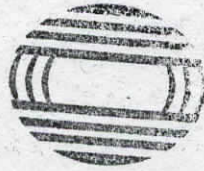
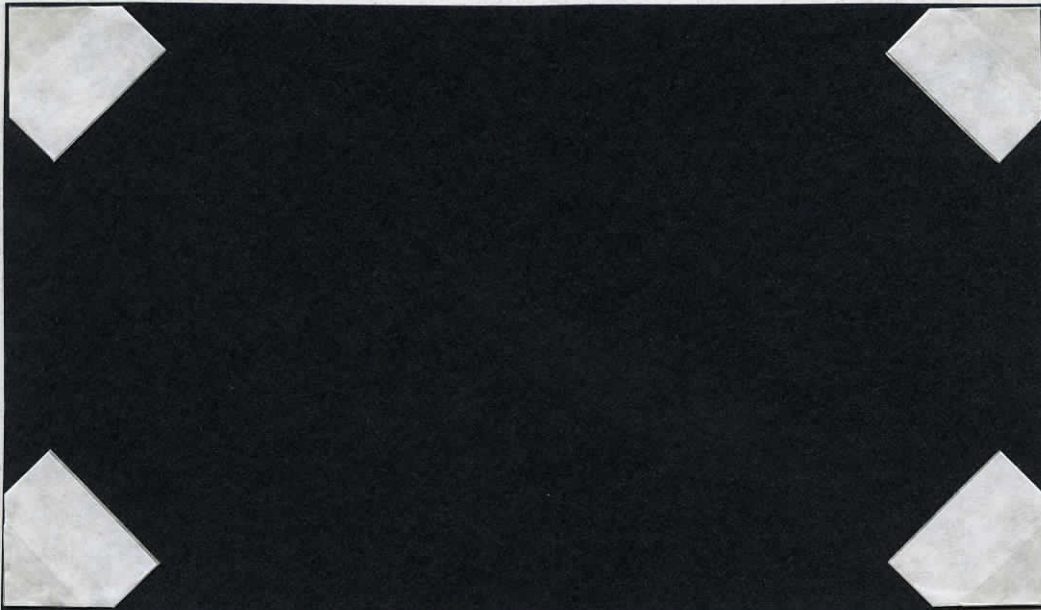


Mauritius
Under British Rule
1859



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

1859 December 9th : Entire Cover, (verso) struck with the double circle 'GPO/MAURITIUS' despatch d/stamp for 'DE-09-1859'.



E. C. franked with two vertical pairs of (1852-59) Q. V. 1d red Post-Paid issues/Worn Impression/positions 2, 5 & 9, 12, both struck and tied with the 'blank oval of bars', showing the 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) handstruck '8' decimes change in black (due on arrival in France, with 8 decimes = 7½ grams), under the revised Anglo-French Postal Convention of 1856, and red French 'PAYS ETR. V. SUEZ/AMB. D./6 JAN 60' trancit c.d.s.

This is the only example recorded to date.

ex. Burrus '1963'

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