

**Mauritius**  
Under British Rule  
1859



The 2d Inland Letter Rate  
Souillac to Eastern Suburb

**1859 October 5th** : Entire Cover, struck with the bevelled framed two-line 'village/date' despatch h/stamp for 'Souillac/M/s. 5-OC-1859', on (verso) double circle 'GPO/MAURITIUS' transit d/stamp for 'OC-6-1859' (via Port Louis) and bevelled framed two-line 'village/date' receiving h/stamp for 'Eastern Suburb/6-OC-1859'.



E. C. franked with a Single (1859 March) Q.V. 2d blue Lapirot issue/Worn Impression/position 12, struck and tied with the 'blank oval of bars', and addressed to 'Riviere Seche a la Partie de Flacq' (district of Eastern Suburb), showing usage of the internal 2d rate for letters between a rural post town or village, not exceeding ½ ounce, this rate remaining in use and unchanged from the introduction the Postal Ordinance No. 8 of 1850.

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

This item is the only example recorded to date.

ex. Kanai '1993'

V. Chand Collection.