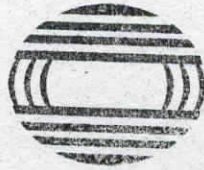


Mauritius
Under British Rule
1859



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

1859 June 20th : Entire Wrapper, (verso) struck with the 'GPO/MAURITIUS' despatch d/stamp for 'JU-20-1859'.

E. W. franked with a horizontal pair of (1859 March) Q.V. 2d blue Lapirot issues/Intermediate Impression/positions 3 & 4, and struck with the 'blank oval of bars', showing usage of the 4d rate indicating a weight upto ½ 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 Marseille' and handstruck '8' decimes charge in black (due on arrival in France, with 8 decime = 7½ grams) under the revised Anglo-French Postal Convention of 1856, and red French transit c.d.s.

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

ex. Hind '1934'
Burrus '1963'

V. Chand Collection.