

Provincia via Magna

*To Messrs Perkins Bacon & Co
Engravers 69 Fleet Street*



London

SG
250a



Censored Cover From India Conveyed by U. S. Stamp in 1916

Here is one of those mystery covers which defy logical explanation. Why did the sender think that a two-cent U. S. stamp (Scott 425) would be accepted in January 1916 by the postal authorities in British India? Posted in the tea-growing northeastern district of Maulvi Bazar, in present-day Bangladesh, the letter passed through the Bombay censor. It also was marked postage due, but without indicating how much. Was it three cents, to make up the five-cent letter rate? Was it double that? Was the U. S. stamp even recognized. In the end, the New York Post Office chose not to collect any postage due. Finally, who was Capt W. Reising? And who was Dear Son Ragi? A mystery, indeed!



Bank of Madras

Madras 23^d December 1844

Messrs Perkins Bacon & Melch

Engravers - 69 Fleet Street
London

Gentlemen

I was directed by last month's meeting to give you with a view to calculation of a new scale of charges for £ 30. 10. 0 and give you now the pleasure to include you, second of the same, - being, as before stated, - the amount of Service of "Bentinet & Constant". -

I request you will have the goodness to send me at your early convenience, a detailed statement of the whole accounts which have been rendered on behalf of this Bank, specifying, separately, the proportion of your charges which consist of the Cost of plates and engraving, and that which relates to the material and workmanship of the different articles you have furnished, and the miscellaneous expenses connected with them: and I shall be obliged by your being so good as to state your account in this manner.

Have the goodness at the same time to afford me such information as regards to the engraved plates, as may enable me to form some estimate of the period during which those which have been already procured are likely to continue serviceable.

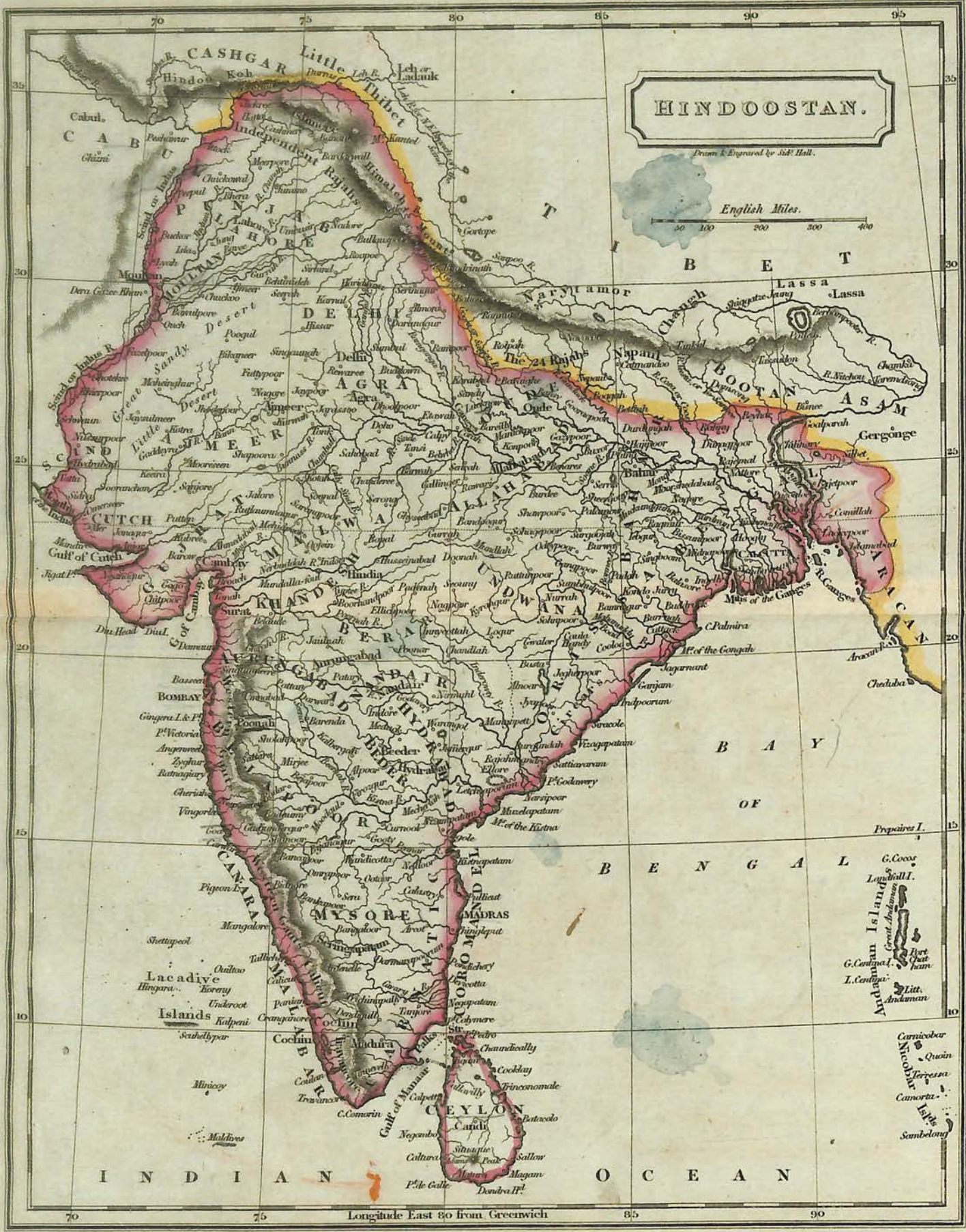
I remain

Sent

Your obedient servant

J. D. M. S. C.

Secretary and Treasurer



INDIAN STATES ?

Cat. _____
Price _____

Selling _____
Price _____



INDIA

FEUDATORY STATES

These Stamps have franking power solely in the States in which they are used.

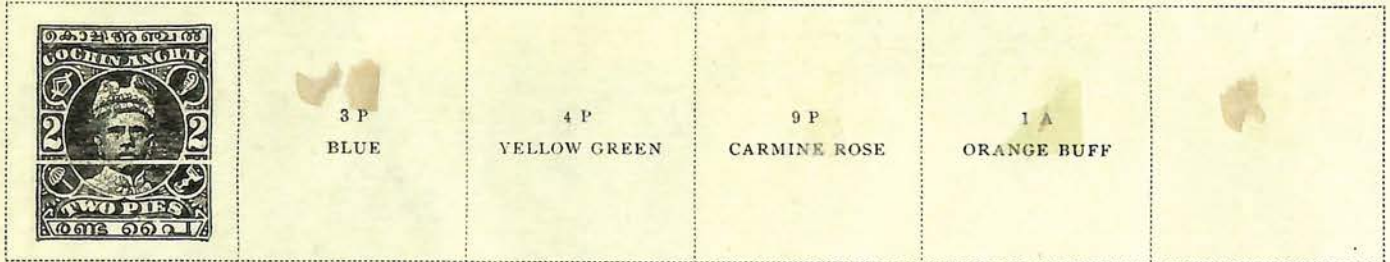
Charkhari

1931

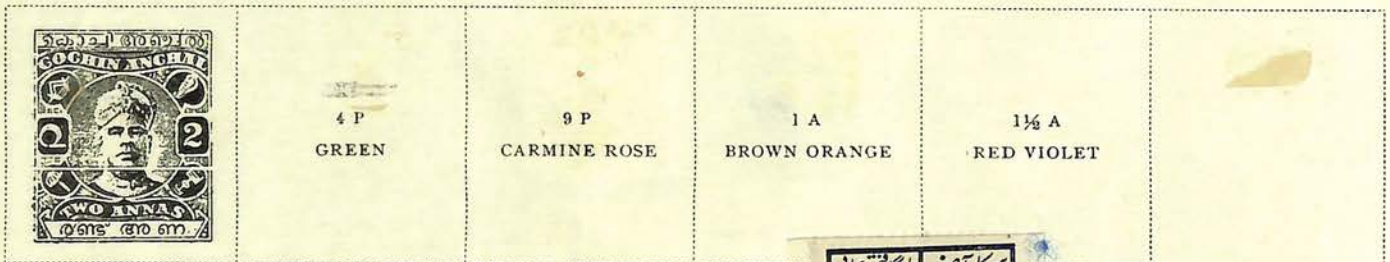


Cochin

1911-14

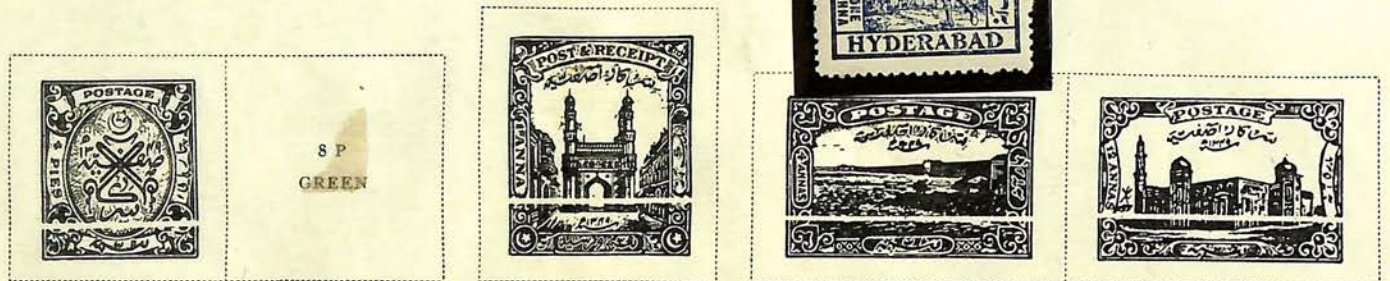


1917-22



Hyderabad

1931



INDIA

Stamps of British India Overprinted for use in the Convention States.

Chamba

Faridkot

Gwalior

Jhind

Nabha

Patiala



INDIA

OFFICIAL STAMPS AND MILITARY STAMPS

1868

Regular Issue
Overprinted
Service
½ A
BLUE



1874-82

1 A
BROWN

1883-97

Same Overprint on
Issue of 1881-92
½ A
GREEN

1883-99

½ A
ULTRA MARINE

1900-07

1 A
CARMINE
ROSE

INDIA POSTAGE REVENUE
2
SERVICE
TWO ANNAS

1902-09

Same Overprint on issue of 1902-03 GREEN	½ A GREEN	1 A CARMINE ROSE	2 A VIOLET	4 A OLIVE GREEN	6 BISTRE	8 A RED LILAC	1 R CARMINE AND GREEN
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1911-13

Regular Issue of 1911-13 Overprinted SERVICE 3 P GRAY					6 A BISTRE	5 A RED VIOLET	
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1926-38

	½ A GREEN	9 P DARK GREEN				2 A VERMILION	2 A 6 P BUFF
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4 A OLIVE GREEN	6 A BISTRE			9 P VIOLET	
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1900

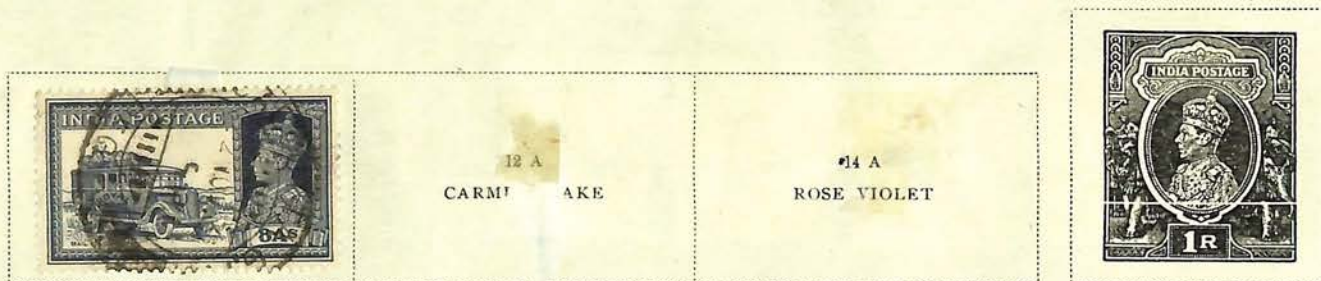
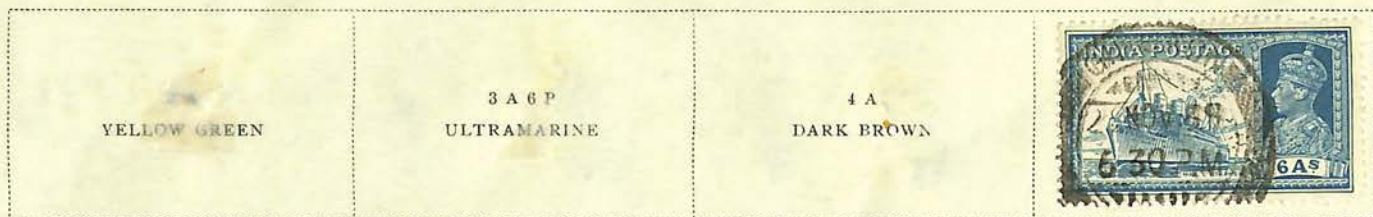
Regular Issues of 1881-1913 Overprinted Like cut 3 P CARMINE ROSE		Regular Issues of 1911-13 Overprinted I. E. F. 3 P GRAY	½ A GREEN	1 A CARMINE ROSE	2 A VIOLET	2 A 6 P ULTRAMARINE
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INDIA

1935

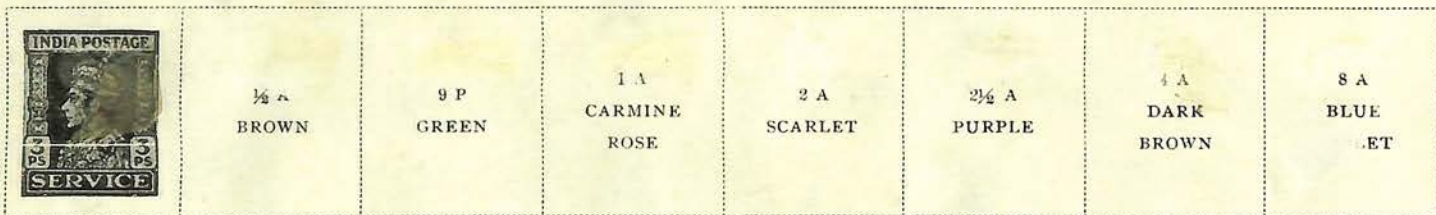


1937-40



OFFICIAL STAMPS

1939



AIR POST STAMPS

1930



INDIA

1902-09



5 R
VIOLET AND
ULTRAMARINE

1905

1906

1911-29

Surcharged

1/4

On 1/2 A GREEN



2 R
BROWN AND
CARMINE ROSE

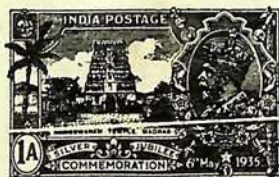


1/4
On 1/2 A
PALE GREEN

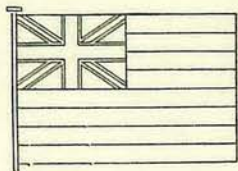
1931



1935



INDIA



An Empire in Asia. CAPITAL—Delhi.

1854



1855-65



Type of 1/4 A

2 A
ORANGE

4 A
GREEN

1866-70



1881-88



1881-88



1891-92



1898

Surcharged

On 1/2 A GREEN

1899



1900

1899-1900 Issues
3 P
GRAY

1/2 A
LIG. GREEN

1 A
CARMINE
TYPE

2 A

2
ULTRA GREEN

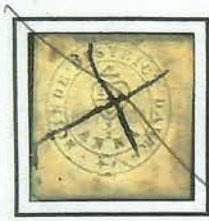
1902-09



INDIA

1852. Scind Province

DIE I



FORGERY

2

1854. Queen Victoria - East India Company Administration

DIE I



2a

DIE I



2a

DIE II



2d

DIE III



2e

DIE I - STONE A



4a

DIE II -



4b

DIE III -



4c



PAIR SHOWING WMK



SHOWING 'A' OF WMK

TRICHINOPOLY

TYPE 6 - C-153 -



HEAD III FRAME II DEEP BLUE



GENEVA FORGERY

1855. Queen Victoria - East India Company Administration



BLUE PAPER



WHITE PAPER



INDIA

1855. Queen Victoria - East India Company Administration



YELLOW-BUFF



ORANGE



1860. Queen Victoria - Crown Colony



1864

SCOTT 17



1865. Queen Victoria - Crown Colony
WATERMARK - ELEPHANT'S HEAD



1866. Queen Victoria - Crown Colony



RED CANCEL

INDIA

1866. Queen Victoria - Overprint "POSTAGE" green on fiscal

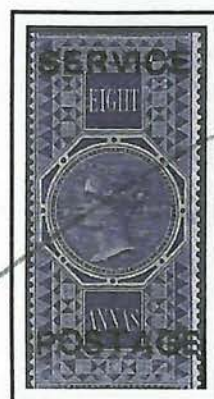


3.5mm POSTAGE
29



2.5mm POSTAGE
30

1866. Queen Victoria - Crown Colony - Official



USED IN BAGDAD, IRAQ



OFFICIAL REPRINT



54 blue



54 Shade



54 Shade



55 pale blue (Die I)



55 Shade



56 purple



56 Shade



57 mauve



57 Shade



58 pale brown



59 dp. brown



59 Shade



60 chocolate



61 yellow



62 orange



62 Shade



63 brown-orange



63 Shade



63 Shade



65 carmine



65 Shade



INDIA

1867 - 1874. Queen Victoria - Crown Colony - Official
 W.M.K. ELEPHANT'S HEAD



1876. Queen Victoria - Crown Colony



1877 - 1883. Queen Victoria



BROWN-PURPLE

PLUM

BASRA (IRAQ)



BROWN-ORANGE

ORANGE



DULL MAUVE

MAGENTA

1-SERMED STE SHADE

INDIA

1877 - 1883. Queen Victoria



1885 - 1899. Queen Victoria



BROWN

YELLOW BROWN



50a

50



INDIA

1900. Queen Victoria
Wmk - STAR



1902 - 1903. King Edward VII



INDIA

1902 - 1903. King Edward VII



1904. King Edward VII



INDIA

1904. King Edward VII



1905. King Edward VII



1906. King Edward VII



1908. King Edward VII



INDIA

1909. King Edward VII



1911. King George V



PALE GRAY

SLATE GREY

PALE BLUE GREEN

YELLOW GREEN

CARMINÉ

ROSE CARMINÉ



MAUVE

VIOLET

YELLOW BISTRE

PURPLE



reserved © ...

BISTRE

MAUVE

INDIA

1911. King George V



BROWN-GREEN



REDBROWN-BLUE GREEN



1912. King George V - Official



INDIA

1919. King George V
WHITE STAR



ANNA

1920 - 1921. King George V



ANNAS



INDIA

1922. King George V
W M K STAR



1923. King George V - Definitives
W M K STAR



1925. "On H.M.S." & new value overprint on King Edward VII



INDIA

1926. King George V - Definitives
Wmk MULTIPLE STARS



INDIA

1929. King George V - Airmail



1930. King George V - Official



1931. King George V - Inauguration of New Delhi



INDIA

1931. King George V - Official



1932. King George V - Definitives



1932. King George V - Official



1934. King George V - Definitives



1935. King George V



INDIA

1935. King George V - Silver Jubilee



1936. King George V - Definitives



1937. King George VI - Definitives



INDIA

1937. King George VI - Definitives



INDIA

1937. King George VI - Official



1938. King George VI - Official



1939. King George VI - Official



INDIA

1940. King George VI - Definitives



1941. King George VI - Definitives



1942. King George VI - Definitives



1943. King George VI - Definitives



INDIA

1946. King George VI - Victory



1946. King George VI - Victory



1946. King George VI - Definitives

