

Mauritius
Under British Rule
1860



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

1860 January 3rd : Entire Wrapper, (verso) struck with the double circle 'GPO/MAURITIUS' despatch d/stamp for 'JA-3-1860'.



E. W. franked with a marginal vertical strip of four (1852-59) Q. V. 1d red Post-Paid issues/Latest Impression/positions 3, 6, 9 & 12, all 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 rate from the Government Gazette of 1st May 1858, which shows rates to be used on and after 6th May, 1859.

On (recto) annotation 'Via Marseille' and handstruck '8' decimes charge 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. C/6 MARS 60' transit c.d.s.

ex. Hind '1934'
Stevens '1964'

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