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MAURITIUS. An internal letter sheet from Mahebourg bearing a horizontal strip of three of the 1d. orange-vermilion on yellowish paper, early impression, later state, Kanai II, pos. 7,8,9 on the plate, S.G. 7, Scott 3a, cancelled 1 in double circles and a boxed Mahebourg, Aug. 10. 1854 alongside, both are in blue (Kanai Type IIG-1 and IIB-3) to Port Louis where it arrived and received the Crown Circle Mauritius G.P.O., Aug. 11. 1854 in black. It is in my opinion genuine. The letter sheet is defective and creased and the strip has been lifted, cleaned and pressed to flatten creases at either end of the strip where it overlapped the cover and has been replaced slightly in the wrong position.

A very rare cover. It is almost certainly the largest multiple of this state on letter and one of a very few covers known used in 1854 (see Kanai "Classic

