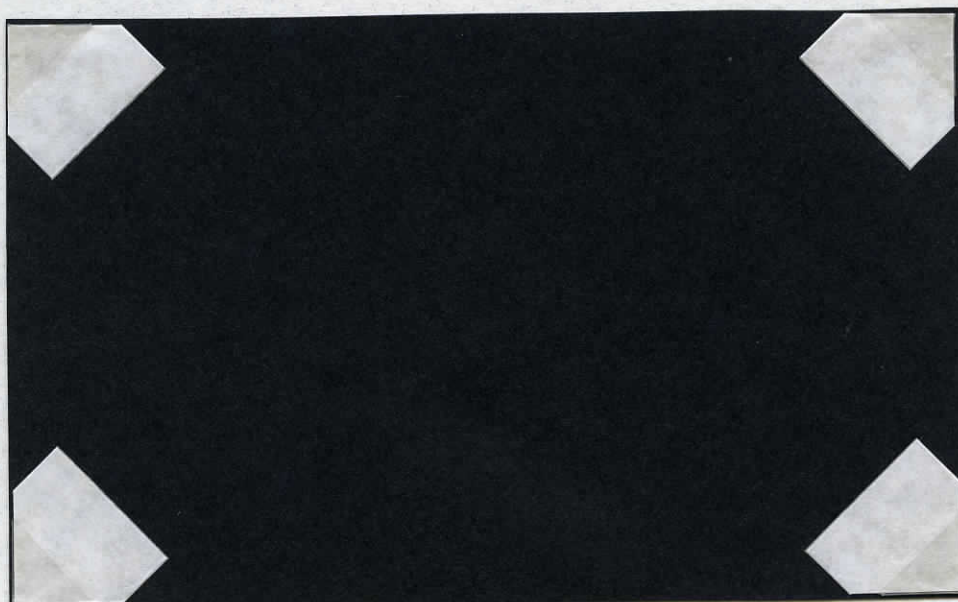


Mauritius
Under British Rule
1859



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

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



E. C. franked with a horizontal pair of (1859 March) Q.V. 2d blue Lapirot issues/Worn Impression/positions 1 & 2, struck and tied 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 'for Overland' (indicating that the cover traveled through the route - of Suez to Alexandria by road/rail and thereafter by ship to 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 'PAYS ETR. V. SUEZ/8 NOV 59/AMB. B' entry c.d.s.

ex. Hind '1934'
Davy '1960'