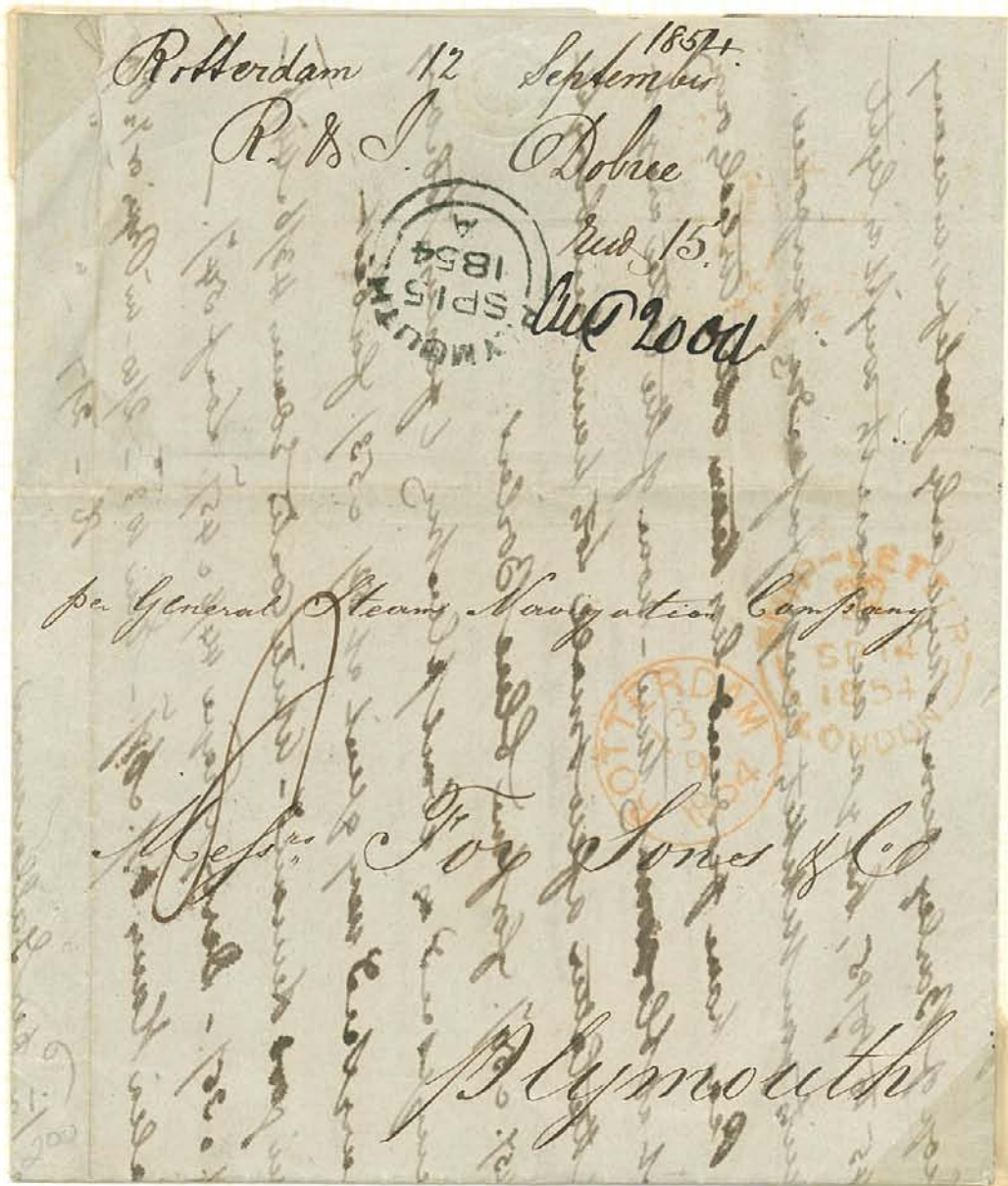


1854

BRITISH POSTAL MARKINGS

SHIP LETTERS



Sept. 13, 1854.  
 Rotterdam, Holland,  
 letter posted to Plymouth,  
 England via ship of General  
 Steam Navigation Company.



Sept. 14, 1854. Ship  
 Letter mark applied on  
 arrival at London where  
 8d. (in manuscript) was  
 assessed.



Sept. 15, 1854.  
 Plymouth receipt  
 stamp.



1820

SHIP LETTER  
MARGATE



MARGATE  
SHIP LETTER



Sept. 23, 1820. Letter datelined at Demerara (Georgetown) British Guiana.

Dec. 23, 1820. The London Sun records the arrival of the ship Birkby, Capt. Barnes, from Honduras at Deal and "sailed for the river", i.e. the Thames. Mail was put ashore at near-by Margate for more rapid transit onward to London where it received the Dec. 23, 1820 backstamp (the Trelawney, Capt. Mc-Iver, arrived at Falmouth Dec. 23 from Demerara, but too late for a letter to make a Dec. 23 arrival at London). Margate Ship Letter strikes as fine as this one are extremely uncommon.

Letter was rated, (Act of 1812), 52 Geo. III. Cap 88, Margate to London 72 miles, London to Bridgewater 139 miles, total 211 miles. Rate for 170 to 230 miles inland was 11d. to which was added the 8d. Ship Letter charge, total 19d. or 1 shilling 7 pence, shown as 1/7 in manuscript.



1844

BRITISH POSTAL MARKINGS

SHIP LETTERS



Cover posted at Hamburg, Germany to London per ship "Victoria" via Hull.



July 24, 1844. "Ship Letter mark at Hamburg indicating type of mail.



July 27, 1844. Cover received at Hull and transit mark applied.



July 29, 1844. Receipt mark at London where mms. rate of 6 d. (first erroneously 8d., then corrected) was added.



1850

SHIP LETTERS  
HULL



GOTENBURG  
31  
8 50

August 31, 1850. Backstamp at Gotenburg, Sweden. Letter endorsed: p Str. Courier.

HULL  
SHIP-LETTER  
A 4 SP 1850

R. S.12

September 4, 1850. Letter marked as a Ship Letter incoming at Hull, a textbook strike in blue, seen from 1849-52. This is also seen in red 1853-54.

A similar mark with serif letters (S. 11) is recorded in green and black in 1844 and blue in 1842-49.

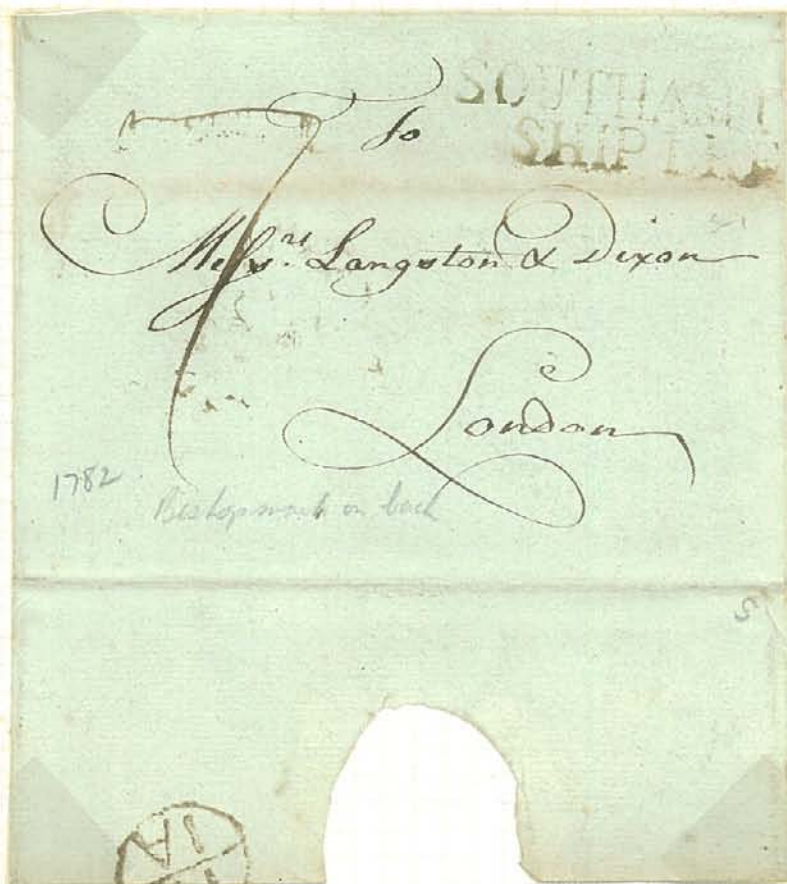
AX  
5 SP 5  
1850

September 5. London arrival backstamp. Letter was received as a Ship Letter and assessed the 8d. Ship Letter rate.



1782

SHIP LETTER  
SOUTHAMPTON



December 20, 1781. Letter (docket) notes it was written this date by Thomas Dubru at Guernsey.

SOUTHAMPTON  
SHIP LRE

Letter received at Southampton from ship's captain, and stamped in to be rated as a "Ship Letter". Note the old spelling of "Southampton" with the p omitted.

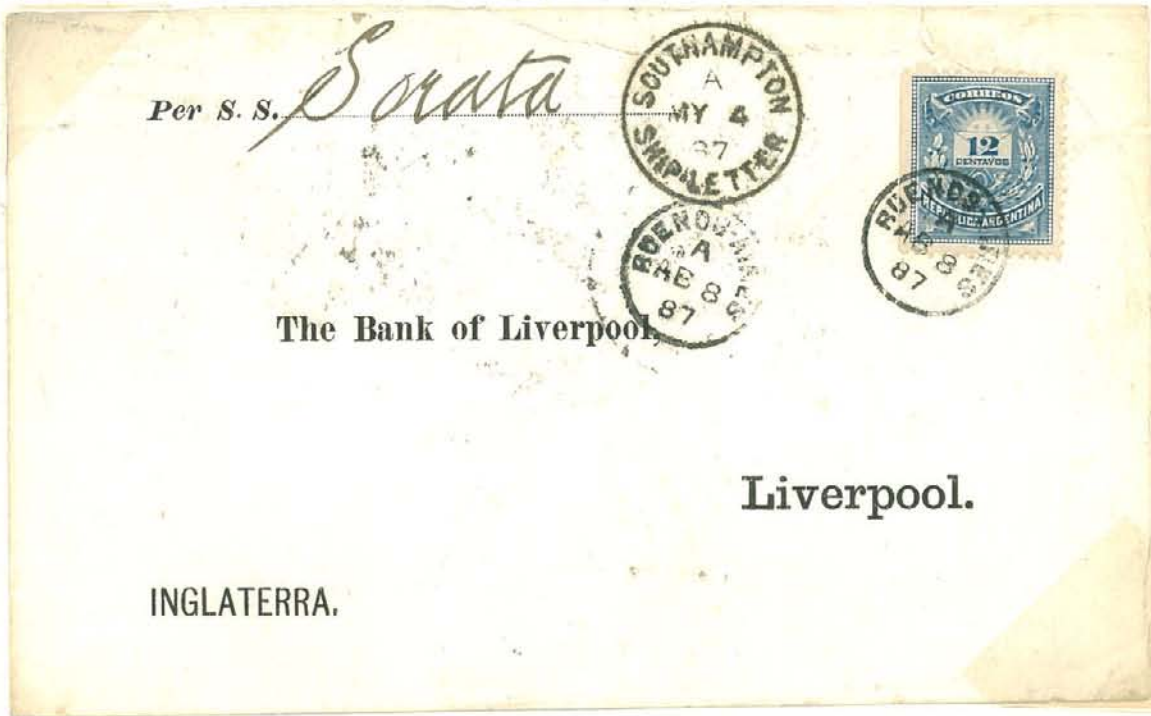


January 11, 1782. Letter forwarded by Mail Coach to London where it received this Bishop mark. As this cover was only an outer wrapper, the letter contained an enclosure, thus was rated as a "double" letter. 77 miles, Southampton to London, Act of 1765 rate of 6d., double, plus the Captain's 1d. for a total of 7d. (mms.) due from the recipient.

1887

### SOUTHAMPTON SHIP LETTERS

By the late 1800's letter writing had increased to such an extent that letter writers took advantage of "non-contract" steamers sailing between the scheduled times of the "contract" steamers. At Southampton the number of letters brought in by such steamers was considerable, particularly from South America, the Iberian Peninsula and the Azores. On these "non-contract" ship letters the modern circular dated type of Ship-Letter handstamps were struck. These were the precursors of the "Paquebot" handstamps now used.



April 8, 1887.  
Letter posted at Buenos-  
Ayres and directed aboard  
SS Sorata.

May 4, 1887. Southampton  
Ship Letter handstamp, type  
S14 of Robertson.



May 5, 1887. Back-  
stamp receipt at Liver-  
pool.



1772

SHIP LETTERS  
PORTSMOUTH

Barbadoes to London via Portsmouth

Ship Britannia

June 8, 1772. Letter dated at Barbadoes concerns a Bill of Exchange. It is backstamped on receipt by the Barbadoes post office where the two line postmark is found in use from 1762 to 1796.

BARBADOES PORTSMOUTH SHIP LRE

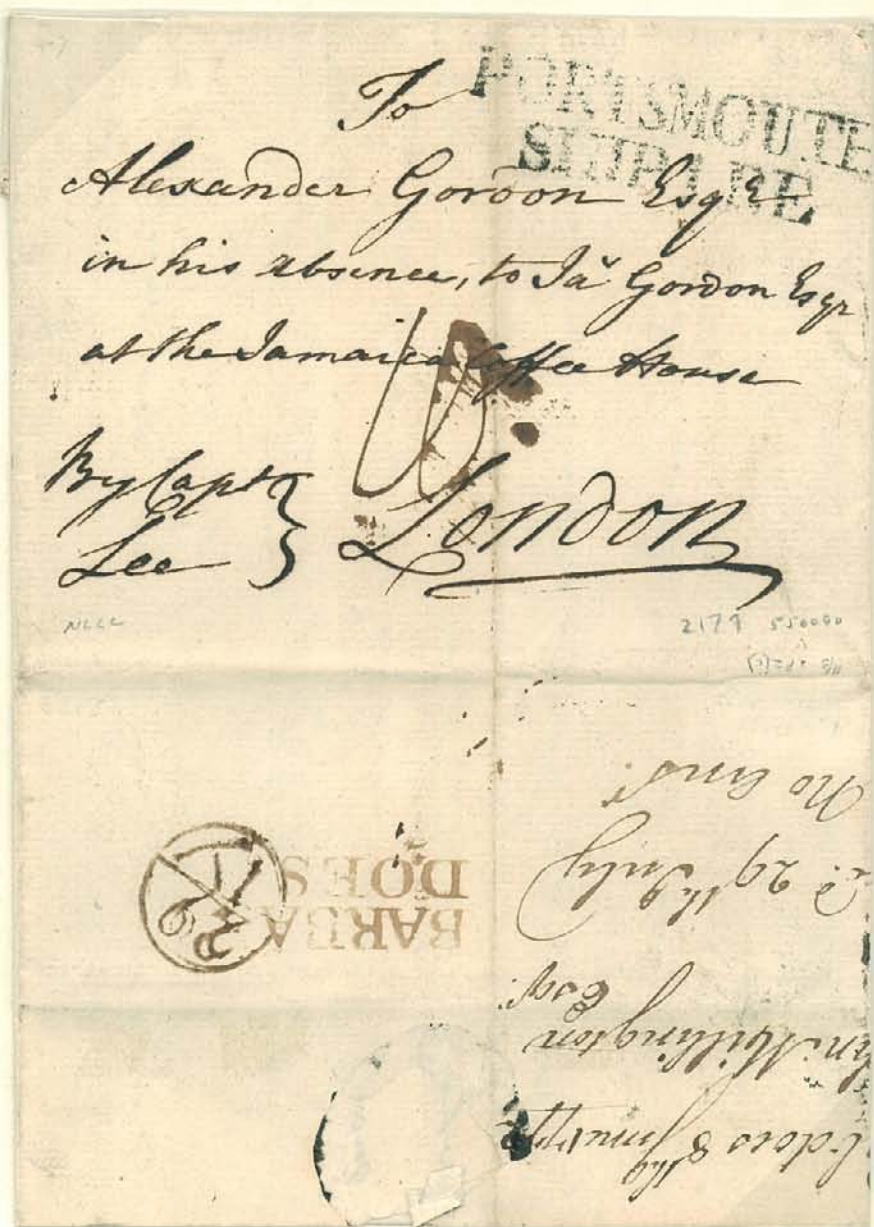
London Chronicle, Deal, July 28, 1772. Arrived and sailed for the river, the Britannia, Clarke, from Barbadoes.

The Britannia had touched at Portsmouth two days earlier and her mails forwarded overland to London.



July 29. Bishop mark arrival at London. This 19mm. mark is of the third type found used from 1713-87 with diameters 14 to 20mm., day date over month.

Letter was rated, Act of 1765 (5 Geo. III. Cap. 25) for over one and not exceeding two post stages at 2d. plus 8d. Ship Letter charge = 10d. due, shown in manuscript.



1811

SHIP LETTERS

PORTSMOUTH

August 21, 1811. Letter headed at Gibraltar concerns the sale, or rather the lack thereof, of champagne and handkerchiefs.



S.10



September 23. The London Times. PORTSMOUTH. Yesterday arrived the Cumberland, and the Spider cutter, from the Mediterranean, the latter bringing dispatches from the fleet.

This letter was received as a Ship Letter at Portsmouth where the crown oval was struck.

September 24. London arrival backstamp. Letter was rated as follows: British Inland, Portsmouth to London (72 miles) at the Act of 1808 (45 Geo. III, Cap. 11) for a letter conveyed 50 to 80 miles

Ship Letter charge	7d.
Captain's pence	6d.
	2d.

13d. = 1sh.1d., shown
in manuscript.



1846-47

PACKET LETTER - PORTSMOUTH

Cape of Good Hope to France via England

H. M. S. Samarang





1846-47

PACKET LETTER- PORTSMOUTH

Cape of Good Hope to France via England

H.M.S. Samarang

May 15, 1846. Letter datelined at Cape of Good Hope, concerns wine and champagne shipments. It states, "I have the favor of your letter of 26 November 1845, which I received 8 April 1846, by the ship 'Port Fleetwood' ". This evidence shows a not unusual transit time of 4½ months between France and the Cape at this time.



PACKET-LETTER  
PORTSMOUTH



May 18, 1846. Paid handstamp at the Cape of Good Hope (R.L. HS 8). Rate to England of 1sh.7d paid as shown in faint mss., 1/7.

December 31. Arrival mark at Portsmouth struck with the scarce PACKET-LETTER/PORTSMOUTH handstamp. The London Sun records the Dec. 31 arrival of her Majesty's ship Samarang at Portsmouth from the East Indies and 7½ months from the Cape.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE (London Sun)

Portsmouth, Dec. 31, 1846. The Samarang, 26 (guns), surveying vessel, Captain Sir Edward Belcher, arrived at Spithead late last night from the East Indies station, whereupon she was engaged surveying the last four years.



Jan. 1, 1847. Transit circular backstamp at London. The Colonies/ &c. ART.13 mark (Salles 3006) is the accountancy mark used from Jan. 1846 to Dec. 1855. This mark allowed Britain a credit of 3sh.4d. per ounce from France, figured on a bulk

basis. Article 13 included "overseas countries and other Colonies and Countries". Salles notes that letters bearing this notation may many times show "per Samarang" among other ships arriving at Portsmouth from the East Indies.



Jan. 3. French entry mark at Boulogne (Noel 374). The small 2's show the mark was struck at Paris.



Jan. 4. Final arrival backstamp at Tonnerre. 17 decimes due, shown in manuscript.



1846-47

PACKET LETTER - PORTSMOUTH

Montevideo to France via England

Her Majesty's Brigantine Dolphin





1846-47

PACKET LETTER - PORTSMOUTH

Montevideo to France via England

Her Majesty's Brigantine Dolphin

Dec. 28, 1846. Letter datelined at Montevideo, Uruguay. Contemporary documents and newspapers referred to this area of South America as "the Brazils".



Dec. 29, 1846. Receiving date stamp of the post office at Montevideo, internal Uruguayan handling only covered the letter to the dockside, "p. Packet anglais." Dolphin departed from Montevideo on the 29th.

PACKET-LETTER  
PORTSMOUTH



Feb. 21, 1847. Contemporary newspaper notes: Portsmouth Feb. 21: Arrived Her Majesty's Brigantine Dolphin, Commander W.S. Miller, which entered Spithead this morning at 20 minutes past eight, news of Montevideo to the 29th of Dec. and from Rio to the 8th of January.

She had light baffling winds, consequently the Petrel packet, which left Rio four days after her, picked her up off the Island of Nororia on the 23rd of January, but the Dolphin parted company with her the following day.

This pretty little brigantine was built at Sheerness in 1836 by Sir William Symonds. She is of 318 tons.



Feb. 22. Transit circular backstamp at London. The COLONIES/&c.ART 13 mark (Salles 3006) is the accountancy mark used from January 1846 to December 1855. This mark allowed Britain a credit of 3sh.4d. per ounce from France for mail handled through Britain, figured on a bulk basis. Article 13 included "over-seas countries and other Colonies and Countries."

Feb. 23. French entry mark (Noel 377) at Calais, letter handled via Dover to Calais ferry.



Feb. 24. Final arrival backstamp at Rouen. 18 decimes due, shown in manuscript on letter face.



1768-69

SHIP LETTERS

WEYMOUTH

June 10, 1768. Docket notes letter by Mr. Browne at Newport, Rhode Island and a further date "Rec'd Dec. 1, 68", both in the same hand. Latter date no doubt date of posting - a Colonial letter.

**WEYMOUTH  
SHIP LRE**

Addressed to: The Revd. Mr. John Waring/at Mr. Birds Bookseller in Ave/Mery Lane near St. Pauls/London.

Letter incoming into Weymouth, Dorset, England as a Ship Letter (Robertson S.1). Listed as seen 1770-1797.

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17

Here arrived at London Jan. 20, 17-69, a year earlier date. Date (Jan. 20) shown by the London "Bishop Mark".

Letter rated by Act of 1711 (9 Anne, Cap. 10) for a single letter above 80 miles (Weymouth-London = 127 miles) of 4d. + 1d. Captain's gratuity = 5d. as shown in manuscript.

No Ship Letter charges were made until 1799.

*Earliest known date*  
To  
The Rev. Mr. John Waring  
at Mr. Birds Bookseller in Ave  
Mery Lane near St. Pauls  
LONDON  
Newport Rhode Island  
June 10. 1768  
Rec'd Dec. 1. 68  
Arriv'd March 1. 1769

20  
17



1842

BRITISH POSTAL MARKINGS

SHIP LETTERS  
INDIA LETTERS



The Act of 1819 set a rate of 4d. sea postage for letters not exceeding 3 oz. in weight from India, Ceylon, the East Indies, Mauritius and the Cape. These charges were less than the ordinary SHIP LETTER rate, which was then 6d. for single letters. So that "INDIA LETTER" letters could be distinguished, special stamps came into use at various ports in Great Britain.

This letter was marked in 1842 after 8d. Ship Letter rate ( $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.) to destination was in use, introduced in 1840.

INDIA LETTER  
FALMOUTH

India Ship Letter mark applied at Falmouth where ship first docked in England. Letter was forwarded to London for assessment of postage.

I  
29SP29  
1842

Sept. 29, 1842.  
London transit stamp. Unpaid mark of the General Post.

WINDSOR  
SP30  
1842  
B

Sept. 30, 1842.  
Receipt stamp at



1815

LONDON  
WITHDRAWN SHIP LETTERS



May 8, 1815. London to Philadelphia, Pa.

This strike is one of a small group of markings used in 1814-15, when the post office made the experiment of allowing senders of letters abroad to hand in their letters at a port post office, and pay one-third of the rate by packet ship, or the calculated packet rate, if no such service was available. The senders could then withdraw the letters and dispatch them by any private ship they chose. The experiment was short-lived. This is a very scarce mark.



INDIA SHIP LETTERS  
PENZANCE

INDIA LETTER  
PENZANCE

Letter stamped at first Port  
of Entry - Penzance.

May 2, 1831. Letter posted at Cape of Good Hope to  
Plymouth, England, arrived July 30, 1831. Ship "Maitland",  
Capt. Brown.

Rate of 1/1, assessed as follows:

India Ship Letter rate .....	4 d.
Inland rate (Act of 1812)	
Penzance - Plymouth (above 80, not exceeding 120 miles).....	9 d.
Due from addressee	<u>1/1.</u>



1837

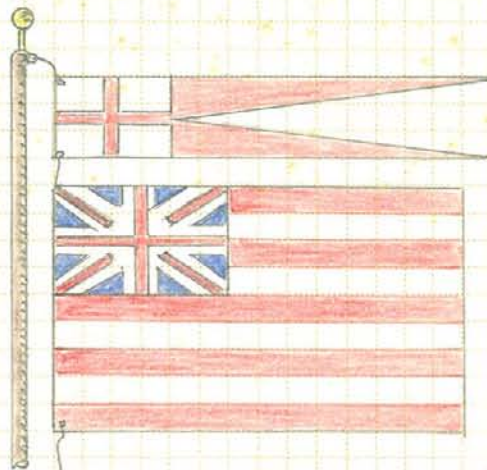
INDIA TO FRANCE VIA CAPE OF GOOD HOPE  
SHIPS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY

East Indiaman Larkins

Ship Letter Penzance

Forwarding Agent:

Messrs. Gledstones & Co.  
London.



House flag of  
The Hon. East India Company.



1837

INDIA TO FRANCE VIA CAPE OF GOOD HOPE & LONDON  
SHIPS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY

East Indiaman Larkins

Ship Letter Penzance

Forwarding Agent:

Messrs. Gledstones & Co.  
London

March 17, 1837. Letter headed at Calcutta, concerns a hoped for improvement in the market for brandy. Letter says, "Any communications you may have for him you will please address W. Shand, Esq., c/o Messrs. Gledstones & Co., London." Thus they were advocating the use of the same forwarding agent as the one to whom this letter is addressed. Letter is headed "pr Larkins". Larkins was a 650 ton ship of the East India Company in service from 1810. She had made 9 round voyages Britain to India by 1834. East Indiamen made the long voyage by the Mauritius Passage, watering at Capetown, and then on up the western side of Africa to England.

Letter backstamped incoming at first British port of call of the Larkins at Penzance. Marked "India Letter" because of special rates applicable to India Letters.  
Robertson In1.

INDIA LETTER  
PENZANCE



August 18, 1837. Receipt backstamp at London Foreign Office and red transit at the GPO. Letter here rated at the British zone rate 230-300 miles, Penzance to London, of 1sh. per single sheet x 3 for a triple letter (prices current were inclosed) = 3 shillings (52 Geo. III, Cap.

88). To this was added the concessionary India Ship Letter charge of 4 d. per  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz. (see 1 Vict. Cap. 34, Par. 21) for a total of  $\frac{3}{4}$  as shown in mss. Forwarding agents Gledstones & Co. paid this amount, deleted the  $\frac{3}{4}$  and their address and forwarded letter to Cognac, France. "LONDON" mark (A&H 99) is the first type, introduced in 1836, to include the word "London".



Aug. 18. Letter back into British Postal System at the Lombard Street Post Office, London, as shown by Maltese cross backstamp. Forwarder paid the triple rate to France (Cf: 1 Vict., Cap. 34, Par. 13) of 10 pence x 3 = 30d. as noted by "fr 30" in upper right of cover face. Forwarding agent charged all this postage to the account of the sender, Bruce Shand & Co.



French entry mark (Noel 368) shows mail entering from England (Angleterre) by Calais Dover to Calais



August 22, 1837. Arrival backstamp at Cognac. 65 decimes due as shown by mss. "65" on face. 158 days, Calcutta to Cognac!

packet. Undated, as here, this Type 1 also exists dated.



1817

LONDON  
INDIA SHIP LETTERS

Single (N<sup>o</sup> 13<sup>+</sup>)  
 Mr. Michael Cohen  
 to be left at the post office  
 till called for 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Cape Town  
 Cape of Good Hope



From London to  
 Cape of Good Hope  
 by  
 Eastindiaman.



A monthly packet service to the Cape and India was in operation at this time. The enacted packet rate was 3/6 (single) per 1/4 oz. In this case the Eastindiaman, sailing between monthly packets, carried the letter as a private ship at one-third the packet rate. Single letter ship rate, in mms, at one-third was 1sh.2d. due from the addressee on delivery.



1836

INDIA SHIP LETTERS

DEAL

Ship Dapper

Calcutta to England via the Cape



etc

To *Dapper*

The Rev. W. Ellis  
Foreign Secretary to the London  
Missionary Society.  
Mission House  
Blomfield Street, Finsbury  
London



Recd. 11/15/36

Calcutta June 6.  
1836  
A. J. Farrow.  
1/24/36



1836

INDIA SHIP LETTERS  
DEAL

Ship Dapper

Calcutta to England via The Cape

Missionary Letter

June 6, 1836. Letter from Missionary A.F. Lacroix to the London Missionary Society requesting passage for his seven year old son Edward to attend school in Yorkshire. He must borrow against his meager salary for not only the passage, but for tuition for the boy.

CALCUTTA  
G.P.O  
SHIP LETTER  
4 JU 4  
1836

June 14. Letter was handled at the G.P.O., Calcutta as a Ship Letter and directed aboard the Dapper which sailed on the 15th for England via the Cape of Good Hope.

INDIA LETTER  
DEAL

G  
15NO15  
1836

London Times: November 16, 1836.

EAST INDIA SHIPPING

The Dapper, from Bengal, has arrived in the Downs (off Deal); sailed from Calcutta on the 15th of June, and from St. Helena on the 26th of September.

Letter rated:

India Ship Letter rate	4d.
Inland rate (Act of 1812), Deal-London, (above 50 but not exceeding 80 miles)	
8d. per $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz.	<u>8d.</u>
	12d. (1 shilling.)

One shilling shown due in black, 1/-.



1838

INDIA SHIP LETTERS

INDIA LETTER/DEAL

Forwarding Agent  
Charles Cockerell & Co.  
London

March 10, 1838. Letter datelined at Calcutta. Instructional endorsement on face says, "No. 672 pr. Royal Saxon". "672" is the correspondence control number having nothing to do with rating or routing. It is addressed to Mrs. Agnes Scott, care of Charles Cockerell & Co., London.

INDIA LETTER  
DEAL

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1838

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1838

Aug. 13, 1838. Letter rated Act of 1812 (52 Geo.III, Cap.88) at zone rate 50 to 80 mi. (Deal to London = 74mi.) at 1sh.4d double + the

Five months later the Royal Saxon, having gone round the Cape of Good Hope, put into Deal where this India Letter mark was struck.

4d. concessionary India Letter rate (1Vict.Cap.34,Par.21), total 1/8 as in deleted mss. which was paid by the forwarding agent.

Aug. 13. Cockrell & Co. deleted their address and forwarded letter at Lombard Street P.O.

to Stourbridge at the double rate, 120 to 170 miles (London to Stourbridge = 125 miles) of 1sh.8d.

Oddly, the cost of this letter all the way from Calcutta to London was the same as the 125 mile mail stage coach ride from London to Stourbridge.



1838  
2 SPICK STAMPS



1831

INDIA SHIP LETTERS  
DEAL



May 21, 1831.  
Cape Town receipt stamp.



Backstamp:  
Aug. 11, 1831:  
London transit

INDIA LETTER  
DEAL

Letter stamped at first  
English Port of Entry -  
Deal.

Rate of 4sh. 4d. (mms. L.L.) assessed as follows:

India Ship Letter rate.....	4d
Inland rate (Act of 1812)	
Deal-London (above 50, but	
not exceeding 80 miles)	
8d. per 1/4 oz. X 6 (1 1/2 oz.	
noted in mms.).....	4/-

Amount due.....4/4



1833

SHIPS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY

East Indiaman Exmouth

CALCUTTA  
G. P. O.  
SHIP LETTER  
15 AP 15  
1833

April 10, 1833.  
Letter datelined at Calcutta. It was directionally endorsed "p. Exmouth", scheduled to sail from Calcutta April 15.

April 15. Marked as a Ship Letter at the Calcutta G.P.O. with a manuscript note of 2 (annas) on reverse.

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2 SE 2  
1833

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Sept. 2. Backstamped at London. The Times (London), Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1833:

EAST INDIA SHIPPING

The Exmouth, from Bengal, has arrived off Dover; sailed from Calcutta 14th April, Saugor (an island off the Ganges delta) the 24th, passed the Cape 29th June and sailed from St. Helena 13th July.

London marked letter with one-half penny for the Scotch Mail Coach Tax imposed on all letters travelling over Scottish Highways by coaches with more than two wheels. Mark Type C, ½ enclosed in a frame.

SEP  
4  
1833

Sept. 4. Edinburgh arrival backstamp. Letter rated Dover to London, London to Edinburgh (468 cumulative miles) at Act of 1812 rate for a single letter going 400 to 500 miles inland at 1 shilling 2d. plus the 6d. Ship Letter charge = 1/8. As letter contained an enclosure it was rated as a double letter and the 1/8 voided, double = 2sh./4d. plus 6d. Ship Letter = 2/10 as corrected in mss. To this was added ½d. Coach Tax, total due 2/10½d.





N<sup>o</sup> 2827 I 27.15.2 1/2

Calcutta, 10 April 1853.

Twelve months after date pay this our Secured bill of  
Exchange First and Third of same tenor and date being unpaid,  
unto Sir S. D. Eschere Bart \_\_\_\_\_ or order Pounds

sterling thirty four fifteen shillings Two pence \_\_\_\_\_

Value in A/c \_\_\_\_\_ with or  
without further advice.

Wm Gordon Mackillop Esq

For Messrs Palmers Mackillop & Co  
King Arms Yard  
Coleman Street London





1837

INDIA SHIP LETTERS  
GRAVESEND



CALCUTTA  
G. P. O.  
SHIPLETTER  
8 FEB 8  
1837

INDIA LETTER  
GRAVESEND

G  
13 JUL 13  
1837

Feb. 8, 1837. Calcutta  
General Post Office trans-  
it "Ship Letter" mark.

Letter stamped incom-  
ing at first British  
Port of Entry -  
Gravesend.

June 13, 1837.  
London receipt  
stamp. Letter  
4 months on the  
way.

Letter rated 9 d. (nms. U.R.) as follows:

India Ship Letter Rate.....	4d.
Inland Rate (Act of 1812),	5d
Gravesend - London (15-20 miles)	9d due from recipient.

B>H 250.0



1830-31

INDIA SHIP LETTERS

INDIA LETTER/LIVERPOOL

Ship John Woodall

CALCUTTA  
G. P. O.  
SHIPLETTER  
30 OCT 30  
1830

October 27, 1830.  
Letter datelined at Bengal and endorsed: per first ship. It was forwarded to the G.P.O at Calcutta.

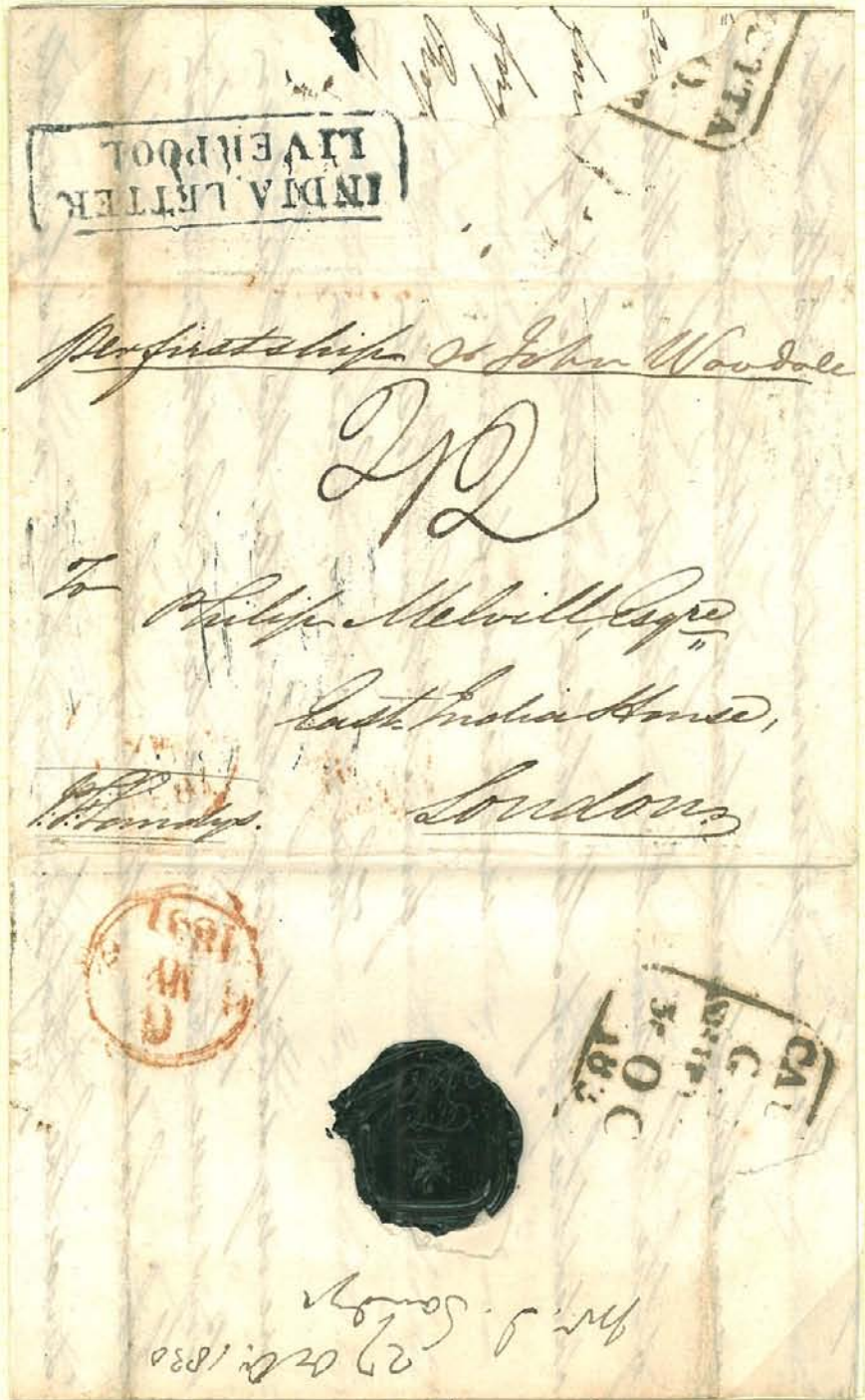
October 30. Letter cleared at Calcutta as an unpaid Ship Letter where it was endorsed: pr John Woodall, then lying at port in Calcutta.

INDIA LETTER  
LIVERPOOL

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1831

The London Sun, May 5, 1831: Arrived at Liverpool, May 3 - The John Woodall, Thompson, from Bengal. The letter was forwarded on to London where it received the red backstamp May 6, over 6 months out from Bengal.



This letter contained an enclosure (a note), so was subject to the double Act of 1812 rate, Liverpool to London, 206 miles, 1sh.10d for a letter going 170-230 miles, plus the 4d. India Letter rate, total due 2sh.2d. (2/2) as shown in manuscript.



1833

INDIA SHIP LETTERS

LIVERPOOL / INDIA SHIP LR

Ship Hindoo

CALCUTTA  
G. P. O.  
SHIP LETTER  
2 JUL 2  
18 33

June 29, 1833.  
Letter datelined at  
Bengal and endorsed:  
pr first ship.

July 2. Letter  
was handled as a  
Ship Letter by the  
Calcutta G.P.O.  
where it was endor-  
sed to the ship  
Hindoo, then lying  
at that port. Hin-  
doo sailed on the  
8th for England.

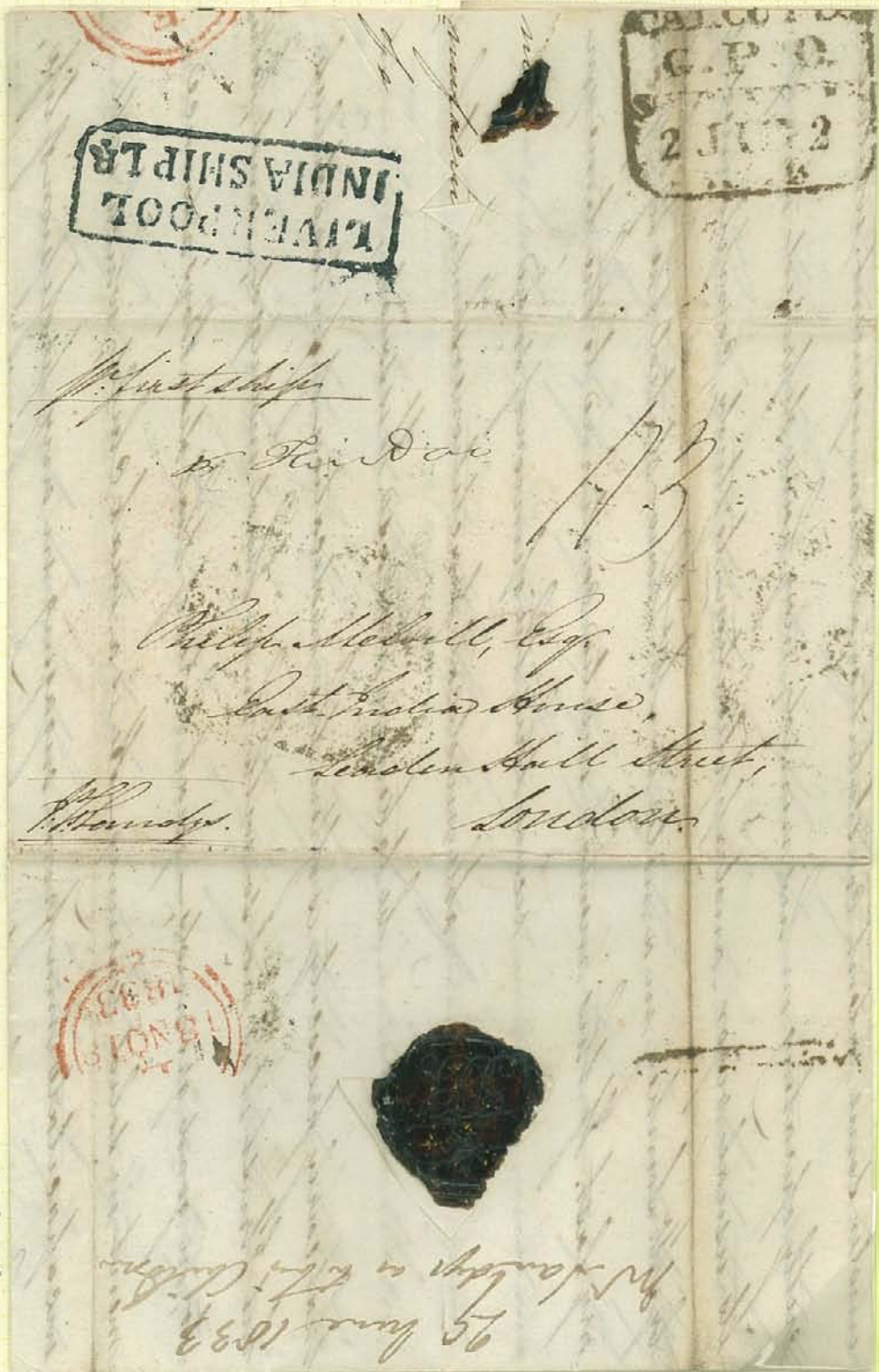
LIVERPOOL  
INDIA SHIP LR

In.l.

London Sun, Nov.  
19, 1833: The Hindoo,  
from Bengal, has  
arrived at Liverpool,  
sailed from Calcutta  
on the 8th of July  
and from St. Helena  
on the 28th of Sept.,  
a voyage of 4½ months.

Nov. 18. Red trans-  
it backstamp at Lon-  
don. Letter rated Act  
of 1812, single 170-  
230 miles, Liverpool  
to London (206 miles)  
at 11d. + India Ship  
Letter rate 4d. = 1sh. 3d. due.

The LIVERPOOL INDIA SHIP LR. with the small raised "R" is unusual.





1838

INDIA SHIP LETTERS

Ship Lysander, Calcutta to Liverpool

August 1, 1838. A duplicate letter, the original of which had been sent: P "Abberton" p "Overland Mail." The shipment per the Abberton, Captain Shuttleworth, was 637 bags of Buffalo Horn Tips, consigned to Mr. H.E. Meyers of Hamburgh. Bills of Lading and invoices were inclosed.



The Bengal Hurkaru, Calcutta. Notice. August 2, For Liverpool. The fast sailing Ship LYSANDER, Capt. W. Currie, will sail 20th inst. LYALL, MATHESON AND CO.

Hurkaru. Aug. 20. Notice. The Letter-bag of the LYSANDER will be closed on Saturday afternoon, the 25th inst., and the vessel will be towed to Sea on the following morning by the Irrawaddy. Has room for light goods and accommodations for pass'grs.

Dec. 21, 1838. Letter stamped at Liverpool incoming as an India Letter. Arrival backstamp at London.

Rated, Act of 1812, for a letter 170 to 230 miles inland, L'pool to London, at 11d. x 3 (treble letter) = 2sh.9d. + 4d. India Letter rate = 3sh.1d. (3/1) in manuscript.



INDIA SHIP LETTERS  
PORTSMOUTH



POST OFFICE  
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE  
MAY 15  
1824

May 15, 1824.  
Letter posted at  
Cape Town, So.  
Africa for Lon-  
don per ship  
"Neptune".

E  
9 AU 9  
1824

August 9, 1824.  
London transit.

INDIA LETTER  
PORTSMOUTH

Letter stamped in-  
coming at first Port  
of Entry - Portsmouth.

Rate of 5/8 (mms. over address) assessed  
as follows:

India Ship Letter Rate.....	4d
Inland rate (Act of 1812), Portsmouth - London (50 - 80 miles)	
8d. per $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. X 8 (2 oz. mms. note)	<u>5/4</u>
Total due from recipient.....	5/8



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INDIA LETTER  
PORTSMOUTH

Ship Strabane

Letter datelined "Calcutta 18th Jany 1839" and directionally endorsed: p "Strabane". It concerns shipment of "451 Bags Buffaloe Horn Tips amounting to Lb 2304.2 shipped in the 'Strabane', Captn Bowen, to your consignment, in account of Mr. H.C. Meyer of Hamburg." A bill of lading was inclosed as well as a letter to Mr. Meyer, making the letter take a treble rate.

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June 6. Letter arrived at Portsmouth where it was marked as an India Letter, subject to the special India Letter rate of 4d. per 3-oz., instead of the normal Ship Letter charge.

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June 7. Arrival backstamp at London. Letter rated, Act of 1812, as a treble letter, Portsmouth to London (72 miles) at 8d. x 3 = 2 shillings + 4d. India Letter charge = 2/4 due as shown in manuscript.

The Times (London), Sat. June 8: EAST INDIA SHIPPING

The Strabane, from Bengal, has arrived off the Isle of Wight, sailed from Calcutta the 24th and Saugor 26th Jan, and St. Helena April 9.





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Dec. 5, 1850. "Calcutta Ship Letter" marking applied at Calcutta, India. incoming at London. Rate for "India" Ship Letter was lower.

Jan. 21, 1851. London arrival date stamp.



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P. 20. Line SS, Oriental

Colantha	Dec. 5, 1850
Gallo	Dec 16
Aden	25-26
Suez	Jan 1, 1851

SS. Pepon

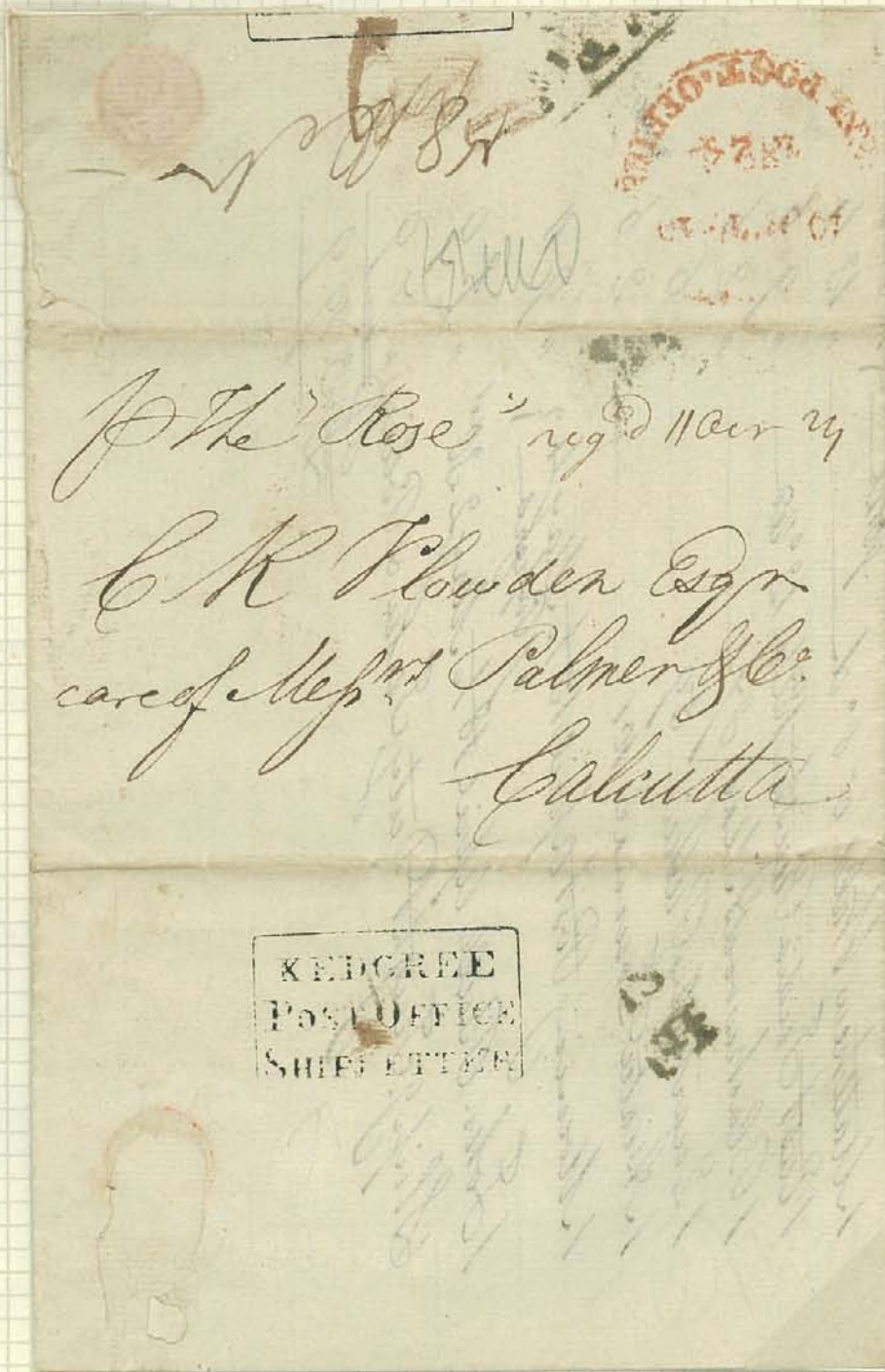
Alexandria	Jan. 4
Malta	9-10
Gibraltar	15
S. France	20



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BRITISH POSTAL MARKINGS

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May 12, 1824.  
Letter posted at  
London for Calcutta  
"p. the Rose".

KEDGREE  
Post Office  
SHIP LETTER

Kedgree, India,  
Ship Letter stamp,  
showing letter type  
for rating.



Oct. 10, 1824.  
Calcutta City  
General Post Office  
receipt mark.