ARRIVAL AT ADEN, MAIL WAS PUT ASHORE FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION. THIS CARD WAS IN THE MAIL PUT A BOARD S.S. MAMORA, HOMEWARD BOUND, AND ON MAMORA'S ARRIVAL AT BRINDISI WAS PUT ASHORE FOR RAIL TRANSPORT TO VIENNA.



HOSKING TYPE # 1389
PAQUEBOT CANCEL

S.S. MONGOLIA

DEPART LONDON 23 OCT. '08
AT GIBRALTAR 27 OCT.
AT MARSEILLES 30 OCT.
AT PORT SAID 4 NOV.
ARRIVE ADEN 8 NOV.

S.S. MAMORA

DEPART BOMBAY 7 NOV. '08
AT ADEN 11 NOV.
ARRIVE BRINDISI 18 NOV.

POSTAL RATE OF 1d MET BY TWO 1/2d PALE YELLOWGREEN ED VII S.G. # 217

1909

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

India to U.S. via Brindisi

S.S. Salsette, Bombay to Brindisi

CUNARD LINE: R.M.S. Mauritania, Liverpool to New York



40 cts



February 19, 1909. Letter posted at the railway mail service box at Allahabad, India. It was underpaid at one-half anna by the India Issue of 1906, so was marked T = Taxe, the U.P.U. international notation for postage due. The underpayment and fine was shown as 40 centimes in French currency. This would be converted to the currency of the recipient country when the postage due would be collected.

February 20. The S.S. Salsette of the P. & O. Line departed from Bombay where the Bombay to Aden Sea Post Office backstamp was struck. The Salsette was designated "C" on this voyage. Her dates were Aden, Feb, 24 and Brindisi, March 3. Mail went overland to Britain.

March 8. R.M.S. Mauritania departed from Liverpool.

N.Y. Times. March 13. The Cunarder Mauritania from Liverpool got to her pier yesterday morning. She made the passage from Daunt's Rock to Sandy Hook in 4 days 17 hours and 15 minutes, just 9 minutes behind her record.

Letter charged 8¢ due, equivalent to 40 centimes.

March 13. Wilsonville, Conn. arrival backstamp.



1914

DUTCH EAST INDIES TO U.S. VIA SUEZ AND LONDON

P. & O. Line : S.S. Oriental, Singapore to Colombo, Ceylon

S.S. Mooltan, Colombo to London

Atlantic Transport Line: S.S. Minnehaha, London to N.Y.



October 12, 1914. Registered letter paid at Bandoeng, D.E.I., stamps cancelled by the Colonial Exposition advertising datestamp at Semarang. Letter went by local steamer to Singapore. P. & O. steamers carried it via Colombo and the Suez to London, as follows:

<u>S.S. Oriental</u>			<u>S.S. Mooltan</u>			
Hong Kong	Oct. 10	→	Colombo	Oct. 22	Gib.	Nov. 10
Singapore	14		Aden	28	Plymouth	13
Penang	16		Port Said	Nov. 3	London	14.
Colombo	20		Malta	7		

November 15. Transit registry backstamp at London. Mail transferred to the Atlantic Transport Line's Minnehaha, which sailed from London Nov. 19, arrived N.Y. Nov. 28. There is a Nov. 30 Chicago arrival Backstamp.

Minnehaha was torpedoed and sunk Sept. 7, 1917, by German submarine U.48, 12 miles from Fastnet, 43 lives lost.

