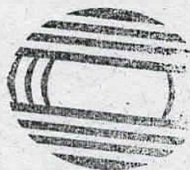
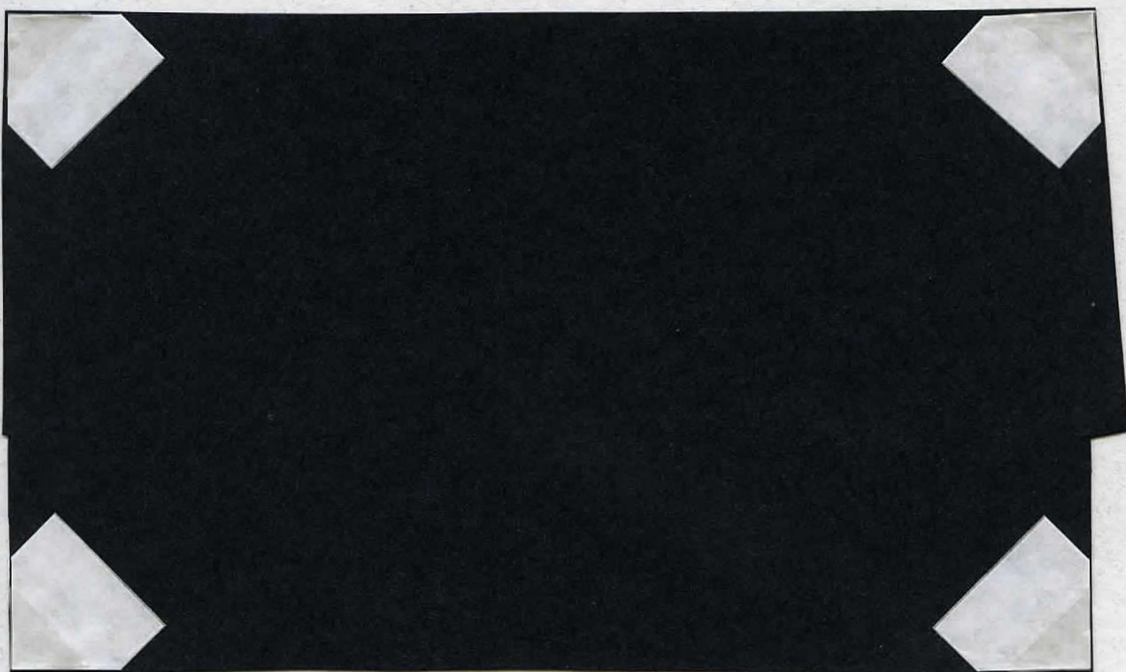


**Mauritius**  
Under British Rule  
**1859**



The 4d Overseas Letter Rate  
Port Louis to Paris, France

**1859** October 12th : Entire Letter, (verso) struck with the double circle 'GPO/MAURITIUS' despatch d/stamp for 'OC-12-1859'.



E. L. franked with a horizontal pair/oily impression of (1859 March) Q.V. 2d blue Lapirot issues/Worn Impression/positions 9 & 10, struck and tied with the 'blank oval of bars', showing usage of the 4d rate indicating a weight upto  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce which is the correct postal rates from the Government Gazette of 1st May, 1858, which shows rates to be used on and after 6th May, 1859.

On (recto) annotation 'Voie de Suez & Marseille' and handstruck '16' decimes charge in black (due on arrival in France, with 8 decime =  $7\frac{1}{2}$  grams) under the revised Anglo-French Postal Convention of 1856, and red French 'PAYS ETR. V. SUEZ. SUEZ/AMB.E/4 NOV 59' transit c.d.s.

On (verso) various French receiving c.d.s.