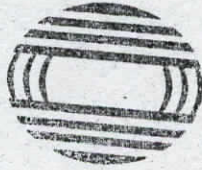


Mauritius
Under British Rule
1859



The 2d Inland Letter Rate
Mahebourg to Port Louis

1859 November 17th : Entire Cover, struck (top left-side) with the (very faint) bevelled framed two-line 'village/date' despatch h/stamp for 'Mahebourg/NO-17-1859' and on (verso) the crowned 'MAURITIUS/GPO' receiving d/stamp for 'NO-18-1859'.



E. C. franked with a Single (1859 March) Q.V. 2d blue Lapirot issue/Worn Impression/position 10, struck and tied with the 'blank oval of bars', showing usage of the internal 2d rate for letters from a rural post town or village to Port Louis, not exceeding ½ ounce, this rate remaining in use and unchanged from the introduction of the Postal Ordinance No. 8 of 1850.

The use of local letters addressed for delivery from one provincial town to another are extremely rare.

This is the only example recorded to date.