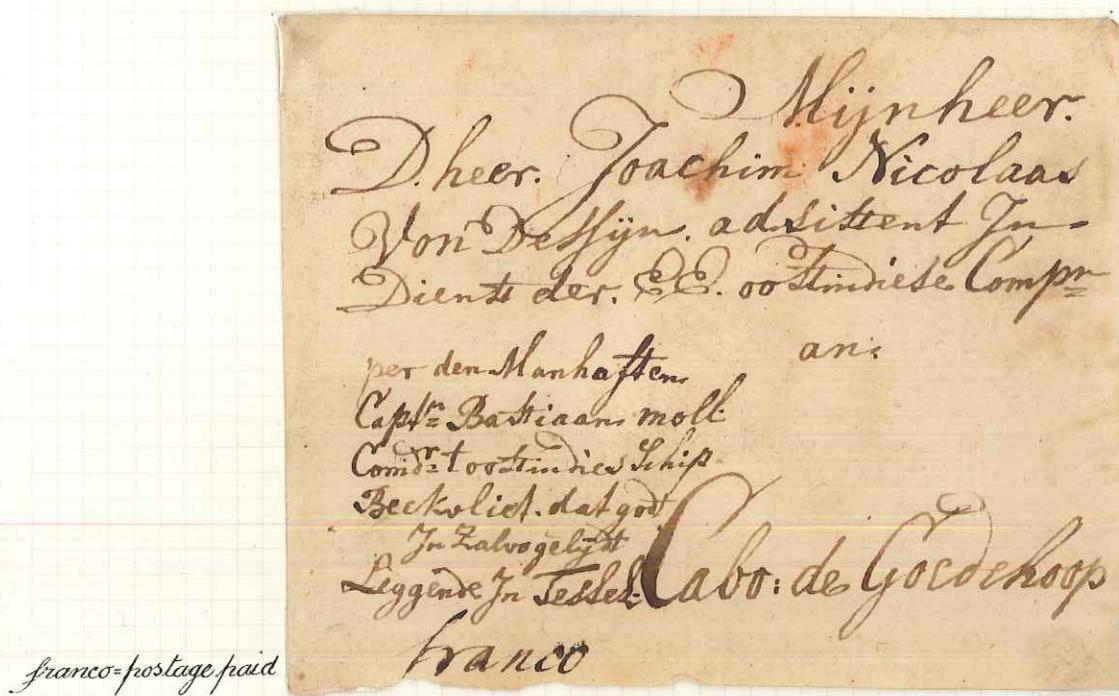


Cape of Good Hope

1736 an early envelope from the Dutch East India Company
in Holland to Joachim Nicholas, an official of the
Dutch East India Company.

"per den Manhatten, Capt^r
Bastiaan Moll Comdr al oostindies
Schip Beckoliet"



franco-postage paid

franco

The envelope is dated on the reverse 12th 1736
Cape Town, the capital had been found in 1650
by the Dutch.

Cap of Good Hope Ab. 2³/₅

1779

Mather Mather

Recovered stones and

Bricks which made me very
curious I know nothing



via Table Bay

Perry Bell & Co.

Port Louis
Mauritius

1857 (July 13) Entire (compl. letter) from Port Elizabeth to Mauritius w/manuscr. "Via Table Bay" on front, pmkd. Mauritius Ju 17 1857, w/3 backstamps: red oval Port Elizabeth, red oval Cape Town & circ. Cape Town/Cape of Good Hope, plus red wax seal, v.fine (PHOTO)



1863 De Klerk
CANCELLED "3"
LATE USAGE

Photo & Published by J. Barnett & Co., No. 179



DATES AND PERIODS OF CURRENCY OF THE THREE ISSUES FOR EACH DENOMINATION.

839Δ — ditto, 4d. pale bright blue, an attractive example lightly cancelled and tied to piece. Stamp is touched or just cut into on two sides. B.P.A. Certificate (1952). Photo Plate III.

£200-300-

links ist die Ecke gerade herunter, so
klare Ränder und zeichnet sich durch
aus.

Ich habe die Marke signiert.

Berlin, den 18. April 1972





Mr. W. H. N. M.
The Secretary
General Post Office
Post Office & Telegraphs } Cape Town

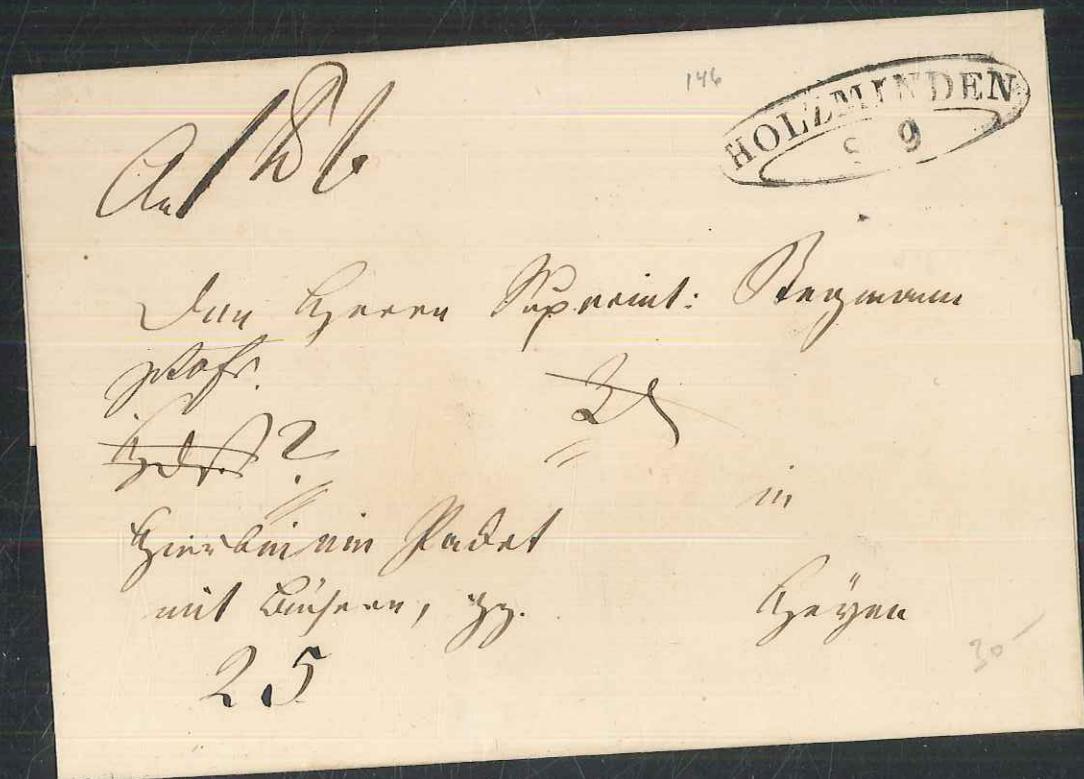


Cape of Good Hope

1853 paper slightly blued 1d. brick-red and 1d. brown-red both with margins and
neatly cancelled, both with faults £15



SEPT 1, 1853
PERKINS, BACON
SG 3, SG 32





In 1855 the Perkins 4d. blue was issued on white paper. In 1853 the overseas rates per 1/2 oz. were 1/- by packet and 8d. by private ship. In 1857 the private ship rate was reduced to 6d. which limits the use of the above, scarce handstamp to 2 years (piece paid DM 230.- in novembre 1974).



J. Stewart Esquire
Master of Supreme Court
Cape Town

No 91077

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY
LONDON



41, Devonshire Place,
London, W1N 1PE

Meeting of 18 JUN 1975

In the OPINION of The EXPERT COMMITTEE the item
submitted as

Cape of Good Hope : 1853 S.G. No 3

1e. Brick-red - block of four - Imperf -
need on pair letter sheet - is genuine.



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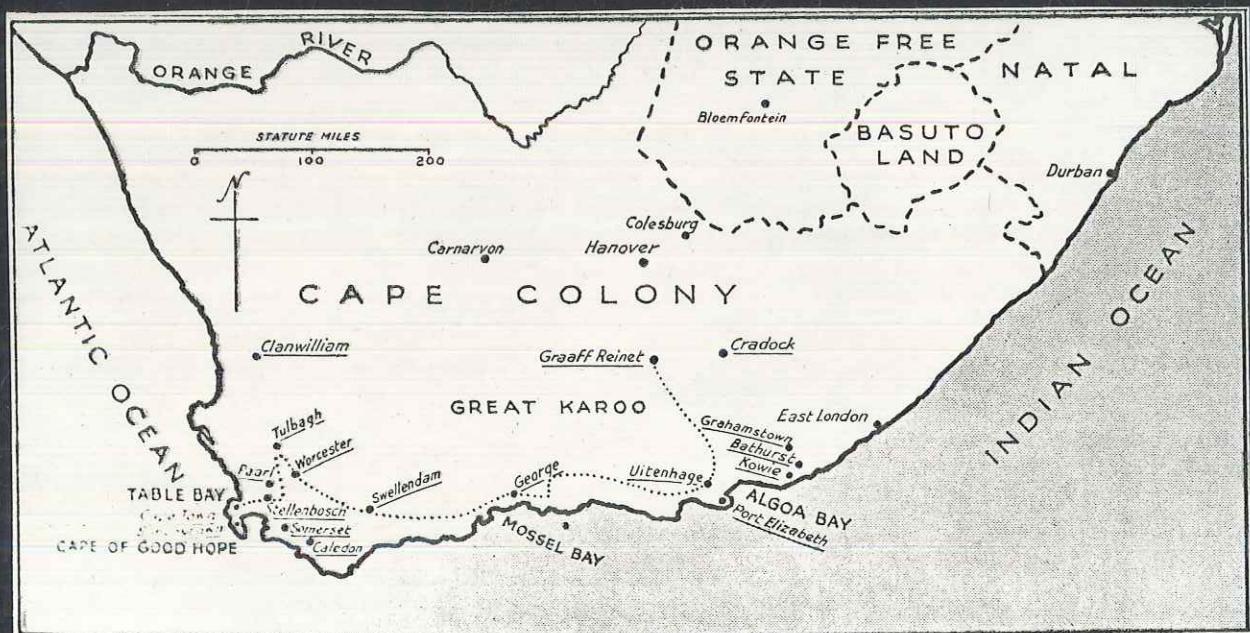
Du Toitspan Road, Kimberley (looking West).

Published by
HANDEL HOUSE, LTD., Kimberley.



Clas

Roy



Map of Cape Colony. The post route of 1810 is shown by dots. The towns underlined had post offices in 1825.

1876 Entire to Queenstown, franked w/4d w/scarce early oval "Elands Post" dated pmk.,
backstpd. "Queenstown" cds., v.fine (PHOTO)



John Bell, Esq.
Attn: at Law,
Queen's Town.

#15

1878 (Apr. 25) Cov. w/letter enclosed & 4d Hope Seated cancell. w/triang. barred pmk. & "Victoria
West" oval dated pmk., addr. to Cape Town w/arriv.cds., superb used
1878 (May 2) Cov. from Piquetberg to Stellenbosch w/rectang. 4d blue, well tied by triangul.Cape
of Good Hope pmk., & oval Piquetberg dated pmk., arriv.cds. (tear at top)



(See reverse)

21st Jan 7



Rec'd of
A. J. Schonberg
Jan - Month



Mr. H. S. T. Water

Graaff-Reinet

1864

POST PAID

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Perfected

Hsp. Schonberg

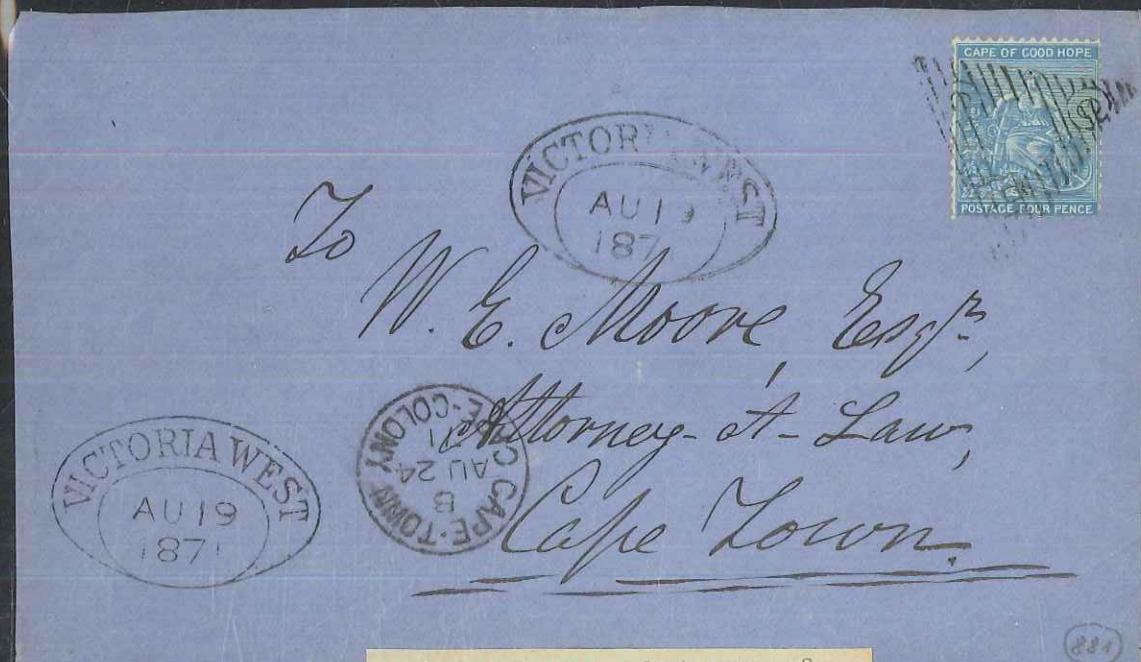
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186x HANOVER-CAPETOWN
Dispatch HS used as
cancellor on pair of
SG 23, unusual, with
Cape Town arrival CDS
and manuscript signature as cancell.



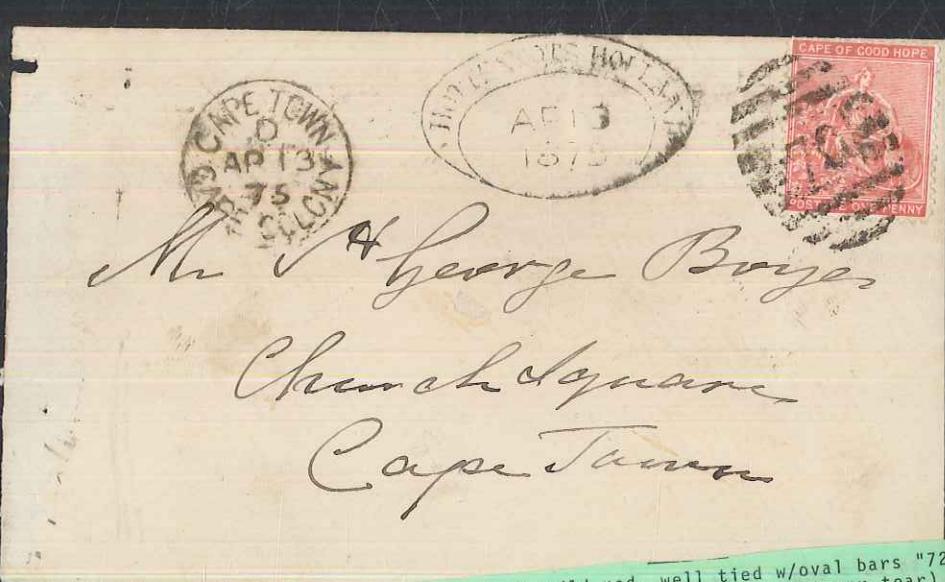
Aug. 19, 1871, late use of
small triangular canceller
(in Victoria West ?), with
Capetown arival handstamp,
index B (front paid DM 95.-).



Carl Feitje
Wellington 24/5. 68



Mr. F. R.



1875 (Apr. 13) Cov. from Hottentots Holland to Cape Town w/ld red, well tied w/oval bars "72" pmk., oval Hottentots Holland dated pmk. & Cape Town cds., fine (cov. slight cnr. tear) (1)



30-ZWELLENDAM
R.L.HS33 since
1849, here on SG
34 (Nov. 1879).



51-BATHURST, late
use of HS33 on 1d
rose-red(SG 49),
P.A.cds JA 8, 1894







216 RILEY



26 RIVERS DALE





SWELLENNDAM FE 27 1867
MALEMBURG MR 1 1867
Note red ink men. cross
patch and receiving fun-
ction on same piece.
Black oval h.s. In dis-

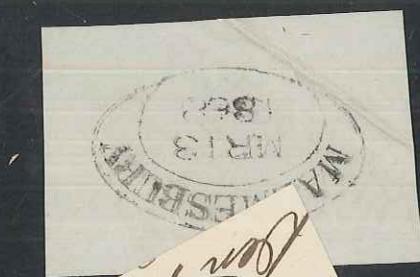


SWELLENNDAM MR 27 1867
Manuscript red ink
cross in addition on
SG 23. Habit of sen-
der of or postal clerk ?



SWELLENNDAM MR 1867
on SG 25
(town h.s. type in use
officially 1854-1863)





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89 u. kapel. Col Holl. 39



BEAUFORT JY 24 1864
manuscript date, hs
violet-brown oval.



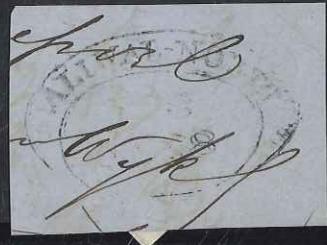
PIQUETBERG OCT 1 1867
manuscript and red
oval (RR) cancella-
tion on 1d rose-red



HUMANS-DORP 7 OCT 1867
(town h.s. type in use
officially 1854-1863)
on SG. 25a.



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BARRY
DALE



Cape Triangulars and the Devonport Packet

A "find" of Cape of Good Hope covers to Hampshire 1859-64 highlights the interest in the mail routes and postal history background between Cape Town and the U.K.

It was not until the advent of steam that a Post Office packet service was established, for prior to that date there had been so many private vessels trading between the Cape and England that it was easier and cheaper to transmit mail by "Ship" letter than it would have been to meet "Packet letter" charges which would have been payable had the post office been at the expense of maintaining a costly Packet fleet. However, the post office contracted to carry letters between Plymouth and the Cape when steam became a practical means of propulsion for sea going vessels.

Our selection of covers shows by the manuscript markings of the writers some of the ships engaged in the Cape Town—Plymouth packet service. These include *Athena*, *Cambrian*, *Celt*, *Diana*, *Norman*, *Phoebe* and *Roman*. From 1859 to 1860 the Cape Packet service had been taken over by the Admiralty in order to have ready call upon shipping in case of emergency as well as to defray the cost of the maintenance from the domestic Post Office account to the militant Admiralty budget. The "tribal" nature of the nomenclature is perhaps some reflection of the Admiralty's influence, for this type of name has often been favoured by their Lords Commissioners.

It is significant that handstamps for use on mail received from the Cape Town—Plymouth Royal Mail Steamers were worded DEVONPORT, the Naval dockyard, and not Plymouth, the civil port. The use of the PACKET LETTER marking was to enable the

Post Office accountancy section to note that packet letter charges were appropriate to the letter. From the colour illustration on the cover it will be noted that on the 1860 cover, the DEVONPORT CAPE PACKET handstamp is in black, while on the 1864 cover it is in red. Robertson* records that this handstamp was despatched to Devonport by the G.P.O. on 31.12.59 though he states it had not been seen used until 1863. All the 1860-64 covers in this latest find must therefore be of particular interest to students, while that dated 20th Feb. 1860 is a particularly early date. It is recorded as known in red 1864-67, in black 1863-66, apparently indiscriminately.

It may also be observed that our cover illustration shows one cover with a single rate 6d. stamp and one with double rate (two 6d. stamps). Red manuscript markings show the Packet Letter rate "5" for the single letter and "10" for the double.

A cover dated 20th Apr. 1859 has a blue PLYMOUTH PACKET LETTER c.d.s. A CAPE PACKET PLYMOUTH c.d.s. was despatched by the G.P.O. on 10th Sept. 1870 and at the same time a PAID PLYMOUTH CAPE PACKET datesstamp similar to that of Devonport was brought into use. This had only a very short life and is extremely scarce as by 1870 prepayment of packet letters was a condition of acceptance by the post office at the time of posting and the inclusion of the word "Paid" was unnecessary.

These covers are being offered in Bournemouth on 7th July.

* Acknowledgement is made to "The Ship Letter Marks of the British Isles" by Alan W. Robertson.



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