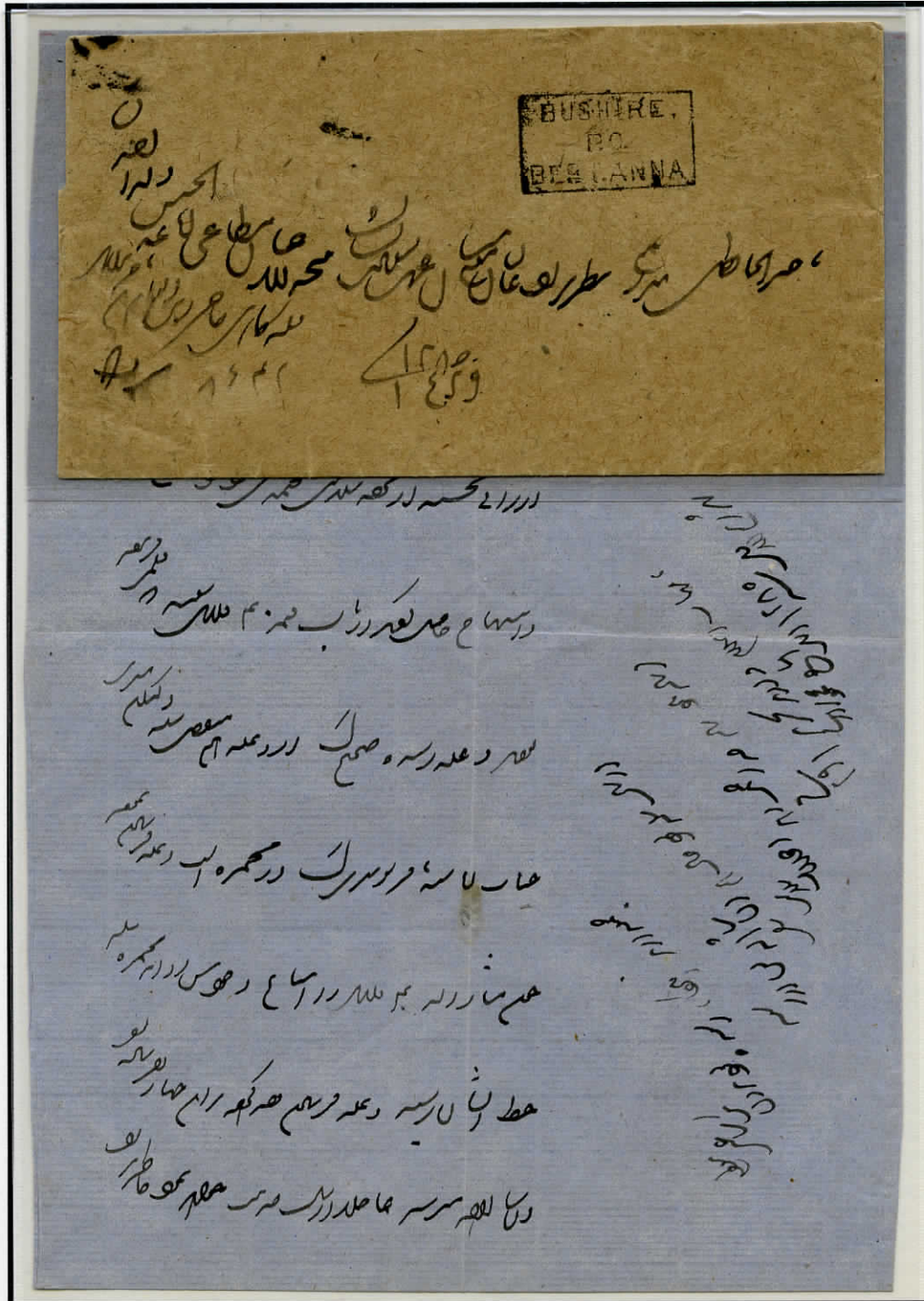


India Post Offices

The **Bushire** Indian Post Office (IPO) opened in May 1864. In April 1867 new IPO's were established in the port cities of **Bandar Abas** and **Linga**. Additional post offices (Postal Agencies) were later established in South Persia.

Originally, IPO mail was without adhesives. By 1875, Indian stamps were being used on nearly all letters coming out of the Persia IPO's. This occurred in the same timeframe as the introduction of the "Lion" stamps of Persia.

The topic of the Indian Post Offices, which lasted until 1923 (59 years) is covered in the Section II (2) of this exhibit (organized geographically); the chronological continuation of the ROI story is in Section III (Pre-World War I).



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10 July 1865 - Cover with original enclosure from Bushire to Bombay, via Indian Postal Agency in Persia, franked with a boxed 1 Anna handstamp. Reverse of cover with "Bushier 10 JY" departing postmark as well as "Bombay AU 1 65" receiving postmark.