

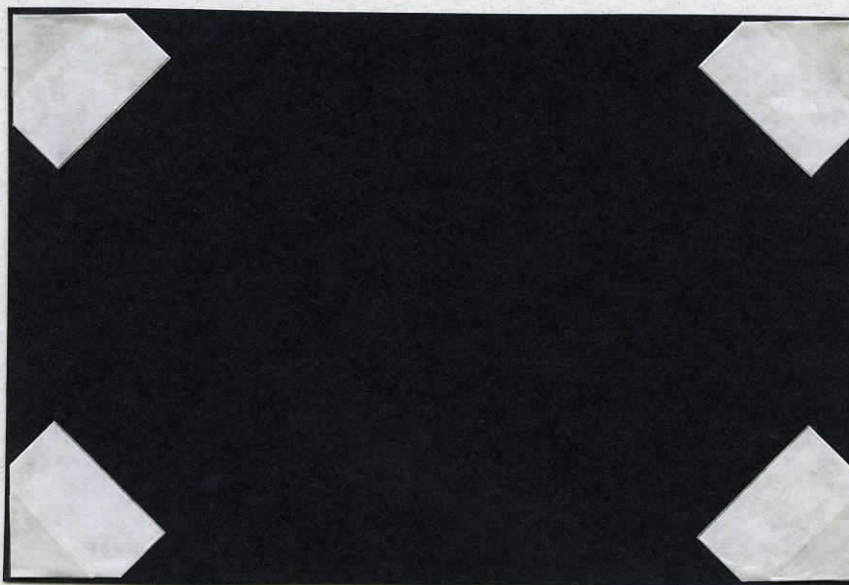
Mauritius
Under British Rule
1859

P&O Feeder Service Mauritius & Reunion
The P&O Str. 'PERA'



Port Louis to St. Dennis, Ile de la Reunion

1859 December 6th : Entire Cover, (verso) struck with the faint double circle 'GPO/MAURITIUS' despatch d/stamp and the circular St. Dennis receiving d/stamp for '7-DEC-1859'.



E. C. franked with a vertical strip of four (1852-59) Q.V. 1d red Post-Paid issues/Latest Impression/positions 2, 5, 8 & 11, all struck and tied with the 'blank oval of bars' showing usage of the 4d overseas rate.

On (verso) showing the Type II boxed cachet h/stamp 'M&I' (1840 to 66) used for letters received in Reunion from Mauritius, or India & France via Mauritius, on which the local Postal authorities paid a levy of 10c (decime de mer) or 1d to the Ship's Captain for each letter he handed over, (clearly indicating to the letter carrier those letters on which a charge was to be collected).

The P&O Steamer 'PERA' from Alexandria via Southampton departed Mauritius on 6th December and arrived Reunion on 7th December 1859.

Although, the M&I (letters provenant de Maurice et de l'Inde) is a Reunion Postal marking, this h/stamp is part of the postal history of Mauritius.

This is the only example recorded to date.

ex. Davy '1960'
Kanai '1993'

V. Chand Collection.