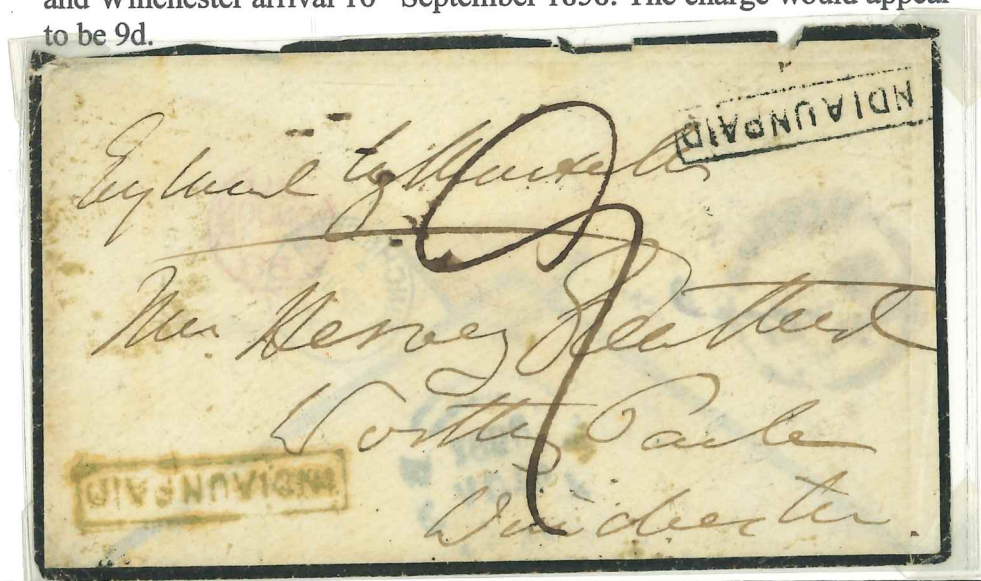


Cover of letter from Poona with despatch stamp in black and INDIA UNPAID in black addressed to Winchester, U.K. The letter sent via Marseilles. Transit stamp BOMBAY dated 9th August 1858-8 of date slug inverted- London receipt stamp **RED** dated 15th September 1858 and Winchester arrival 16th September 1858. The charge would appear to be 9d.



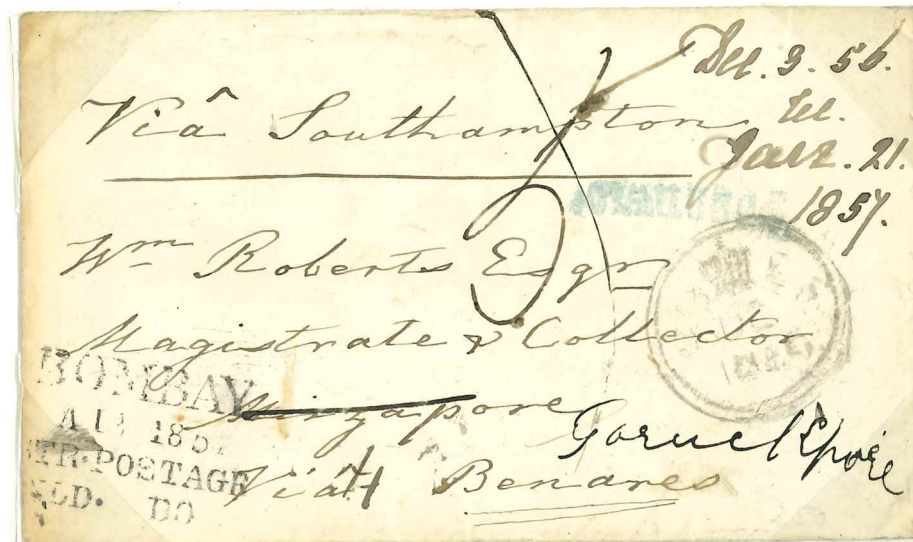
A letter despatched from LONDON on the 23rd September 1839 addressed to Lt Colonel Reed, Her Majesty's 54th Foot in Madras. The postage of 2/6 was paid in London and the **Maltese Cross Paid Date** in Red confirms this. This is, however, is the postage to the port. The letter arrived in India on the 25th November 1839 and the BOMBAY Date Bearing stamp (HG18) in black was applied. The postage to be paid by the addressee was 10As. The letter was then sent to Madras where two stamps were applied. Both are in Red, the first **G.P.O. date** is a general stamp. The second cannot be described



An entire letter from a solicitor in Ramsgate dated 17 Feb 1853 addressed to Captn E.Coxen, 60th Rifles, Jullundeer, Punjab, Bengal. The letter contains a long history of an estate together with an account of expenses. Very interesting. The letter was received in Bombay, Handstamp HGSR6 in Black in use from 1844 to 1857 and shows Steamer postage As.1 and Inland postage As2, Pes 3. The date MA25 1853. There is a further handstamp in Blue which is not understood. On the reverse, there is a further handstamp which is not clear.



An envelope sent from the U.K. and addressed to "The Magistrate and Collector" at Mirzapore. The despatch stamp on the front is dated 3rd December 1856. There is a Bombay receipt stamp in black, Type HG SR6 dated Jan 1857 and the letter has been redirected to Goruckpore with a receipt handstamp dated Goruckpore 21 Jan 1857..It would appear that there was As.6 to pay.



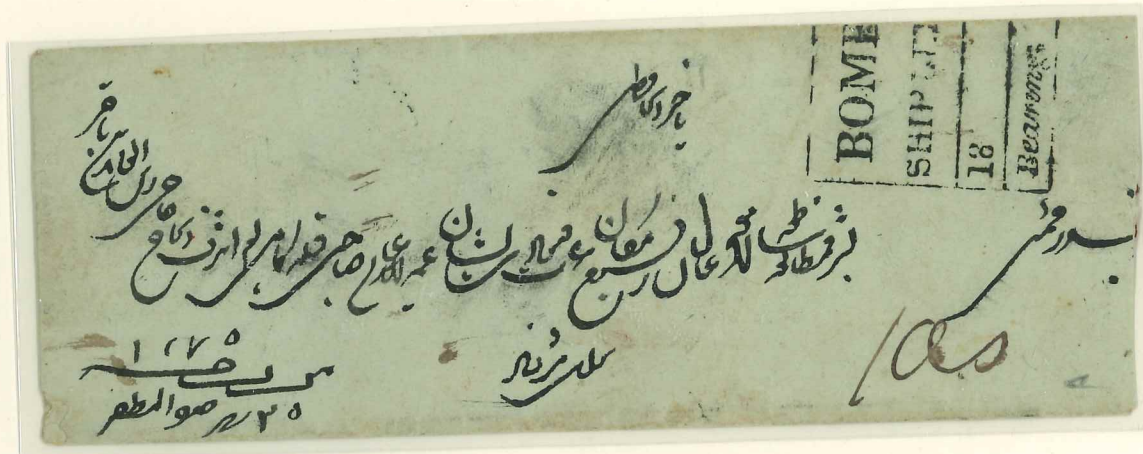
An entire from the military accounts dated April 1842 relating to the amount paid for passage of Captain Dunbar to the U.K. on furlough . He subsequently retired from the service and therefore apparently had to pay his own passage home. From the arrival date of the letter in London it can be deduced that the letter left Bombay in the E.I.C. ship "Berenice" on the 3rd May 1842. The "INDIA" in an ellipse which was applied by the Post Office, Bombay is HG. SD 7 in use from 1840 -56. It arrived in Suez on the 20th May. The mail was then sent overland to Alexandria and loaded into the P & O ship "Orient" which sailed for Malta on the 25th May arriving on the 29th May. The mail was then transhipped on to the H.M.Packet "Polyphemeus" which sailed for Marsailles on the 29th May and arrived in Marsailles on the 1st June and London on the 6th June 1842. Transit time: 5 weeks.



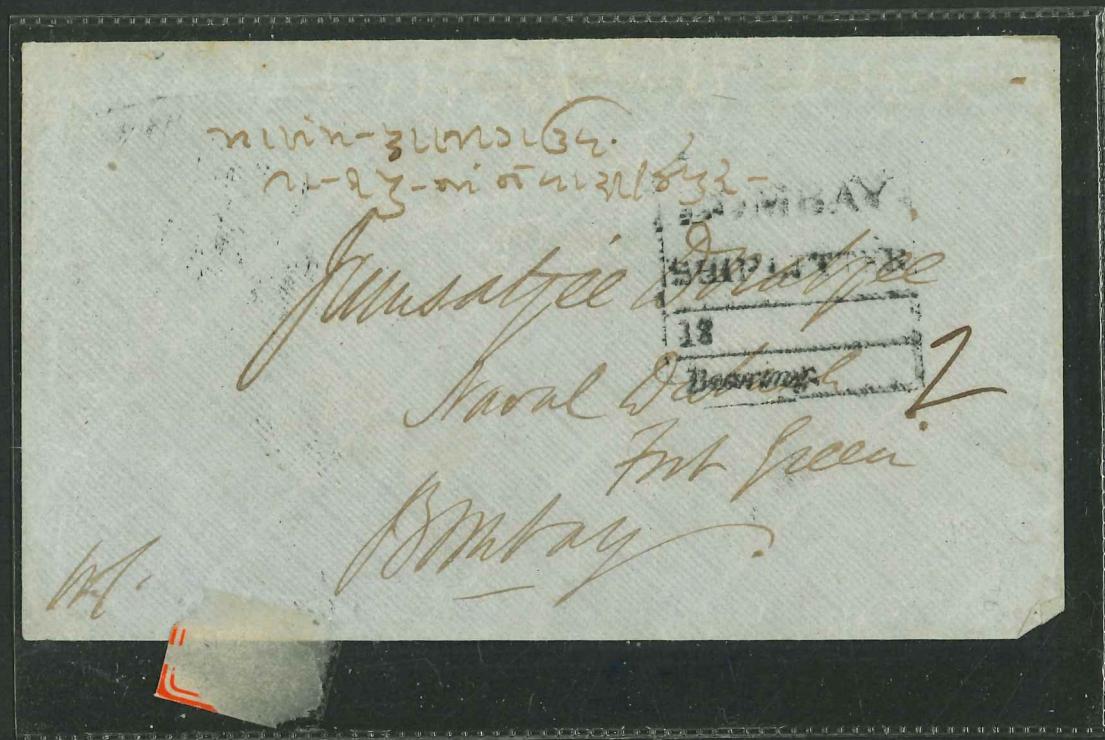
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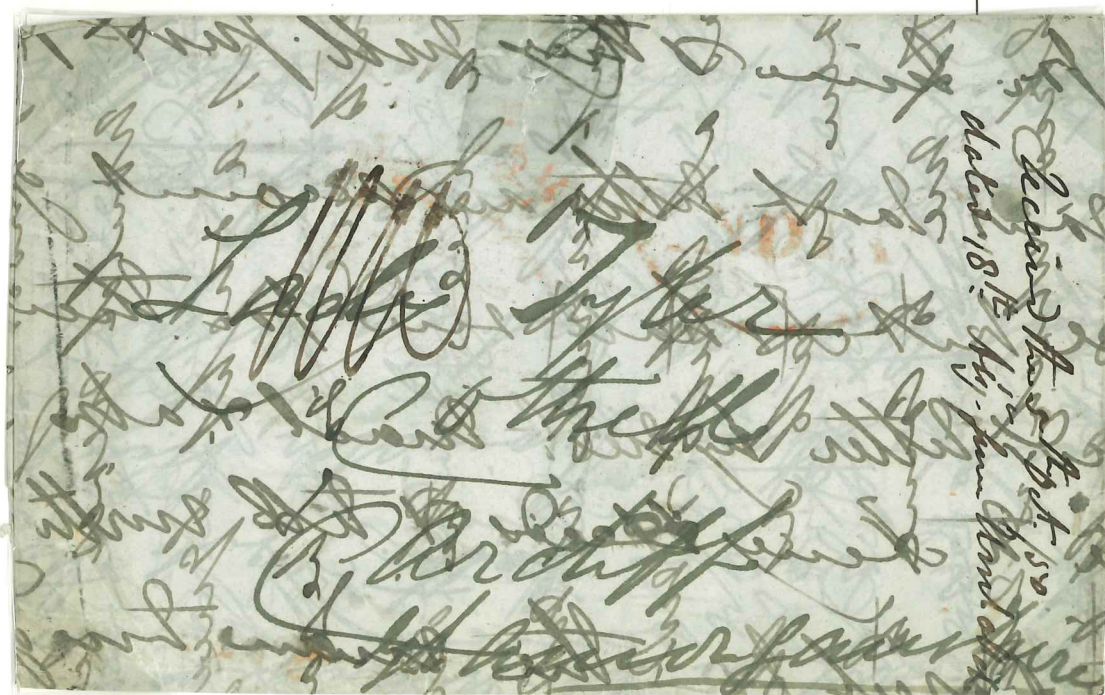
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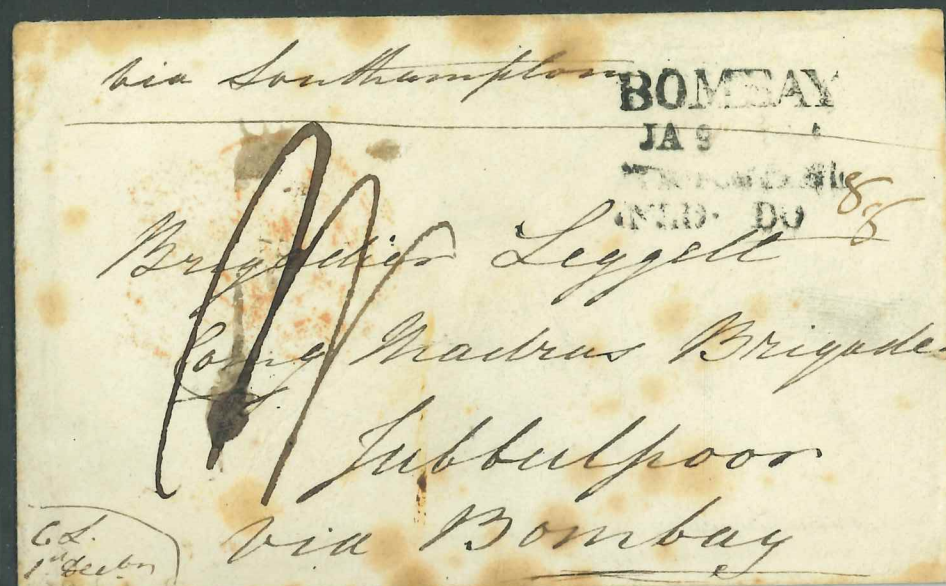


Small cover to Bombay, bearing in black 'BOMBAY/SHIP LETTER/18...../BEARING 1AS.' (VALUE OUTSIDE) - GILES TYPE SR 3 black ship letter handstamped receipt stamp and at reverse, 'BOMBAY /OC 26/1858' black miscellaneous handstamp - GILES TYPE X1. Wax seal remnant seen at back. Fine.



Entire cross written letter from the son of Lady Tyler dated 18th August 1850 from Ahmedabad. The Letter has the **INDIA** in oval frame indicating passing through Bombay, and the black Bombay despatch date stamp. Probably a London receipt stamp in Red and a Cardiff receipt stamp in Black dated 5th October 1850.





A part letter from an army pay Sergeant in Bombay countersigned by the officer in charge, despatched Bombay with a Bombay General Post Office stamp H.G G3 in black in use from 1844-59. The date is probably 29th May 1844. Received in Dundee 16th August 1844. The letter refers to the estate of a soldier in India stating that after six months, the estate will be paid from India House, on application.



Entire letter dated 12th December 1853 posted in Bombay addressed to London. The **BOMBAY IN AN OVAL** 37MM x 20MM SIMILAR TO HG/SD 7 but dimensions differ. Reverse shows Bombay General Post Office stamp HG /G4 in black in use 1850-55. The letter would have been despatched by the post office in the ship QUEEN which left Bombay on the 14th December arriving Aden 23rd December. Then in the Bengal which left Aden for Suez on the 23 December arriving Suez 29th December. Left Alexandria in the Colombine on 4th January 1854 and arrived Malta 7th January. Transhipped onto Vectis on 7th January and arrived on 12th January. 1854



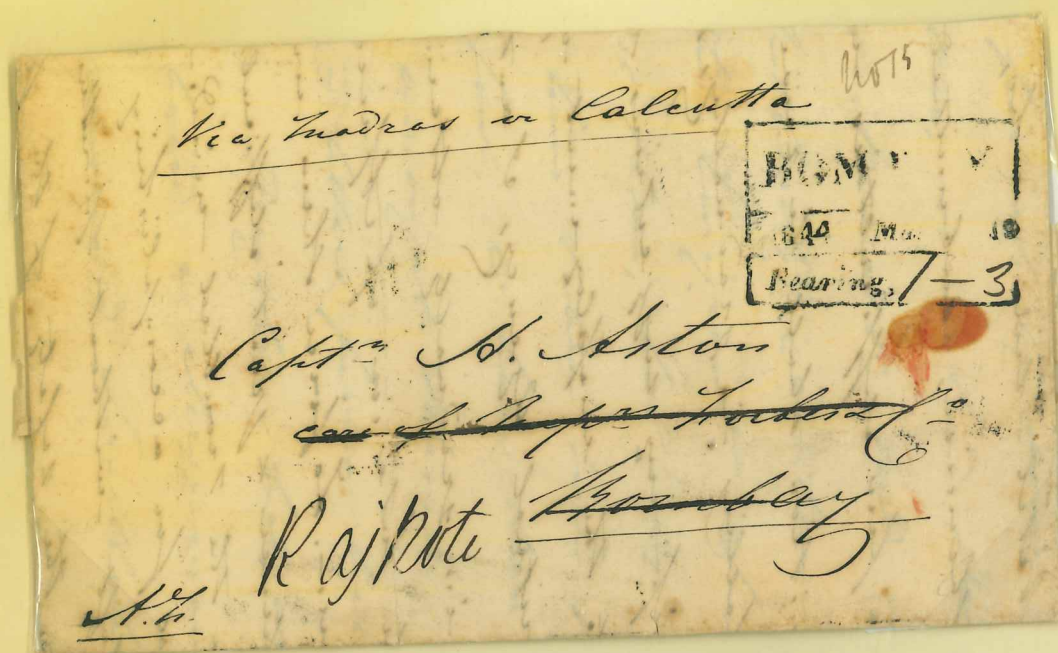
An early form of envelope sent from Bombay to the U.K (Edinburgh) via Southampton

The front of the letter has the usual **INDIA IN OVAL** which was used in the Bombay Post Office from 1837 to 1857. The rear of the letter has the Bombay G.P.O despatch handstamp type HG G4 in Black with the date 14 AP 1854, the date slug is reversed. There is a U.K transit stamp in **RED** DATED 24 May 1854 and a delivery stamp in **BLACK** dated 25 May 1854.



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AUG 1854
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New York
James M. Brown
14 Duane Street
Cochran & Co



An interesting letter from 1844 which originated in Africa although there is no indication on the outside. The writer addresses his children and talks about his visit to Natal. The content indicates that he is a missionary. The letter has entered India via Madras probably in charge of a ship' captain The Madras Post Office has affixed the Madras Ship Letter Stamp (Bearing) in black with a charge of As.13 to Bombay. The Bombay Post Office have then used the Bombay 'Bearing' stamp and charged an extra As.1-3 to Rajkot. Note the Bombay G.P.O. stamp on the reverse which was in use from 1844. There was clearly not a direct route at this time between Africa and Bombay.



The above is an example of the Bombay Ship Letter Stamp. This letter was in use from 1837 until 1860. The stamp shows that postage has not been paid. It would appear that the destination of the letter was the Persian Gulf.

An entire letter dated 29th August 1849 from Inspector of Bombay Police to East India Company, London with the **INDIA** HG SD7, the ellipse appears to be 37mm X 20mm not 37mm X 26mm as stated by HG. There are no other Indian postal markings. The letter left Bombay in the East India steam Ship "Ajdaha" on the 1st September and arrived in Aden on the 12th September and was transferred to the "Bentinck" which sailed for Suez on the 13th September. It was then carried overland and loaded into the "Medina" at Alexandria which sailed for Malta on the 22nd September and arrived on the 2th September and was loaded on the same day on to the "Euxine" and arrived in Southampton on the 8th October 1849. On the reverse is the U.K. handstamp dated 8th October 1849. The postage appears to be Sh2/- initially applied but later cancelled. The Pensioner concerned apparently was living in Leeds, Yorkshire. A reply was sent to Bombay by the Company on the 20th February 1850. Six Months after the letter was despatched.!!!

