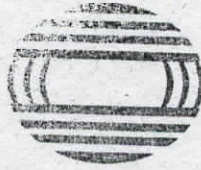


Mauritius
Under British Rule
1859



The 4d Overseas Letter Rate
Port Louis to Genova, Italy

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



E. L. franked with a horizontal pair of (1859 March) Q.V. 2d blue Lapirot issues/Worn Impression/positions 6 & 7, and struck with the 'blank oval of bars', and addressed to 'Monsieur Simone Baglietto', 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 'Via Suez & Marseille' and '10' cent charge in black (due on arrival in Italy), with red French 'PAYS ETR. V. SUEZ/4 NOV 59' transit c.d.s. and the black Italian single line 'VIA M NIZZA' h/stamp.

On (verso) the Italian 'NIZA MINRA' entry d/stamp for '6 NOV 1859' and red boxed 'GENOVA/ARRIVAL' receiving d/stamp for '7 NOV 1859'

This item is the only example recorded to date.