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MAURITIUS. A lettersheet bearing an 1849/54, 2d. blue on thickish bluish paper, imperf., very early "early impression", pos. 11 on the plate, S.G. 8, Scott 6, cancelled by a circle of 12 bars with a Crown Circle "Mauritius, GPO, June, 19. 1849" alongside, paying the internal postage and sent by steamer "Bourgainville" to Portugal, where it received a circular "Lisbon, 5.12." in blue on the reverse, forwarded through Spain to France, where a faint strike of the cds. "Espagne.... 12.(?) Dec. 1849" in red was applied. It was then sent to its destination Bordeaux, arriving on the 14.Dec.1849 and rated in transit 3(dec) postage due. It is in my opinion genuine. An attempt was made to tear the stamp from the cover, this has been reinforced with hinges. A very rare lettersheet with an unusual routing to France. Ex Caspary Collection

