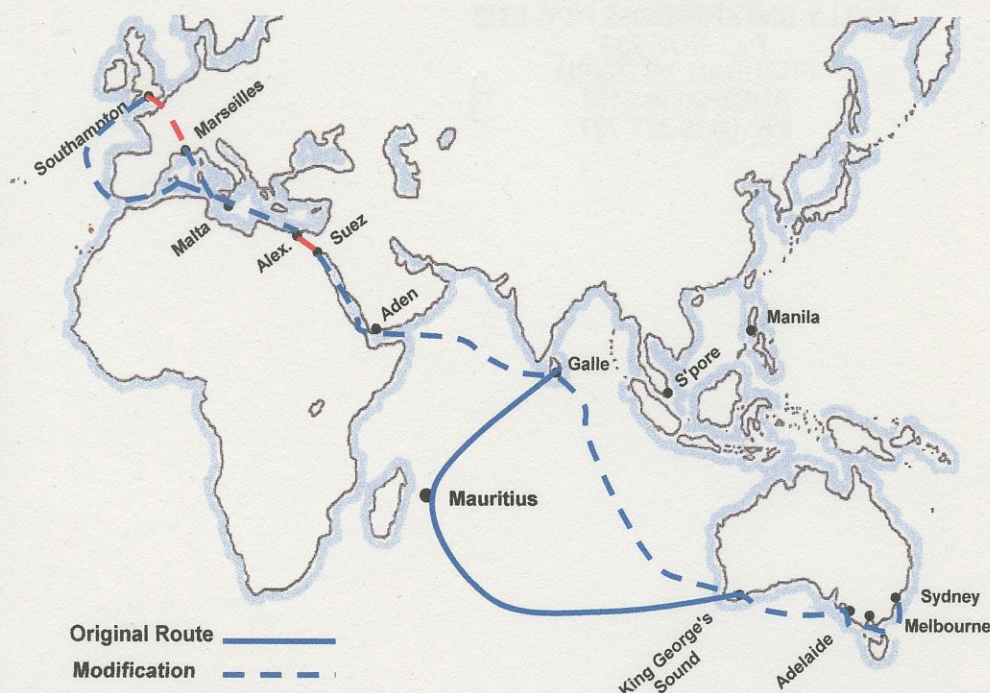


## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean - Overland via Southampton



Map of the principle ports for the overland via Southampton and Marseilles routes

### Historical overview

The original P&O steam route via Galle was available to the Australian Colonies in the mid 1840's by private sailing vessels and continued intermittently via contract steamers.

After the Crimean War in 1856, the British Admiralty awarded the mail contract to the European & Australian Royal Mail Company. The route between Galle and Southampton was a duplicate of the P&O service. The company was plagued by inadequate maintenance facilities and too few ships, resulting in heavy penalties that were unsustainable.

A new contract in 1859 was awarded to the P&O Line who were able to fulfil their contract obligations.

### The first homebound voyage of the European and Australian Royal Mail Co.



Sydney, New South Wales 16.1.1857 to Locarno, **Switzerland** (E)

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Sydney 23.1.1857 per "Oneida". The ship broke down 400 miles west of Cape Leuwin, Western Australia and returned to King Georges Sound 23.2. Departed King Georges Sound 21.3 per "European" via Galle 4.4. to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Etna" 25.4 via Malta 29.4 to Southampton 8.5; by rail to London 9.5; by steamer to Calais 9.5; by rail via Paris 10.5, Basel 11.5, arriving Locarno 13.5.1857. (117 days).

**Note:** This was the first homeward voyage of the European and Australian Royal Mail Co. to England and was a complete financial disaster. The Company lost the entire subsidy for this voyage and did not have a ship available for the May mail from Australia. Incidents such as this plagued the Company throughout the contract.

*Ex Wyler, Palmer*

### Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 1/4d and underpaid 2d for a 1/2oz ship letter of 1/6d to Switzerland.

"6"(d) manuscript in black credit to Great Britain for forwarding to Switzerland.

### Postal Markings:

"PD" in red incorrectly applied at London to indicate the letter was paid to destination.

### The second earliest cover from New South Wales to Switzerland recorded



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

The second highest imperforate franking of Victoria recorded



Melbourne, Victoria 11.4.1857 to the **City State of Hamburg**

**Sextuple Rate:** Prepayment of 7/- for a 3oz ship letter to the City State of Hamburg; "4/-" manuscript in black debit to the City State of Hamburg from Great Britain 8d x 6 for forwarding.

**Postal Markings:** "P" in red applied at London representing payment to destination.

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 16.4.1857 per "Columbian" to Suez 28.5; overland to Alexandria; **Cunard Line:** "Jura" 30.5 to Malta, "Cumbria" 3.6 to Southampton 11.6; by rail to London 12.6; by steamer to Ostende; by rail in the closed bag via Aachen to Hamburg, arriving 14.6.1857. (64 days).

**Note:** The postal system of the City State of Hamburg was privately operated by the Turn & Taxis Post until 1858.

*Ex Perry; Geitenbeek*

The largest recorded multiple of the 2/- Woodblock on cover



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 2/6d comprising 1/6d for a 1/2oz ship letter plus 1/- registration to New Brunswick;  
 "6d" in black debit to Great Britain for forwarding to New Brunswick;  
 "7½"(cents) manuscript in black for transatlantic and internal postage to be paid by the recipient.

Maryborough, Victoria 8.6.1857 to St. Johns, New Brunswick

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 26.6.1857 per "European" to Suez 14.8; overland to Alexandria; **P&O Line:** "Ripon" 21.8, to Southampton 4.9; by rail via London 5.9 to Liverpool. **The Allan Line:** Departed Liverpool 9.9 per "Indian" to Quebec, Canada 19.9.; by private ship to St. Johns, New Brunswick, arriving 23.9.1857. (107 days).

**Note:** Although prepaid via Marseilles, the envelope should have been transferred to the "Vectis" which was transporting the mails via Marseilles. Instead, it was sent on the "Ripon" to Southampton.

Ex Perry; Geitenbeek

### The earliest cover from Victoria to New Brunswick recorded

### Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 2/6d and underpaid 1/4d for a 1/4oz registered ship letter to Switzerland;  
 "2/4" manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for underpaid postage and forwarding to Switzerland.

**Note:** One other registered cover is known dated October 1857 prepaid 2/6d with a manuscript "2/4" in red credit to Great Britain.



Yackandandah, Victoria 13.10.1857 to Locarno, Switzerland

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 16.11.1857 per "City of Sydney" via Galle 11.12 to Suez 27.12, overland to Alexandria. **Royal Mail Steam Packet Co:** "Teviot" 29.12 to Southampton 12.1.1858; by rail to London 12.12; by steamer to Calais 13.1; by rail via Basel 14.1 to Locarno, arriving 18.1.1858. (97 days).

Ex Burrus, Perry, Winchester



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

The only registered cover from New South Wales to the Kingdom of Prussia recorded

**Single Rate:** Prepayment of 1/2d for a 1/2oz ship letter plus 6d registration to the Kingdom of Prussia;

"8"(d) manuscript in red credit from Great Britain to the Kingdom of Prussia for forwarding; "9"(d) manuscript in black for the registration fee debit from the Kingdom of Prussia to Great Britain; converted to "7"(silbergroschen) manuscript in blue to be paid by the recipient.

### Postal Markings:

"**Recomandirt**" in red applied for registered mail forwarded through the Aachen exchange office;



Sydney, New South Wales 10.11.1857 to Neustadt, **Kingdom of Prussia**

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Sydney 11.11.1857 per "City of Sydney" via Galle 11.12 to Suez 27.12; overland to Alexandria. **Royal Mail Steam Packet Co:** "Teviot" 29.12 to Malta; "Vanguard" 3.1.1858 to Southampton 12.1; by rail to London 13.1.; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen 14.1 to Neustadt, arriving 15.1.1858. (65 days).

Ex Druce, Forster, Alvarado, Palmer



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### One of the most important registered covers of the Australian Colonies

#### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 2/2d comprising 1/2 for a ½ oz ship letter to the City State of Bremen plus 1/- registration.

"6"(d) handstamp in black for the inwards ship letter fee crossed through;

"18"(silbergroschen) credit for the postage and registration for forwarding to the City State of Bremen.

**Note:** The 1/- Registered Die II stamp is rouletted, and one of three covers recorded.

The 1d Emblem rouletted gauging 7-9 is believed to be the only example on cover recorded.



Beechworth, Victoria 7.12.1857 to the City State of Bremen (E)

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 11.12.1857 per "European" via Galle 9.1.1858 to Suez 24.1; overland to Alexandria. **Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.:** "Tamar" 26.1 via Malta 29.1 to Southampton 6.2; by rail to London 8.2; by steamer to Ostende; by rail to the City State of Bremen.

*Ex Baetgen, Perry, Geitenbeek*

### The earliest cover from Victoria to the City State of Bremen recorded



Castlemaine, Victoria 14.6.1858 to Christiansfeld, Denmark

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 16.6.1858 per "Australasian" via Galle 11.7 to Suez 30.7; overland to Alexandria. **Cunard Line:** "Cambria" 1.8 to Southampton 14.8; by rail to London; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen to Hamburg 16.8; by rail to Christiansfeld, arriving 18.8.1858. (71 days).

### One of the earliest covers from Victoria to Denmark recorded

#### Single Rate - Overpaid:

Prepayment of 1/6d and overpaid 1/2d for a ½ oz ship letter to Denmark.

"10½"(d) manuscript in red credit from Great Britain to the Thurn & Taxis postal service;

"6½"(silbergroschen) credit to the Thurn & Taxis office in Hamburg;

"franco" handstamp in black with "2"(skilling) manuscript in red for internal delivery within Denmark to be paid by the recipient.



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Single Rate :

Prepayment of 6d for a ½oz ship letter to England.



Adelaide, South Australia 10.7.1858 to Birmingham, England

**Route - Private steamship:** Departed Adelaide 10.7.1858 per "Havilah" to Melbourne. **The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 16.7.1858 per "Emeu" via Galle 7.8 to Suez 24.8; overland to Alexandria, **P&O Line:** "Teviot" 26.8 via Malta 30.8 to Southampton 9.9; by rail via London 10.8 to Birmingham, arriving 10.9.1858. (62 days).

Ex Yates, Forster

The only imperforate franking of a Valentine's propaganda envelope from South Australia recorded



### Single Rate - Overpaid:

Prepayment of 1/4d and overpaid 2d for a ½oz ship letter to the Kingdom of Hannover.

"8"(d) manuscript in black debit to Great Britain for forwarding to the Kingdom of Hanover.

### Postal Markings:

"P" in red applied at London to indicate the letter was paid to destination.

**Note:** This large "P" marking is only known on mail addressed to Germany between May 1857 and March 1858.

Melton, Victoria 16.10.1858 to Nordhausen, Kingdom of Hannover

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 18.10.1858 per "Victoria" to Galle 13.11; engine room of the "Victoria" flooded, mail transferred; **P&O Line:** "Oneida" 13.11 to Aden; "Oneida" engine failure, mail transferred; "Bengal" to Suez 5.12; overland to Alexandria, "Niagara" 7.12 to Southampton 18.12; by rail to London 20.12; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen 24.12, to Nordhausen, arriving 27.12.1858. (71 days).

Ex Purves, Perry, Kellow

One of the earliest covers from Victoria to the Kingdom of Hannover recorded



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 5/8d comprising 4/8d for a ½ oz ship letter plus 1/- registration to Switzerland.

“4/2”(d) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding a registered letter to Switzerland.

“68”(rappen) manuscript in red for internal postage for registered mail to be paid by the recipient.



Pleasant Creek, Victoria 25.10.1858 to Graubausen, Switzerland

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 16.11.1858 per “Emeu” via Galle 8.12 to Suez 21.12; overland to Alexandria. **P&O Line:** Departed Alexandria 26.12 per “Panther” to Malta 31.12; “Teviot” 1.1.1859 to Southampton 11.1; by rail to London 11.1; by steamer to Calais 12.1; by rail to Zurich 14.1; overland via Chur 14.1 to Graubause, arriving 15.1.1859. (82 days).

*Ex Geitenbeek, Winchester*

One of the most important registered covers from Victoria



Sandhurst, Victoria 4.12.1858 to London, England

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 18.12.1858 per “Columbian” via Galle 8.1.1859 to Suez 23.1; overland to Alexandria. **P&O Line:** “Thames” 27.1 via Malta 31.1 to Southampton 11.2; by rail to London, arriving 11.2.1859. (69 days).

*Ex Perry, Forster*

Two examples of Valentine’s Ocean Penny Post second design propaganda envelope from the Australian Colonies are recorded, this being the only one from Victoria.



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



Creswick Creek, Victoria 10.1.1859 to St. Andrews, **New Brunswick**

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 5.2.1859 per "Oneida" via Galle 28.2 to Suez 15.3; overland to Alexandria. **P&O Line:** Departed Alexandria 17.3 via Malta 21.3 to Southampton 31.3; by rail via London 1.4 to Liverpool 2.4. **Cunard Line:** Departed Liverpool 2.4 per "Europa" to New York 18.4; ; by steamer to St. John's, Newfoundland 21.4.1859; by steamer to St. Andrews. (*over 75 days*).

*Ex Moreton*

**One of the earliest covers from Victoria to New Brunswick recorded**



Melbourne, Victoria 4.2.1859 to the **Duchy of Anhalt Kothén**

**Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co:** Departed Melbourne 5.2.1859 per "Oneida" via Galle 28.2 to Suez 15.3; overland to Alexandria. **P&O Line:** Departed Alexandria 17.3 via Malta 21.3 to Southampton 31.3; by rail to London 1.4; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen 2.4 to Anhalt Kothén, arriving 8.4.1859. (*63 days*).

**The only cover from the Australian Colonies to the Duchy of Anhalt Kothén recorded**

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/- for a ½ oz ship letter to New Brunswick.

"5"(d) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for transatlantic shipment by a British packet;  
"1"(d) handstamp in red credit from New Brunswick to Newfoundland for internal delivery.

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/2d for a ½ oz ship letter to the Duchy of Anhalt Coshen.

"8"(d) manuscript in black for the incoming ship letter fee crossed out since the envelope was paid to destination

### Postal Markings:

"P" in red applied at London denoting paid to destination.



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



Beechworth, Victoria 19.3.1859 to Bologna, **Papal States**

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 14.4.1859 per "Malta" via Port Louis 8.5 to Suez 27.5; overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" 28.5 to Southampton 10.6; by rail to London 11.6; by steamer to Calais 11.6; by rail via Paris 12.6 to Bologna, arriving 15.6.1859. (88 days).

Ex Perry, Kellow

The earliest cover from Victoria to the Papal States recorded

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/4d and overpaid 2d for a 1/2oz ship letter to the Kingdom of Saxony.

"8"(d) manuscript in red credit from Victoria to Great Britain for forwarding to the Kingdom of Saxony;

"3d"(d) handstamp in red credit from Great Britain to the Kingdom of Saxony for forwarding to Luneburg.



Sandhurst, Victoria 15.5.1859 to Luneburg, **Kingdom of Saxony**

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 19.5.1859 per "Columbian" via Port Louis 24.6 to Suez 20.7; overland to Alexandria; "Rippon" 22.7 to Southampton 6.8; by rail to London 6.8; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen 7.8 to Luneburg. (over 84 days).

**Note:** The rate to the Kingdom of Saxony via Marseilles was 1/5d. Since this cover was underpaid by 1d, it was sent via the slower route via Southampton, and therefore, overpaid by 2d.

The earliest cover from the Australian Colonies to the Kingdom of Saxony recorded



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 2/6d comprising 1/6d for a ½ oz ship letter to Switzerland plus 1/- Registration fee.

### Postal Markings:

“REGISTERED/ BRAIDWOOD” handstamp in black confirming the payment of the registration fee; “P” in red applied at London denoting paid to destination.



Braidwood, New South Wales 4.7.1859 to Locarno, Switzerland

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 14.7.1859 per “Northam” via Port Louis 7.8 to Suez 28.8; overland to Alexandria; “Ceylon” 5.9 via Malta 9.9 to Southampton 18.9; by rail to London 19.9; by steamer to Calais 19.9; by rail via Basle 21.9 to Locarno, arriving 23.9.1859. (71 days).

**Note:** The 6d Registration stamp prepaid the registration fees to within the colonies and to the United Kingdom. An additional 6d registration fee was required from the England to foreign destinations, although this regulation was not strictly adhered to.

Five covers with two imperforate 6d Registration stamps recorded

A scarce imperforate usage of the 6d supplementary mail fee



Sydney, New South Wales 16.11.1859 to London, England

**Route - Private Steamship:** Departed Sydney 16.11.1859 per “Wonga Wonga” to Melbourne. **P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 18.11 per “Benares” via Port Louis 8.12 to Suez 24.12; overland to Alexandria; “Pera” 22.7 via Malta 1.1.1860 to Southampton 12.1; by rail to London, arriving 12.1.1860. (57 days).

**Note:** The “Benares” left Sydney for Melbourne on the 14.11.1859. Given the cover is cancelled on the 16.11, it must have caught the supplementary mail on the “Wonga Wonga” to arrive in time for the Melbourne sailing of the “Benares” on the 18.11.

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 6d for a ½ oz ship letter to England plus 6d supplementary mail fee.



The earliest brewery advertising cover from the Australian Colonies.



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



Beechworth, Victoria 15.8.1859 to St. Johns, **New Brunswick**

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 19.8.1859 per "Salsette", via Port Louis 9.9 to Suez 25.9; overland to Alexandria; "Pera" 30.9 via Malta 3.10 to Southampton 14.10; by rail via London 14.10 to Liverpool 15.10. **Allan Line:** Departed Liverpool 19.10 per "Nova Scotian" to Quebec 29.10; by road to Fredrickton, arriving 8.11.1859. (81 days).

One of the earliest covers from Victoria to New Brunswick recorded

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/3d and overpaid 1d for a 1/2oz ship letter to the Kingdom of Prussia.

"8"(d) manuscript in red credit from Victoria to Great Britain for forwarding to the Kingdom of Prussia.



Melbourne, Victoria 17.10.1859 to Pless, **Kingdom of Prussia**

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 18.10.1859 per "Emeu", via Port Louis 9.11 to Suez 28.11; overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" 30.11 via Malta 4.12 to Southampton 14.12; by rail to London 14.10; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen 15.12 to Pless, arriving 17.12.1859. (61 days).

The latest of the five Half Length covers to the German States recorded



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### An early Riverina combination cover



#### Single Rate:

Prepayment of New South Wales 6d for inland postage from Moama to Melbourne and Victorian 6d for a 1/2oz ship letter to England.

Moama, New South Wales 4.6.1860 to London, England

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 14.6.1860 per "Malta", via Galle 9.7 to Suez 27.7; overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" 28.7 via Malta 31.7 to Southampton 9.8; by rail to London, arriving 10.8.1860. (57 days).

Ex Burrus, Amundsen, Perry

#### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 6d for a 1/2oz ship letter to England.



Albany, Western Australia 26.6.1860 to Winchester, England

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Albany 26.6.1860 per "Malta", via Galle 9.7 to Suez 27.7; overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" 28.7 via Malta 31.7 to Southampton 9.8; by rail to Winchester, arriving 10.8.1860. (45 days).



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 1/6d and underpaid 6d for a 1/2oz ship letter of 2/- to the Kingdom of Sardinia.

Underpaid for via Marseilles route and sent via Southampton.

### Postal Markings:

**"INSUFFICIENTLY PAID/VIA MARSEILLES"** handstamp in red applied at Melbourne recognising the underpayment;

**"PD"** handstamp in red applied at London and crossed out.



Yackandandah, Victoria 12.7.1860 to Bologna, **Kingdom of Sardinia**

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 26.7.1860 per "Ottawa" via Galle 16.8 to Suez 4.9; overland Alexandria; "Pera" 5.9 to Southampton 19.9; by rail to London 19.9, by steamer to Calais; by rail to Bologna arriving 22.9.1860. (71 days).

Ex Purves, Perry, Palmer

One of the earliest covers from Victoria to the Kingdom of Sardinia recorded



Eden, New South Wales 14.8.1860 to Wandsbeck, **Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein**

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 22.8.1860 per "Salsette" to Galle 16.9; "Columbian" 19.9 to Suez 6.10; overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" 7.10 to Southampton 22.10; by rail to London, by steamer to Ostende; by rail in the closed bag via Aachen, the City State of Hamburg, and the Royal Danish Post in Hamburg 24.10, overland to Wandsbeck, arriving late October 1860.

**Note:** Although this cover was handstamped "P" in red in London denoting it was paid to destination, the pre-payment was only as far as the City State of Hamburg. The letter was transferred to the Royal Danish Post in Hamburg for transmission to Wandsbeck in the Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein, then part of the Kingdom of Denmark. The recipient had to pay the additional 4 skillings for local postage for delivery.

Ex Molnar, Lorentzen, Palmer

Two covers from New South Wales to the Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein recorded



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/2d for a 1/2oz ship letter to the Kingdom of Hanover.

“8”(d) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding to the Kingdom of Hannover.

### Postal Markings:

“PD” handstamp in red to indicate the letter was paid to destination.



Sydney, New South Wales 21.11.1862 to Hagenburg, **Kingdom of Hanover**

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 22.11.1862 per “Madras” to Galle 15.12; “Candia” 18.12 to Suez; overland to Alexandria; “Delta” 4.1.1863, to Southampton 17.1; by rail to London 19.1; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen to Hagenburg, arriving 20.1.1863. (60 days).

*Ex Davis, Alvarado, Palmer*

Five covers from New South Wales to the Kingdom of Hanover recorded



Bega, New South Wales 6.8.1863 to Haysville, Upper Canada

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 22.8.1863 per “Madras” to Galle 18.9; “Candia” 19.9 to Suez 4.10; overland to Alexandria; “Poonah” 8.10 to Southampton 20.10; by rail via London 20.10 to Liverpool. Allan Line: Departed Liverpool 22.10 per “Nova Scotian” to Quebec 9.11, by rail via Hamilton 10.11 and Drumbo 11.11 to Haysville, arriving 11.11.1863. (81 days).

*Ex Palmer*

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/2d for a 1/2oz ship letter to Upper Canada.

### Postal markings:

“5”(cents) handstamp in red representing internal Canadian postage to be paid by the recipient.



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Riverina combination covers

Towns near the Murray River in south west New South Wales could route overseas mail via Melbourne, Victoria to catch an earlier ship than would not have been possible had they been routed via Sydney. Such mail required pre payment from New South Wales for the inter colonial postage to Melbourne, and overseas postage from Victoria to foreign destinations.

### The unique Riverina combination advertising cover

#### Single Rate:

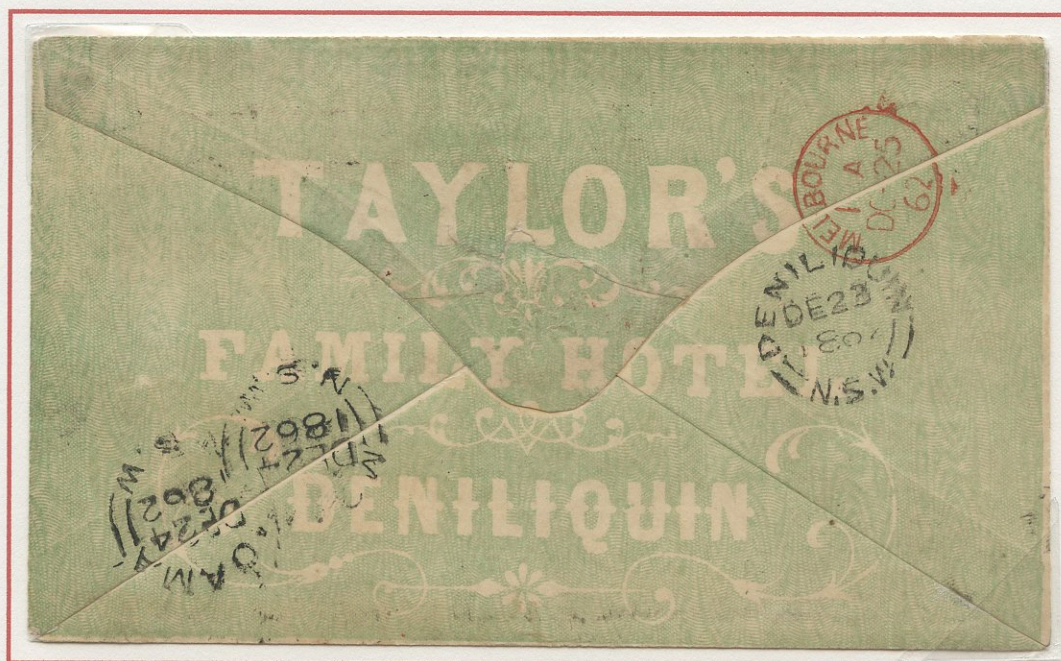
Prepayment of New South Wales 6d for inland postage from Deniliquin to Melbourne and Victorian 6d for a ½oz ship letter to England.

**Note:** A reduced scan of the front of the cover is illustrated at the right.



Deniliquin, New South Wales 23.12.1862 to London, England

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 26.12.1862 per "Northam" to Galle 15.1.1863; "Bengal" 18.1. to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" 4.2 to Southampton 16.2.; by rail to London, arriving 16.2.1864. (52 days).



The reverse of this envelope showing allover lithographed advertising for Taylors Family Hotel in Deniliquin.

**Note:** This envelope was printed in Melbourne by Augustus Schuhkraft who produced a number of very similar envelopes for Victorian hotels from 1862 before going in to liquidation in 1866.



**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 26.12.1863 per “Northam” to Galle 15.1.1864; “Carnatic” 18.1 to Suez; overland to Alexandria; “Ripon” 4.2 to Southampton 17.2.; by rail to Lynn, arriving 18.2.1864. (54 days).



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



Hobart, Tasmania 23.7.1864 to Danehill, England

**Route:** Departed Hobart 23.7.1864 overland to Launceston. **Private steamship:** Departed Launceston 23.7 per "City of Launceston" to Melbourne. **P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 26.7 per "Bombay" to Galle 17.8; "Rangoon" 18.8 to Suez 6.9; overland to Alexandria; "Syria" 7.9 via Malta 11.9 to Southampton 20.9; by rail to Danehill, arriving 21.9.1864. (60 days).

*Ex Tinsley*



A lithograph printed advertising envelope for William Wood & Sons of Hobart.

**Note:** One other example of this lithograph design is recorded, and they are the only examples of illustrated advertising envelopes used during the imperforate period of the Australian Colonies.

This envelope is believed to have been printed in Melbourne by Augustus Schuhkraft who produced a number of very similar envelopes for Victorian hotels from 1862 before going in to liquidation in 1866.

**The earliest recorded all-over advertising envelope from Tasmania**



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### The "11 US NOTES" handstamp on cover from South Australia

**Single Rate:** Prepayment of 1/2d for a 1/2oz ship letter to the United States of America; "8"(d) manuscript in red credit to the United States of America; rerated to: "16 CENTS" handstamp in red for transatlantic shipment via an American packet.

**Postal markings:**

"CHICAGO Am. PKT/ 5" denoting 5 cents inland postage to be paid by the recipient; rerated to: "11/US NOTES" at Chicago if the addressee was paying in United States of America banknotes instead of coins.



Adelaide, South Australia 26.9.1864 to Wisconsin, United States of America

**Route - Private steamship:** Departed Adelaide 27.9.1864 per "Rangatira" to King George's Sound. **P&O Line:** Departed King George's Sound 3.10 per "Northam" to Galle 17.10; "Nubia" 24.10 to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Baroda" 8.11 via Malta 11.11 to Southampton; by rail via London 21.9 to Liverpool. **Allan Line:** Departed Liverpool per "St. David" 25.11 to Portland 20.12; by rail from Portland via Chicago 24.12 to Wisconsin. (over 91 days).

**Note:** During the American Civil War from 1861-65, inflation caused banknote currency to rapidly devalue, and unpaid letters were being paid with these inflationary notes. In March 1863, the Postmaster General implemented a premium system if the recipients paid by banknotes instead of coins, leading to a period of what is called "fractional currency". For almost two years, dual rating handstamps were applied until May 1865.

The only "fractional currency" cover from South Australia recorded

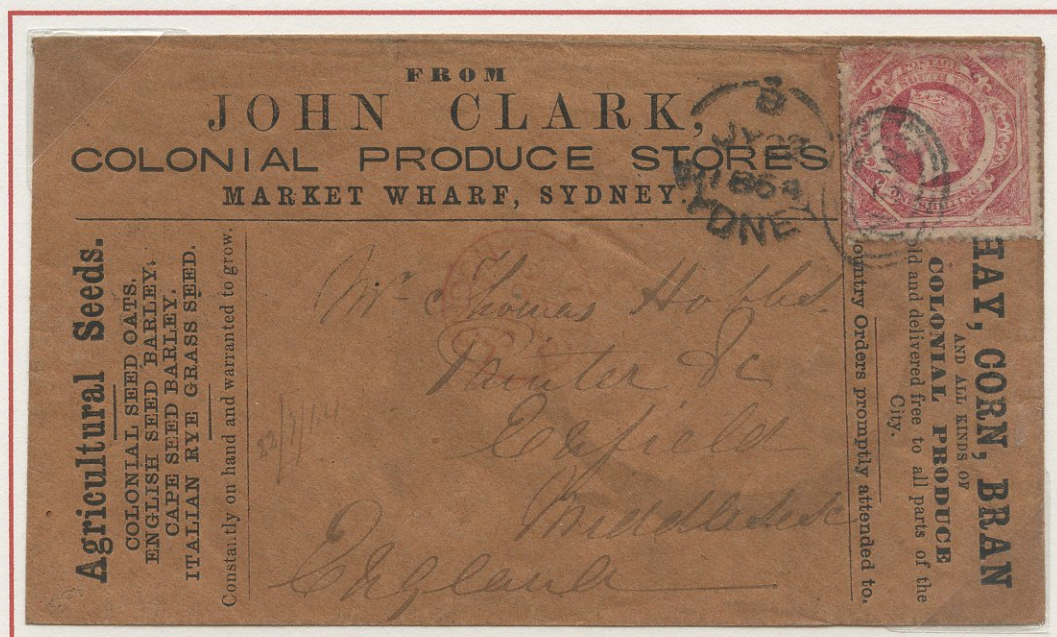


## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Double Rate:

Prepayment of 1/- for a 1oz ship letter to England



Sydney, New South Wales 22.7.1864 to Enfield, England

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 22.9.1864 per "Bombay" to Galle 17.8; "Rangoon" 18.8 to Suez 6.9; overland from Suez to Alexandria; "Syria" 7.9 via Malta 11.9 to Southampton 20.9; by rail to London, arriving 20.9.1864. (60 days).

Ex Forster

The earliest all over advertising cover from New South Wales recorded



### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/8d for a ½ oz ship letter to the Duchy of Brunswick.

"8"(d) manuscript in red credit to England for transmission to the Duchy of Brunswick.

Sydney, New South Wales 13.10.1864 to Salder, Duchy of Brunswick

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 22.10.1864 per "Bombay" to Galle 15.11; "Simla" 17.11 to Suez; overland from Suez to Alexandria; "Delhi" 4.12 via Malta 7.12 to Southampton 21.12; by rail to London 22.12; by steamer to Ostend; by rail via Aachen 23.12 to Salder. (over 71 days).

Ex Druce; Forster

Two covers from the Australian Colonies to the Duchy of Brunswick recorded



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 6d and underpaid 4d for a ½ oz ship letter of 10d to England via Marseilles.

Underpaid and sent via the Southampton route.

### Postal markings:

**"INSUFFICIENTLY/ PRE-PAID"** in black applied at Brisbane for the endorsed route via Marseilles.



Brisbane, Queensland 16.2.1865 to Birmingham, England

**Route - Private steamship:** Departed Brisbane 17.2.1865 per "City of Brisbane" to Sydney. **P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 20.2 per "Madras" to Galle; "Candia" 18.3 to Suez; overland from Suez to Alexandria; "Nyanza" 5.4 to Southampton 18.4; by rail to Birmingham, arriving 19.4.1865. (62 days).

**Note:** There is an impressed imprint at the top of the envelope for "T. P. PUGH/ PRINTER/ BRISBANE"

The earliest advertising envelope from Queensland recorded

### Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 1/4d and underpaid 2d for a ½ oz ship letter of 1/6d to the United States of America via Marseilles.

Underpaid and sent via the Southampton route.

**"16 cents"** in red credit to the United States for transatlantic shipment via an American packet;

**"5/N.YORK Am. PKT"** datestamp denoting 5 cents due for internal postage to be paid by the recipient.

### Postal Markings:

**"INSUFFICIENTLY PAID/VIA MARSEILLES"** in red applied at Melbourne.



St. Kilda, Victoria 23.4.1865 to Louisville, United States of America

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 26.4.1865 per "Bombay" to Galle 7.6; "Candia" 8.6 to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Ellora" 27.6 to Southampton 10.7; by rail via London to Liverpool. **Inman Line:** Departed Liverpool 12.7.1865 to New York, arriving 25.7.1860. (91 days).

Ex Sheppard, Watson, Palmer

Ten examples of this Insufficiently Paid handstamp are recorded with this being the only example to the United States of America



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/6d for a ½ oz ship letter to the Province of Canada.

### Postal markings:

“2”(cents) manuscript in red representing the internal postage from Quebec to Toronto to be paid by the recipient.

Adelaide, South Australia 27.4.1866 to Toronto, Upper Canada

**Route:** Departed Adelaide 27.4.1866 per “Balclutha” to King Georges Sound. **P&O Line:** Departed King Georges Sound 3.5. per “Madras” to Galle 18.5; “Simla” 18.5 to Suez 31.5; overland to Alexandria; “Nyanza” 3.6 to Southampton 16.6; by rail via London 16.6 to Liverpool. **Allan Line:** Departed Liverpool 21.6 per “Damascus” to Quebec 7.7; by rail to Toronto. (71 days).

The third earliest cover from South Australia to Upper Canada recorded



### Single Rate - Overpaid:

Prepayment of 1/- and overpaid 1d for a ½oz ship letter of 11d to the Grand Duchy of Hesse.

“5”(d) manuscript in red credit from Queensland to Great Britain for transit to the Grand Duchy of Hesse;

“4/3”(silbergroschen) manuscript in blue with the 4sgr representing the 5d credit of which 3sgr was allocated to the Prussian Post and (1sgr) for Belgian transit.

### Postal Markings:

“PD” applied in London denoting paid to destination.

Warwick, Queensland 9.5.1866 to Frankenberg, Grand Duchy of Hesse

**Route - Private steamship:** Departed Brisbane 14.5.1866 per “City of Brisbane” to Sydney. **P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 24.5 per “Bombay” to Galle 17.6; “Golconda” 19.6 to Suez 6.7; overland to Alexandria; “China” 8.7 to Southampton 19.7; by rail to London; by steamer to Ostende; by rail to Frankenberg, arriving 24.7.1866. (76 days).

**Note:** The postal system of the Grand Duchy of Hesse was privately operated by the Prussian Post.

The only cover from Queensland to the Grand Duchy of Hesse recorded



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



### Double Rate:

Prepayment of 1/- for a 1oz ship letter to England.

Nanango, Queensland 12.6.1866 to London, England

**Route:** Departed Nanango 12.6.1866 overland to Brisbane. **Australasian Steam Navigation Co:** Departed Brisbane 19.6 per "City of Brisbane" to Sydney. **P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 24.6 per "Ellora" to Galle 21.7; "Mongolia" 21.7 to Suez 9.8; overland to Alexandria; "Nyanza" 11.8 to Southampton 25.8; by rail to London, arriving 25.8.1866. (74 days).

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 2/3d comprising 1/- for a 1/4oz ship letter plus 1/3d registration to the Kingdom of Wurttemberg.

### Postal markings:

"1/-" and "1/3" manuscript in red representing the prepayment of postage and registration.

"Recomandirt" boxed handstamp in red for registered mail processed through the Aachen exchange office.

"26"(kroner) credit to the Kingdom of Wurttemberg for forwarding a registered letter.



Banana, Queensland 2.3.1866 to Kartfahren, Kingdom of Wurttemberg

**Route:** Departed Banana 2.3.1866 overland to Brisbane 9.3. **Australasian Steam Navigation Co:** Departed Brisbane per "City of Brisbane" 9.3 to Sydney. **P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 24.3 per "Geelong" to Galle 16.4; "Simla" 18.4 to Suez 3.5; overland to Alexandria; "Tanjore" 5.5 to Southampton 19.5; by rail via London 20.5; by steamer to Ostend; by rail via Aachen 24.5 to Kartfahren, arriving 27.5.1867. (65 days).

Ex Campbell, Chartwell

**Note:** From 1860 to 1866 the registration fee for mail to the United Kingdom was 6d. From December 1866 the normal charge for registered letters to foreign destinations was double the usual postage rate plus the inland registration fee. Hence the 1/3d registration charge to the Kingdom of Wurttemberg.

The earliest of the two covers from Queensland to the Kingdom of Wurttemberg recorded



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Single Rate - Overpaid:

Prepayment of 10d for a ½oz ship letter to Scotland via Marseille and over paid 4d for carriage via Southampton.

**Note:** Although this envelope was correctly pre-paid via Marseilles, it was inexplicably transported via Southampton. The mails via Marseilles arrived in London on the 10.9.



Sandhurst, Albany, Western Australia 1.8.1867 to Edinburgh, Scotland

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed King Georges Sound 3.8.1867 per "Avoca" to Galle 17.8; "Nubia" 17.8 to Suez 2.9; overland to Alexandria; "Tanjore" 4.9 via Malta 7.9 to Southampton 17.9; by rail via London to Edinburgh, arriving 20.9.1867. (51 days).

Four Western Australia covers with combination imperforate and perforated frankings recorded

### Single Rate - Overpaid:

Prepayment of 1/- and overpaid 1d for a ½oz ship letter of 11d to the Kingdom of Prussia.

"5"(d) manuscript in black debit by the British Post for transit to the Kingdom of Prussia.

### Postal Markings:

"PD" applied in London denoting paid to destination.



Sandhurst, Victoria 27.9.1867 to Neurode, Kingdom of Prussia (Poland)

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 28.9.1867 per "Geelong" to Galle 22.10; "Bengal" 22.10 to Suez 6.11; overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" 8.11 to Southampton 22.11; by rail to London 23.11; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen 24.11 to Neurode, arriving 27.11.1867. (60 days).

Ex Davis, Linfield

**Note:** The city of Neurode is now located in Poland.



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



Brisbane, Queensland 19.1.1870 to Leamington, England

**Route - Private steamship:** Departed Brisbane 20.4.1868 per "Clarence" to Sydney. **P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 29.1 per "Geelong" to Galle 20.2; "Mooltan" 23.2 to Suez 10.3; overland from Suez to Alexandria; "Massilia" 14.3 via Malta 17.3 to Southampton 27.3; by rail via London to Leamington, arriving 28.3.1870. (68 days).

**Note:** The prepayment of 10d via Marseilles was correct for a ½oz ship letter, however, it was overweight at 1 oz and an extra 2d would be needed for the service via Southampton which corresponds to the Deficient Postage cachet. The letter was treated as underpaid via Marseilles and sent via the Southampton route.

Two examples of this Insufficiently Paid handstamp recorded



Hunters Hill, New South Wales 7.9.1870 to Nevis

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 8.9.1870 per "Avoca" to Galle 2.10; "Candia" 4.10 to Suez 20.10; overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" 23.10 to Southampton 5.11; by rail via London 7.11 to Liverpool; by steamer to Nevis.

*Ex Druce, Forster, Alvarado, Palmer*

Two covers from the Australian Colonies to Nevis recorded

### Double Rate:

Prepayment of 10d and underpaid 2d for a 1oz ship letter to England.

### Postal markings:

"INSUFFICIENTLY PAID/ VIA MARSEILLES" handstamp in black;  
 "DEFICIENT POSTAGE "2"/ FINE "6"/"8" handstamp, both applied at Brisbane;  
 "MORE/ TO PAY" handstamp in black;  
 "8"(d) manuscript in black to be paid by the recipient, both applied at Leamington.

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/4d for a ½oz ship letter to Nevis.

"11"(d) manuscript in red credit to the British Post Office for transit to Nevis;  
 "1d" handstamp in red credit from Great Britain to Nevis representing the internal postage at Nevis.



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



### Quadruple Rate:

Prepayment of 2/6d comprising 2/- for a ship letter plus 6d registration to England.

### Postal markings:

“REGISTERED/ BOWEN” handstamp in red.

Bowen, Queensland 22.1.1871 to London, England

**Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co:** Departed Bowen 24.1.1871 per “Black Swan” to Brisbane 27.1. **Private steamship:** Departed Brisbane 30.1 per “Lady Young” to Sydney. **P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 25.2.1871 per “Avoca” to Galle 19.3; “Australia” 23.3 to Suez 7.4; overland to Alexandria; “Ceylon” 9.4 via Malta 12.4 to Southampton 21.4; by rail to London, arriving 21.4.1871. (87 days).

**Note:** The prepayment of this cover does not correspond to any of the weight steps for mail to England. The rate per ½oz via Southampton was 6d, however, given the size of the envelope, it would appear that it would not have weighed in at 2oz. The rate via Marseilles was 10d, and even at a double weight of 1oz would make this letter overpaid by 4d.

Since there was no late fee of 6d, and no endorsement for the preferred route, this highly paid registered envelope was sent by the slowest route via Southampton.

*Ex Campbell, Manning*

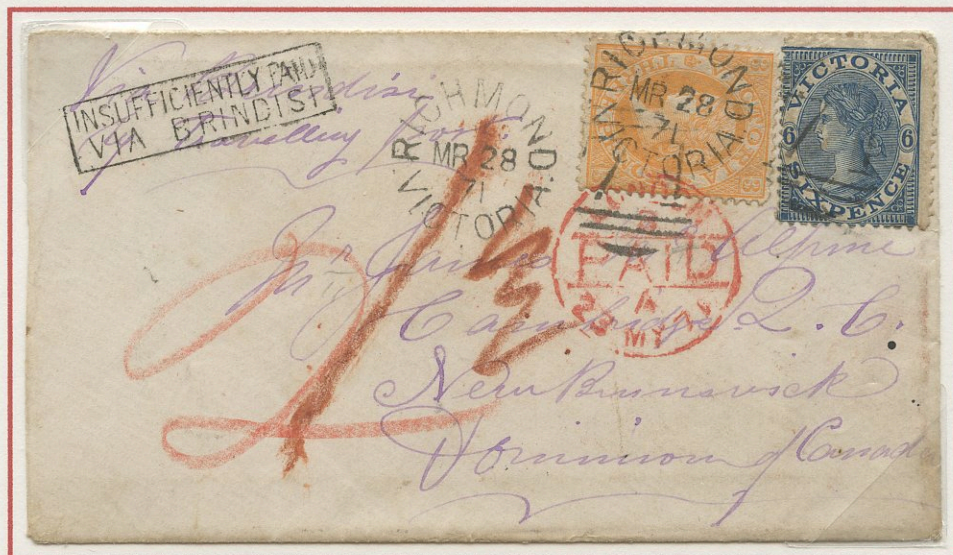
### Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 9d and underpaid 2d for a ½oz ship letter of 11d to Canada via Brindisi.

Underpaid and sent via the Southampton route.

### Postal Markings:

“INSUFFICIENTLY PAID/ VIA BRINDISI” in black applied at Melbourne recognising the underpayment. “1½d” manuscript in red applied at Melbourne representing 1½d credit to Great Britain for forwarding to Canada. “2”(cents) manuscript in red for internal postage within Canada to be paid by the recipient.



Richmond, Victoria 28.3.1871 to New Brunswick, Canada

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 28.3.1871 per “Geelong” to Galle 17.4; “Poonah” 20.4 via Suez Canal 4.5, Alexandria 8.5 and Malta 12.5 to Southampton 22.5; by rail via London 23.5 to Liverpool. **Allen Line:** Departed Liverpool 9.6 per “Austrian” to Quebec 19.6; by rail to George Town, arriving 21.6.1871. (85 days).

*Ex Purves, Watson*



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



Perth, Western Australia 13.9.1872 to Tetsworth, England

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed King Georges Sound 18.9.1872 per "Tanjore" to Galle 2.10; "Ellora" 4.10 to Suez 19.10; overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" 22.10 to Southampton 4.11; by rail to Tetsworth, arriving 5.11.1872. (53 days).

### Double Rate:

Prepayment of 1/- for a 1/2oz ship letter to England.

**Note:** This is believed to be the only pair of this stamp on cover recorded.



Sydney, New South Wales 4.11.1872 to Antigua

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 5.11.1872 per "Baroda" to Galle 28.11; "Deccan" 1.12 to Suez 15.12; overland to Alexandria; "Malta" 16.12 to Southampton 31.12; by rail via London 31.12 to Liverpool; by steamer to Antigua, arriving 31.1.1873. (89 days).

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/9d for a 1/2oz ship letter to Antigua.

### Postal Markings:

"11"(d) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding to Antigua.

"1d" in red credit from Great Britain to Antigua for local postage.

*Ex White, Davis, Alvarado*



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton



### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 8d and underpaid 3d for the 11d ½oz ship letter rate to the Dominion of Canada.

### Postal markings:

"2"(d) manuscript in red credit to from Queensland to Great Britain for forwarding to Canada.

Eight Chalon covers from Queensland to Canada are recorded

Brisbane, Queensland 3.10.1873 to St. Catharines, Canada

**Route - Private steamship:** Departed Brisbane 3.10.1873 per "Lady Young" to Sydney; **P&O Line:** Departed Sydney 7.10. per "China" to Galle 31.10; "Hindustan" 1.11 via Suez 15.11 to Alexandria; "Cathay" 17.11 to Southampton 30.11; by rail to London 1.12; by steamship via Quebec to St. Catharines, arriving 17.12.1873. (76 days).

### Payment of 6d Late Fee after the closure of the mails

### Single Rate:

Prepayment of 1/4d comprising 8d for a ½ oz ship letter plus 6d late fee to the United States of America.

### Postal markings:

"4"(d) manuscript in red credit from Western Australia to Great Britain for forwarding to the United States of America;

"4cents" handstamp in red credit from the United States of America to Great Britain for forwarding.



Albany, Western Australia 4.3.1875 to Massachusetts, United States of America

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed King Georges Sound 4.3.1875 per "Nubia" to Galle 18.3; "Cathay" 20.3 via the Suez Canal 3.4, Alexandria and Malta 9.4 to Southampton 18.4; by rail via London 19.4 to Liverpool. **Cunard Line:** Departed Liverpool 20.4 per "Batavia" to New York 2.5.1875; by rail to Massachusetts. (over 59 days).

Ex Austin, Besancon

A rare Late Fee cover from Western Australia



## 2. The return to steam via the Indian Ocean

## Overland via Southampton

### Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 8d and underpaid by 4½d for a ½oz ship letter of 1½d to France via Brindisi.

Underpaid and sent via the Southampton route.

"1½"(d) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding to France.

### Postal Markings:

"**INSUFFICIENTLY PAID/ VIA BRINDISI**" handstamp in red applied in Melbourne recognising the underpayment for the Brindisi route.



Melbourne, Victoria 13.5.1878 to Chateauroux, France

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 15.5.1878 per "Tanjore" to Galle 4.6; "Deccan" 5.6 via Suez Canal 20.6, Alexandria 24.6 and Malta 28.6 to Southampton 7.7; by rail to London 8.7; by steamer to Calais; by rail to Chateauroux, arriving 11.7.1878. (59 days).

Ex Purves, Perry, Watson

### Single Rate - Underpaid:

Prepayment of 7½d and underpaid 1d for a ½oz ship letter of 8½d to Switzerland via Brindisi.

The prepayment of 7½d was the correct rate for the via Southampton route.

### Postal Markings:

"**INSUFFICIENTLY PAID/ VIA ITALY**" handstamp in black applied at Melbourne recognising the underpayment for the Brindisi route.



Melbourne, Victoria 21.7.1879 to Switzerland

**Route - P&O Line:** Departed Melbourne 6.8.1879 per "Tanjore" to Galle 28.8; "Surat" 28.8 via Suez Canal 12.9, Alexandria 14.9, Malta 17.9 to Southampton 26.9; by rail to London 26.9; by steamer to Calais; by rail to Bissegg, arriving 28.9.1879. (69 days).

Two examples of this deficient postage handstamp are recorded

**Note:** On the 15.3.1880 it was announced that the route via Southampton was to be discontinued.