

1845-46

CALCUTTA TO READING, MASS. VIA SOUTHAMPTON

P.&O. Line: S.S. Bentinck, Calcutta to Suez

S.S. Oriental, Alexandria to Southampton

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Cambria, Liverpool to Boston

December 2 and 3, 1845. A letter from Augustine Mills at Calcutta to Daniel Pratt, Esq., a clock maker at Reading, Mass. The letter concerns the lack of a market for wooden works clocks and advises the shipment in future of clocks with brass works and an alarm bell. The proceeds from a prior sale of clocks had been put into Lac Dye, being shipped to Boston by the ship Woodside. This letter is endorsed: per "Overland Mail." It was carried out of the mail by Charles Mills who was going home by P. & O. steamers, and who carried this letter on his person. A notation in manuscript on the face of the letter says, "postage payable to Charles Mills, Esq."

During this period the P. & O. steamers on the Indian run were known as "The China Line."

Transit via P. & O. steamers was:

<u>S.S. Bentinck</u>		<u>S.S. Oriental</u>	
Calcutta	December 10, 1845	Alexandria	January 8, 1846
Madras	13-14	Malta	12-13
Suez	January 4, 1846	Gibraltar	19
		Southampton	24.



February 4, 1846. Letter (and Mr. Mills) transit at Liverpool. The R.M.S. Cambria departed this date from Liverpool for Boston. She arrived at the latter port February 18.

February 19. Letter posted into the mails at Boston where the Act of 1845 rates were due. Under 300 miles, Boston to Reading, at 5¢ x 2 = 10¢ due. Several enclosures are noted making letter over ½-oz. but not over 1 oz.



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CALCUTTA TO U.S. VIA SOUTHAMPTON

P. & O. Line: S. S. Bentinck, Calcutta to Suez

S. S. Oriental, Alexandria to Southampton

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Cambria, Liverpool to Boston



CALCUTTA
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SHIPLETTER
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1846

INDIA

December 8, 1846. An unpaid letter posted at Calcutta to the U.S. care of Baring Bros. & Co., London. It was backstamped as a Ship Letter, and was endorsed:

Overland Mail pr Str. "Bentinck (sic)". The letter was forwarded on to London via Southampton by the following P. & O. steamers:

<u>S.S. Bentinck</u>		<u>S.S. Oriental</u>	
Calcutta	Dec. 9, '46	Alexandria	Jan. 11, 1847
Madras	14	Malta	15-16
Galle	16-17	Gibraltar	26
Suez	Jan. 4, '47	Southampton	28.

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February 1, 1847. Letter arrived at London where the forwarding agent paid the 1844 Post Office Notice rate of 2/3d. per ½-oz. "Via Marseilles". This should have been at the 1/- rate "Via Southampton". Baring Brothers deleted their address and paid the Packet Letter rate to the U.S. from England of one shilling, shown as 1/- in red. Transit February 1 at the Lombard St. P.O., London and February 2 at Liverpool. R.M.S. Cambria of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool for Boston on February 4 for Boston.

February 20. Cambria arrived at Boston. U.S. 6¢ rate due for a letter addressed to the port of arrival, docket shows same day arrival.

1850

INDIA TO U.S. VIA SUEZ AND MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S. S. Precursor, Calcutta to Suez

S. S. Ripon, Alexandria to Malta

Admiralty Packet Medina, Malta to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R. M. S. Europa, Liverpool to New York



CALCUTTA
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SHIPLETTER
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February 3, 1850. A letter posted unpaid at Calcutta and endorsed: Overland Mail. Also: p "Precursor". It was addressed c/o the forwarding agents Baring Bros. & Co., London. The rates of 1847, India to England via Marseilles was 1sh.10d. per ¼-oz., 2sh.3d. per ½-oz. This letter was not over ½-oz., subject to the 2/3 rate shown in manuscript. Backstamped at Calcutta as a Ship Letter.

P. & O. Line transport to Marseilles was:

<u>S.S. Precursor</u>		<u>S.S. Ripon</u>		<u>Admiralty Packet Medina</u>	
Calcutta	Feb.3	Alexandria	Mar. 10	Malta	March 15
Aden	26-27	Malta	15	Marseilles	18
Suez	Mar.7	Gibraltar	20-21		
		Southampton	28.		

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March 21. London arrival backstamp. Baring Bros. paid the 2/3d. India rate, deleted that and their address and put the letter unpaid in the mail to Boston.

March 22. Letter into the mails at London. The U.S. was debited 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ under the U.S.-British Treaty of 1848. March 23. R.M.S. Europa, Cunard Line, departed from Liverpool. She arrived at N.Y. April 6 where this letter was marked with 24¢ due, the U.S.-British rate per ½-oz.

1853

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

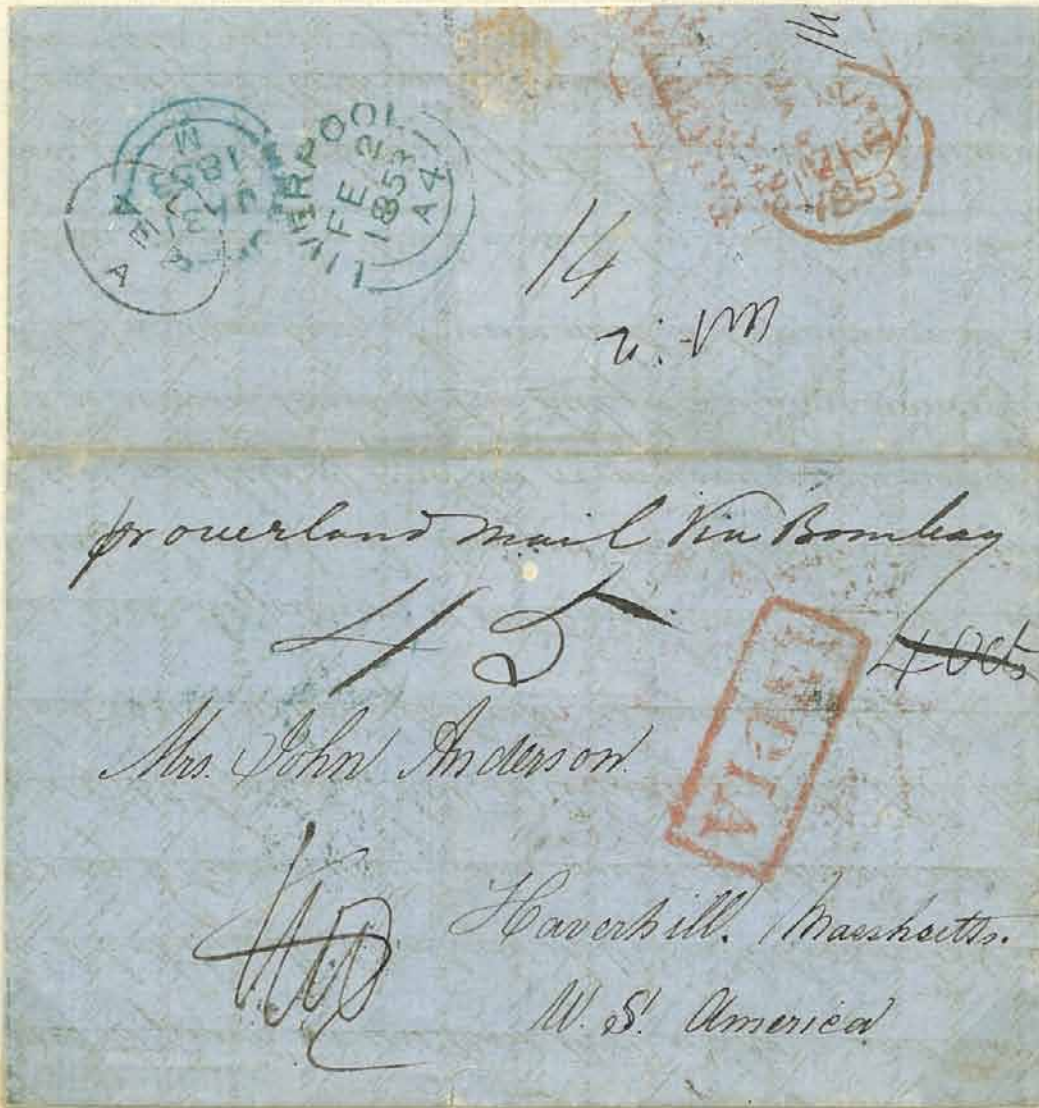
CALCUTTA TO U.S. - via Bombay, Overland Mail & Southampton.

From July 1, 1849 to 1855, the "China" rates by British Mail via Southampton were:

not over 1/2 oz.

U.S. Inland	5¢
Transatlantic	16¢
British	24¢
	<u>45¢</u>

CALCUTTA
STEAMLETTER
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Nov. 20 (?), 1852. Letter put into Indian General P.O. at Calcutta. "Steam Letter" charges were based on mileage outside Bombay, and were prepaid to get mail to Govt. steamers at Bombay. In this case rated under Art:2, Calcutta to Bombay, 14 annas.

INDIA

India letter mark at Bombay.

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Jan. 30, 1853. Letter cleared London where rated 1/10d. (mms. L.L.), equivalent of 44¢ U.S., 1¢ allowed to India.

Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

Letter misdirected to Manchester, and sent on to L'pool. Packet office oval transit. 45¢ due and 40¢ (mms. U.R.) credit to England for 24¢ British handling plus 16¢ transatlantic.

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R.M.S. America: sailed L'pool Feb. 5, 1853.
arr. Boston Feb. 18-19.

1858

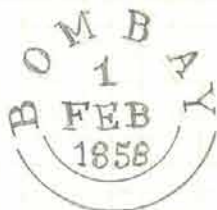
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

INDIA TO U.S. via Marseille

Forwarding Agent
Dossabhoy, Menwanjee & Co.
Bombay

From Jan. 1, 1857 to Sept. 1, 1861, the "China" rates by British mail via Marseilles (overland from Suez to Alexandria) were:

	Not exceeding	¼ oz.	½ oz.
U.S. Inland		5¢	5¢
Transatlantic		16¢	16¢
British		12¢	12¢
French transit		6¢	12¢
		<u>39¢</u>	<u>45¢</u>



Feb. 1858. Backstamps. Forwarding Agent posted letter "Overland via Marseilles" unpaid at Bombay.



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Mar. 6, 1858. Transit backstamp at London.

British Exchange Office rated letter of ½ oz. of 45¢ due. Mms. "24" allows 12¢ British plus 12¢ French transit charges. Previous "1" for India local handling deleted at this time.



Mar. 28. U.S. got 16¢ Transatlantic plus 5¢ Inland or 21¢ out of the total

P. & O. Line. S.S. Pottinger, departed Bombay Feb. 9. 1858, arr. Suez Feb. 23. S.S. Pottinger, 1401 tons, wooden paddle steamer.

1858

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
INDIA - U.S. VIA MARSIELLES

BRITISH PACKET

BOMBAY FORWARDING AGENT

The 1 January 1857, British mail rates for "Colonial" mail were via Southampton, 33¢ per ½ oz.; via Marseilles, 39¢ per ¼ oz. and 45¢ per ½ oz. These rates remained in effect until 1 January 1868.



Letter posted Bombay to Salem, Massachusetts, via Marseilles (nms. upper left).



Forwarding Agents backstamp.



Feb. 4, 1858. Bombay receipt, backstamp.



March 20, 1858. London Transit backstamp.

INDIA UNPAID

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British Exchange Office marks showing amount due from recipient (see above). As letter went via British Packet, 40¢ (nms. U.L.) shows their share of postage.



April 11, 1858. Boston Exchange Office transit.

1865

PACKET LETTER
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

CAPE COLONY TO BOSTON Via Mauritius and London.



January 21, 1865. Letter posted at Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, triple letter rate 6 shillings at 2/- per rate. Noted per overland route via Mauritius and Southampton.

Mar. 10, 1865. London transit. Letter there marked with red mms. 5/9, allowing Cape Colony 3d. for her inland postage.



R.M.S. Australasian:
Dep. L'pool. Mar. 11, '65.
Arr. N.Y. Mar. 23, mail
bulked to Boston.

March 24, 1865. Boston Exchange Office mark. As we at that time had no treaty with the Cape Colony, letter was subject to an unpaid double letter charge of 20¢.

1849

CALCUTTA TO U. S. VIA MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S. S. Bentinck, Calcutta to Suez via Pointe de Galle
S. S. Ripon, Alexandria to Malta

Admiralty Packet Medusa, Malta to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R. M. S. America, Liverpool to New York

Forwarding Agent: Brown Shipley & Co., Liverpool



1849

CALCUTTA TO U.S. VIA MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S.S. Bentinck, Calcutta to Suez via Pointe de Galle
S. S. Ripon, Alexandria to Malta

Admiralty Packet Medusa, Malta to Marseilles

Cunard Line, R.M.S. America, Liverpool to New York

Forwarding Agent: Brown Shipley & Co., Liverpool

CALCUTTA
G. P. O.
STEAMBEARING
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INDIA



June 1, 1849. Letter datelined at Calcutta informing the owners of the ship Geneve that she was ready for sea and "the ship leaves tomorrow morning with steam", i.e. a steam tug will help her navigate the Hooghly River into the Bay of Bengal.

June 2. Letter posted unpaid at Calcutta, Steam Bearing = Steam Postage Due. It is endorsed: Steamer Bentinck Over (land) Mail. It was rated by British Packet to England via Marseilles at 1sh.10d. per ¼-oz., being 1sh.5d. (34¢) British Transit + 5d. (10¢) French Transit = 1sh.10d. (44¢). This paid the rate only to the U.K.

Transit to Britain was:

P.&.O. <u>Bentinck</u>	P.&.O. <u>Ripon</u>	Adm. Pkt. <u>Medusa</u>
Calcutta June 2	Alexandria July 13	Malta July 17
Galle 17	Malta 17	Marseilles 21
Suez July 10.		

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July 24. London arrival backstamp, letter forwarded to Liverpool same day. Brown Shipley & Co. paid the 1sh.10d. rate from India and put letter into mail unpaid to U.S.

July 28. L'pool Packet Letter Office backstamps. R.M.S. America departed for N.Y., arriving Aug. 9. Exchange Office debited U.S. for 16¢ Sea (Brit.Pkt.) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢ U.S. collected 24¢ U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate. Total rate (44¢ + 24¢ = 68¢) was 3¢ more than the July 1, 1849 65¢ rate had the forwarding agent not been used.

1850-51

INDIA TO U.S. VIA SUEZ AND SOUTHAMPTON

P. & O. Line: S.S. Oriental, Calcutta to Suez via Galle

S.S. Ripon, Alexandria to Southampton

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Africa, Liverpool to New York

Forwarding Agent: Brown, Shipley & Co., Liverpool



1850-51

INDIA TO U.S. VIA SUEZ AND SOUTHAMPTON

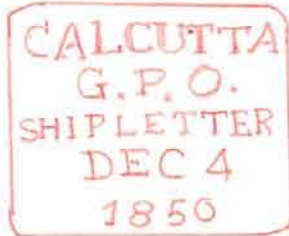
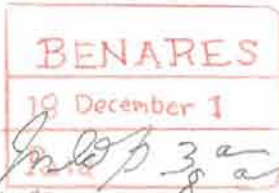
P. & O. Line: S.S. Oriental, Calcutta to Suez via Galle

S.S. Ripon, Alexandria to Southampton

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Africa, Liverpool to New York

Forwarding Agent: Brown, Shipley & Co., Liverpool

December 1, 1850. Letter datelined at Benares and directed to Brown, Shipley & Co., Liverpool. Endorsed: Packet of Dec. 1.



Dec. 1. Letter posted at Benares and paid at the Post Office Notification rate, "Rates to U.K. via Southampton not exceeding 1/2-oz., 8 anna + Inland postage. Calcutta GPO Notification 20th April 1845. By steamers of the Peninsular & Oriental Co."

Benares backstamp notes: Inland P 3a.
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Dates of the P. & O. steamers to Southampton were:

<u>S.S. Oriental</u> : Calcutta	Dec. 7, 1850	<u>Ripon</u> : Alexandria	Jan. 4, 1851
Galle	16	Malta	9-10
Aden	25-26	Gibraltar	15
Suez	Jan. 1, 1851	Southampton	20.



Jan. 21, 1851. London transit. Letter sent on to Liverpool, arrival backstamp Jan. 21.

Jan. 31. Brown Shipley & Co. paid the one shilling (1/ in red) U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate to U.S., equivalent to 24¢ U.S. They endorsed letter: p "Africa".

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Feb. 1. R.M.S. Africa, Cunard, departed L'pool. She also took the Atlantic's mails as the latter had to return to England under sail with a fractured paddle shaft.

Feb. 15. Africa landed at N.Y., letter processed next day. Liverpool Exchange Office credited U.S. for 5¢ U.S. Inland. Britain retained 19¢.

1851

CEYLON TO U.S. VIA SUEZ. MARSEILLES AND LONDON

P. & O. Line: S. S. Haddington, Galle to Suez

4° Ligne d'Eqypte: S. S. Nil, Alexandria to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R. M. S. Asia, Liverpool to New York.



1851

CEYLON TO U.S. VIA SUEZ, MARSEILLES AND LONDON

P. & O. Line: S.S. Haddington, Galle to Suez

4° Ligne d'Egypte: Paquebot Nil, Alexandria to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Asia, Liverpool to New York

COLOMBO
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1851
STEAMER-LETTERS

April 14, 1851. An unpaid letter posted at Colombo, Ceylon and addressed care of the forwarding agents Baring Brothers & Co. in London. It was handled by the Colombo Steamer, Colombo to Pointe de Galle, port of call of the Peninsular & Oriental Line steamers from Calcutta to Suez.

Letter was rated at the rates of 1847 to the United Kingdom: Letters from Ceylon, India, Hindostan and Singapore by closed mail via Marseilles and British packet, must be paid to Bombay, 1sh.10d. per 4-oz., 2sh.3d. per 1/2-oz. Rate shown as 2/3 in manuscript. As this letter went "via Galle", no postage prepayment (to Bombay) was necessary.

Transit was:

<u>S.S. Haddington</u> : Galle	April 18
Aden	28-29
Suez	May 6

Letter went across Egypt for arrival at Alexandria May 8. Transit onward to Marseilles was by the paquebot Nil of the French Messageries Imperiales 4° Ligne d'Egypte. She left Alexandria May 9, arrived Marseilles May 17.

May 19. Letter transit at London where Baring Brothers & Co. paid the 2/3, deleted their address and other postal markings.

May 23. Baring Brothers forwarded the letter unpaid, putting it into the old Lombard Street (L.S.) post office, London. Receipt at the L.S. office shown by the Maltese Cross date stamp.

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May 24. R.M.S. Asia of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool, arrived New York June 4. Mail bulked to Boston where it received identity as from a British Packet. 24¢ due, the U.S. - British Treaty rate of 1848. U.S. was debited for 16¢ Sea (British Packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢. The U.S. retained 5¢ U.S. Inland.

BR. PACKET
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BOSTON

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1852

CALCUTTA TO U.S. VIA MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S. S. Hindostan, Calcutta to Suez via Galle
S. S. Bentinck, Alexandria to Malta

Admiralty Packet: Banshee, Malta to Marseilles

Havre Line: S. S. Franklin, Southampton to New York

65¢ Rate per $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz., British Mail via Marseilles, eff. Jul. 1, 1849 - Feb. 21, '55



March 6, 1852. Letter datelined at Calcutta, posted unpaid. Notation "Bearing" = Postage Due.

The Bengal Hurkaru and India Gazette, Calcutta, Fri. March 5, 1852. Departure of the Mail Saturday 6 Per steamer Hindostan, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. Owing to Saturday the 6th March being a Native Holiday, parties are requested particularly to take note that Parcels &c. for transmission to Bombay, Europe and intermediate ports per steamer Hindostan cannot be received after Friday the 5th March.

1852

CALCUTTA TO U.S. VIA MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S.S. Hindostan, Calcutta to Suez via Galle
S.S. Bentinck, Alexandria to Malta

Admiralty Packet: Banshee, Malta to Marseilles

Havre Line: S.S. Franklin, Southampton to New York

The 65¢ rate per 1/4-oz., British Mail via Marseilles was divided:

U.S. Inland	5¢	
Transatlantic	16	
British Transit	34)
French Transit	10) = 44¢ Credit to Britain.
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INDIA

CALCUTTA
G.P.O.
SHIPLETTER
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Unpaid letter posted at Calcutta, transit as a Ship Letter, endorsed: pr Overland Mail steamer.

Transit from Calcutta to Marseilles was by:

P. & O. <u>Hindostan</u>	P. & O. <u>Bentinck</u>	Admiralty Pkt. <u>Banshee</u>
Calcutta Mar. 8	Alexandria Apr. 4	Malta Apr. 8
Galle 17	Malta 8	Marseilles 10
Aden 26		
Suez Apr. 1		

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April 13. Transit backstamp at London. U.S. was debited for 1sh.10d., equivalent to 1sh. (24¢) + 10d. (20¢) = 44¢, the British and French transit charges. Notation on reverse credits Britain for 1/4d. or 32¢, allowing India 2¢ (1d.) out of the British transit portion of the rate.

April 15. U.S.M.S. Franklin left Havre, France, called at Southampton same day where this letter went aboard.

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April 27. Franklin arrived at N.Y. The New York Exchange Office added transatlantic postage 16¢ (American Packet) + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 21¢ to the British charge of 44¢ to total 65¢ due, the June 1, 1849 rate from India via Marseilles by British Packet.

1853

INDIA TO U.S. VIA MARSEILLES AND LONDON

P. & O. Steam Navigation Co., S.S. Hindostan, Galle to Suez

S.S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

Collins Line., U.S.M. Steamer Arctic, Liverpool to N.Y.



1853

INDIA TO U.S. VIA MARSEILLES AND LONDON

P.&O. Steam Navigation Co., S.S. Hindostan, Galle to Suez

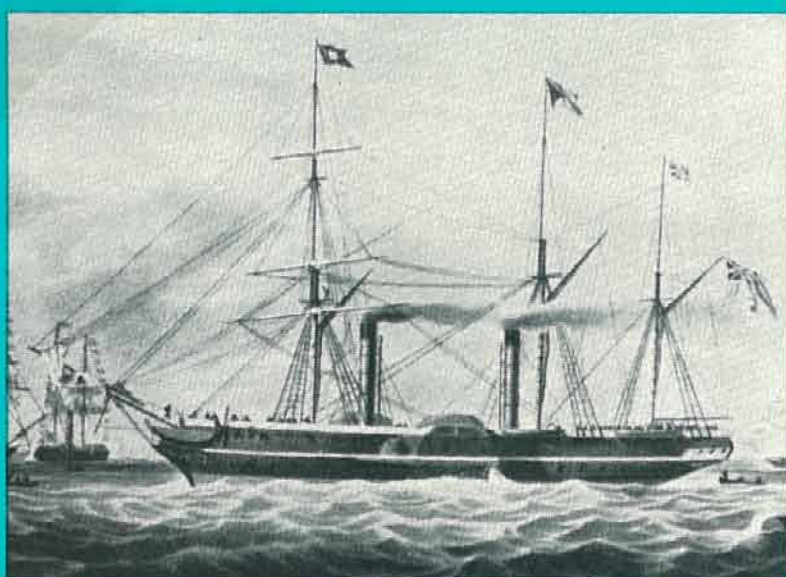
S.S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

Collins Line, U.S.M. Steamer Arctic, Liverpool to N.Y.



Sept. 3, 1853.
Letter datelined at Calcutta and backstamped with the double circle "card" of the sender,

Whitney & Co. Marked: Steamer "Hindostan" via Marseilles. This was the original Hindostan, 2017 tons, a wooden paddle steamer that went on the Calcutta to Suez route in 1842.



The Peninsular and Oriental steamer *Hindostan*, carrying the Indian Mails

G.P.O.
18 SEP 5

INDIA

Sept. 5. Letter, posted unpaid, sent by feeder steamer, Calcutta to Galle, Ceylon to meet the sailing of the P. & O. steamer Hindostan. Route on to Marseilles was, as follows:

<u>S.S. Hindostan</u>			<u>S.S. Valetta</u>	
Galle	Sept 15	BY EGYPTIAN RAILWAY	Alexandria	Oct. 5
Aden	25-26		Malta	10
Suez	Oct. 2		Marseilles	12.

October 15. Transit backstamp at London. Original debit was 1shilling 10d. (1/10 in pen) which represented the 1sh. 5d. British + 5d. French transit. Total rate was:

34¢ (1sh. 5d.) British Sea)
 10¢ (5d.) French Trans.) = 44¢ = 1sh.10d.
 16¢ (8d.) Transatlantic (American Packet in this case)
 60¢ + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 65¢ total rate.

Oct. 18. U.S. Mail Steamship Arctic, Luce, departed from Liverpool. U.S. was debited for all the British and French charges or 44¢ (see above.)

Oct. 31. Arctic arrived at N.Y., mail bulked to Boston. U.S. Exchange Office added to the 44¢ debit, 16¢ Sea (Am.Pkt.) + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 65¢.

This was the rate per 1/4-oz. via Marseilles. French charged per 1/4-oz., British and U.S. per 1/2-oz. Thus if 1/2-oz. French transit doubled to 20¢, making total rate 75¢.

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1853

CALCUTTA TO U.S. VIA MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S.S. Madras, Calcutta to Suez via Galle
S.S. Euxine, Alexandria to Malta
S.S. Valetta, Malta to Marseilles

Collins Line: U.S.M.S. Baltic, Liverpool to New York

The 65¢ rate to U.S. of July 1849 per ¼-oz., British Mail via Marseilles was divided:

U.S. inland	5¢	= 21¢ retained by U.S., if by American Packet,
Transatlantic	16)	as here.
British transit	34)	
French transit	10)	= 44¢ credit to Britain
	65¢	



G.P.O.
 1853 SEP 17

Sept. 17, 1853. Letter datelined at Calcutta, backstamped at the General Post Office there and put into the post as an unpaid letter. It was endorsed: p Overland Mail via Marseilles and London.

Bengal Hukaru and The India Gazette, Fri., Sept. 16. Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co, NOTICE. The Screw Steam Ship Madras, R.W. Evans, commander, with mails, passengers, &c. for England and intermediate ports will leave Garden Reach on the 19th.

<u>S.S. Madras</u>		<u>S.S. Euxine</u>		<u>S.S. Valetta</u>	
Calcutta	Sept. 17	Alexandria	Oct. 30	Malta	Oct. 24
Galle	28	Malta	24	Marseilles	26
Aden	Oct. 9-10				
Suez	15				

Oct. 29. Transit backstamp at London. Debit was made to U.S. at 1/10d. = 1sh. (24¢) + 10d. (20¢) = 44¢, also restated in manuscript as "44".

Nov. 2. U.S. Mail Steamer Baltic of the Collins Line departed from Liverpool, arrived at N.Y. Nov. 14. N.Y. Exchange Office marked the letter due 65¢.

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1855

CALCUTTA TO U.S. VIA SUEZ AND SOUTHAMPTON

P.&O. Line: S. S. Benfinck, Calcutta to Suez

S. S. Indus, Alexandria to Southampton

Havre Line: U. S. M. S. St. Louis, Southampton to New York

April 6, 1855. A letter dated "Off Culpee", says, inter alia, "This afternoon we crossed the James and Mary Shoal & we are now lying at anchor off Culpee on one side and Diamond Harbour on the other... Shall be at Sand Heads on the 8th April, 1855."

Lippencott Gazetteer: Diamond Harbor, British India in Bengal, is in the River Hoogly, 34 miles below Calcutta.

Culpee, or Kalpi, a town of Bengal, in a jungly and unhealthy position, on the Hoogly River, 34 miles S. by W. of Calcutta.



1855

CALCUTTA TO U.S. VIA SUEZ AND SOUTHAMPTON



April 21, 1855. The letter mentions reaching the Sand Heads on April 8. These are far down the Hoogly River and James Salter's ship did not reach Calcutta until about April 20. Here the letter was endorsed: per Bentinck/via Southampton. It was unpaid and a charge mark of 1/- was made in manuscript. This was the Notice of June 1851 packet rate per 1/2-oz., British Packet to Britain via Southampton.

Steamers of the P. & O. Line carried this letter as follows:

<u>S.S. Bentinck</u>		<u>S.S. Indus</u>	
Calcutta	April 21	Alexandria	May 22
Galle, Ceylon	May 3	Malta	25-26
Aden	12-13	Gibraltar	30
Suez	19	Southampton	June 5



June 5. London transit backstamp. Here the 1/- charge mark was deleted and the equivalent of 24¢ debited to the U.S. for British handling, Calcutta to Southampton.

June 6. S.S. St. Louis of the N.Y. & Havre Steam Navigation Co. departed from Havre and touched at Southampton later the same day where this letter went aboard.



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June 19. St. Louis arrived at N.Y. As transatlantic passage was by American Packet (Havre Line), the U.S. added 16¢ Sea + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 21¢ to the 24¢ British debit = 45¢, the British Mail rate from India via Southampton, effective July 1849 to January 1856. The collect rate is shown both by the "45" handstamp as well as in red manuscript.

1855

CALCUTTA, INDIA TO U. S. VIA MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S. S. Oriental, Calcutta to Suez

S. S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R. M. S. America, Liverpool to Boston

75¢ per ½-oz. rate, effective July 1849 - January 1856



1855

CALCUTTA TO U.S. VIA MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S.S. Oriental, Calcutta to Suez
S.S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles
Cunard Line: R.M.S. America, Liverpool to Boston

75¢ per ½-oz. rate, effective July 1849 - January 1856

The July 1849 rate, India to the U.S. via Marseilles was 65¢ per ½-oz. and 75¢ per ½-oz. The 75¢ rate was made up as follows:

1844 British Post Office Notice, rate to England from India per ½-oz. via Marseilles 2 shillings 3d., equivalent to 2sh. (48¢) + 3d. (6¢) =	54¢
Transatlantic by British Packet	16
U.S. Inland	<u>5</u>
	75¢.

The India to Britain portion of this rate is shown by the large manuscript 2/3.

June 18, 1855. An unpaid letter posted at Calcutta to Salem, Mass.



Steamships of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. carried this letter as follows:

<u>S.S. Oriental</u>		<u>S.S. Valetta</u>	
Calcutta	June 18	Alexandria	July 24
Pointe de Galle	28	Malta	27-28
Suez	July 14-15	Marseilles	31.

August 2. Transit backstamp at London. The U.S. was debited for 54¢ British transit from India + 16¢ transatlantic (British Packet) = 70¢, shown in manuscript.

August 4. R.M.S. America of the Cunard Line sailed from Liverpool for Boston.



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August 17. America arrived at Boston. The Boston Exchange Office added 5¢ (per ½-oz.), the U.S. Inland to the 70¢ British debit to total 75¢ due, shown by the handstamp.

1855

CALCUTTA TO BOSTON VIA SUEZ AND TRIESTE

P. & O. Line: S. S. Bentinck, Calcutta to Suez

S. S. Bombay, Alexandria to Trieste

Cunard Line: R. M. S. Canada, Liverpool to Boston



1855

CALCUTTA TO BOSTON VIA SUEZ AND TRIESTE

P. & O. Line: S. S. Bentinck, Calcutta to Suez

S. S. Bombay, Alexandria to Trieste

Cunard Line: R. M. S. Canada, Liverpool to Boston



July 2, 1855. A letter from Ashburner & Co., Calcutta, regarding rates of exchange on English banks. They struck their company handstamp on the reverse and endorsed the letter: pr. Str. Bentinck via Marseilles.

Letter is rated under the U.S. rates effective July 1849 until January 1856 for a 1/4-oz. letter by British Packet via Marseilles. Rate was divided:

British Transit	34¢)	
French Transit	10)	= 60¢ debit to U.S.
Transatlantic	16)	
U.S. Inland	5)	Collect in U.S. + British Charges
	<u>65¢</u>		rate per 1/4-oz.



Bengal Hurkaru, Calcutta, July 3. This day the Export Overland Mail for transmission to Suez by the steamer Bentinck, will be made up at the Post Office and letters will be received till the usual hour. An After-packet will be despatched to be put on board the steamer at Kedgerree, for which letters will be received up to 12 o'clock noon to-morrow

August 5. Bentinck arrived at Suez. Mail went overland to Alexandria.

London Times, TUESDAY, August 14. THE OVERLAND MAIL. Trieste, August 12. The steamer Bombay arrived here this evening at 6.30 P.M. in 119 hours from Alexandria, which she left on the 7th. The despatches by the India Mail left Alexandria on the 7th, with advices from Bombay of the 11th of July, and Calcutta the 4th of July.

Letter was rated at 1sh.10d. (1/10 in manuscript), or 1sh. (24¢) + 10d. (20¢) = 44¢, all British charges, Calcutta to London. This was deleted and U.S. debited for 60¢ (manuscript upper right), being 44¢ + 16¢ transatlantic (British Packet) = 60¢. Even though the letter went via Trieste, it was rated as though "via Marseilles."

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August 18. R.M.S. Canada of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool, arrived at Boston August 30.

To the 60¢ British debit, the Boston Exchange Office added the 5¢ U.S. Inland rate to total 65¢. Rate by British Mail via Marseilles was 65¢/1/4-oz., 75¢/1/2-oz.

1856

INDIA TO U.S. VIA SOUTHAMPTON

P.&O. Line: S.S. Oriental, Calcutta to Suez via Galle
S.S. Alma, Alexandria to Southampton

Ocean Line: S.S. Washington, Southampton to New York

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Feb. 8, 1856. Letter, endorsed to the P. & O. Line's S.S. Oriental, posted unpaid at Calcutta. It was subject to the Feb. 1, 1856 treasury warrant rate of 6d. per ½-oz. via Southampton, which lowered the previous rate of 1 shilling (12d.) This letter was of the first westbound voyage under the new rate.

Bengal Hurkaru and The India Gazette, Feb. 7. Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. NOTICE. The Steam Ship Oriental, G.F. Henry, Commander, with mails, Passengers, Goods and Parcels &c., for England and intermediate ports, will leave Garden Reach at daylight on Saturday, the 9th February. H.P. LOVELL, Supt.

S.S. Oriental arrived at Suez ca. March 9, her mails went by rail across Egypt to meet the sailing of the P. & O. Alma from Alexandria March 11.

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London Times, March 24. THE MEDITERRANEAN, SOUTHAMPTON, Mar. 23. By the Peninsular and Oriental Company's screw steamship Alma, Captain R.W. Evans, with the Indian and Mediterranean mails, we have dates from Alexandria March 11; Malta, 14; Gibraltar, 18.

British debited U.S. for 6d. (12¢) Indian rate by British Packet via Southampton.

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March 26. The Ocean Line S.S. Washington from Bremen March 21, touched at Southampton for U.S. mails.

April 13. Washington landed at N.Y.. Exchange Office charged 16¢ transatlantic (American Packet) + 5¢ U.S. inland plus the 12¢ British debit, total 33¢/½-oz. due.

1856

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
INDIA TO U. S. VIA SUEZ AND MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S. S. Hindostan, Calcutta to Suez via Galle

S. S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

Conard Line: R. M. S. Europa, Liverpool to New York



1856

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
INDIA TO U.S. VIA SUEZ AND MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S. S. Hindostan, Calcutta to Suez via Galle
S. S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R. M. S. Europa, Liverpool to New York



September 22, 1856. Letter posted unpaid at Calcutta at the 11d. (6d. British and Inland, 5d. French transit) rate via Marseilles of Feb. 1, 1856. India was allowed 1d. inland handling, which was added to the 11d. making 12d. (1/-) due, 1/- mark at left upper center and 1d. at upper right (both later deleted.) Letter was sent care of the forwarding agents Baring Brothers & Co., London.

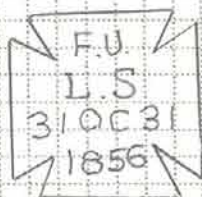
This is an interesting letter from the captain of the ship Rockall, which lost her windlass and went aground in the River Hoogly, "this miserable river."

The P. & O. steamer Hindostan departed from Calcutta, touched at Galle Oct. 1, Aden Oct. 12 and arrived at Suez Oct. 18.

October 21. Mail went across Egypt to Alexandria to meet the sailing of the P. & O. steamer Valetta, which arrived at Marseilles Oct. 28.

October 30. London receipt backstamp. Baring Brothers & Co. paid the shilling and, after deleting their name, forwarded the letter unpaid to Boston. It went back into the mails October 31 at the Foreign Unit of the Lombard Street Post Office Branch as recorded by the Maltese Cross mark.

November 1. R. M. S. Europa of the Cunard Line departed Liverpool, arrived New York Nov. 13. Boston mail went in bulk where the letter received identity on Nov. 14. The Boston Exchange Office marked it 24¢ due, the U.S.-British Treaty rate, U.K. to U.S. Britain was credited for 16¢ Sea (British packet) + 3¢ British Inland = 19¢.



1857

INDIA TO U.S. VIA SUEZ, MARSEILLES AND LONDON

P. & O. Line: S. S. Hindostan, Calcutta to Suez via Galle
S. S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R. M. S. Arabia, Liverpool to New York



1857

INDIA TO U.S. VIA SUEZ, MARSEILLES AND LONDON

P. & O. Line: S.S. Hindostan, Calcutta to Suez via Galle

S.S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Arabia, Liverpool to New York



INDIA UNPAID

February 21, 1857. Letter to Boston posted unpaid at Calcutta. Wills & Co. identified themselves as the sender by striking their forwarding agent's cachet on the reverse, here used as a business "card." The letter was endorsed: Via Marseilles. S.S. Hindostan sailed from Calcutta about Feb. 23, clearing Galle, Ceylon March 4. P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. steamers carried the letter as follows:

<u>Hindostan</u>			<u>Valetta</u>	
Galle	Mar. 4		Alexandria	March 24
Aden	14	By Egyptian Railroad	Malta	28
Suez	21		Marseilles	31

April 2. London transit backstamp tracks with the March 31 arrival date of Valetta at Marseilles.

Letter was subject to the India to U.S. via Marseilles rates effective Jan. 1, 1857 to Sept. 1, 1861, at 39¢ per 4-oz. Britain showed a manuscript debit to the U.S. of 34¢, being made up of British transit 12¢, French transit 6¢ and transatlantic (British Packet) 16¢ = 34¢. 1d. (2¢) was allowed to India for internal handling (1 in manuscript, upper right, cover front.)

April 4. R.M.S. Arabia, Cunard Line, departed from Liverpool for New York, where she arrived April 16.



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April 17. Mail bulked to Boston. Arrival backstamp at Boston showing British Packet. Letter now rated at the 34¢ British and French charges plus 5¢ U.S. Inland = 39¢ due, the India rate to U.S. via Marseilles.

1857

CALCUTTA TO BOSTON VIA MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S.S. Hindostan, Calcutta to Suez
S.S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles
Inman Line: S.S. Kangaroo, Liverpool to New York



INDIA UNPAID

The "China" rates which included India from Jan. 1, 1857 to Sept. 1, 1861, by British Mail via Marseilles were 39¢ per ¼-oz., divided: U.S. Inland 5¢, Transatlantic 16¢, British 12¢ and French transit 6¢.

October 8. Letter datelined at Calcutta and headed: Per Steamer "Hindostan". It is endorsed on the face: Per Stmr./Via Marseilles. Backstamp by Wills & Co is in the nature of a corner card, they being the authors of the letter. Backstamp at the General Post Office, Calcutta, which also stamped letter INDIA UNPAID.

P. & O. steamers handled this letter:

<u>S.S. Hindostan</u> :	Calcutta	Oct. 8	<u>S.S. Valetta</u> :	Alexandria	Nov. 7
	Galle	18		Malta	10
	Aden	27-28		Marseilles	13
	Suez	Nov. 5			



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November 14. London transit backstamp. London debited U.S. for British transit 12¢ + French transit 6¢ = 18¢, shown in manuscript.

November 18. Inman Line's S.S. Kangaroo departed from Liverpool.

December 2. Kangaroo arrived at New York. Exchange Office added transatlantic 16¢ (Am. Pkt.) + U.S. Inland 5¢ = 21¢ to the British 18¢

to total 39¢, the rate from India via Marseilles.

1857-58

U.S. TO CALCUTTA VIA SOUTHAMPTON AND SUEZ

Cunard Line: R.M.S. America, Boston to Liverpool

P. & O. Line: S.S. Colombo, Southampton to Alexandria

S.S. Candia, Suez to Calcutta



PAID 5



December 12, 1857. A letter not over ½-oz. addressed to Capt. Nath. G. Weeks of the ship Granite State at Calcutta, India. 5¢ was paid at Portsmouth, N.H., being the U.S. inland rate to get the letter to the port of sailing of the Cunard (British) packets. Payment beyond this could not be prepaid.

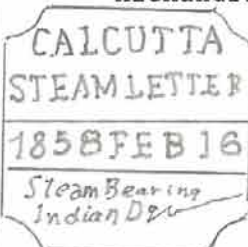
December 16. Boston British Packet transit backstamp. R.M.S. America of the Cunard Line departed from Boston for Liverpool on this date.



December 28. America arrived at Liverpool, same day transit backstamp at London. The India mails were forwarded to Southampton. India was debited for one shilling 1d. (1/1 in manuscript) for transatlantic (8d.) and British handling.

P. & O. Steamers transported this letter as follows:

<u>S.S. Colombo</u>		<u>S.S. Candia</u>	
Southampton	Jan. 4, 1858	Suez	Jan. 20
Gibraltar	9	Aden	25-26
Malta	14	Galle	Feb. 4
Alexandria	18	Calcutta	16.



Feb. 16. Calcutta arrival backstamp. Bearing = Postage Due. Letter rated 9 anna 6 pies, combined steam and inland postage. The 9·6 rate appears in Martin & Blair as effective July 24, 1858 "Via Southampton". Here we see it in use at least five months earlier.

For comparison purposes, 9·6 Indian = 28½¢ U.S.

1866

PACKET LETTERS
TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

30¢ Rate: U. S. to India.



March 12, 1866. Letter posted at Baltimore for Calcutta "via Marseilles". Issue of 1861, Scott #71, stamp prepays 30¢ rate.

March 14, 1866. Boston transit. 27¢ credit due for ocean voyage British and French. Letter left Boston Mar. 14 aboard Royal Mail Steamer Asia.



Mar. 29. (Note date error FEVR.). French mark showing British handling as far as Calais.

French notation, "Paid to Destination".

Backstamp: Mar. 30. Transit at Marseilles where letter was picked up by French packet.

Backstamp: May 1, 1866. Calcutta receipt local stamp.

1860

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

SINGAPORE TO U.S. via Marseille

Forwarding Agent
Boustead & Co.

From Jan. 1, 1857 to Sept. 1, 1861, the "China" rates by
British mail via Marseilles were:

Not exceeding	$\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
U.S. Inland	5¢	5¢
Transatlantic	16¢	16¢
British	12¢	12¢
French transit	6¢	12¢
	<u>39¢</u>	<u>45¢</u>

Note that the U.S. and British progression of rates proceeded
on a $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. scale, while that of France was on $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.



1860

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

SINGAPORE TO U.S. via Marseilles

Forwarding Agent
Boustead & Co.
Singapore



April 21, 1860. Letter handled by Singapore Forwarding Agent, Boustead & Co., who put cover into mail at Singapore.



13½ annas in Indian stamps cancelled by the B/172 obliterator of Singapore. India canceller Type 7 of the Bengal Postal Circle was assigned to the Straits Settlements.

May 23, 1860. Letter cleared London. Red mms. 1sh.7d. (38¢) restates the total rate, less 1d. (2¢) for Singapore, total rate 40¢.

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June 12, 1860. New York receipt, Exchange Office mark. Transatlantic by American Packet, 5¢ due from recipient for U.S. domestic. "16" gives 16¢ credit to U.S. for Trans-Atlantic portion of voyage.

New York & Havre Steam Navigation Co. Arrived N.Y. Monday, June 11, 1860. Steamship Arago, Lines, Havre and Southampton May 30, passed the Needles at 6 P.M.

1860

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL
BOSTON TO CALCUTTA VIA SOUTHAMPTON
"China" Rates, via Southampton by British Mail.

These rates from 1855 to Sept. 1, 1861, converted to U.S. dollars, were:

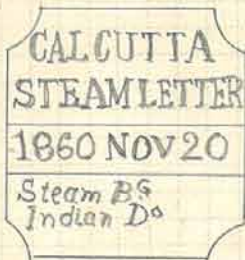
	<u>Not over 1/2 oz.</u>	<u>Not over 1 oz.</u>
U.S. Inland	5 ¢	10 ¢
Transatlantic	16	32
British	12	24
	<u>33 ¢</u>	<u>66 ¢</u>



September 19, 1860. Double rated letter, U.S. portion pre-paid by two 5¢ U.S. stamps (Scott 30A).



Oct. 1, 1860. Transit at London. British rated this unpaid letter (except for U.S. portion) at 2sh. 2d. credit to Britain, or equated to U.S. currency 2 sh. x 24¢ = 48¢ + 2d. x 2¢ = 4¢ or 52¢. This left 4¢ or 2d. for India.



Nov. 20, 1860. Calcutta receipt backstamp. Steam + India "bearing" means postage due of Indian currency in rupees, annas and pies equivalent to 56¢ U.S. for all of rate except U.S. Inland.

1858

CALCUTTA TO U.S. via Galle, Overland Mail & Marseilles

P. & O. Line: S. S. Hindostan, Calcutta to Suez

S. S. Vectis, Malta to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R. M. S. Persia, Liverpool to New York



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July 18, 1858. Letter paid at Calcutta with a total of 12anna 6pies in East India adhesives, somewhat short paid as the rate of Jan. 1857 to U.S. via Marseilles by British Open Mail was 13a.4p. per 1/2-oz. Letter accepted as paid, and India debited with 1sh.5d. (34¢) as shown in red manuscript, leaving her with 2d. for inland postage. This rate included all but 5¢ U.S. domestic postage. Letter endorsed: per steamer Hindostan via Marseilles.

Bengal Hurkaru and The India Gazette, Fri., July 16. The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. NOTICE. The Steam Ship Hindostan, W. Stewart, commander, will leave Garden Reach at 7:30 A.M. on Sunday the 18th July. THOS. H. TRONSON, Actg.Supt.

July 18. Hindostan departed from Calcutta. Her dates were: Galle, July 30; Aden, Aug. 13; Suez, Aug. 22. Letter went overland to Alexandria where a P. & O. steamer took it to Malta.

Aug. P. & O. Vectis departed Malta, arrived at Marseilles Aug. 31. (At Malta Aug. 28).

Sept. 3. Transit at London. R.M.S. Persia of the Cunard Line departed Liverpool Sept. 4, arrived at New York Sept. 16.

Sept. 17. Mail bulked N.Y. to Boston. Boston Exchange Office struck the British Packet charge mark showing 5¢ U.S. domestic postage due. This 5¢ plus equivalent of 40¢ in Indian postage totaled the 45¢ per 1/2-oz rate via Marseilles.



1859

WOBURN, MASS. TO INDIA VIA SOUTHAMPTON

INMAN LINE: S. S. City of Washington, New York to Liverpool

P. & O. LINE: S. S. Pera, Southampton to Alexandria

S. S. Nemesis, Suez to Calcutta



1859

WOBURN, MASS. TO INDIA VIA SOUTHAMPTON



Paid 21

March 21, 1859. A letter posted at Woburn, Mass. and originally paid at the 5¢ British Open Mail rate of January 1856. This would take the letter only to the U.S. port of embarkation of the Cunard Line (or British) packets, either Boston or New York. The postal clerk noted that the Cunard Line's R.M.S. Arabia was due to sail from Boston on March 23 and felt this letter would not make it. The letter was then rerated "Paid 21", which would carry the letter to Britain, at 16¢ Sea (American Packet) + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 21¢, which had to be prepaid.



March 23. The Boston Exchange Office backstamped the letter for routing by British Packet. As the Arabia had already sailed from Boston and the letter had been paid at the American Open Mail rate, it was held.

March 25. Boston re-marked the letter for American transatlantic passage and forwarded it to New York.



March 26. The S.S. City of Washington, Inman Line, sailed from New York for Liverpool.

April 7. City of Washington arrived at Liverpool.

April 8. London arrival backstamp. The India mail was forwarded on to Southampton for transmission to India by Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. steamships. From this point onward the letter was unpaid. The S.S. Ceylon had departed from Southampton on April 4, so this letter was held for the next sailing, per the addressor's note.

P. & O. steamships carried this letter:

<u>S.S. Pera:</u>	Southampton	April 20	<u>S.S. Nemesis:</u>	Suez	May 6
	Gibraltar	25		Aden	12
	Malta	29		Galle	21
	Alexandria,	May 2		Calcutta	29.



May 29. Arrival backstamp at Calcutta. The India rate of Jan. 29, 1857 for a letter from the U.K. not over ½-oz. of 4 annas was due. This rate included internal India postage. (Steam Bg. = bearing = postage due.)

1859

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Simla, Kedgerree (Calcutta) to Galle to Suez

S.S. Panther, Alexandria to Marseilles

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



INDIA PAID

May 5, 1859. This letter was posted at Calcutta, paid for all charges save the U.S. Inland portion. The rate from India to the U.S. by British Mail via Marseilles was 39¢ per 4-oz., effective Jan. 1, 1857 to Sept. 1, 1861. Payment here was equivalent to 1sh. 5d. sterling (34¢ U.S.), and the British Post Office debited India for 1sh. (24¢) + 4d. (8¢) = 32¢, leaving 1d. (2¢) for Indian internal handling. Debit is shown by the red manuscript 1/4d. Simla was in the Hoogly River at Kedgerree (port of Calcutta) and departed May 5 for Galle, Ceylon, with this letter aboard.

May 14. P. & O. Line's Simla, as per letter endorsement, departed from Galle, arriving at Suez May 29. Mail went across Egypt via Cairo to Alexandria.

June 3. P. & O. Panther departed Alexandria, arrived at Marseilles June 9. The closed mails went across France to London.

June 9. Transit at London where the mail bags were forwarded to Liverpool to meet the Cunard Line sailings.

June 11. R.M.S. Persia departed from Liverpool, arrived at New York June 21.

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June 22. Arrival at Boston. 5¢ due for U.S. Inland postage. As 34¢ equivalent had already been paid in India, the 5¢ totalled 39¢, British Mail via Marseilles rate.

1859

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

BOSTON TO CALCUTTA via New York and Marseille

The rates from Jan. 1, 1857 to Sept. 1, 1861, in U.S. dollars:

	<u>Not over 1/2 oz.</u>	<u>Not over 1 oz.</u>
U.S. Inland	5 ¢	5 ¢
Transatlantic	16 ¢	16 ¢
British	12 ¢	12 ¢
French transit	6 ¢	12 ¢
Total	39 ¢	45 ¢

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PAID

June 23, 1859.
Letter datelined at Boston, sender prepaid the U.S. and transatlantic charges or 21¢ for a "double" letter (from the French rating point of view).

NEW-YORK
JUN 25
AM P.M.

June 25, 1859.
Letter transit at New York. As it went by American packet, no portion of the prepaid was credited to England, and the U.S. kept all 21¢.

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July 8.
Transit backstamp at London.
Here rate of 1/- was added (1sh. = 24¢) for British and French due.

CALCUTTA
STEAMLETTER
1859 AUG 11
Steam B⁶
Indian D⁸

Aug. 11, 1859. Fine strike of the CALCUTTA STEAM LETTER, "Steam + B(earin)g" = postage due of Indian equivalent to 24¢ U.S. for British and French charges.



1859

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

BOSTON TO CALCUTTA via New York and Marseilles

1. New York & Havre Steam Navigation Co.
S.S. Fulton, New York to Southampton.
2. Peninsular & Oriental Line.
S.S. Panther, Marseilles to Alexandria.
3. Peninsular & Oriental Line.
S.S. Nemesis, Suez to Calcutta.

June 25, 1859. S.S. Fulton, Capt. Wotton, cleared at New York for Southampton. Sailed June 25 for Havre via S'hampton from dock of W.S. Drayton.

July 8. Transit at London, thence across English Channel and overland to Marseilles.

July 13. S.S. Panther departed from Marseilles, arrived at Alexandria, Egypt July 19.

July 19-20. Mail in transit overland across Egypt, Alexandria to Suez.

July 21. S.S. Nemesis departed from Suez.

Aug. 4. Nemesis arrived at Pointe de Galle, Ceylon.

Aug. 11. Nemesis arrived at Calcutta from Galle via Madras.

1859

CALCUTTA TO U. S. via Galle. Overland Mail & Marseilles

P. & O. Line: S. S. Nemesis, Calcutta to Suez

S. S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R. M. S. Africa, Liverpool to New York



October 8, 1859. East India stamps, cancelled by Type 7, B/1 of Calcutta, total 11 anna 6 pies, the British Open Mail rate per ¼-oz. to the U.S. via Marseilles, effective Jan. 1857. This did not include the 5¢ U.S. domestic. British debited India for 1sh.4d. (red mss.) or 32¢, leaving India 1d. (2¢).

The Bengal Hurkaru and The India Gazette, Sat. Oct. 8. Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. The Steam Ship Nemesis will leave the Wharf at Garden Reach at 5:30 A.M. on Sunday the 9th instant. Passengers are requested to be on board the previous evening. THOS. H. TRONSON, Acting Superintendent.

October 9. Nemesis departed from Garden Reach, her dates were: Galle, Oct. 18; Aden, 27; Suez, Nov. 2. Mail went across Egypt to Alexandria.

November 3. P. & O. Valetta departed from Alexandria via Malta the 6th to arrive at Marseilles November 9.

November 10. London transit stamp.

November 12. R. M. S. Africa of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool (regular westbound stops at Queenstown were not made at this time.)

November 25. Africa arrived at N.Y., mail bulked to Boston. Exchange Office there marked 5¢ U.S. domestic due. This plus the 34¢ paid at Calcutta equalled the 39¢ rate per ¼-oz. by British mail via Marseilles.



1859-60

INDIA TO U.S. via Bombay, Overland Mail & Marseilles

P. & O. Line: S. S. Emeu, Bombay to Suez

S. S. Vectis, Alexandria to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R. M. S. Arabia, Queenstown to New York



December 31, 1859. Letter paid at Calcutta for all but the 5¢ U.S. Inland portion of the postage. This was at the 1 February 1859 rate of 9 anna 6 pies via Southampton to which was added the French transit rate of 4 annas (per ½-oz.) to total 13a. 6 pies (13½a.). At 1 anna = 3¢ U.S., this gives a U.S. equivalent of 40¢. This plus the 5¢ collect in the U.S. totalled the 45¢ rate to India of May 1859, U.S. rates.

British marked a debit to India of 1sh.7d. in manuscript. This was equivalent to 1sh. (24¢) + 7d. (14¢) = 38¢, which allowed India 1d. (2¢) for her internal handling.

January 9, 1860. Transit backstamp at Bombay, terminus of the Peninsular & Oriental Line.

January 10. P. & O. Emeu departed Bombay and arrived at Suez Jan. 24. Mails went by rail across the Isthmus of Suez to Alexandria.

Jan. 26. P. & O. Vectis departed Alexandria arrived Marseilles Feb. 2.

Feb. 4. London transit. R.M.S. Arabia departed L'pool, picked up mails at Q'town Feb. 5, arrived N.Y. Feb. 18. Feb. 19. Mail bulked to Boston, 5¢ due (see above.) Perfect strike of the spectacular mark, B. 874

1860-61

U.S. TO INDIA VIA MARSEILLES AND BOMBAY
CUNARD LINE: R.M.S. Asia, New York to Queenstown
LIGNE D'EGYPTE: Marseilles to Alexandria, Paquebot Phase
P. & O. LINE: S.S. Northam, Suez to Bombay



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December 18, 1860. A letter concerning shipping New England ice to India, posted at Boston, was paid at the open mail rate to India by British Packet transatlantic via Marseilles and Suez. The 5¢ rate paid only the U.S. Inland portion of the passage, paid by the 5¢ brown type II, Issue of 1860 (Sc. 30A.) Letter has the BOSTON BR. PKT. backstamp and was forwarded to New York.

December 19. R.M.S. Asia of the Cunard Line sailed from New York for Liverpool.



January 1, 1861. Asia touched at Queenstown where this letter went ashore and arrived at London January 2 for processing, backstamp. At London the letter was charged at 8d. (16¢) transatlantic plus 8d. per ½-oz. packet letter rate to India via Marseilles (as endorsed.) Mail via France was forwarded to Marseilles where the paquebot Phase of the Ligne d'Egypte (7th Variant) departed on January 9, arrived at Alexandria

January 12. Mails were sent across Egypt to meet the January 14 sailing of the P. & O. Line's S.S. Northam for Bombay. She sailed on that date, touched at Aden January 20.



January 28. Northam arrived at Bombay, and mail was forwarded across India to arrive at Calcutta February 7, backstamps. This letter was charged at 12 anna + 1 anna inland = 13a. due. (St.Bg. = Steamer Bearing or postage due.)

For comparison purposes with one anna = 3¢ U.S., the charge at 13a. x 3¢ = 39¢ U.S. equivalent.

1861

U. S. TO CALCUTTA VIA MARSEILLES

North German Lloyd: S. S. Bremen, New York to Southampton

P. & O. Line: S. S. Massilia, Marseilles to Alexandria

S. S. Nubia, Suez to Calcutta



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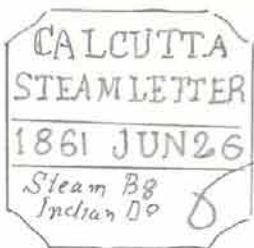
May 10, 1861. A letter dated at Boston and paid at the rate to India, British Mail, open American Packet, at 21¢. This covered carriage only to Britain at 16¢ Sea (American Packet) + 5¢ U.S. Inland = 21¢. Postage beyond Britain was handled as unpaid. U.S. postage was paid by 2 copies of the 10¢ type V, Issue of 1859 (Sc. 35) plus 1¢ type V, Issue of 1857 (Sc. 28), all cancelled by the large Boston PAID. Transit by American packet is shown by the Boston Exchange Office backstamp.

May 11. S. S. Bremen of the Norddeutscher Lloyd sailed from N.Y. for Bremen via Southampton.



May 23. Bremen arrived at Southampton, same day transit backstamp at London. India was debited for 8d. This was the British Packet share of the April 1868 9d. rate per ½-oz., Britain to India via France. Letter went through France to Marseilles where the P. & O. Line steamship dates were:

<u>S.S. Massilia</u>		<u>S.S. Nubia</u>	
Marseilles	May 29	Suez	June 5
Malta	May 31-Jun. 1	Aden	11
Alexandria	4	Galle	19
		Calcutta	26.



June 26. Calcutta Steam Letter arrival backstamp. The rate of 6 annas per ½-oz., rate via France of June 29, 1857, was due. This included Indian inland. This left India 1d. for her inland postage.

1861-62

BOMBAY, INDIA TO U.S. VIA MARSEILLES AND ENGLAND

P. & O. Line: S.S. China, Bombay to Suez

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Asia, Queenstown to New York

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November 21, 1861. A letter to the U.S. posted at Bombay at the January 1857 British open mail rate via Marseilles. It was paid by East India stamps at 11½ annas, equivalent to 34¢ U.S.. This paid the U.S. rate of 39¢ less the 5¢ U.S. inland charge. . The 34¢ was divided: British Transit 12¢, French Transit 6¢, transatlantic 16¢.

Ocean transit to Britain was: P. & O. Line, S.S. China, Bombay, Nov. 27; Aden Dec. 4-5; Dec. 11. Mails went overland across Egypt to Alexandria. Letter then went by British or French packet to Marseilles.

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December 21. Letter in transit at London. It was forwarded via Queenstown. R.M.S. Asia, British Packet, had departed from Liverpool Dec. 21, touched at Queenstown Dec. 22. West-bound she called at Halifax to land troops.

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January 3, 1862. Asia landed at New York, Boston mails bulked there by rail for processing on the 4th. 5¢ U.S. inland rate due only as all other charges had been paid in India.

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1862-63

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Candia, Calcutta to Galle to Suez.

S.S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

CUNARD LINE, R.M.S. Australasian, Queenstown to New York.



December 8, 1862. Whitney Brothers & Co. Printed Circular posted at Calcutta at the 2 anna printed matter rate. It is endorsed: pr Str. Candia/Via Marseilles. The printed heading of the circular is also printed: PER STR. "CANDIA".

Candia departed from Calcutta, touched at Galle December 18, Aden December 27 and arrived Suez January 2, 1863.

January 6, 1863. P. & O. Valetta departed from Alexandria with the Indian mails via Malta January 10, arrived Marseilles January 13.

January 15. London transit. R.M.S. Australasian of the Cunard Line left Liverpool Jan. 17 and picked up this circular with the London mails at Queenstown on January 18.

February 1. Australasian arrived at New York. Rate included delivery to addressee at Kennebunkport, Maine.



1865

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
 VICTORIA TO U.S. VIA SUEZ AND SOUTHAMPTON

S. S. Madras, Sydney to Galle, Ceylon

S. S. Mooltan, Galle to Suez

S. S. Massilia, Alexandria to Southampton

R. M. S. Canada (Cunard,) Queenstown to Boston



October 25, 1865. This letter was posted at Ballarat, Victoria, next day transit backstamp at Melbourne, at a rate of 1sh.2d., which took the letter only to the port at Boston. This was made up of the 6d. paid letter rate to Britain via Southampton plus the 8d. transatlantic rate, total 14d. or 1sh.2d. The 1sh.2. (28¢) plus the 5¢ U.S. collect is equivalent to 33¢, the U.S. all inclusive rate of January 1851. The red manuscript "8" is a credit to Britian for the 8d. transatlantic.

P. & O. Line schedule to Southampton was as follows:

<u>S.S. Madras</u>		<u>S.S. Mooltan</u>		<u>S.S. Massilia</u>	
Sydney	Oct. 22	Galle	Nov. 19	Alexandria	Dec. 7
→ Melbourne	24-26	Aden	28-29	Malta	11-12
King Geo. S'nd	Nov. 1	Suez	Dec. 4	Gibraltar	17
Galle	16			Southampton	22.

Dec. 22. Transit at London where mail was made up for Queenstown. R.M.S. Canada departed Liverpool Dec. 23, touched at Q'town. for the mails on the 24th and arrived at Boston Jan. 11, 1866. The Boston Exchange Office marked letter for a collect of 5¢ for U.S. Inland. Docket notes receipt at Loveland on Jan. 15.



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SINGAPORE TO U.S. VIA Galle, Suez and Marseilles.

P. & O. LINE. S.S. Orissa, Hong Kong to Galle, Ceylon.

P. & O. LINE. S.S. Mooltan, Galle to Suez.

P. & O. LINE. S.S. Pera, Alexandria to Marseilles.

GUION LINE. S.S. Colorado, Queenstown to New York.

Feb. 9. The P. & O. Liner Orissa left Hong Kong on her homeward bound voyage.

Feb. 15-16. Orissa called at Singapore and picked up the Indian and British mails, arriving at Galle Feb. 23.

Feb. 24. Mooltan departed from Galle with the British and European mails, arriving at Suez March 11.

March 11-13. Mail in transit overland across Egypt, Suez to Alexandria.

March 14. Pera departed Alexandria, arrived at Marseilles March 20 (Poonah departed Alexandria March 14, but didn't reach Southampton via Malta and Gibraltar until March 29.)

March 22. Letter transit at London. Bagged U.S. mails sent on to Queenstown.

March 24. S.S. Colorado, Capt. Green, of the Guion Line had departed from Liverpool March 23 and picked up the U.S. mails at her call at Queenstown March 24.

April 5. N.Y. Times. Arrived N.Y. Sunday April 4, Steamship Colorado with merchandise and 698 passengers to Williams & Guion.

1869

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

SINGAPORE TO U.S. via Marseille

From January 1, 1868 to December 31, 1869, the rate was 42¢ per 1/2 ounce, applied as follows:

U.S. Share	10¢
British Share:	
British	24¢
French transit	8¢
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	42¢.



2 CENTS

February 15, 1869. Singapore killer cancels Straits stamps, 24¢ x 2 = 48¢, 6¢ overpaid. British office restated rate as 1/8 in red mms. at 1/- = 24¢ + (8d. = 16¢) = 40¢ total leaving 2¢ for Singapore.
Backstamp of Forwarding Agent at Singapore.

March 22, 1869. Transit at London. 2¢ direct debit noted as Singapore had retained this amount.



April 5. New York transit mark "PAID ALL".

1870

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

SINGAPORE TO BOSTON via Marseille

From Jan. 1, 1870 - Jan. 1, 1871, a special "China" rate was in effect of 36¢ U.S. for letters not over ½ ounce. This was applied as follows:

U.S. Share	4¢
British Share:	
British	24¢
French transit	8¢
	<u>36¢</u>



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June 2, 1870. Letter posted at Singapore, prepaid 36¢ Straits. Stamps marked "B&Co" (Boustead & Co.) as security against them being "lifted" by native clerks. The adhesives were cancelled by the "D14" British Post Office number obliterator assigned to Singapore.

July 2, 1870. Letter, which went via French Packet to Marseille, stamped transit at London. 1sh.6d. (equivalent to 36¢) restated in crayon with 2d. (4¢) credit allowed to U.S. Under these short-lived rates (above) Britain got her normal 24¢ transatlantic rate.



July 23, 1870. Boston arrival.

1864

CALCUTTA TO BOSTON VIA MARSEILLES AND PORTLAND

P. & O. Line: S.S. Behar, Bombay to Suez

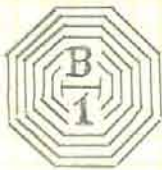
Ligne du Egypte: S.S. Peluse, Alexandria to Marseilles

Transatlantic via Allan Line: S.S. Peruvian

The Indian rate to the U.S. by British mail via Marseilles was the rate via Southampton plus the French transit charges. As of July 24, 1858, these were, as follows:

U.S. via Southampton	9 annas	4 pies	
French transit	2 "	8 "	
	12 "		(equiv. = 36¢ U.S.)
Collect in United States			5¢
			41¢

At this time equivalent U.S. rate was 39¢ per ¼-oz.



INDIA PAID



May 22, 1864. 8 annas + 4 annas East India stamps prepay this letter to port of entry at the U.S. British marked the front in red with 1 shilling 3d. (1/3d) debit to India for transit beyond India. this left India about 6¢ for internal handling, Calcutta to Bombay.

May 24. P. & O. Line S.S. Behar departed Bombay, arrived at Suez June 8. Mail went by rail across the Isthmus via Cairo to Alexandria.

June 9. The French paquebot Peluse of the Ligne d'Egypte departed from Alexandria, arrived at Marseilles June 15.

June 30. Mail held at London for the Allan Line sailing. Peruvian departed L'pool. June 30 and touched at Londonderry July 1. 16¢ credit to U.S. for American packet.

July 12. Peruvian arrived at Quebec, mails ashore at Riviere du Loup. Mail bulked to Boston where this Exchange Office mark was struck. 5¢ due for U.S. Inland.



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1870

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BOMBAY AND MARSEILLES

P.&O. Line: S.S. China, Bombay to Suez

Allan Line: S.S. Nestorian, Liverpool to Portland, Maine

CHICAGO EXCHANGE OFFICE



January 3, 1870. This letter was paid at Calcutta at the British Mail rate via Marseilles. This was arrived at by taking the rate via Southampton of 9 annas 4 pies and adding the French transit charge of 2a.8p. (all per ½-oz.) to total 12 a., franked by the 4 annas green of 1866 and the 8a. rose 1868. This was the March 1868 rate equivalent to 36¢ U.S. at 3¢ per anna. Although the rate had changed on Jan. 1, 1870 to 30¢ per ½-oz., all charges were handled on the 36¢ rate basis.

January 8. The P. & O. Liner S.S. China departed from Bombay and arrived at Suez on Jan. 23. Letter went across the Isthmus of Suez to Alexandria thence to Marseilles by British packet, eventually to arrive at London about Feb. 2. It was there marked with a credit to Britain of 1 sh. (24¢) + 5d. (10¢) = 1/5d. or 34¢, leaving 1d. (2¢) for Indian handling. In addition, another 2¢ was credited to the U.S. under Article XV of the Convention of 7-24 Nov. 1868: "The British Post Office shall account to the U.S. Post Office for the sum of 2 cents upon any single paid letter sent through the U.K. in ordinary mails addressed to the United States."

February 3. The Allan Line Nestorian departed from Liverpool and arrived at Portland Feb. 15. Her western U.S. mails were bulked to Chicago where the Exchange Office there struck this PAID arrival mark Feb. 17. Allan Liners (Canadian Packet) were "American" packets by contract.

This is a scarce mark (5 seen.)



1870

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BOMBAY AND MARSEILLES

P. & O. Line: S.S. China, Bombay to Suez

S.S. Ceylon, Alexandria to Marseilles

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Tarifa, Queenstown to N.Y via Boston

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Messrs. GEO. W. DOW & SONS,

NEW-YORK,

P. O., BOX 2504.

U. S. America.

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August 10, 1870. Single weight letter, not over ½-oz., with postage paid at Alleppy, Madras by a spectacular combination of a strip of 4, a strip of 3 and a single of the half-anna blue (4 anna total) plus the 8a. rose East India adhesives, Issues of 1867-68 to total 12 annas. This made up the rate of

March 1868, as follows:

British Packet rate via Southampton	9a.4p.
French overland transit per ½-oz.	2a.8p.
(Equivalent to U.S. at 3¢/anna x 12 = 36¢)	12a.

August 17. Transit backstamp at Bombay. British debited India for 1sh.5d. (equiv. to 34¢ U.S.) shown in red manuscript. This left India with 1d. (2¢) for her internal handling. The S.S. China sailed from Bombay the same day for Suez where she arrived Sept. 2. Letter went by rail across the Isthmus to Alexandria, arriving there Sept. 4.

Sept. 10. P. & O. S.S. Ceylon departed Alexandria to arrive at Marseilles Sept. 16. As Paris was under seige by the Germans, the mails for London were routed via Tours to the West, increasing the normal transit time. Paris fell on Sept. 19 while this letter was in transit through France. Because of the war, the route "via Marseilles" was discontinued Oct. 19, 1870, in favor of "via Brindisi".

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Sept. 21. Transit at London, "crosshairs" inspectors' mark. Under Article XV of the Convention of 7-24 Nov. 1868, British credited to U.S. 2¢ for every paid letter sent through the U.K. Sept. 23. Cunard Tarifa, Murphy, from L'pool 22nd via Queens-town 23 for Boston where she arrived Oct. 6, then to N.Y. Oct. 7.

References from the London Times

September 8, 1870.

Malta Sept. 6

OUTWARD INDIA MAIL

The Ceylon from Southampton on the 27th ult. arrived at 5 a.m. and left at 7 p.m. on the 5th inst., for Alexandria.

September 12

INDIA AND CHINA MAILS

Alexandria Sept. 10.

The Ceylon left at 4 and the Pera at 6 p.m. this day. The former may be expected at Marseilles on the 16th, and the latter at Southampton about the 23rd inst.

September 15

HOMEWARD INDIA AND CHINA MAILS

Messina Sept. 13

The Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Ceylon passed Messina at 4 this afternoon en route for Marseilles.

SHIP NEWS

Brindisi Sept. 14

The Adriatic and Oriental Company's steamer Prince Carignano, 80 hours from Alexandria, arrived here this morning. She brings 21 passengers. Letters will probably be delivered in London on Saturday morning, Sept. 17.

September 17

HOMEWARD INDIA AND CHINA MAILS

Marseilles Sept. 16

The Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Ceylon arrived at 6:30, and the mails leave at 10:50 a.m. this day for London via Tours.

September 19, Monday.

Brindisi Sept. 18

The Adriatic and Oriental Company's steamer Il Principe Tomas has arrived here. She left Alexandria on Saturday at noon with the mails direct via Brindisi.

HOMEWARD INDIA AND CHINA MAILS

Gibraltar Sept. 18

The Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Pera leaves for Southampton at 10 o'clock this morning. All well. She may be looked for on Thursday evening, the 23d. inst.

(N.B.: Pera arrived Southampton Sept. 22).

1870

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BOMBAY AND BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Columbian, Bombay to Suez

Adriatic & Oriental SS Co.: S.S. Cairo, Alexandria to Brindisi

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

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October 22, 1870. This was a double weight letter, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 oz., with postage paid at Alleppy, Madras by a pair of the 2 annas yellow of 1865, 4a. green type I of 1866 and two singles of the 8 annas rose on blue of 1855 to total 24 annas. This made up the rate of March 1868, as follows:

British Packet rate via Southampton,	
9a.4p./ $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. x 2	= 18a.8p.
French overland transit, 5a.4p. per ounce	= 5a.4p.
(Equivalent to U.S. at 3¢/anna x 24a. = 72¢)	24a.

October 29. Transit backstamp at Bombay. British debited India for 2 shillings (48¢) + 10d. (20¢) = 68¢ or 2/10d. shown in manuscript. this left India with 2d. (4¢) for her internal handling.

October 30. P. & O. Liner Columbian departed Bombay, arrived at Suez November 11. Letter went across the Isthmus of Suez to Alexandria. Although the writer had endorsed the letter "Via Marseilles", the British mails had ceased to be sent via Marseilles as of October 19 due to delays caused by the Franco-Prussian War, although the P&O steamers still called at that port.

Nov. 12. The Adriatic & Oriental Co.'s steamer Cairo left Alexandria for Brindisi with the Indian mails, arriving at Brindisi November 15.

Nov. 19. Transit at London. Under Article XV of the Convention of 7-24 Nov. 1868, the British Post Office was to credit the U.S. 2¢ for every single paid letter sent thru the U.K. Double unique 4¢ here. RMS China transatlantic.

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All clippings from the London Times.

Tues. October 25, 1870

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS)

INDIA, CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN MAILS

Suez Oct. 23

The Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Candia arrived at 5 p.m. on Thursday and the Baroda at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Alexandria, Oct. 23.

The Pera and Massilia left at 10 this morning. The former may be expected at Marseilles on the 29th inst., and the latter at Southampton about the 5th proximo.

Note- It is concluded that the Pera brings no mails for Marseilles, but that they have been forwarded via Brindisi as advertised.

November 7, 1870

BOMBAY (HEAVY) MAIL

Gibraltar

The Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Salsette leaves at 2 p.m. today for Southampton, where she may be looked for about the morning of the 12th inst.

November 8

INDIA AND CHINA (HEAVY) MAILS

Alexandria, Nov. 6

The P. & O. Co.'s steamrt Poonah left at 10 a.m. to-day for Southampton, where she may be expected about the 19th inst. Specie on board, 72,000l from India. The Adriatic and Oriental Company's steamer Brindisi left here at 10a.m. to-day, with the whole of the India mails directed via Brindisi.

November 10

INDIA AND CHINA (HEAVY) MAILS

Malta, Nov. 9

The P. & O. steamer Poonah leaves at 1 this afternoon for Southampton, where she may be expected about the 18th inst.

November 11

INDIAN MAIL

Brindisi, Nov. 9

The Adriatic & Oriental's steamer Brindisi, 72 hours from Alexandria, has arrived here, with 29 passengers and 48 bags of Indian mails. Her letters will probably be in London on Saturday morning (12th).

November 14.

The Peninsular & Oriental Company's steamer Columbian (from Bombay the 29th ult.) arrived at Suez a 3 on Friday afternoon the 11th inst.

Alexandria, Nov. 12

The Pera, with the heavy portion of this mail, left at 4.40 this afternoon for Southampton, where she may be expected about the 25th inst.

1871

INDIA TO UNITED STATES

Closed Mail Rate via England

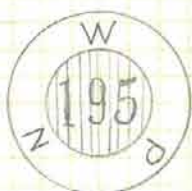
P. & O. Line, Bombay to Suez

S.S. Hydaspes

White Star Line, Transatlantic

S.S. Adriatic

The closed mail rate via England was 24¢ U.S. per ½-oz., effective October 1871 - July 1875. Rate here paid by a pair of the 4 annas East India stamps or 8 annas. One anna was equivalent to 3¢ U.S., so 8a. x 3¢/anna = 24¢.



Jan. 24-25, 1873. North West Provinces railroad cancellation obliterates stamps and railroad transit backstamps.

Jan. 27. Transit backstamp at Bombay. The P. & O. Liner S.S. Hydaspes departed Bombay Feb. 3, 1873, arrived Suez Feb. 16. At this time British mail still went overland by rail, Suez to Alexandria, to fulfill a contract with the railroad, even though the Suez Canal was open.



Feb. 26, 1873. London transit, tracking exactly with the normal 10 days, Suez to London via Alexandria. The White Star Liner Adriatic, Capt. Perry, departed Liverpool Feb. 27, Queenstown 28th, where this letter went aboard.

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March 10. Handstamp agrees with the recorded arrival date at N.Y. of the Adriatic. "2" allows 2¢ credit to U.S.

1874-75

BOMBAY TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI

P.&O. Line: S.S. Malwa, Bombay to Suez

S.S. Venetia, Alexandria to Brindisi

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



December 5, 1874. A letter posted at Ahmednuggur City in the Bombay Circle, and endorsed: Via Southampton. City receiving backstamp. Postage was paid by the 8 anna Issue of 1868. The rate to the U.S. via Southampton was 8a., equivalent to 22¢ U.S., effective January 1870-July 1875.

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December 7. Transit backstamp at Bombay where Britain was credited with 10d. (red mss. on face) leaving India with 1d. for her internal postage. S.S. Malwa, P. & O. Line, departed from Bombay on December 7, called at Aden the 13th and arrived at Suez December 19.

Although paid at the "via Southampton" rate, to expedite its transmission, this letter was forwarded via Brindisi, where the rate was 10 anna (28¢).

December 23. S.S. Venetia, P. & O., departed from Alexandria, Egypt and arrived at Brindisi December 30.

January 4, 1875. Transit at London where the U.S. was credited with 2¢ for a paid letter in transit through Britain per Convention of Nov. 1868.



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January 5. S.S. Hermann, NGL, from Bremen touched at Southampton Jan. 5.

January 20. Hermann arrived at New York. Letter PAID ALL through to Sherborne, Mass.



1875

BOMBAY TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Venetia, Bombay to Suez

S.S. Nizam, Alexandria to Brindisi

North German Lloyd: S.S. Mosel, Southampton to New York

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8, 1875. A letter paid at Bombay 10 annas, the May 4, 1872 rate to the U.S. via Brindisi. Rate made up by a pair of the 4a., Issue of 1866 and the 2a. orange of 1865. This was equivalent to 30¢ U.S. Britain debited India for 1sh.2d. (red manuscript), equivalent to 28¢ U.S. They left India with 1d. (2¢) for Indian Inter-

nal postage. Adhesives cancelled by the Bombay railway "outward" obliterator.

Transit to Britain was by P. & O. steamers. Sea Post Office transit backstamp struck aboard S.S. Venetia upon leaving Bombay.

<u>S.S. Venetia</u>	Bombay	Mar. 8	<u>S.S. Nizam</u>	Alexandria	Mar. 21
	Aden	15		Brindisi	25
	Suez	20			



March 29. London transit. Under Article XV of the Convention of 7-24 Nov. 1868, Britain credited U.S. with 2¢ for every paid letter sent through the U.K. to the U.S.

North German Lloyd's S.S. Mosel carried the letter transatlantic: Bremen March 27, Southampton Mar. 30, N.Y. April 10.

1875

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI

P.&O. Line: S.S. Mirzapore, Bombay to Suez

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Bothnia, Queenstown to New York



September 10, 1875. Letter paid at Bombay at the 10 annas rate to the U.S. via Brindisi by the 2 annas orange of 1865 and the 8a. rose of 1868. Letter endorsed: "Via Brindisi." S.S. Mirzapore of the P. & O. Line departed from Bombay this date, same day sorting aboard the ship, Sea Post Office backstamp. Cancellation of Bombay "1" is attributed to the Bombay head office.

September 24. Mirzapore arrived at Suez. Mail sent on to Alexandria, thence by steamer to Brindisi.

October 1. Transit at London. R.M.S. Bothnia cleared Queenstown October 2.

October 13. Arrival mark at New York. N.Y. Times, N.Y. Oct. 13: Arrived Steam-ship Bothnia (Br.), Moodie, Liverpool Oct. 2 and Queenstown 3rd to Charles G. Francklyn.



1875-76

THE 21¢ RATE TO INDIA, BRITISH MAIL VIA SOUTHAMPTON

Cunard Line: R.M.S. Bothnia, New York to Queenstown

P. & O. Line: S.S. Hindostan, Brindisi to Alexandria

S.S. Deccan, Suez to Bombay

November 23, 1875. A cover posted at Audenried, Penn. and paid at the 21¢ rate to India, effective July 1875 to July 1876. Payment is by 2 copies of the 10¢ Continental Bank Note Issue of 1873, and the 1¢ National Bank Note Issue of 1870, without grill. This and one other cover have been recorded for the 21¢ rate of 7/75 to 7/76.



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November 24. R.M.S. Bothnia of the Cunard Line departed from New York, She arrived at Queenstown December 3.

December 4. London transit mark. As British India was not yet a member of the General Postal Union, this rate consisted of the 5¢ GPU rate to Britain plus the 8d. (16¢) rate from Britain to India. The originating country (U.S.) was allowed to keep the GPU payment of 5¢, but had to credit the transit fees beyond the GPU country to a non-GPU country. This was done in French centimes, so Britain was credited with 80 centimes (at 5 cent. = 2¢), equivalent to 16¢. Britain allowed India 1d. (2¢) for her internal postage, shown by the red handstamp "1d".

This letter was endorsed "Via Southampton" and the correct rate of 21¢ was prepaid. However, the P. & O. Line steamer Surat had departed from Southampton on December 2, so this letter missed her sailing. Rather than hold up the mail, the India mails were sent trans-Europe to Brindisi to meet the Dec. 13 sailing of S.S. Hindostan from that port. Although the rate via Brindisi was 27¢, no additional charge was made in the interest of expediting the mail. Hindostan arr. Alexandria Dec. 16, S.S. Deccan departed Suez Dec. 24, backstamp, arr. Bombay Jan. 5, 1876.



1876

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BOMBAY AND BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Venetia, Bombay to Suez

S.S. Baroda. Alexandria to Brindisi

Norddeutscher Lloyd: S.S. Donau, Southampton to N.Y.



April 3, 1876. A paid letter directed "Via Brindisi", franked at the 10 anna May 4, 1872 rate to U.S. This was equivalent to the July 1875 U.S. rate of 27¢ by British Packet via Brindisi. British debited India for 1sh.1d. (mss.) or 26¢ U.S., leaving India with 1d. (2¢) for internal postage. This is late usage of this rate as India joined the U.P.U. July 1, 1876, when the rate became 5 annas.

S.S. Venetia struck the Sea Post Office backstamp upon leaving Bombay. Transit by P. & O. Line was:

<u>S.S. Venetia</u>	Bombay	April 3	<u>S.S. Baroda</u>	Alexandria	Apr. 17
	Aden	10		Brindisi	20
	Suez	16			



April 24. Letter transit at London, was forwarded to Southampton to meet the S.S. Donau of the North German Lloyd Line.

N.Y. Times. Arr. N.Y. May 7, steam-ship Donau (Ger.,) Bussins, Bremen Apr. 11, via Southampton 25th to Oelrichs & Co.

1880

PROME, BRITISH BURMAH TO VERMONT VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Thibet, Bombay to Suez

S.S. Ceylon, Alexandria to Brindisi

Inman Line: S.S. City of Richmond, Queenstown to New York



PROME.
SEP. 30

*It was delivered in five days
Please return to J. C. Brambley,
Prome, British Burmah via
Suez. Recd. Nov. 12, 1880. J.C.B.*

Mr. Edward Kovercross
~~XXXX~~ Westfield
Vermont,
U.S.A.

Through Italy.

September 30, 1880. Letter posted at Prome, British Burmah, and postage paid by East Indian stamps. The letter rate to all General Postal Union countries of July 1878 was 3 annas except via Brindisi it was 5 a. On Feb. 1, 1880, letters to the U.K. and all Union countries sent via Brindisi became 4a.6 pies, otherwise 3 annas. This letter was accepted at the 3a. rate, even though directed "Through Italy." Indian stamps used in Burmah are cancelled by a dumb diamond shaped grid. This is an extremely scarce usage.

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October 9, 1880. S.S. Thibet, P. & O. Line, departed Bombay where this SEA POST OFFICE transit backstamp was struck.

October 21. Thibet arrived at Suez. Mail went by Egyptian railway, Suez to Alexandria.

October 22. S.S. Ceylon, P. & O. Line, departed Alexandria and arrived at Brindisi on October 25.

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October 26. Torrino, Italy railway post office transit backstamp.

October 28. Steam-ship City of Richmond, Leitch, departed Liverpool and picked up the European mails at Queenstown the 29th.

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November 7. City of Richmond arrived at New York. Letter sent to Derby, Vermont and forwarded to Westfield, Vermont at no extra charge per G.P.U. rules.

1883-84

U. S. TO INDIA VIA BRITAIN

Hamburg - American Line: S.S. Westphalia, N.Y. to Plymouth
P. & O. Line: S.S. Ganges, London to Bombay



December 11, 1883. A letter paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate, Kingwood, W. Va., to a missionary at Cawnpore, India. Embossed envelope, 3¢ Issue of 1875, die 2 was augmented by 2¢ American Bank Note, Issue of 1879 to make up the 5¢ rate. Letter was routed via New York.

December 13. The steamsip Westphalia departed from New York.

London Times, December 24. The Hamburg-American steamer Westphalia from New York Dec. 13 with the U.S. mails arrived at Plymouth at 10:30 A.M. yesterday (23rd.)

London Times, December 28. The P. & O. Line steamer Ganges, from London for Suez, Aden and Bombay has arrived at Port Said.

December 28. Transit backstamp of the Aden to Bombay Sea Post Office. The Ganges' dates were: Suez Dec. 30; Aden, Jan. 3-4, 1884; Bombay Jan. 9.



January 11, 1884. Arrival backstamp at Cawnpore.

1888

U. S. TO INDIA VIA BRINDISI

North German Lloyd: S.S. Fulda, N.Y. to Southampton

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

S.S. Siam, Aden to Bombay



May 24, 1888. Letter to India posted at Glastonbury, Conn. and the 5¢ U.P.U. rate paid by the Issue of 1882. Same day transit at Hartford.

May 25. New York transit backstamp.

May 26. S.S. Fulda of the North German Lloyd departed from N.Y.

N.Y. Times. BY CABLE, SOUTHAMPTON, June 4. The NGL steamship Fulda, Capt. Ringk, from New-York May 26 arr. here at 11 P.M. yesterday and proceeded for Bremen.

June 6. Transit backstamp at Brindisi. S.S. Arcadia of the P. & O. Line departed Brindisi June 10-11, via Suez the 14th, arrived at Aden June 18.

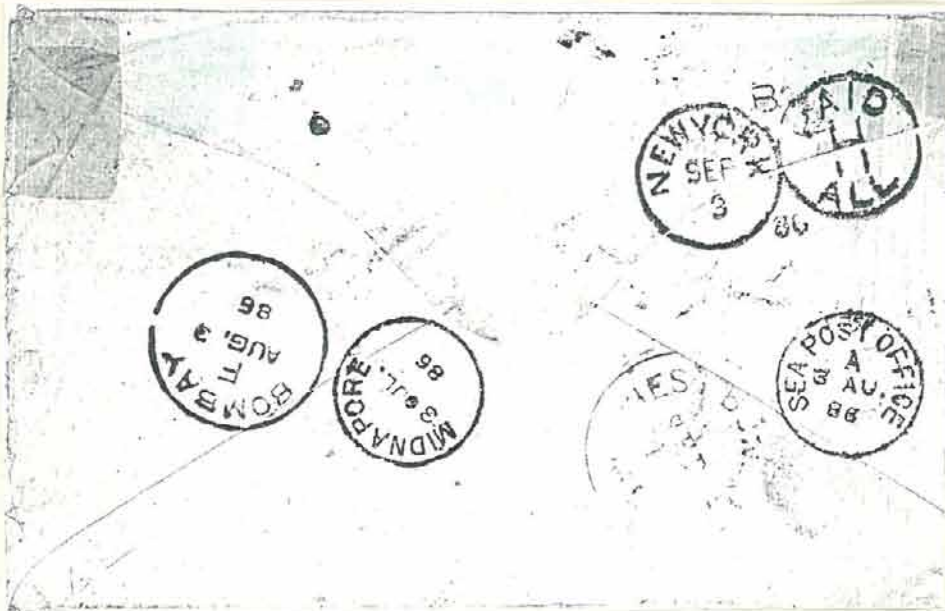


June 18. S.S. Siam of the P. & O. Line departed Aden for Bombay where she arrived June 23. Sea Post Office backstamp struck at Aden.

June 27. Palmaner arrival backstamp.

1886

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
S. S. Gwalior, Bombay to Suez
S. S. Tanjore, Alexandria to Brindisi
Inman Line: S. S. City of Berlin, Queenstown to New York



1886

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

India to U.S. via Suez and Brindisi

S.S. Gwalior, Bombay to Suez

S.S. Tanjore, Alexandria to Brindisi

Inman Line: S.S. City of Berlin, Queenstown to New York



July 30, 1886. A letter paid at the 3 anna U.P.U. rate to member countries via Brindisi, franked with the Issue of 1882. It was posted at Midnapore in the Bengal Circle, and the stamp was cancelled by the Bengal Circle "C" obliterator without numbers, only a letter designation. Backstamp at Midnapore.



August 3. Letter went by rail to Bombay where it was received on August 3, backstamp. It also received the backstamp of the SEA POST OFFICE aboard the P. & O. Line's S.S. Gwalior, which departed from Bombay August 3, touched at Aden August 10 and arrived at Suez on August 15.

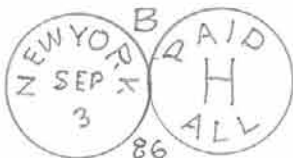
Because the rate indicated "via Brinsisi", the mail went overland by rail to Alexandria to meet the August 15 sailing of P. & O.'s S.S. Tanjore; she arrived at Brindisi August 18.

The English mail from Brindisi went across Europe by rail.

August 25. S.S. City of Berlin picked up U.S. mails at Queenstown.

September 3. N.Y. Times. Arrived N.Y. Sept. 3: Steamship City of Berlin, (Br.,) Lord, Liverpool Aug. 24 and Queenstown 25th with mdse and passengers to Peter Wright & Son.

September 4. West Bowdoin, Maine arrival backstamp.



1890

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
S.S. Bokhara, Bombay to Brindisi
CUNARD LINE: R.M.S. Gallia, Queenstown to New York.



June 10, 1890. A letter posted at Calcutta and paid at the 1886 rate to the U.K. and all Union countries sent via the U.K. at 4 anna 6 pies, Issue of 1882. Letter is endorsed: Via Brindisi.

June 13. S.S. Bokhara of the P. & O. Line departed from Bombay. She arrived at Brindisi via the Suez Canal on June 28. The closed mails went across Europe to Britain. The transit date at London was about June 30.

July 1. R.M.S. Gallia of the Cunard Line departed from Liverpool, arrived at N.Y. July 11.

July 11. Boston arrival backstamp.

N.B.: Two possible steamships could have carried this cover, per N.Y. Times sailing notices. Arrived July 11: SS Gallia, (Br.,) Murphy, L'pool and Q'town to Vernon H. Brown & Co. SS Germanic, (Br.,) L'p. & Q'n. 9 da.



1890

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI AND FRANCE

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

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



November 26, 1890. Letter posted at Calcutta and franked with the 3 anna Issue of 1882-87, endorsed: Via Brindisi & France.

The 1886 rate to the U.K. and all Union Countries sent via the U.K. was 4a.6 pies. That to the Continent of Europe and Union Countries not sent via the U.K. was 3 annas. This letter was accepted at the 3a. rate as it went closed mail, Brindisi to New York.

November 29. Transit backstamp aboard the P. & O. Line S.S. Assam which departed from Bombay Nov. 29, arrived at Aden December 5.

Dec. 10. P. & O. S.S. Aarat departed from Port Said, arrived Brindisi Dec. 13.

Dec. 17. S.S. Germanic of the White Star Line departed from Queenstown.

N.Y. Times Arr. N.Y. Dec. 27. SS Germanic (Br.,) Cameron, Liverpool and Queenstown 10 ds. to J. Bruce Ismay. Arrived at the Bar at 4:29 A.M.

Dec. 28. Williamsport, Penn. arrival backstamp.



1890-91

INDIA TO U.S. VIA BRINDISI AND FRANCE

P.&O. Line: S.S. Assam, Bombay to Port Said

S.S. Oceana, Port Said to Brindisi

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



December 15, 1890. Letter franked with the 3 annas Issue of 1882-87 and endorsed: Via Brindisi & France.

The 1886 rate to the U.K. and all Union countries sent via the U.K. was 4a. 6 pies. That to the Continent of Europe and Union Countries not sent via the U.K. was 3 annas. This letter was accepted at the 3a. rate as it went closed mail, Brindisi to New York.

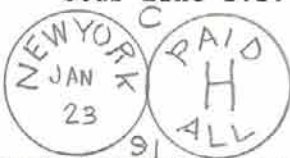
December 27. Transit backstamps at Bombay and the Sea Post Office aboard the P.& O. Line S.S. Assam. This steamship departed from Bombay Dec. 27, arrived at Aden Jan. 1, 1891.



S.S. Oceana of the same line transferred the mail via Brindisi at Port Said Jan. 6.

London Times, Jan. 10, Sat. BRINDISI, Jan. 9. The P.& O. s.s. OCEANA, from Sydney, arrived here at 10 a.m. to-day, and the train with the homeward India, China and Australian mails left at 1.30 p.m. Letters may be expected in London on Monday morning (Jan. 12).

London Times, Thursday, Jan. 15. LIVERPOOL, Jan. 14. The White Star Line s.s. GERMANIC for New-York, left the Mersey to-day.



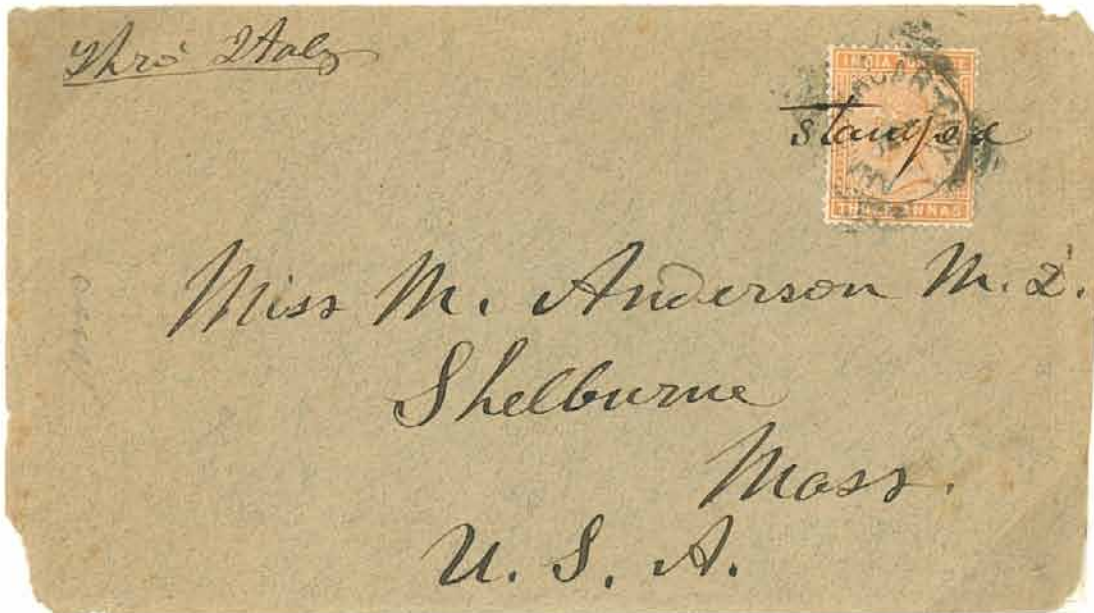
Jan. 23. N.Y. arrival backstamp. N.Y. Times, Arr. Jan. 23, SS Germanic, (Br.,) Cameron, L'pool and Q'town 9ds to J. Bruce Ismay, at the Bar 2.29AM.

1891

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Sutlej, Bombay to Brindisi

WHITE STAR LINE, S.S. Adriatic, Queenstown to N.Y.



January 28, 1891. Letter posted paid at the 3 anna U.P.U. rate at Ahmadnagar City (Ahmednuggar) in the Bombay Circle 64 miles northeast of Poonah.

This letter was prepaid to all General Postal Union countries or the U.K. at 2 annas 6 pies, here overpaid at 3 annas, Issue of 1882. This was originally issued for the 3 anna rate of July 1878 to the U.K via Southampton and all Union countries.

January 31. Letter in transit at Bombay, backstamps. The S.S. Sutlej of the P. & O. Line departed from Bombay January 31, Suez February 6, arrived at Brindisi February 14.

February 20. S.S. Adriatic of the White Star Line departed from Queenstown, Ireland.

N.Y. Times. Incoming Steamships DUE (SUNDAY) March 1, 1891. Adriatic, Queenstown Feb. 20.

ARRIVED, March 2 (MONDAY) SS Adriatic, Br.,) Smith, Liverpool via Queenstown 11 ds. to J. Bruce Ismay. Arrived at the Bar at 11 20 P.M. 1st.

March 3. Shelbourne, Mass. arrival backstamp.



1891

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
S. S. Bengal, Bombay to Brindisi
CUNARD LINE: R.M.S. Gallia, Queenstown to New York



86cs



March 25, 1891. A mourning letter posted at Delhi, India and paid 2 annas 6 pies by the Empire Issue of 1882. The January 1889 rate to the U.S. by British Mail was 3 a., hence this letter was underpaid by 6 pies ($\frac{1}{2}$ anna). This was equivalent to about 6 centimes, shown by the manuscript "D 6cts."

March 27-28. Transit backstamps at Bombay and routing aboard the Sea Post Office at Bombay. The S.S. Bengal of the P. & O. Line departed from Bombay on March 28 and arrived at Brindisi, Italy, via Suez Canal, on April 13.

April 15. R.M.S. Gallia, Cunard Line, departed from Queenstown with the U.S. Mails.

April 24. Gallia arrived at N.Y. As 5 centimes = 1¢ U.S. the 6 centimes underpayment was slightly over 1¢, which was doubled as a fine to over 2¢, rounded up to 3¢ due, shown by the handstamp on the letter face and the 2¢ + 1¢ Postage Due stamps on the reverse, Issue of 1891.



COLLECT POSTAGE 3 CENTS



This cover has posed some head-scratching for me. Using Wawrukiewicz and Beecher's tables, I come up with three possible routes for this 1891 letter:

1) British Mail rate, Jan. 1881, 2 anna (25 centimes). Overpaid $\frac{1}{2}$ a. (6 pies). I presume this rate was superseded by the Jan. 1889, thus would not apply to this letter.

2) Jan. 1889. Br. Mail via Brindisi, $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. (55 centimes). This seems the most logical route to me relative to date stamps (not to rates). If it went by this route, then underpayment was 2a. or 25 centimes. Thus, letter should show T = 25 centimes (5¢) underpayment and a double deficiency of 50 cent. (10¢) collected in the U.S. A very faint 15 mark in manuscript at U.L. of the face appears (I can't make out the denominator, which would indicate 15 centimes (3¢) underpaid. This may have been erased by some misguided soul to "improve" the cover. In this case, 6¢ should have been collected.

3). Jan. 1889. The other applicable rate was Br. Mail by "other route" of 3a. ($37\frac{1}{2}$ centimes). This would seem to give an underpayment of only $\frac{1}{2}$ anna (6 pies). At the above equivalents, this would equate to $6\frac{1}{2}$ centimes, and account for what looks like D 6 cts (centimes?) in mss at the left of the stamps. If this is so, it would convert to slightly over 1¢ U.S., maybe doubled and rounded off to 3¢, thus accounting for the 3¢ in due stamps in the U.S.

Dates are Bombay Sea Post Office (B/S) of March 28, 1891, N.Y. April 24. I make the voyages as:

P. & O. <u>S.S. Bengal</u>	Bombay	March 28, 1891
	Brindisi	April 11
Transit at London		April 13 (circa)
Cunard Line, <u>R.M.S. Gallia</u> Q.T.	N.Y.	April 15
		24 (N.Y. <u>Times</u>)

Your thots would be appreciated.

1891

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Siam, Bombay to Brindisi

WHITE STAR LINE: S.S. Teutonic, Queenstown to New York



March 28, 1891. A letter paid in India. It appears to be overpaid by the half-anna stamp. Effective January 1, 1891, the India U.P.U. rate became 2anna 6pies, which was covered by the stamped envelope. The prior, 1886, rate had been 3 anna to Union countries not sent via the U.K., which the sender may have thought still applied here. The letter is endorsed: Via Brindisi/Through Italy.

March 29. Calcutta transit backstamp.



April 4. Bombay transit backstamp. The S.S. Siam of the P. & O. Line departed from Bombay this date. She touched at Aden April 10 and arrived at Brindisi on April 17. The U.S. and British mails went overland across Europe to arrive at London on April 19.



April 21. S.S. Teutonic of the White Star Line departed from Liverpool, touched at Queenstown the 22nd. where this letter went aboard.

N.Y. Times. Arrived N.Y. April 29. SS Teutonic (Br.,) Davison, Liverpool via Queenstown 7 ds. with mdse. and pass. to J. Bruce Ismay. Arrived at the Bar at 2 30 PM.

1896

INDIA TO BALTIMORE VIA MARSEILLES AND NEW YORK
LIGNE N, Paquebot Salazie, Galle to Marseilles
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, S.S. Havel, Southampton to N.Y.



S. 1924/5

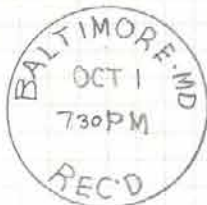
September 3, 1896. An envelope bearing the imprint of the Registrar, University, Madras and franked at the U.P.U. rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ annas by official stamps overprinted "On H.M.S.". Letter went by local steamer to Pointe de Galle, Ceylon.

The Paquebot Salazie, Ligne N, designated No. 5, departed Yokohama July 26, 1896, cleared Saigon August 23 and picked up the Indian mails at Galle. She arrived at Marseilles September 21. The mails then went by rail across France and by ferry to Southampton.

September 23. S.S. Havel of the North German Lloyd picked up the British and European mails at Southampton.

October 1. Backstamp. Arrived N.Y., S.S. Havel (Ger.,) Jungst, Bremen Sept. 22 and Southampton 23rd to Oelrichs & Co. Arrived at the Bar at 5:35 AM to-day.

October 1. 7:30 PM arrival backstamp at Baltimore.



1899

U. S. TO INDIA VIA BRINDISI

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

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



September 26, 1899. A letter paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate by the Issue of 1898. It is addressed to the American Mission at Rawalpindi, India.

N.Y. Times. OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS. Wednesday September 27: Majestic, Queenstown and Liverpool. Mails Close 9 AM, vessel sails 12M.

BY CABLE, London, October 5. SS Majestic, (Br.,) Capt. Smith arrived at Liverpool from New York yesterday.

October 9. Mail was sent by ferry across the English Channel then by rail to Brindisi, Italy, where the S.S. Egypt of the P. & O. Line departed October 9 and touched at Aden October 15. This letter received the transit backstamp aboard the Sea Post Office a Aden. The Egypt went on to arrive at Bombay October 20.



October 23. Letter arrived at Rawalpindi and was forwarded to Sialkot.

October 24. Sialkot arrival backstamp.

1900

U.S. TO INDIA VIA LONDON AND BRINDISI

American Line: S.S. St. Paul, N.Y. to Southampton

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



August 13, 1900. A letter paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate at Nashannock Falls, Penn. by the Issue of 1898. This letter was over ½-oz., but not over 1 oz., so the New York Foreign Department marked it with the deficiency in postage in French centimes (5 centimes = 1¢) per the U.P.U. rules.

N.Y. Times: Outgoing Steamships, Wed. Aug. 15, St. Paul, to Southampton. Mails close 7 A.M., vessel sails 10 A.M.

N.Y. Times: BY CABLE, LONDON, Aug. 21. SS St. Paul, Capt. Jamison, from N.Y. for Southampton, passed the Lizard at 5:10 A.M.

August 22. S.S. St. Paul arr. at Southampton from N.Y. to-day; passed Hurst Castle at 1:15 P.M.

Mails were forwarded overland to Brindisi. S.S. Arabia of the P. & O. Line departed that port August 26, arrived at Aden September 3.



Sept. 3. Bombay mails were struck with the Sea Post Office backstamp. Arabia arrived at Bombay Sept. 8, where the Indian post office marked the letter at 5 annas due, treating the letter as unpaid plus an unpaid fine (total is approximately 15¢ U.S.) ¶ Sep. 11. Dharmasalla arrival backstamps, also small green UNPAID.

1904

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
RANGOON, BRITISH BURMAH TO U.S. VIA BOMBAY & BRINDISI
S.S. Oriental, Bombay to Brindisi
S.S. Philadelphia (International Mercantile Marine Co.)
Southampton to New York



April 15, 1904. Missionary mail from the Karen Women's Bible School, Cantonment P.O., Rangoon, Burma. Stamped envelope and adhesives make up the 2½ anna U.P.U. rate to member countries.

Letter was posted aboard the outbound railway T.P.O., and went by rail to Bombay.

April 23. Sea Post Office transit backstamp struck aboard the S.S. Oriental of the P. & O. Line. She left Bombay April 23, touched at Aden the 28th and arrived Brindisi May 5.



May 7. The S.S. Philadelphia of the International Mercantile Marine Co. departed from Southampton this date, arrived at New York on May 14. Worcester, Mass. arrival backstamp.

1905

U.S. TO INDIA VIA BRINDISI AND SUEZ

White Star Line: S. S. Baltic, New York to Liverpool

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



October 16, 1905. Letter posted at Binghamton, N.Y. to Assam, India, paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate by the Issue of 1903.

N.Y. Times, VESSELS TO SAIL, WEDNESDAY, October 18:
Baltic, Liverpool. ,ails close 4:30 A.M., Vessel sails 8 A.M.

October 26. BY CABLE. Arrived at Liverpool, SS Baltic.

The India mails went across Europe to Brindisi, Italy. The Pennin-
sular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.'s S.S. Egypt departed from Brindisi
October 3, touched at Aden November 5, arrived at Bombay November 10.



November 14. Arrival
backstamp at Nowgong,
Assam, India.