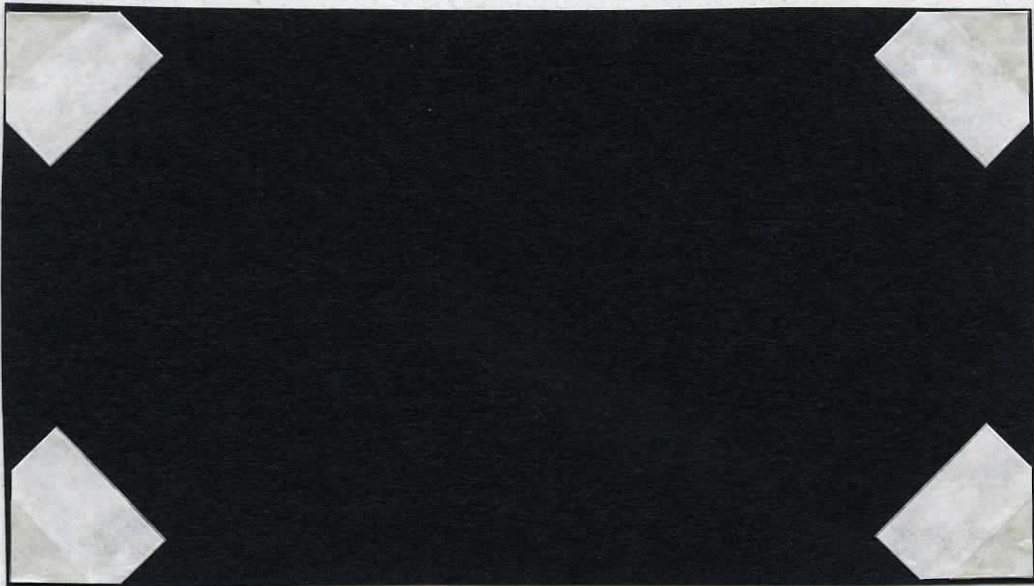


Mauritius
Under British Rule
1859



The 2d Overseas Letter Rate
Port Louis to Coutances, France

1859 July 9th : Entire Letter, (verso) struck with the double circle 'GPO/MAURITIUS' despatch d/stamp for 'JY-9-1859'.



E. L. franked with a Single (1859 March) Q.V. 2d blue Lapirot issue/Intermediate Impression/position 3, and struck with the 'Target of 5 concentric circles', showing usage of the 2d rate.

On (recto) annotation 'Voie de Suez' 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 'PAYS ETR. V. SUEZ.AMB/6 AUG 59' transit c.d.s.

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