

1857 to Ceylon via Marseilles



9d paid

Haddington, 24 December, 1857—29 days

9d paid to Kandy, Ceylon via Marseilles. 13 bar 171 numeral canceled, 26 December London, 21 January Colombo receiver for Kandy arrival next day.

Franked letter to Ceylon with via Marseilles routing early in rate period.

Scots came to Ceylon first as coffee planters, a disease killed the coffee island wide, but the replacement crop of tea earned fortunes. Scottish settlers came to Ceylon with the lure of inexpensive land to clear for growing and exporting plantation crops.



4¢ paid

Singapore, Straits Settlements, 10 March, 1899—32 days

Straits Settlements Paid
letter, Singapore date-
stamp, to Ecclefechan,
Scotland, Dumfriesshire.
12 April received,
Ecclefechan.

As trade between European countries and India, Asia and Australia expanded, Singapore was well located along trade lines. In 1869, the Suez Canal opened, linking the Mediterranean and the Red Sea and putting Singapore in a prime position on the Europe-East Asia route, where Scottish trade was already very active.

VII. Asia

Ceylon and Burma

Ceylon entered the UPU in 1877, and a 20 cent rate via Brindisi was introduced 1 February, 1880.



Colombo, 8 April, 1881—26 days

Ceylon to Scotland's Orkney Islands

20¢ paid

Paid letter via Brindisi
3 May, Kirkwall, Scotland
4 May, St Margaret's Hope, Orkney, South Ronaldsday.

Ceylon Forwarding Agent handstamp: Alstons Scott & Co. applied over postage to prevent removal prior to posting.

1½ Anna paid

From Fort Stedman, Burma

Post Card rate to Aberdeen
11 October Bombay transit
Postcard with no receiving date.



Fort Stedman, 28 September, 1889

5d paid

Paid letter from Dreghorn, Ayrshire, via London and Brindisi. Redirected to Kandy, Ceylon. Dreghorn 13 bar handstamp number 447 on Arrival 21 November, Lindoola.



To Lindoola, Ceylon, 30 October, 1884—22 days

For Ceylon, the boom in the tea plantation business ensured continued business with and migration from Scotland. Burma did not have such migration and limited mail is found from Scotland to or from Burma. Burmese mail is typically from stationed troops.

Supplier: Treaty Ports

1/4 paid



To Hong Kong, China, 25 February, 1868

Paid ½ oz. letter front from Edinburgh via Marseille, two strikes of six bar fixed date duplex obliterator, no receiving date. Routing to Hong Kong by P&O via India. Conglomerate Smith and Archer supplied treaty ports—oil, staples, brewed beverage.

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EDINBURGH
View of ~~Marshall~~
NO 80
A C Hay Esq
Messrs Briggs & Co
Alexandria
Egypt





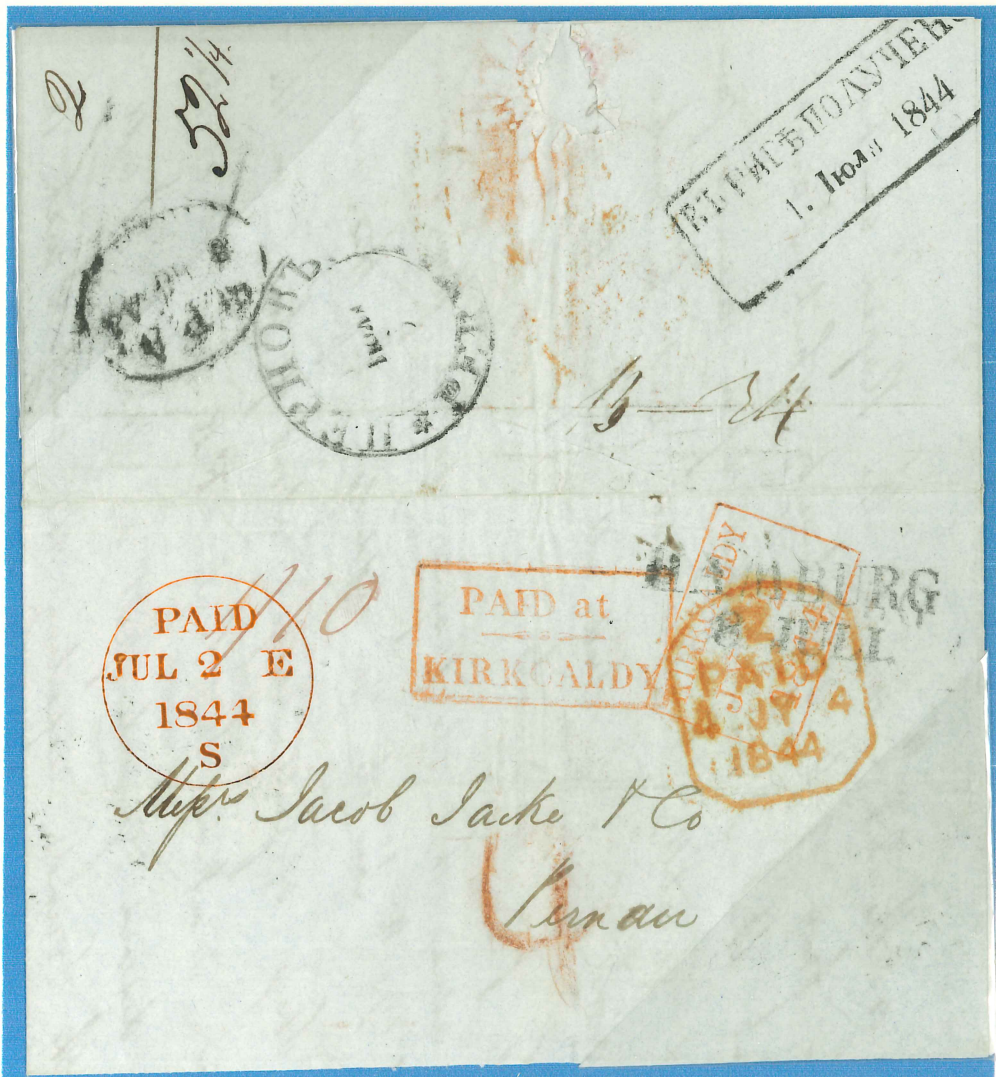
V. Europe

Russia

1/10 d paid

Manuscript 1/10d Paid letter from Kirkcaldy, Scotland
 Kirkcaldy red boxed datestamp 2 July, circular Paid Edinburgh 4 July London, Paid tombstone 8 July Hamburg datestamp oval St Petersburg black transit. Black rectangular Russian rail Crayon 4 accountancy and circular Pernau receiver. 11 July received.

Parnau became part of independent Estonia in 1918.



Paid at Kirkcaldy 1834-1844

To Pernau, 2 July, 1844—9 days

Philippines rates per British Packet was established via Marseilles at a rate of 2/2 per ¼ oz., 2/7 for ½oz and a ¾ oz. letter was carried by British Packet via Marseilles for 4/9d. Rates to Singapore were the same as those of India until 15 August, 1861. In 1840 a British closed mail packet via Marseilles was established for India and extended to **1847 Glasgow to Philippines**



1845-1850



4/9 paid

To Manila, 23 January, 1847—64 days

Paid letter rate from Glasgow. Glasgow decagon paid datestamp with single arc datestamp used to indicate received late. Routing via Marseille manuscript p o'land for overland via Suez, then onward P&O via India and Hong Kong to Manila.

Begbie Wiseman Co., Glasgow buying wood from Constable Wood Co.

Early date for surviving Scotland to Philippines mail.

Australasia

Named in honor of Queen Victoria, who signed the division's separation from New South Wales, the colony was officially established in 1851 and achieved self government in 1855.

MELBOURNE
JAN 24
1853
VICTORIA

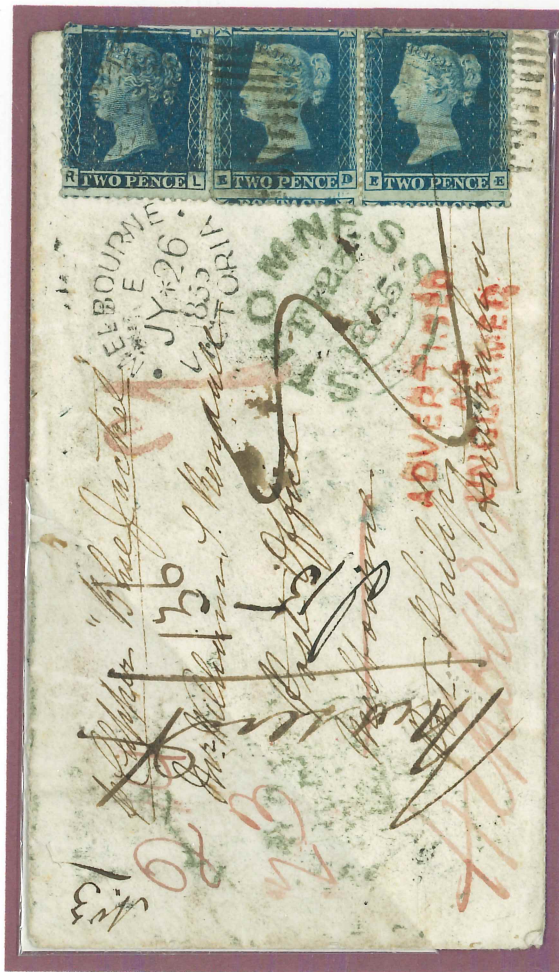
1852-1855

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Liverpool
1854-1858
Accountancy
1d due Britain

Victoria

Northern Scottish Orkney Islands to Melbourne, Unclaimed



6d paid

To Port Phillip, Melbourne, 23 February, 1855—158 days ex Risvold
Paid 6d letter (2d stamp replaced) from Stromness, Orkney Islands. Routing
Stromness to Liverpool, per *Blue Jacket*, 26 July Melbourne, receipt. Manuscript
missent and forwarded, where advertised and letter unclaimed.

Mail from Orkney Islands to Australasia is infrequently found.