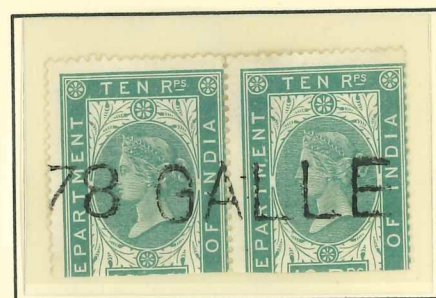


INDIA TELEGRAPH STAMPS USED IN CEYLON

Prior to 1881 Indian telegraph stamps were used in Ceylon cancelled in large sans-serif letters and the date. The letters were too large to fit on one stamp resulting in only portions of the obliteration on a single stamp. Telegraphically used copies generally consist of half a stamp only. The stamps were applied between the message and the receipt portions of the form and cut after cancellation



Cancellations from Anuradhapura, Batticaloa; Colombo, Galle, Jaffna, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Trincomalle and "others" are listed by R. Lowe, The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps Vol. III (1951).

SURCHARGED CEYLON TELEGRAPH STAMPS

1882-1894 Ceylon used surcharged telegraph stamps in various formats. The stamps were cut in half following cancellation with one portion remaining on the receipt which is typically preserved. Lower portions of the stamps are less common. The known styles and amounts produced are listed below for the stamps displayed.



only
800 made



12c/50c-4 types, 15,600; 20c/50c-5 types, 56,080; 25c/50 Rupees-1 type, 800; 40c/50c-12 types, 29,040 (red) and 4 types, 175,200 black; 40c/1R-3 types, 38000; 60c/1R-15 types, 98,600; 60c/2 ½ R-4 types, 10,640; 80c/1 R-10 types, 63,600; 80c/25R-7 types, 15,400; 5R/25R 2 types, 6400. Source: R. Lowe, The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps Vol. III (1951).

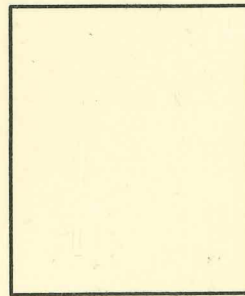
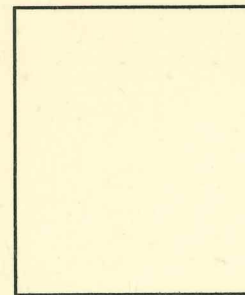
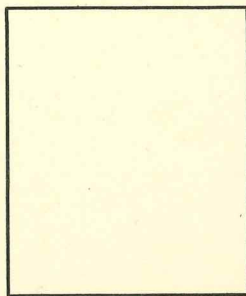
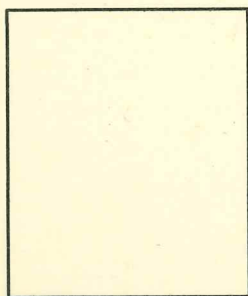






INDIA TELEGRAPH STAMPS OVERPRINTED "CEYLON"

India Telegraph stamps T5-11; T13 and T-15 were overprinted "CEYLON" and issued in limited quantities July 1, 1880. Telegraphically used copies generally consist of half a stamp only. The stamps were applied between the message and the receipt portions of the form and cut after cancellation



Values and quantities produced: 2 Annas (2000); 4 Annas (2450); 8 Annas (20,000); 1 Rupee (35000); 2 ½ Rupee (6000); 5 Rupee (2000); 10 Rupee (3250); 25 Rupee (2450); 50 Rupee (100). Source: R. Lowe "The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps Vol. III (1951).