

1871

HONG KONG TO GERMANY VIA TRIESTE

P. & O. Line: S.S. Emeu, Hong Kong to Galle

S.S. Australia, Galle to Suez

S.S. Malta, Alexandria to Brindisi

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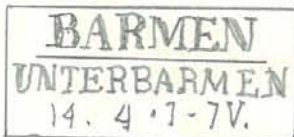
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1858

BOMBAY TO HONG KONG VIA POINTE DE GALLE, CEYLON
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Norna, Bombay to Hong Kong



April 30, 1858. Letter paid at Bombay at the Feb. 1, 1856 rate of 4 anna to China, British post offices, prepayment compulsory. Paid by 4a. Issue of 1855, issued under the East India Company, cancelled by the Type 4 at Bombay of the Bombay Circle. Letter endorsed: per steamer "Norna".

Bombay Times: POST OFFICE NOTICES. China Mail - Post Office packets for Ceylon, Penang, Singapore and Hong Kong, per P. & O. Co.'s steamer Norna, will be closed on Friday the 30th instant at 6 o'clock P.M. An after packet will be kept open on payment of the usual fee until 2 hours before the steamer is advertised to leave the harbour.

May 1. The P. & O. Company's steamer Norna, Capt. J. M. Rogers, which leaves Bombay this day has shipped eight hundred and eighty-three chests of Malwa opium.

Norna's dates from Pointe de Galle, Ceylon were: Galle, May 7; Penang 12th; Singapore 14-15th; Hong Kong, May 21. Letter backstamped at Hong Kong on arrival May 21, paid to Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co.



1858

INDIA

CALCUTTA TO HONG KONG

SHIP LETTER

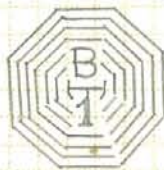


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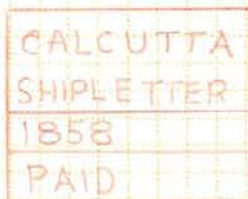
INDIA
CALCUTTA TO HONG KONG SHIP LETTER



June 23, 1858. Letter datelined at Calcutta. 2 anna orange East Indies stamp, Issue of 1855 is "tied" by the circular mark of Gillanders, Arbuthnot & Co., which mark has also been impressed on the reverse. This pays the 2 anna outgoing Ship Letter rate. Letter endorsed, "p Str. 'Thebes' ".



June 23, 1858. Letter handled by the G.P.O. at Calcutta, where postage stamp was cancelled by B/1, Type 7 obliterator of the Bengal Postal Circle.



Letter left Calcutta aboard the Thebes, and the Calcutta Ship Letter Office struck this PAID backstamp.

July 13, 1858. Letter arrived at Hong Kong, back-stamped. It was now subject to a collect fee of 4 pence, as shown by large mss. "4" on face.

1863-64

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. Pekin, Shanghai to Hong Kong

S.S. Ottawa, Hong Kong to Galle, Ceylon

S.S. Rangoon, Galle to Aden (Grounded off Aden)

S.S. Sultan, Aden to Suez

S.S. Valetta, Alexandria to Marseilles

FORWARDED BY
CARTER & CO

SHANGHAI
C
NO 8
63

HONGKONG
C
NO 13
63



November 7, 1863. A letter concerning the silk trade dated at Shanghai, unpaid. It was written by Carter & Co. who struck their forwarders' mark, here used as a corner card.

Letter was forwarded by P. & O. steamships as follows:

<u>S.S. Pekin</u>		<u>S.S. Ottawa</u>		<u>S.S. Rangoon</u>		<u>Rangoon</u> grounded off
Shanghai	Nov. 9	Hong Kong	Nov. 15	Galle	Dec. 1	Aden Dec. 10. <u>Sultan</u>
Hong Kong	13	Singapore	20-22	Aden	21	took her mails to Suez,
		Penang	24			arrived Dec. 27
		Galle	29			

POSS. ANG. V. SUEZ
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A. MARSEILLE

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S.1874 S.1901

December 30. S.S. Valetta departed from Alexandria, called at Malta Jan. 3-4, 1864, arrived Marseilles Jan. 7.

Jan. 7. Transit at Marseilles. France was debited for mail carriage by British Packet at the rate of 1f 22 4/10 centimes per 30 grams shown by the exchange mark. This applied to "Foreign Countries of Asia."

Jan. 8. Lyon arrival backstamp. 9 decimes due. This is in error as the correct rate was 8 decimes by this exchange. The 9d. rate was for mail exchanged at 1f 62 4/10cent., and applied to "British Possessions in Asia."

LYON
8
JANV.
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(88)

1865

HONG KONG TO SHANGHAI

Dent & Co.

S. S. Yesso

Rates by British Packet to Ceylon, Singapore, Ningpo, Shanghai and Nagasaki, 4d. sterling or 8¢ H.K. per 1/2-oz., effective March 7, 1863 - Jan. 16, 1871.



(B62)

HONG KONG
AUG 4
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August 4, 1865. 8¢ rate of March 1863, paid by a strip of 4 of the 2¢ Issue of 1865, 2¢ brown, wmkd. Crown & CC. Letter was endorsed: pr "Yesso". Backstamped in blue at Hong Kong, where the adhesives were also cancelled in blue with the "B62" of the Hong Kong post office.

SHANGHAE
C
AUG
65

North China Herald, Shanghae, August 12, 1865:
Arrived Shanghae August 8, Br. steamer Yesso, 559 tons, Capt. Cairus, from Hong Kong to Dent & Co.

Letter backstamped in blue on arrival at Shanghae Aug. 8.

1868

HONG KONG TO BOMBAY VIA GALLE

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

The rate from Hong Kong to India by British Packet per $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. became 8¢ on January 27, 1866, effective until April 1, 1879.



September 17, 1868. Letter from Jardine, Matheson & Co. at Hong Kong quoting market conditions and prices for Indian opium, Patna and Benares declined to \$612 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 605 respectively. In Shanghai the rates for Malwa advanced to \$495. Letter is endorsed: p. China.

September 17. S.S. China of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. departed from Hong Kong, backstamp. 8¢ rate paid by a vertical pair of the 4¢ Issue of 1863, cancelled by the "B62" British Post Office number assigned to Hong Kong. China's dates were: Singapore Sept. 24-26 and Galle October 2. British restated the rate in sterling at 4d., shown in red.



October 10. S.S. China arrived at Bombay, backstamp.

1869

PACKET LETTERS

MANILA TO UNITED KINGDOM via Hong Kong & Marseilles.

After discontinuance of the P & O ships to Manila on a regular basis in 1860, mail handling from the Philippines depended upon whatever ship was available. The use of Hong Kong and Singapore adhesives by British firms from the stock which they maintained locally in Manila began in 1865, and continued until the Philippine Islands joined the UPU in 1877.



April 14, 1869. Letter posted at Manila with rate prepaid by Hong Kong stamps.

April 19, 1869. Letter passed through Hong Kong where stamps were cancelled and letter backstamped. Marked in red 2/8, sterling equivalent to 64¢. Letter underpaid by 2¢. 2sh. x 24¢ = 48¢. 8d. x 2 = 16¢. 48+16 = 64¢.



May 29, 1869. Receipt mark at London, "PAID" handstamp.

1869

PACKET LETTERS

SHANGHAI TO AUSTRIA - British Packet via Suez & Marseille



VI



Via Marseilles



Paid



*Mr. Lypre Neffe
Vienna
Austria*

August 12, 1869.
Letter posted at the Treaty Port of Shanghai and 26¢ (24¢ British + 2¢ French transit) paid by issue of 1865 stamps. "Paid to Destination".



Aug. 17. Transit backstamp at Hong Kong. Rate restated in British sterling as 1/1. being 1 sh. (24¢) + 1d. (2¢).



Oct. 1, 1869.
Arrival mark at Marseilles.
S.1876. P.AN.= Paquebot ANglais. Ambulant Marseille. "British Possession via Suez".



P.P.

Oct. 2. Paris "Foreign" (Etranger) and Paris to Strasbourg TPO. Backstamps. Strasbourg was the French entry/exit border station until 1871 when it was ceded to Germany.
Oct. 4. Vienna receipt backstamp.



1870

PACKET LETTERS

HONG KONG TO U.K via Marseilles

The March 1863 rate via Marseilles lasted only 5 months, and was then changed from 30¢ per quarter ounce to 32¢ per half ounce, as the French lowered their transit rate to 4d. (8¢) per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.



July 21, 1870. Cover backstamped at Hong Kong. 32¢ rate per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. (above) prepaid by Hong Kong stamps, issue of 1863, wmk. Crown and CC. Rate is restated in sterling of 1sh.4d. (red mms.) @ 1sh.= 24¢ + 4d. (8¢) = 1/4d.



Sept. 3, 1870. Arrival stamp at London.

1869

PACKET LETTERS

HONG KONG TO ITALY VIA ALEXANDRIA

24c. Rate

Hong Kong letters for Italy and adjacent countries had to be sent by British or French mail packets as far as Alexandria, and could only be prepaid as far as that. They then went by private steamer, with a delivery charge on arrival. The rate to Alexandria in 1866 was 24¢ per half ounce, and was reduced to 12¢ at the end of 1869.



Rate of 1866, 24¢, prepaid by Issues of 1863 and 1866. Rate was restated in sterling as 1 shilling (1/- in red). "B62" is British Post Office number assigned to Hong Kong.

November 20, 1869. British Consular Post Office transit stamp at Alexandria. Letter now by private steamer to Brindisi.



Nov. 23. Brindisi transit

backstamps, Italian port on the Adriatic.



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Nov. 24-25. Arrival backstamp, Genoa, 10 centesimi, Italian charge due.

1870

PACKET LETTERS

HONG KONG TO ITALY VIA ALEXANDRIA

12c. Rate

Hong Kong used in Yokohama

Hong Kong letters for Italy and adjacent countries had to be sent by British or French mail packets as far as Alexandria, and could only be prepaid as far as that. They then went by private steamer, with a delivery charge on arrival. The rate to Alexandria in 1866 was 24¢ per half ounce, and was reduced to 12¢ at the end of 1869.



Sept. 5, 1870.
Letter posted at the 12¢ rate to Italy (above) paid by the Issue of 1863. Yokohama, Japan was then serviced as a regular branch of the Hong Kong Post Office. Rate restated in sterling 6d. in red.



Sept. 13. Transit backstamp at Hong Kong.



Oct. 22, Transit at British Consular Office, Alexandria. Letter now by private steamer to Italy.



Oct. 27. Transit Brindisi. 60 centesimi Italian due, Alexandria to Milan, restated as black "6".

1871

HONG KONG TO U.K. VIA BRINDISI

2nd Homeward Voyage via Brindisi that could be prepaid at H.K.
P.&O. Line: S.S. Orissa, Hong Kong to Galle
S.S. China, Galle to Suez
S.S. Massilia, Alexandria to Brindisi

This letter was at the 1sh.3d. (30¢ H.K.) rate to Britain via Brindisi per British Packet, effective by the Guide of Jan. 1871. Mail could not be prepaid all the way until an agreement was reached between Italy and Britain, effective Aug. 9, 1871. This letter was on the 2nd homebound voyage allowing prepayment all the way.



July 21, 1871. Letter paid at the 30¢ rate by the Issue of 1863, 30¢ vermilion. Rate restated as 1sh 3d. sterling at 1/- (24¢) + 3d.(6¢) = 30¢.

P. & O. steamers carried the letter, dates are:

<u>S.S. Orissa</u>		<u>S.S. China</u>		<u>S.S. Massilia</u>	
Hong Kong	July 21, '71	Galle	Aug. 9	Alexandria	Aug. 27
Singapore	28-29	Aden	20	Brindisi	30
Penang	31	Suez	26		
Galle, Ceylon	Aug. 7				



Sept. 4. London arrival backstamp tracks with the August 30 arrival of Massilia at Brindisi, Italy.

1873

AMOY TO HONG KONG

Douglas Lapraik & Co.

S.S. Kwang Tung

Rates by private ship to India, Manila, Treaty Ports in China and Japan, 4d. or 8¢ per ½-oz., effective March 7, 1863 to June 19, 1876.



January 8, 1873. Letter bearing the company stamp of H.A. Petersen & Co., Amoy is endorsed: p Kwang Tung. 8¢ postage to Hong Kong from the Treaty Port of Amoy paid by a horizontal pair of the 4¢ slate, Issue of 1863.



January 10. Hong Kong arrival backstamp. Adhesives cancelled at Hong Kong by the B62, British Post Office number assigned to Hong Kong. Rate restated at 4d. sterling in red manuscript.

Hong Kong Daily Advertiser and Shipping Gazette, Jan. 11. Arrived Hong Kong, Friday, Jan. 10, KWANG TUNG, British steamer, 491, Pitman, Foochow 7, Amoy 8, Swatow 9 January. General — Douglas Lapraik & Co.

1872

AMOY TO HONG KONG

Douglas Lapraik & Co.

S.S. Hailoong

Rates by private ship to India, Manila, Treaty Ports in China and Japan, 4d. or 8¢ per ½-oz., effective March 7, 1863 to June 19, 1870.



March 15, 1872. Letter posted at Amoy by H.A. Petersen & Co., with the 8¢ rate paid by the orange buff of Hong Kong, Issue of 1865. Endorsed to the Hailoong which departed from Amoy March 15. Blue backstamp at Amoy.



March 17. Hong Kong arrival backstamp where the 8¢ adhesive was cancelled by the B62, British Post Office number assigned to Hong Kong. Rate restated as 4d. sterling in red pen.

Hong Kong Daily Advertiser and Shipping Gazette, March 18. Arrived Hong Kong, Sunday, March 17, HAILOONG, British steamer, 277, Farrow, Tamsui 12, Takao 14, Taiwanfoo 14, Amoy 15, Swatow 16 March, General — Douglas Lapraik & Co.

1878

HONG KONG TO GERMANY VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S. S. Kedive, Hong Kong to Suez
S. S. Ceylon, Alexandria to Brindisi



July 13, 1878. Letter to Mulhouse, Alsace, Germany is endorsed: Per English Packet/Via Brindisi. The April 1, 1877 U.P.U. rate to all member countries was 12¢ per ½-oz. except via Brindisi a premium rate of 16¢ was charged. These were effective until April 1, 1879.

A quadruple letter via Brindisi at 16¢ x 4 = 64¢ was underpaid by a horizontal pair of the 30¢ Issue of 1871, cancelled by the B62 of Hong Kong.

P. & O. packets carried the letter:

<u>S.S. Kedive</u>		<u>S.S. Ceylon</u>	
Shanghai	July 9	Alexandria	Aug. 20
→ Hong Kong	12-15	Brindisi	24
Penang	24		
Galle	30		
Aden	Aug. 9		
Suez	14-17		
Malta	23-24		
Gibraltar	27		
Southampton	31		



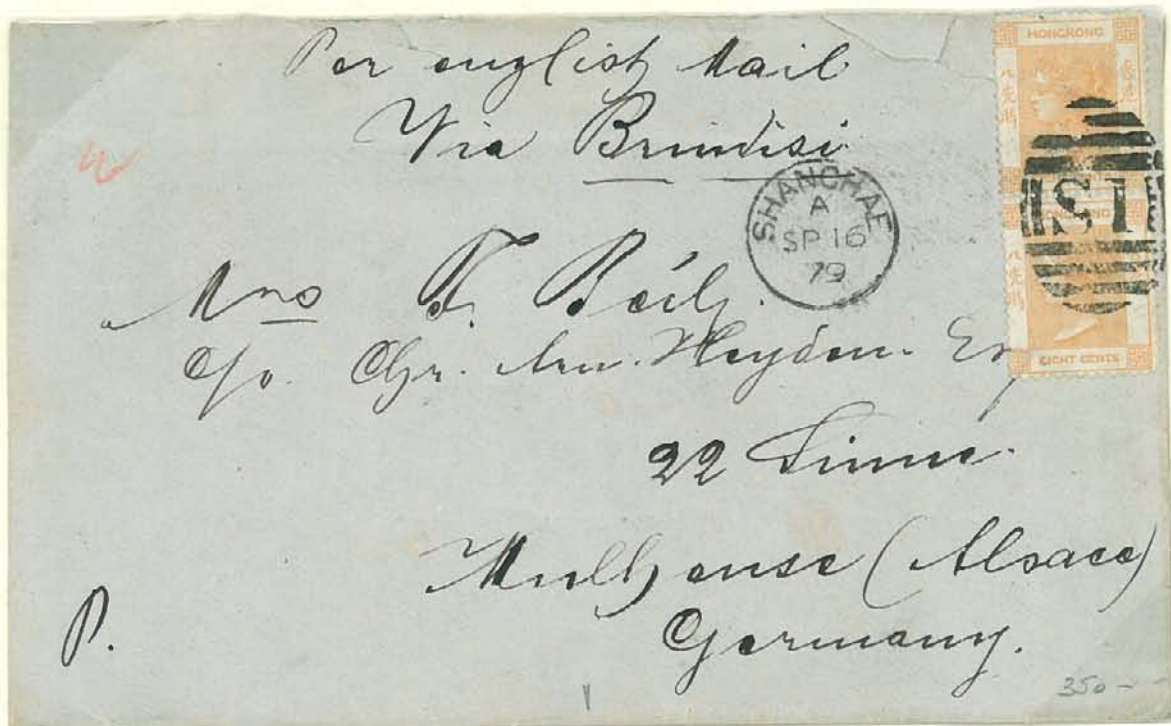
Aug. 24. Brindisi transit backstamp. Aug. 25. French entry mark, ambulant (RR) via Mont Cenis tunnel. Aug. 26. Receipt backstamp Mulhouse, 5d. equiv. German due, double underpayment.

1879

SHANGHAI TO GERMANY VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Indus, Shanghai to Suez

S.S. Ceylon, Alexandria to Brindisi



Sept. 16, 1879. Letter posted by F. Peil at Shanghai and paid at double the U.P.U. rate by a vertical pair of the 8¢ orange buff, Issue of 1865, cancelled by the S1 obliterator of the Treaty Port of Shanghai.

U.P.U. rates to all member countries was 8¢ per ½-oz. from April 1, 1879 to Feb. 18, 1880, when it went to 10¢.

Sept. 17, P. & O. steamship Indus departed from Shanghai for Southampton, letter transit backstamped at Hong Kong Sept. 20. Her dates of call were:

S.S. Indus

Shanghai	Sept. 17
Hong Kong	20-23
Singapore	29-30
Penang	Oct. 2
Galle, Ceylon	10
Aden	18
Suez	23-25
Malta	30-31
Gibraltar	Nov. 3-4
Southampton	8.

S.S. Ceylon

Alexandria	Oct. 26
Brindisi	29



Nov. 3. Arrival backstamp at Mulhouse, Alsace, Germany.

1880

SHANGHAI TO GERMANY VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S. S. Kih, Shanghai to Galle, Ceylon

S. S. PeKin, Galle to Suez

S. S. Ceylon, Alexandria to Brindisi

The U.P.U. rate to Europe via Brindisi, effective April 1, 1879 to Feb. 18, 1880, took a premium charge of 12¢. This was reduced to 10¢ on Feb. 18, 1880. This letter was posted shortly after the change in error at the old 12¢ rate.



March 18, 1880. Letter overpaid 2¢ by the 4¢ slate perf. 14, Issue of 1863 and the 8¢ orange buff, Issue of 1865. Date stamped at Shanghai, the adhesives were cancelled by the S1 obliterator of Shanghai.



March 21. Transit backstamp at Hong Kong. The letter went to Brindisi by the following P. & O. Line packets:

<u>S.S. Kih</u>	<u>S.S. PeKin</u>	<u>S.S. Ceylon</u>
Shanghai Mar. 17	Galle Apr. 7	Alexandria Apr. 23
Hong Kong 21-24	Aden 15	Brindisi 25
Singapore 29-31	Suez 21-22	
Penang Apr. 2	Malta 27	
Galle 6	Southam'n My 5	

April 28. Arrival backstamp at Mulhouse, Alsace, Germany.

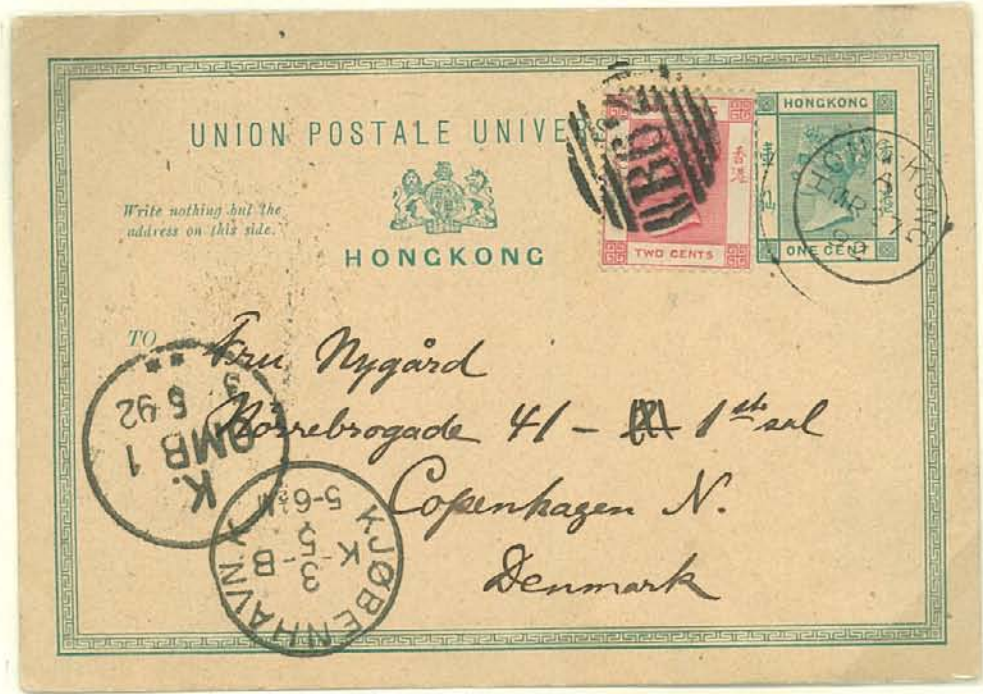


1892

HONG KONG TO DENMARK VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Clyde, Hong Kong to Colombo
S.S. Valetta, Colombo to Brindisi via Suez
ONE CENT green on buff postal card, Issue of 1880

A local use 1¢ post card augmented by 2¢ adhesive, Issue of 1882, to make up the 3¢ rate to U.P.U. member countries. As of Feb. 18, 1880, the new U.P.U. post card rate was 3¢ by any route, previously an extra 1¢ was needed via Brindisi.



March 27, 1892. Card cancelled by the circular HONG KONG/A hammer with part of the rim showing 6 to 9 o'clock. The adhesive was struck with the B62 office number of Hong Kong.

Transit by P. & O. Line was:

<u>S.S. Clyde</u>		<u>S.S. Valetta</u>	
Shanghai	March 26	Colombo	April 14
→ Hong Kong	31	Aden	21
Singapore	April 5	Port Said	27
Penang	8	Brindisi	30 →
Colombo	13	Malta	May 2
		Gibraltar	5
		London	10



April 30. European mails went ashore at Brindisi for disbursement by rail. May 3. Copenhagen arrival.

1895

HONG KONG TO NAGASAKI, JAPAN
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. China



Nov. 26, 1895. Cover posted at Hong Kong endorsed: per First Steamer. It was paid at the 10¢ Fifth U.P.U. rate, effective Mar. 1, 1891 to Jan. 1, 1899, by Issue of 1890, violet on red. S.S. China of Pacific Mail sailed this day for Yokohama via the various Chinese ports.

Nov. 30. Arrival backstamp at Nagasaki. China had dropped mails off at Nagasaki en route to Yokohama.



Japan Weekly Mail, Dec. 7, 1895. Arrived Yokohama, China, British steamer, 2600, W.B. Seabury, 3rd. Dec. Hong Kong via Ports, 26 November.

1896

CHINESE TREATY PORTS

CANTON TO SINGAPORE VIA HONG KONG

Chinese Steamship Meefoo, Canton to Hong Kong

Japanese Steamship Tosa Maru, Hong Kong to Singapore



September 24, 1896. Letter posted at Canton, China and franked with the 5¢ ultramarine Hong Kong adhesive, Issue of 1882. Letter is underpaid, U.P.U. rate was 10¢ H.K. T = Taxe, postage due, of 8d. at Singapore.

Hong Kong Weekly Press. Arrived at Hong Kong from Canton, September 25, Chinese str. Meefoo.

Departed from Hong Kong, September 25, Japanese str. Tosa Maru.

September 25. Transit backstamp at Hong Kong.

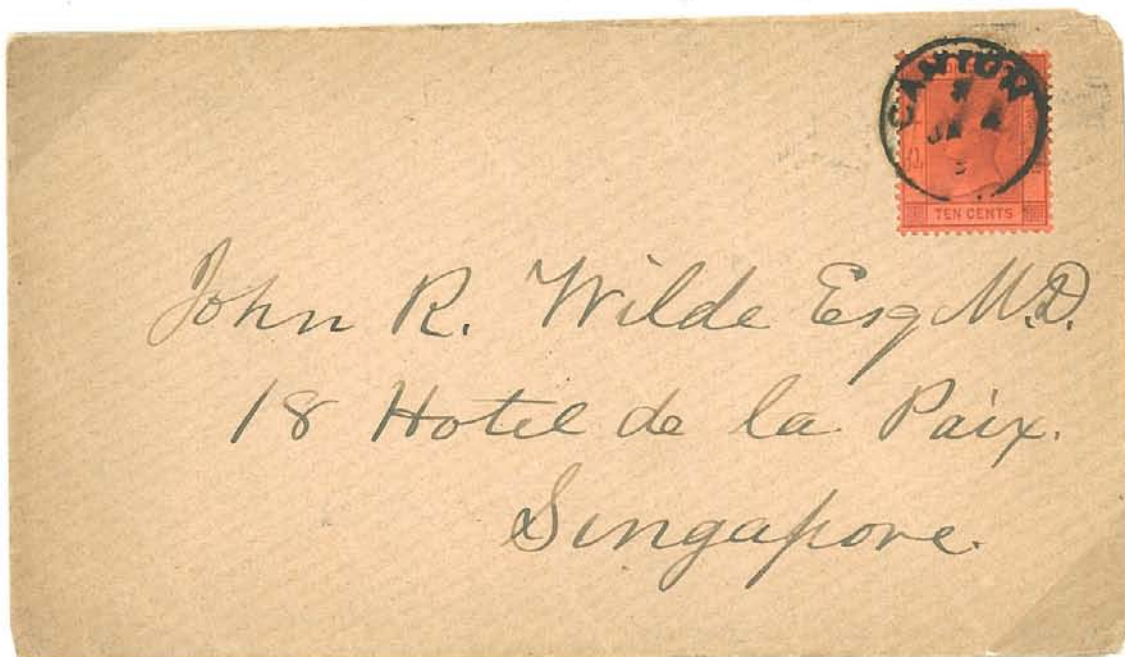
October 1. Singapore arrival backstamp.



1897

CHINESE TREATY PORTS
CANTON TO SINGAPORE VIA HONG KONG

Norwegian Steamship Tordenskjold, Canton to Hong Kong
British Steamship Memnon, Hong Kong to Singapore



January 4, 1897. Letter paid at the 10¢ U.P.U. rate at Canton by a copy of the Hong Kong 10¢ violet on red Issue of 1890.



Hong Kong Weekly Press. Arrived at Hong Kong from Canton, January 5, Tordenskjold, Nor. str.

Departed from Hong Kong for Singapore January 5, Memnon, British str.

January 5. Transit backstamp at Hong Kong.



January 12. Singapore arrival backstamp.

1897

CHINESE TREATY PORTS
CANTON TO SINGAPORE VIA HONG KONG
Chinese Steamship Fushun, Canton to Hong Kong
German Steamship Donar, Hong Kong to Singapore



October 13, 1897. Letter paid at Canton, China by the Hong Kong 10¢ Issue of 1890. 10¢ was the U.P.U. rate to member countries.



Hong Kong Weekly Press. Arrived at Hong Kong from Canton October 14, Fushun, Chinese str.

Departed from Hong Kong October 15, Donar, German str. for Singapore.

Transit backstamp, Hong Kong Oct. 14.



October 21. Singapore arrival backstamp.

1871

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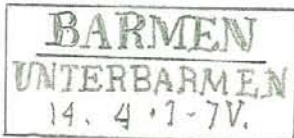
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1901

HONG KONG TO U.K. VIA BRINDISI

P. & O. Line: S.S. Massilia, Hong Kong to Colombo

S.S. Victoria, Colombo to Port Said

S.S. Isis, Port Said to Brindisi

The U.P.U. rate to all member countries became 4¢ per ½-oz., effective Jan. 1, 1899 to Jan. 1, 1916.



August 31, 1901. Quadruple rated U.P.U. letter paid by a vertical strip of 3 and a single 4¢ carmine rose, Issue of 1900. The 10¢ registration fee was paid by the stamp imprinted on the registration envelope flap. The security marking across the face of the stamps, S. T. & Co., is that of Shewan Tomes & Co.

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<u>S.S. Massilia</u>		<u>S.S. Victoria</u>		<u>S.S. Isis</u>	
Shanghai	Aug. 27	Colombo	Sept. 13	Port Said	Sep. 25
→ Hong Kong	31	Aden	19	Brindisi	27
Singapore	Sep. 5	Port Said	25		
Penang	7	London	Oct. 8		
Colombo	12				

October 5-6. London registry office transit and Salisbury receipt backstamp.



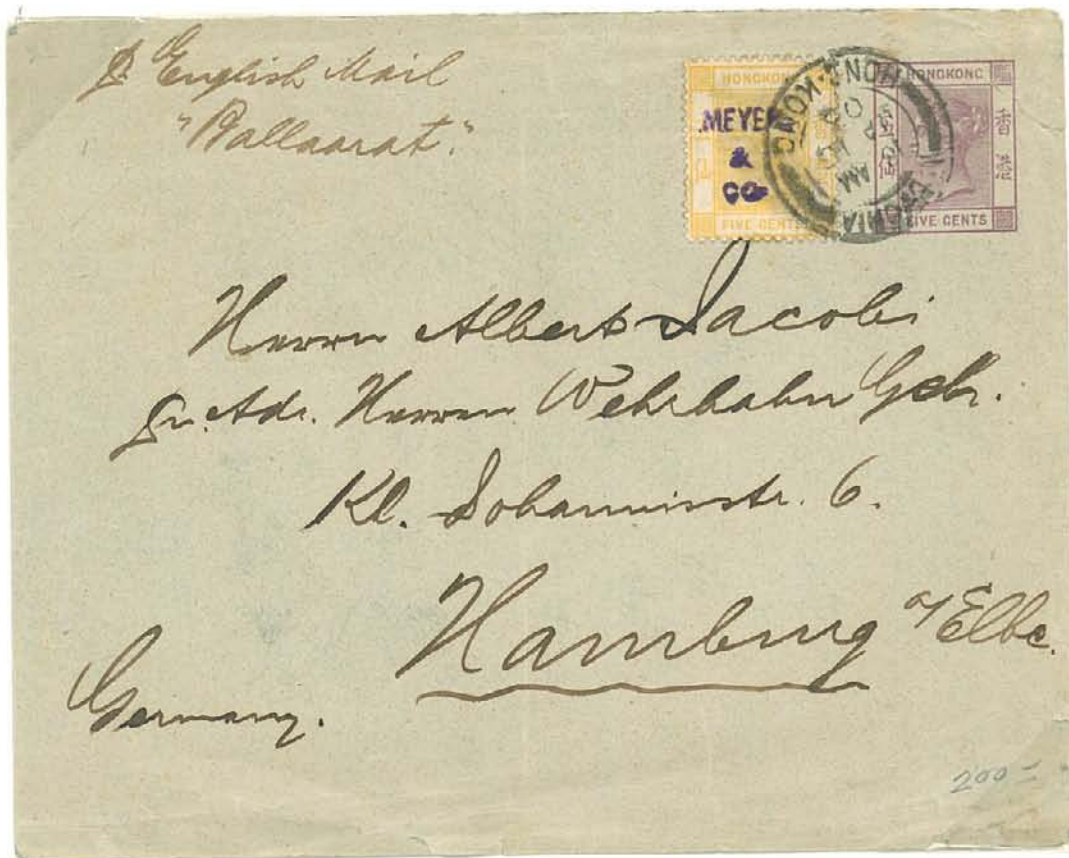
1903

HONG KONG TO HAMBURG, GERMANY VIA BRINDISI

P.&O. Line: S.S. Ballaarat, Hong Kong to Colombo, Ceylon

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

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



Jan. 15, 1903. U.P.U. rated letter paid by the 5c stamped envelope plus 5c yellow, Issue of 1900. The latter bears the security marking or firm chop of Meyer & Co., unframed (listed by Webb.) Letter endorsed: p English Mail/"Ballaarat".

Transit to Europe was by Peninsular & Oriental Line packets:

<u>S.S. Ballaarat</u>		<u>S.S. Britannia</u>		<u>S.S. Isis</u>	
Shanghai	Jan. 13	Colombo	Jan. 30	Port Said	Feb. 9
Hong Kong	17	Aden	Feb. 4	Brindisi	12.
Singapore	22	Port Said	9		
Penang	24	Marseilles	14		
Colombo	28	Gibraltar	17		
		London	22		

Feb. 14. Arrival backstamp at Hamburg am Elbe tracks with Feb. 12 arrival of Isis at Brindisi.



1903

HONG KONG TO LONDON
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

S.S. Annam



March 10, 1903. Post card posted at Victoria, Hong Kong, paid at the 4¢ rate of Jan. 1, 1895. Payment is by a pair of the 2¢ green, Issue of 1900. Mail was consolidated en route to the M.M. S.S. Annam which left Yokohama February 27.

London Times, March 24 (Tuesday). Messageries Maritimes - s. ANNAM, Yokohama for Marseilles, left Colombo (Ceylon) 6 p.m. Saturday (March 20.)

Times, April 3 (Friday) - s. ANNAM...left Port Said 4 p.m. Wed.

Times, April 7. s. ANNAM, from Yokohama, arrived Marseilles 6 a.m. yesterday. INWARD MAILS. DUE TO-MORROW. From Japan, China, Straits Settlements and Ceylon, by French Packet.

April 7. Hooded scroll backstamp, arrival at London 8:30 p.m.

April 8. London East Central transit mark.



1903

TREATY PORT OF HANKOW TO ITALY VIA SHANGHAI

P. & O. Line: S. S. Chusan, Shanghai to Colombo, Ceylon

S. S. Arcadia, Colombo to Port Said

S. S. Isis, Port Said to Brindisi

Hankow (now Hank'ou) lies about 600 miles up the Yangtse River. The first British post office was not opened at Hankow until 1872, and letters were sent down by steamer to Shanghai.



June 15, 1903. Letter to Italy franked at the 10¢ U.P.U. rate by 10¢ ultramarine, Issue of 1900. Cancellation is by the circular date stamp Webb Type J1, known used on Queen Victoria adhesives from Jan. 29, 1900 to Aug. 29, 1904.

Letter went by river steamer to Shanghai, where it went aboard the P. & O. steamer Chusan, departing Shanghai June 16. Transit backstamp at Hong Kong, Victoria office, on June 20. Transit by P. & O. steamers was:

<u>S.S. Chusan</u>		<u>S.S. Arcadia</u>		<u>S.S. Isis</u>	
Shanghai	June 16	Colombo	July 3	Port Said	July 16
Hong Kong	20	Aden	11	Brindisi	18
Singapore	25	Port Said	16		
Penang	24	Marseilles	20		
Colombo	July 2	London	27		

July 26. Milan arrival backstamp.

