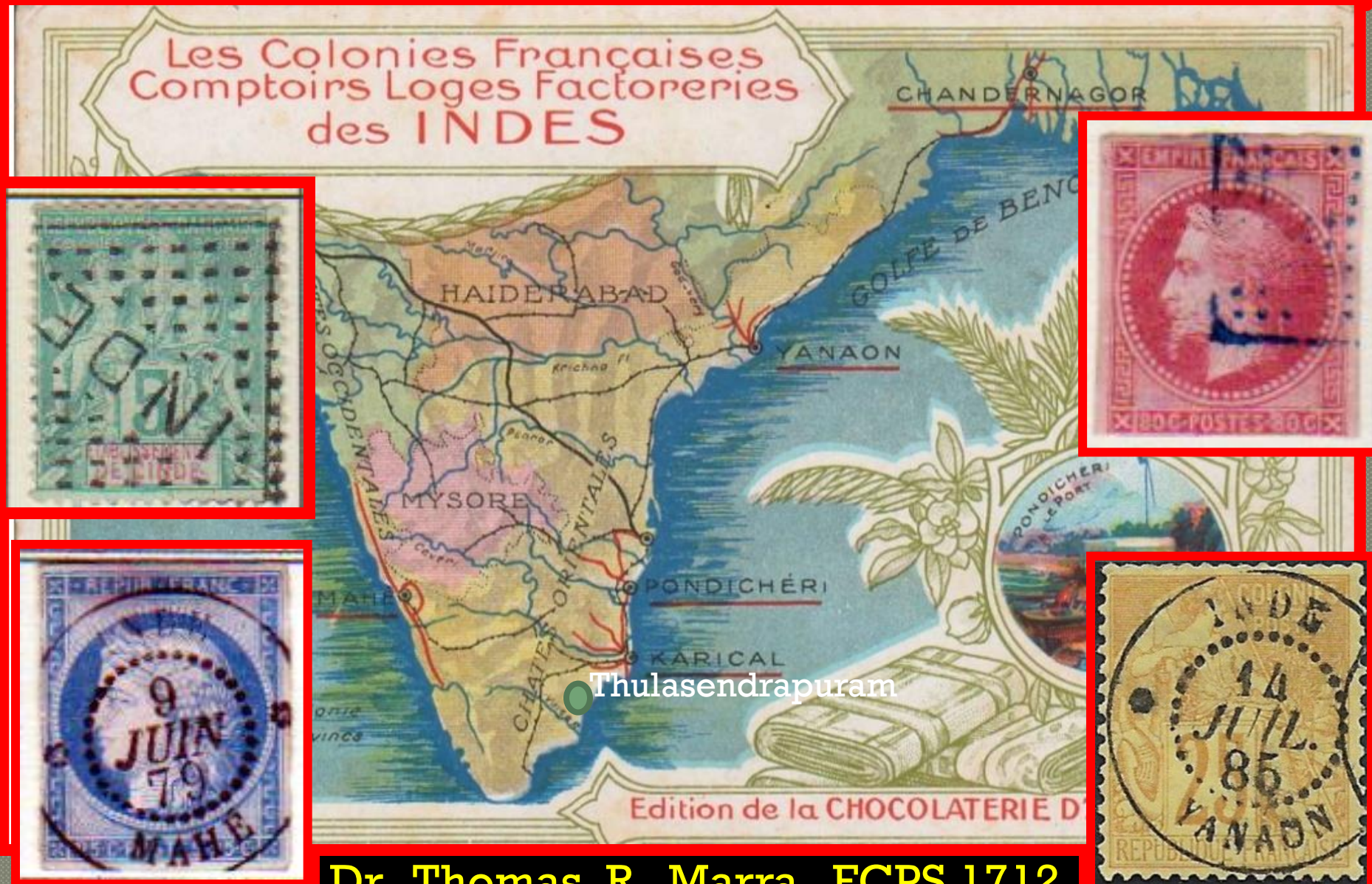


FRENCH INDIA 19th CENTURY POSTAL HISTORY: THE SECONDARY VILLAGE POST OFFICES.



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FRENCH INDIAN SETTLEMENTS: PHILATELY AND POSTAL HISTORY DURING THE CLASSIC PERIOD

FORMER FRENCH SETTLEMENTS IN INDIA

PONDICHERY
KARIKAL
CHANDERNAGOR
MAHE
YANAON

1683 - 1954



India 2016

Agra, India, January 2016. The speaker and his daughter in front of the Taj Mahal . The purpose of the India visit was to participate in a medical teaching program in hospitals located in Delhi and Calcutta.



First French Settlements in India

THE EAGLE ISSUE IN INDE

Pondichéry	1683
Mahé	1721
Yanaon	1723
Karikal	1739
Chandernagore	1688

How rare are are Eagle covers from the secondary INDE offices?

ASSINIE rare!

ASSINIE: 10 Eagle covers known to exist 1863-70. (Pierre Raynaud, personal communication, 1983). Recent auction prices of € 30-50,000. Raynaud had 5 in his 1983 collection, and was looking for the other 5.

KARIKAL, MAHÉ, CHANDERNAGORE, YANAON: 10 Eagle covers known to exist . Last sale of a CHANDERNAGORE offered by Ceres at a price of € 5,000, July 2020.

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distribution of the population according to religious group was as follows:

Table 1.3 Population of French India in 1880 and 1929 by Religious Group

Settlements	Hindus		Muslims		Christians			
	1880	1929	1880	1929	1880		1929	
					Catholics	Protestants	Catholics	Protestants
Pondicherry	1,28,562	1,58,153	2,434	4,499	19,043	*	12,425	91
Karaikal	63,973	42,654	14,825	5,609	13,801	*	7,667	161
Mahe	5,315	6,822	1,617	3,062	340	*	437	*
Yanam	4,259	4,754	173	190	88	*	48	3
Chandernagor	17,469	23,264	4,031	2,756	319	*	423	63
Total	2,19,578	2,35,647	23,080	16,116	33,591		21,000	318

*Data not available.

Source: Alfred Martineau, *Etablissements français dans l'Inde*, p.66 and Jacques Weber, *Les établissements français en Inde au XIX siècle (1816-1914)*, Vol. 5, Paris: Librairie de l'Inde, 1988, P. 2728.

Population of the French Enclaves in India by religious affiliation in 1880 and 1929.



Statistiques de l'état-civil au 1^{er} janvier 1877

Annuaire des Établissements français dans l'Inde de 1878.

NATION ÉTABLISSEMENTS.	ENFANTS		HOMMES	FEMMES.	TOTAUX.
	AU-DESSOUS DE 14 ANS				
	Garçons.	Filles.			
.....	135	146	225	290	796
.....	64	30	72	60	226
.....	5	19	17	16	57
.....	1	4	7	6	18
.....	0	2	4	15	19
Totaux..	205	204	325	585	1,116

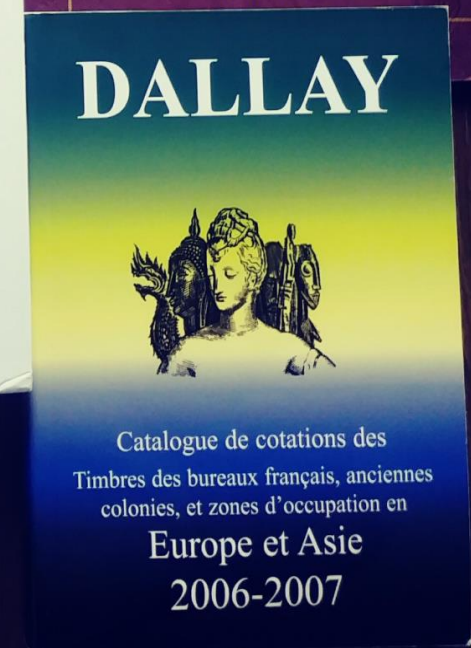
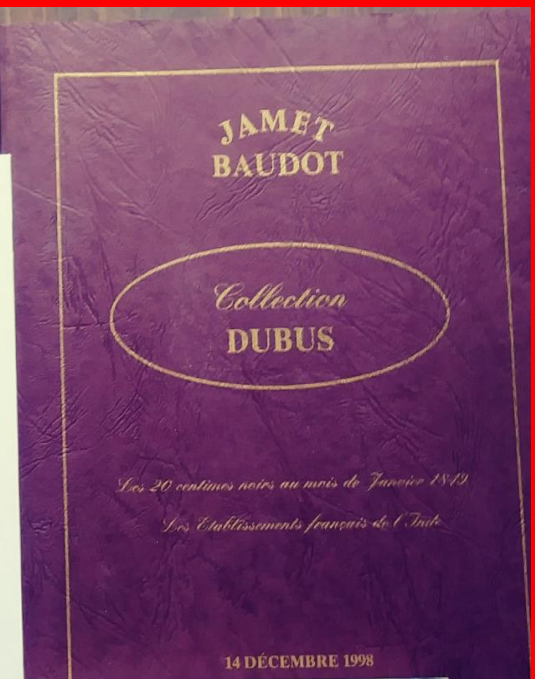
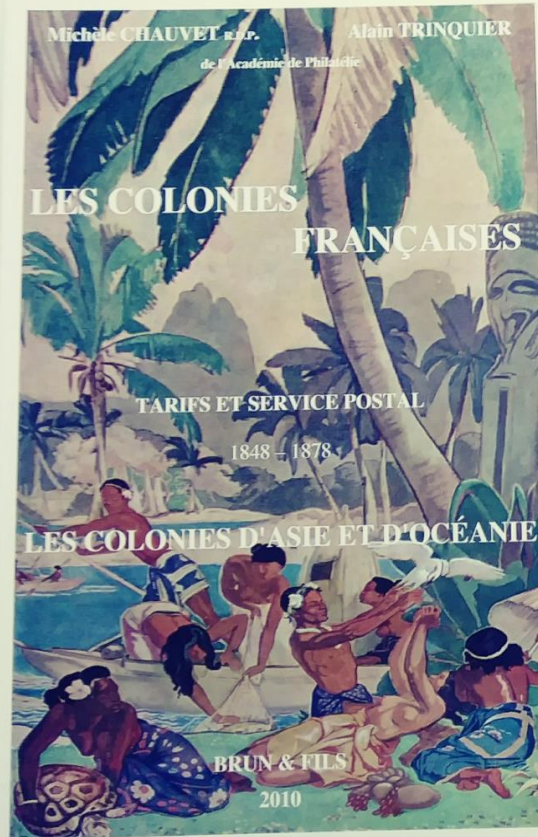
in Yanaon, and only 4 males.
adult Europeans.

**19 Europeans in Yanaon, and only 4 males.
Mahé only 13 adult Europeans.**

European population of the French Enclaves in India from official civil document of 1877 (from Chauvet). No wonder mail from Yanaon, Mahé and Karikal is so rare!

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Postal History: The Classic Period

- Stampless Letters: Unpaid and Prepaid
 - French Colonies General Issues 1859-81
 - The Eagle Issue of 1860-c1870
 - Empire and Ceres of 1871-72
 - Ceres Issues of 1872 – 1877
 - Sage Issue from 1877 to 1880
 - Alphée-Dubois Issue of 1881
 - Navigation / Commerce 1892
 - Postal Use is Rare Outside of Pondichéry
 - British vs French Mail Packets
 - Maritime Mail: Line 0 and N
 - Inland or Printed Matter Rare
 - Military Mail Only Pondichéry



The Stamps of the Classic Period of French India



Eagle 1860-70



Empire and Ceres 1871-72



Ceres Issue 1872-77



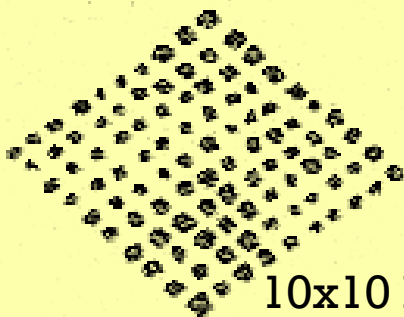
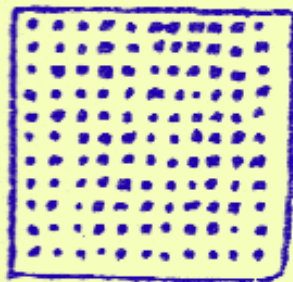
Sage 1877-80



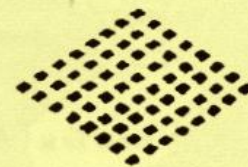
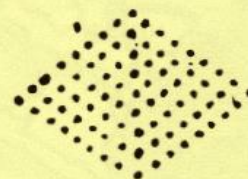
Alphée Dubois 1881-91



Navigation and Commerce 1892-c1914



10x10 Mute



Les
Obliterations de
l'Inde Française
dans l'époque
classique.



Comme pour toutes nos anciennes colonies,
ces losanges de points étaient accompagnés
de cachets à date des types A et B.



A



B

Vers 1887, le type C fut employé, suivi peu
après des types D, E, F et G.



C



D



E (1)



F



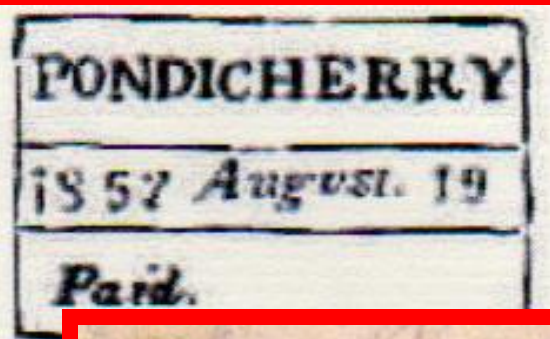
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French post offices in the India Settlements first opened in 1853/54. Prior to that, French mail, like the letter below from St. Denis, Réunion to a ship merchant in Nantes, used a British PO located in Pondichéry and nearby Madras. The letter probably traveled to India via the British Screw Steamship out of Mauritius to Madras.

● **THE FIRST USE OF POSTAGE STAMPS**

- **Great Britain** 1839
- **USA** 1847
- **British India** 1854
- **French India** 1860
- **Portuguese India** 1871



1848 Ship Letter from Réunion to Nantes via Pondichéry. then carried by British India Post via Madras, Suez and Alexandria, then French Mediterranean packet post to Marseille (20 décime manuscript fee charged to destinee).

1853-54: French Post Offices First Opened

Although offered use of French stamps, the French Indian Settlements refused to use them. They feared this would antagonize the British who were the predominant colonial power in the Indian Subcontinent.



Unpaid



Prepaid

First Day of Eagle Use: 22 Fevr 1860. 10C “décime de mer” rate was only for mail to Mauritius. The destinee would then be expected to pay the 6 pence Mauritius inland fee.

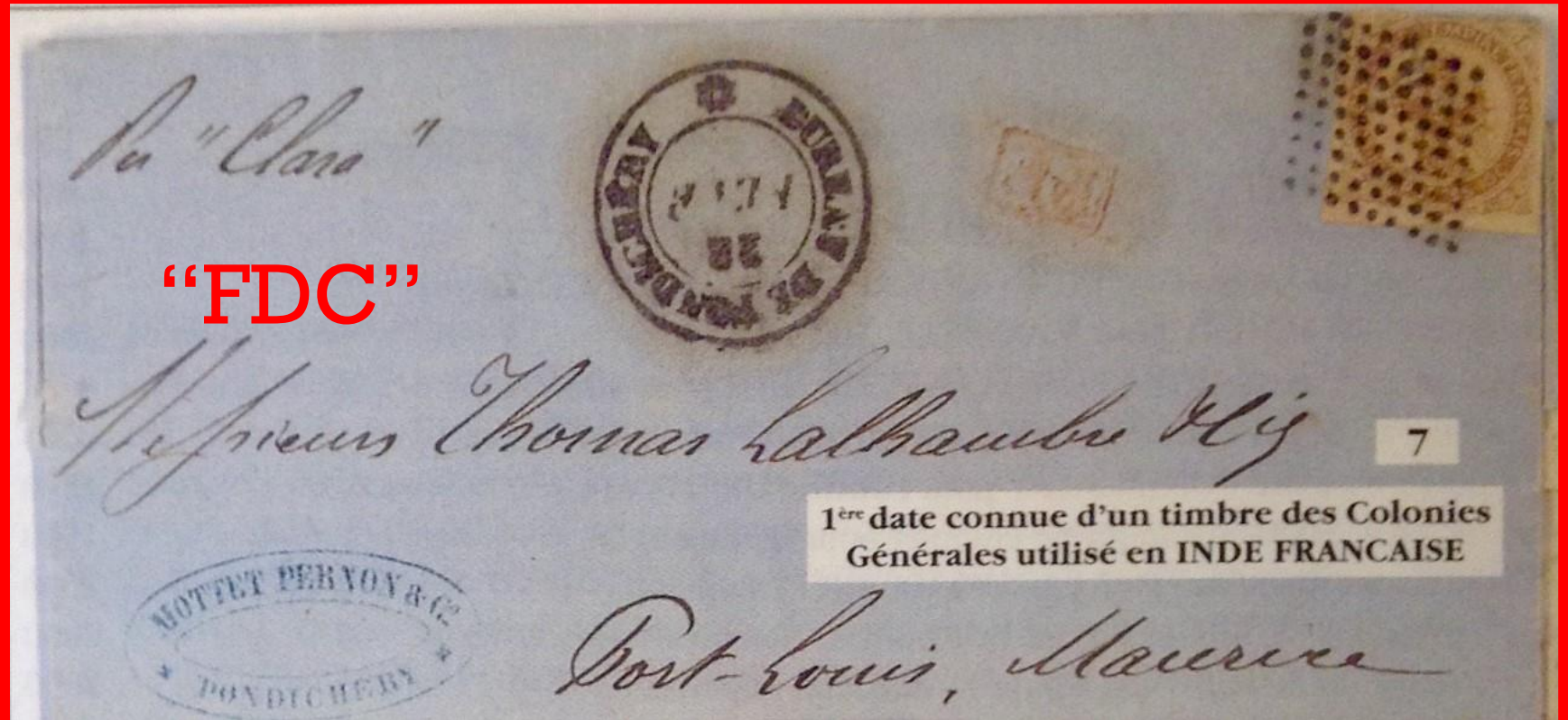


Table from Stone

Eagles Ordered

Arrived in India

First Use in India

India:

Pondichery

Chandernagore

Karikal

Mahé

Yanaon

October1859

Early1860

Early1860

Early1860

Early1860

Prob. Dec.1859

Prob. early ..1860

Prob. early ..1860

Prob. early ..1860

Prob. early ..1860

22 Feb.1860

early1870's

18 Jan.1865

6 Jan.1867

29 June1865

AIGLE COUCHÉ



1864 letter from Pondichéry to Nantes via French mail packet. The 60C franking is of particular interest due to the inclusion of a 10C “Aigle couché”, or Eagle lying sideways, pair. This is found in 3 plate positions per galvano for a total of 6 per pane of 360 stamps. It is not at all common on cover.



Marra

THE FRENCH COLONIAL GENERAL ISSUE

French India

1868



Vogel

1868 1.20F rate cover to London via Suez and Marseille. Mail to England is scarce, as is use of the INDE lozenge on Eagle stamps (began 1868). The 81point mute lozenge is much more common.



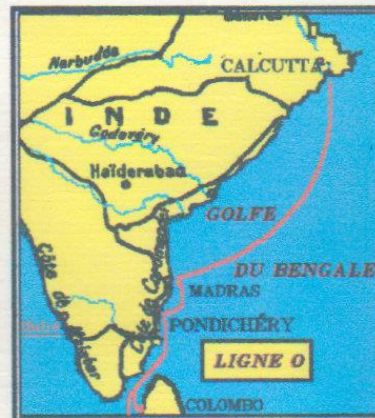
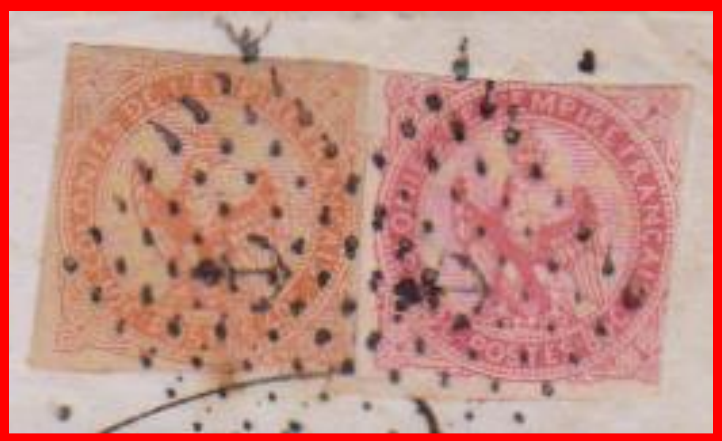
Cover to same London address with same 1.20 Eagle franking tied by more common 81 point lozenge sold for \$2300 in the Siegel Raymond Vogel auction of 2010. The foreign letter rate from French India is very rare.

Maritime Mail

Letter posted at dockside.
Line O ran from Calcutta to
Ceylon with a stop in
Pondichéry, then via Suez
and Marseille. French
stamps were required but
colonial stamps were
tolerated in colonial ports.
The anchor lozenge was
Used prior to 1876. Double
rate letter (2 x 60C),

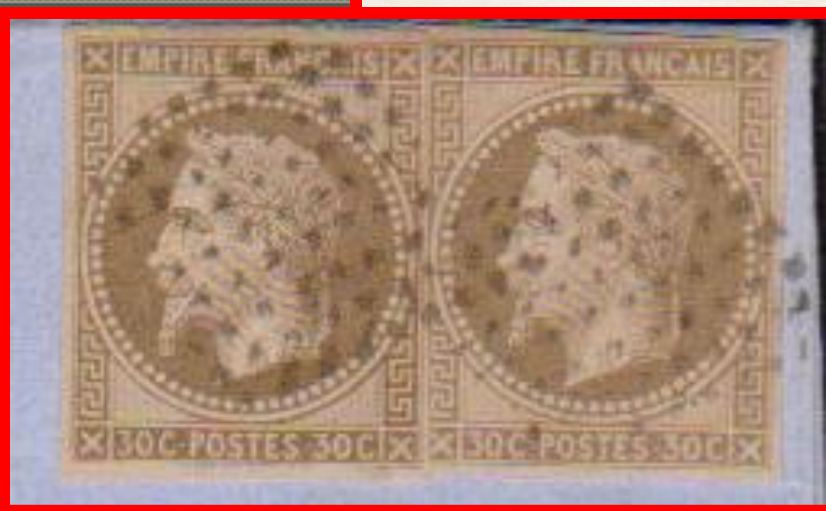


PONDICHERY (LINE O): Dec. 9, 1869. This rare double weight cover to Bordeaux was posted at dockside in Pondichery and sent by the Line O French mail packet. Line O traveled between Calcutta and Colombo, Ceylon with interval ports of call at Madras and Pondichery. Note stamps are tied by the anchor lozenge. (Salles 1.962).



French entry mark on 40C Eagle posted in Pondichery. Stamps rarely tied by French entry marks. Salles 1.882.

1871-72 ISSUES



PONDICHERY: June 14, 1872. French packet rate cover to Marseille. The franking consists of two 30C Napoleon III stamps of the second issue tied by the small 8x8 dot mute lozenge. Salles 1854 maritime entry mark is struck in reddish brown.

1872 60C rate folded letter to France. Franking composed of 2 copies of the 30C Napoleon III stamp tied by the 81 point mute lozenge of Pondichéry. Oddly Napoleon's visage first appeared in the colonies in 1871, after he was deposed in the Franco-Prussian war and the Third Republic was declared.

GI Issues of 1871-72

1872 60C French mail packet rate cover to Marseille. In 1871 the Eagle stamps were replaced by the imperforate Empire and Ceres types. The scarce 20C and more common 40C light orange stamps are both tied by faint INDE lozenges.



Issues of 1871-72: Less common than Eagles



Timbres-poste de métropole non dentelés dans les Établissements français de l'Inde à partir de septembre 1871

Livraison	1 c Lauré	5 c Empire	10 c Siège	20 c Siège	30 c lauré	40 c Siège	80 c Lauré
08/09/1871*	18.000	9.000	6.000	6.000	4.500	4.500	3.000

* Pour cette livraison, il s'agit des chiffres cités par P. Bouvet dans *l'Écho de la Timbrologie* d'octobre 1932 de source inconnue et donc non vérifiés, mais communément admis (voir à ce sujet page 116 du volume consacré aux Colonies d'Amérique).



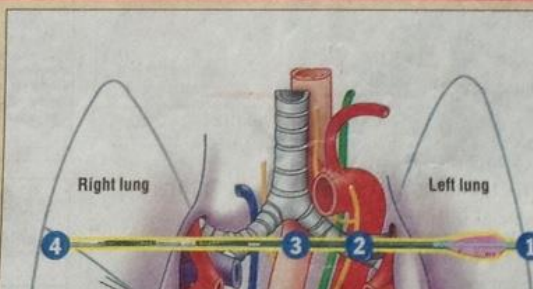
Archer speared by arrow survives

SANJAY MANDAL

A champion police archer has survived after sitting, arms folded, through a two-hour wait for an ambulance with an arrow piercing his lungs, food pipe and the main artery that pumps blood from the heart to the other organs.

Bapan Barman, 32, had been accidentally struck by a colleague's arrow through his left arm when he was at the target board to check his shot during a practice session in Cossipore on January 15. The constable, a gold

CONSTABLE WITH COURAGE IN HIS QUIVER



THE PATH OF THE ARROW THROUGH BAPAN'S BODY

- 1 Entering through the left arm, the arrow punctures the left lung
- 2 The arrow pierces the aorta, the main artery that supplies blood from the heart to different organs
- 3 The arrow perforates the oesophagus

location of fluid in Bapan's lungs and interventional radiologist Usha Goenka was brought in to drain it out.

The lungs and aorta were repaired during the surgery, but two holes—the first 1.5cm in diameter and the other 2.5cm—remained in the food pipe.

"He couldn't eat because food would come out from the hole. Also, there was secretion of saliva and that can cause infection if it gets into the body's system," said Mahesh Goenka, director of the Apollo Gleneagles Institute of Gastrosciences.

Newspaper and other printed matter rates.
Copy of Calcutta Metro Telegraph of 3 Feb. 2016. Headline story about opening of new Chandernagore Heritage website. The former French enclave of Chandernagore is located about 25 miles up the Hooghly River from Calcutta.

Eagle printed matter frankings are extremely rare.



Pondichéry: 3 June 1870 printed matter cover to St. Malo demonstrating the 18C French mail packet rate of 1/1/64. Scan taken from the Chauvet and Trinquier handbook. They note this is the only known 18C rate Eagle cover.



Tigre attaquant un indigène.

“Tiger attacking native”.

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INDIAN BIG BASH ON AUS DAY

Men in Blue ride on Virat Kohli's 55-ball 90 n.o. and 3/23 by pacer Jasprit Bumrah to beat Australia by 37 runs in the first T20, on India's R-Day and Aus national day

Indian women pull off their highest run chase in T20, overhauling Australia's 140/5 with 8 balls to spare. It's the first time Women in Blue have beaten Aussies in Australia

Sania Mirza wins her 34th straight doubles match with Martina Hingis, enters Australian Open semis. Also advances to mixed doubles quarters, partnering Croat Ivan Dodig

Leander Paes, also partnering Hingis, too sails into the quarterfinals where he'll be up against Sania



FRENCH REGIMENT BACK ON INDIAN SOIL AFTER 232 YRS



HISTORIC MOMENT: A 124-member French contingent marched down Rajpath to loud cheers on Tuesday, becoming the first foreign soldiers to take part in the Republic Day parade. The group included 75 men from the 35th Infantry Regiment, which had served in India from 1781 to 1784 and fought for Tipu Sultan against the British. On June 25, 1783, during the siege of Cuddalore, the French conducted a bayonet charge on Indian troops of the 24th Bengal Native Infantry and Madras Army but were defeated. Among those wounded was a young soldier, Jean Baptiste de Bernadotte, who later rose to marshal in Napoleon's army and eventually became the king of Sweden. Tipu's cavalry later became the Mysore Lancers, which was amalgamated into 61 Cavalry after independence. Interestingly, 61 Cavalry marched right behind the French troops on Tuesday. The brass band of Madras Cavalry followed the French, followed further behind in the parade.

Military Mail

Chinese investors betting big on India

Internet Giants Pour Funds Into Digital Startups

Boby Kurian & Samidha Sharma

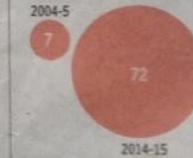
The drought is turning into a deluge. For years, Chinese investment in India remained a trickle—\$1.2 billion between 2000 and September 2015, which was only 0.47% of the total foreign direct investment inflow. While China became India's largest trading partner in 2008, investment flow from the country remained hostage to national security concerns.

That looks set to change given the spate of announcements in the last few weeks. Wanda, China's largest commercial real estate developer, announced investment worth \$10 billion in Haryana. SAIC Motor, China's largest carmaker, proposes to buy GM's Gujarat facility. About 100 small and medium Chinese enterprises have promised investments worth \$1 billion.

FIRST CAME THE TRADE...

A leap of 10 times in 10 years

INDIA-CHINA TRADE (in \$ bn)



China surpassed US to become India's largest trading partner in 2008

...NOW COMES THE INVESTMENT

CHINA'S FDI INTO INDIA

Between 2000 and Sep 2015



Major Chinese investors include Tencent Holdings, Alibaba, Baidu, Wanda, SAIC and SAIC

Source: IIP; Commerce Minister, Telecom & Information

and widespread investments. The new year began with Chinese online travel company Ctrip picking up a strategic stake in Makemytrip and Baidu unveiling discussions with multiple Indian Internet startups for investments. This comes in the backdrop of Alibaba's high profile investments in Snapdeal and Paytm last year. Another Chinese internet giant, Tencent Holdings, started investing when it took a wager on Bang

big potential in India's digital startups where there are similarities in learning curves and experiences," Frank Hancock, managing director, advisory. Barclays said. He pointed out that the broader FDI investments have moved towards the east with Japan competing with the US and the UK among the three sources of capital. "In that context, the conventional Chinese private investments are important

The Times of India (New Delhi). January 27, 2016. "French Regiment Back On Indian Soil After 232 Years". Marching in Delhi parade for Republic Day.But there were French troops in Pondichéry long after 1784, hence, the need for military mail.

Military Mail

Reduced rate military mail was available for those few French troops stationed in Pondichéry. The top Eagle cover of 1869 exhibits the 20C rate to France. In 1872, the rate was increased to 25C and the lower cover demonstrates franking by a single 25C Ceres stamp of the 1872-76 issue. Clear octagonal Corr. d'Armées strikes confirm military origin. These very rare covers were lifted from Florent Tricot's wonderful French Colonies military mail web site.



MAHÉ



Indiens pêchant dans la rivière de Mahé.

“Indians fishing in the Mahé River.”



Mahé: 1866 British India post office cover to Bordeaux. Strip of 4 x 4 anna India postage stamps tied by unique lozenge of the Mahé British India PO. Both British and French mail service was available in all the French enclaves. Overseas postage to France and colonies usually went through the French PO.



Mahé: 6 January 1867. Letter to Nantes via French mail packet. The 60C rate is composed of a pair of 10C and single 40C Eagles. One of only 2-3 Mahé Eagle covers known to exist. Offered in Lugdunum VO of Dec. 2018 with start of € 7,000.

France

par paquebot France
via Madras, Pondichy
Pointe d. Gallie, Aden
et Suez

Monsieur J. Chasrot,
Capitaine de gendarmerie
à Fontenay-le-Comte
Vendée



Mahé: 3 November 1868. Letter to Fontenay-le-Comte via French mail packet. The 60C rate is composed of a pair of 10C Eagles and single 40C Eagle. One of only 3 Mahé Eagle covers are known to exist. Scan from Chauvet.

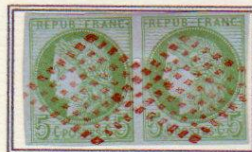


Mahé 1866 20C military rate cover to Bordeaux. Mahé had no French mail packet service, hence no authorized military mail and no octagonal corr. d'armées cachet. Nevertheless, the reduced military rate was accepted and the civilian Mahé cds was applied. On reverse "lettre de Mr Granger chirurgien de marine impériale". From web site of Florent Tricot, ex-Millet.

MAHÉ

French India Mahe Cancels

Mahe represents one of the rarest and most sought after uses of the French Colonies General Issue. The mute lozenge is distinguished by a very characteristic 8 x 8 diamond of dots pattern and an ink color ranging from a distinctive red to reddish-brown. The Mahe CDS exists in both black and red.



BUREAU DE MAHÉ



Mahé to Macon, France 1875 single weight letter via French mail packet service. The 60C rate is composed of 4 copies of the 15C Ceres (Yvert #22). Sold Dec. 1998 in Jamet Baudot VO for 17,888 FF. vs starting bid of 7,000 FF.



Mahé to Macon, France 1875 single weight letter. Spectacular triple color 1.20 F British packet rate through Brindisi. The additional 0.40 F was collected to pay for inland Italian postage. Rate existed from 1871 to 1876.

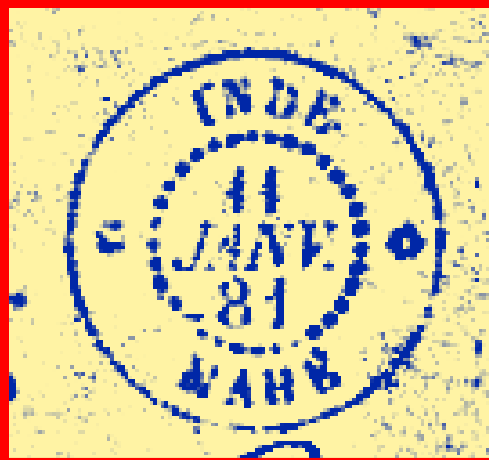
**MAHÉ 1878 REGISTERED LETTER TO FRANCE. 1998 JAMET
BAUDOT AUCTION LOT 182 SOLD FOR 36,000 FF. THE
DETACHED STAMPS ARE FROM MY COLLECTION.**



Enveloppe affranchie par des Cérès 5 c vert (x 2) et des
Groupe 40 c orange (x 2) oblitérés par le cachet à date en
rouge : Inde/Mahé.
Tarif à 90 c des recommandés.
Pièce superbe et rarissime

Color coordinated
cancels: black, red, and
blue.





Pre and post
 UPU rate covers
 of Mahé. page
 from a c2000 VO
 of Lugdunum
 Philatelie. The
 rarity of Mahé
 covers is
 reflected in the
 starting bids of
 7,500-10,000
 Francs.



5c+ 25c(x3) obl. losange de points rouge+ cachet brun noir INDE MAHE sur enveloppe, ALEXANDRIE pour LA FRANCE. Verso, cachet ALEXANDRIE EGYPT. RARETE. TTB.

10000



25c Sage, TTB margé obl. INDE MAHE sur env. pour BORDEAUX. Grande rareté. Superbe.

7500



A closer look at a letter from Mahé to Mâcon, the Mme. Duttroya correspondence of 1875. Striking red mute lozenges and red CDS make these covers most striking. (Chauvet scan).

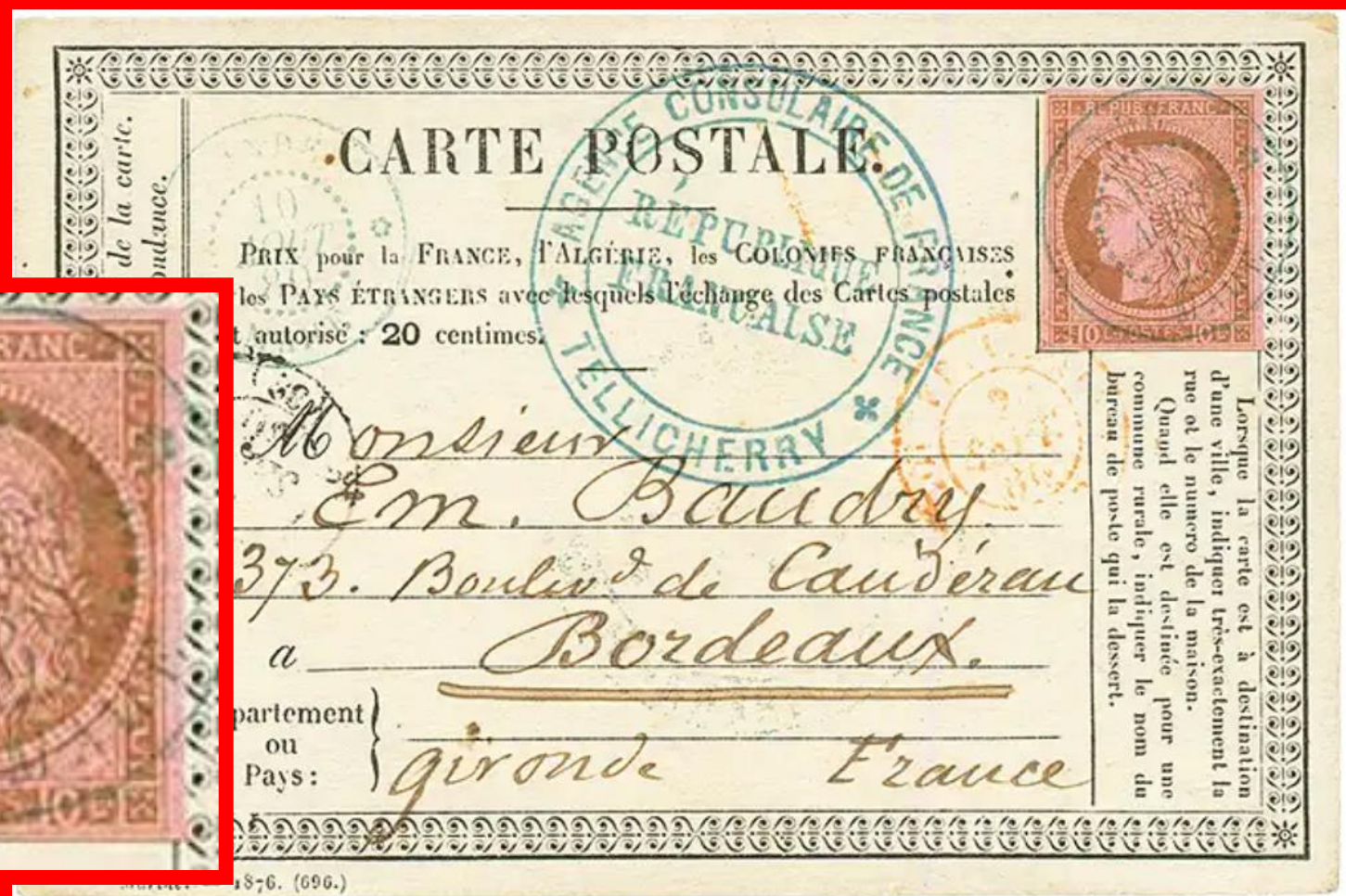
MAHÉ

This very rare item was offered in the Roumet VO of 9 Oct. 2001 with a lofty starting price of 20,000 FF (\$2800). The use of French stamps in the colonies was not authorized except in rare cases of colonial stamp shortages.



Mahé: 30 Dec 1889 letter to Paris. Very rare franking composed of strip of 5 perforated 5C Sage stamps of France. Was there a shortage of Alphée Dubois colonials in French India in 1889?

MAHÉ



Mahé: 10 Aug 1880. GI formula post card to Bordeaux. Very rare and probably unique item with added French Consular office cachet of Tellicherry (now Thalassery), a British India city about 5 miles up the Malabar coast from Mahé. Lugdunum 6/2019 VO 110 offered this rare item with a start of € 2000.



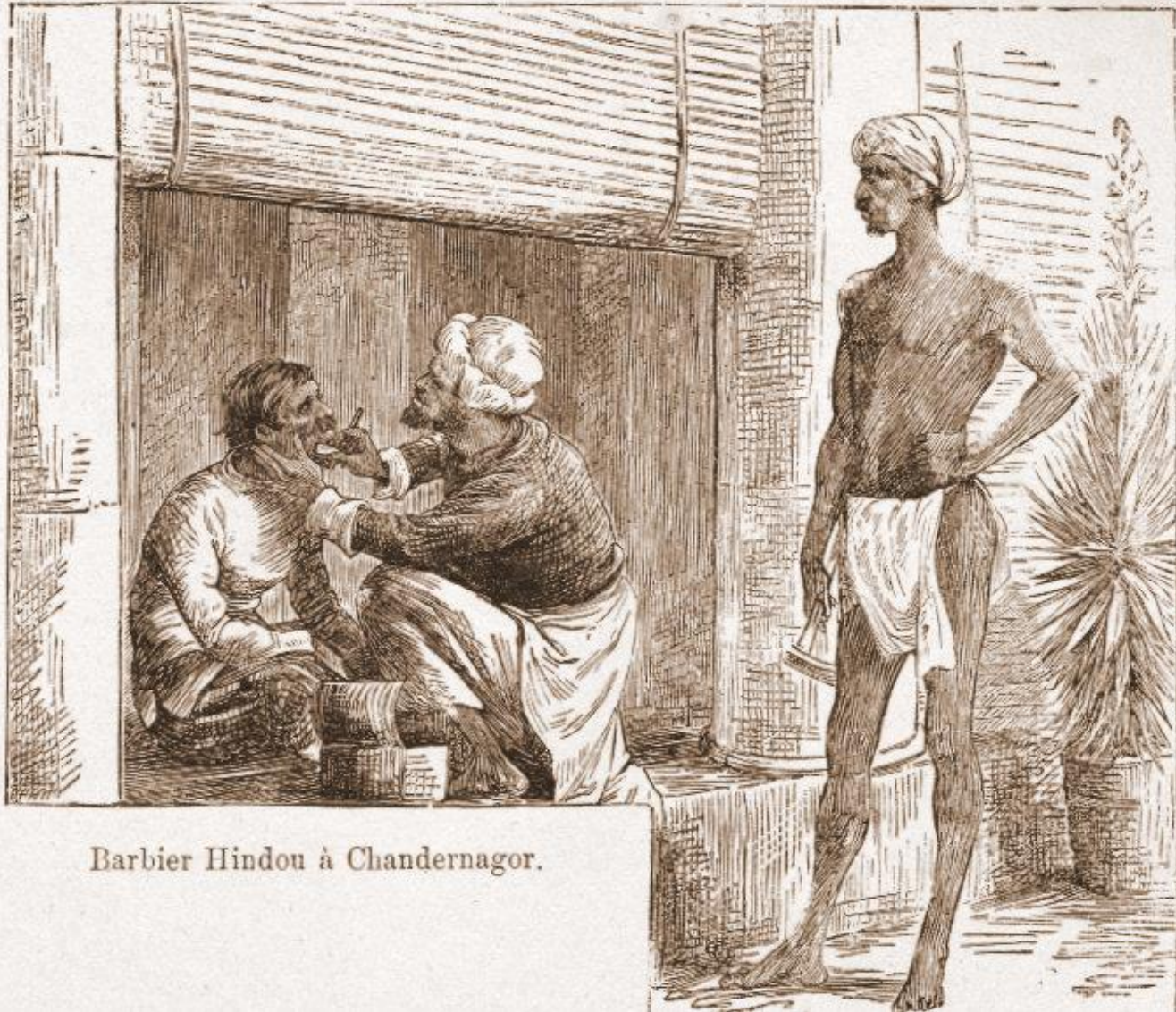
Mahé 24 Aout 91 10C Alphée Dubois postal stationery card to Paris.

Calcutta/Chandernagore

Calcutta, Feb. 2016. The speaker's daughter inspecting strands of colorful marigolds at the Calcutta Flower Market. Calcutta was the capital of the British Raj from 1772 to 1911. Today, it still retains much of its colonial ambience. From 1912 to 1947 it remained the capital of the Indian state of West Bengal.



CHANDERNAGORE



Barbier Hindou à Chandernagor.

“Hindu Barber in Chandernagore”

CHANDERNAGORE: 60C French packet rate Eagle cover to France. Uncanceled stamps received 2240 GC cancel of Marseille on arrival. Lot 167 of Dubus Dec. 1998 Sale. 21,000 FF.



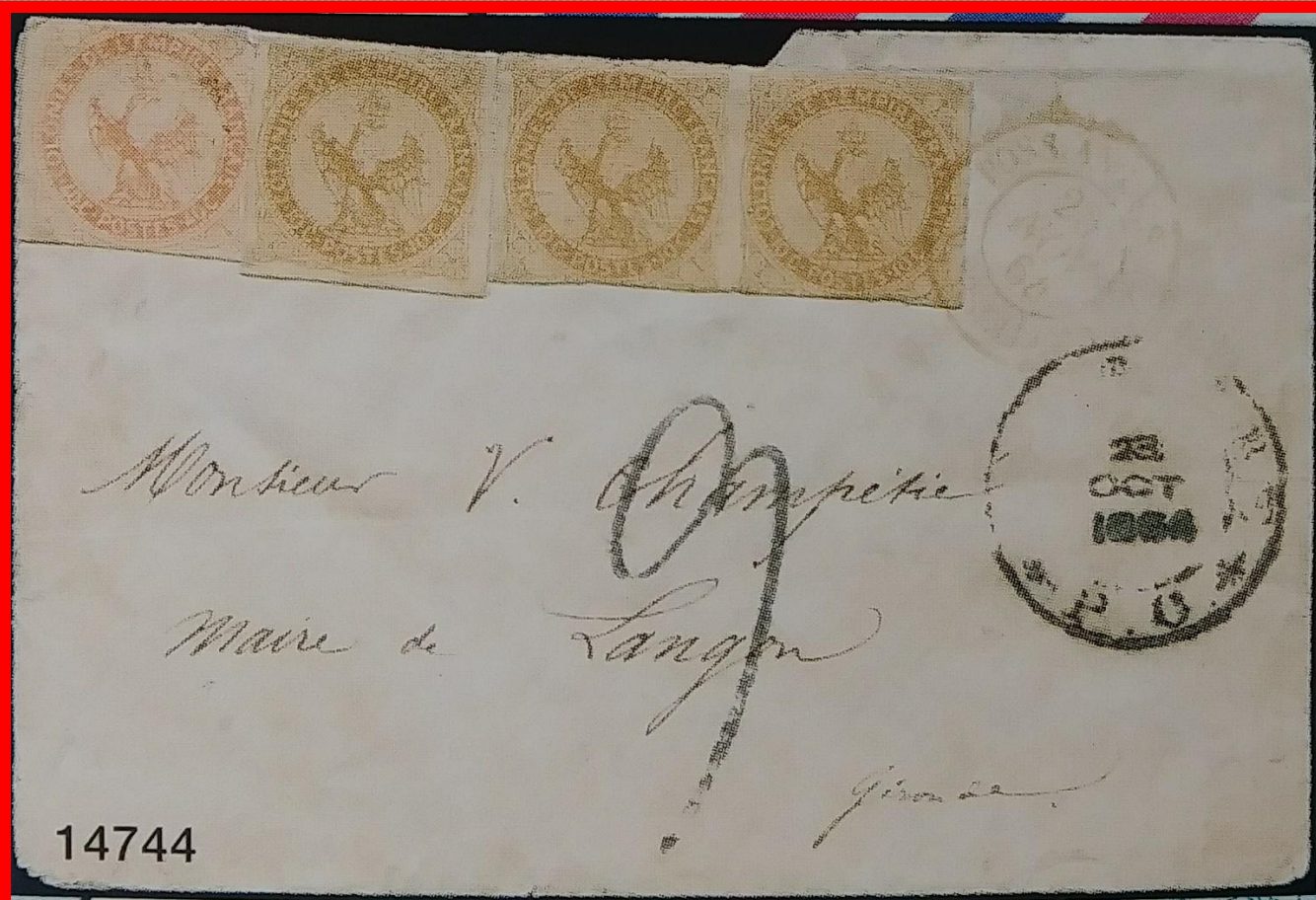
Starting bid was 7,000 FF. Ex-Millet. Only 2 known Eagle covers of Chandernagore.



Eagle stamp just tied by Salles 1.874 French entry mark, stamps otherwise not accepted and uncanceled by Chandernagor Brit. India PO.

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"9" Décime manuscript



CHANDERNAGORE: 26/10/1864 letter to Gironde, France. Although 70C of French Empire Eagle stamps appear on the cover, it was mistakenly placed in the British Chandernagore PO and went unpaid, thus the stamps were not canceled locally or on arrival. Since the British mail packet rate was 80 centimes, it received a manuscript "9" on arrival, "8" décimes for postage and "1" décime penalty. Item offered by Cérès Philately at a net price of € 5,000, Summer 2020. 1 of 2 known Eagle covers from Chandernagore.



Enveloppe affranchie par des Cérès, paire bord de feuille du 5 c vert et 80 c oblitérés par le rarissime carré de points encadré de Chandernagore.

A côté le cad bleu Inde/Chandernagor, 20 Juin 1876 et le cad rouge Col. Fr. V. Brind/A. Mod., le tarif à 90 centimes par Bombay et Brindisi a duré 6 mois, de Janvier à Juillet 1876.

Pièce de grande rareté,

Prix de départ

15 000-

Chandernagore (rare)

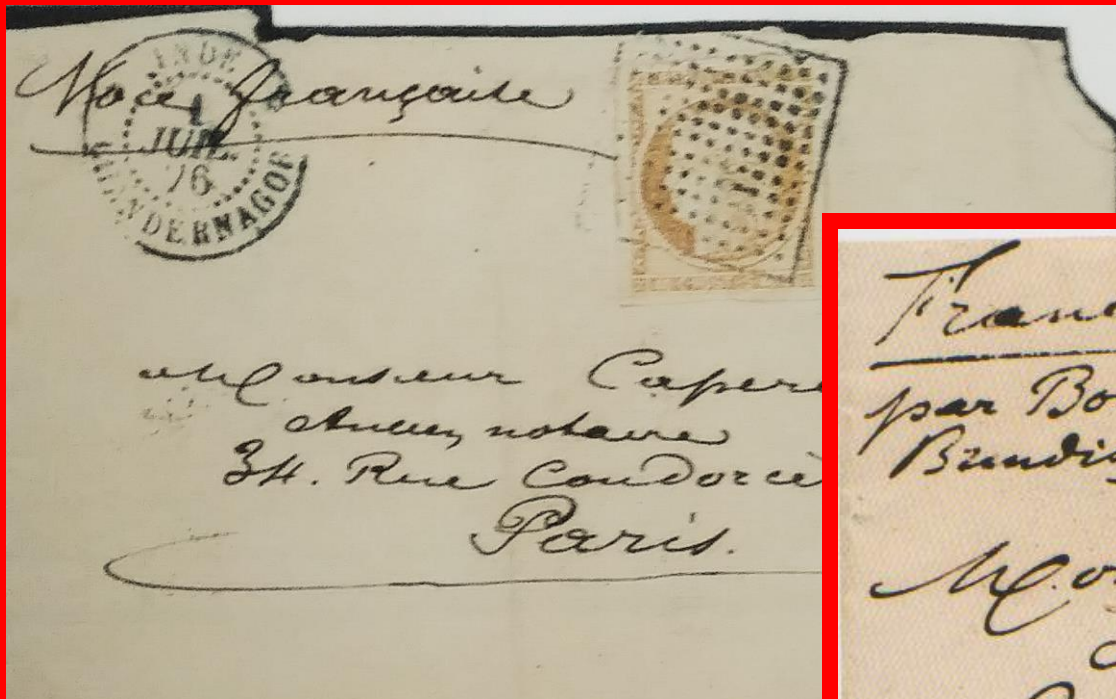
CHANDERNAGORE. 1876 LETTER TO FRANCE WITH RARE BOXED LOZENGE CANCEL. SOLD FOR 25,000 FF IN 1998 JAMET BAUDOT AUCTION (LOT 169). THE 90C BRITISH PACKET RATE IS ALSO RARE, ONLY USED THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1876. THE DETACHED STAMP WITH BOXED LOZENGE IS FROM MY COLLECTION.



Blue boxed 121
(11x11) point
mute lozenge.

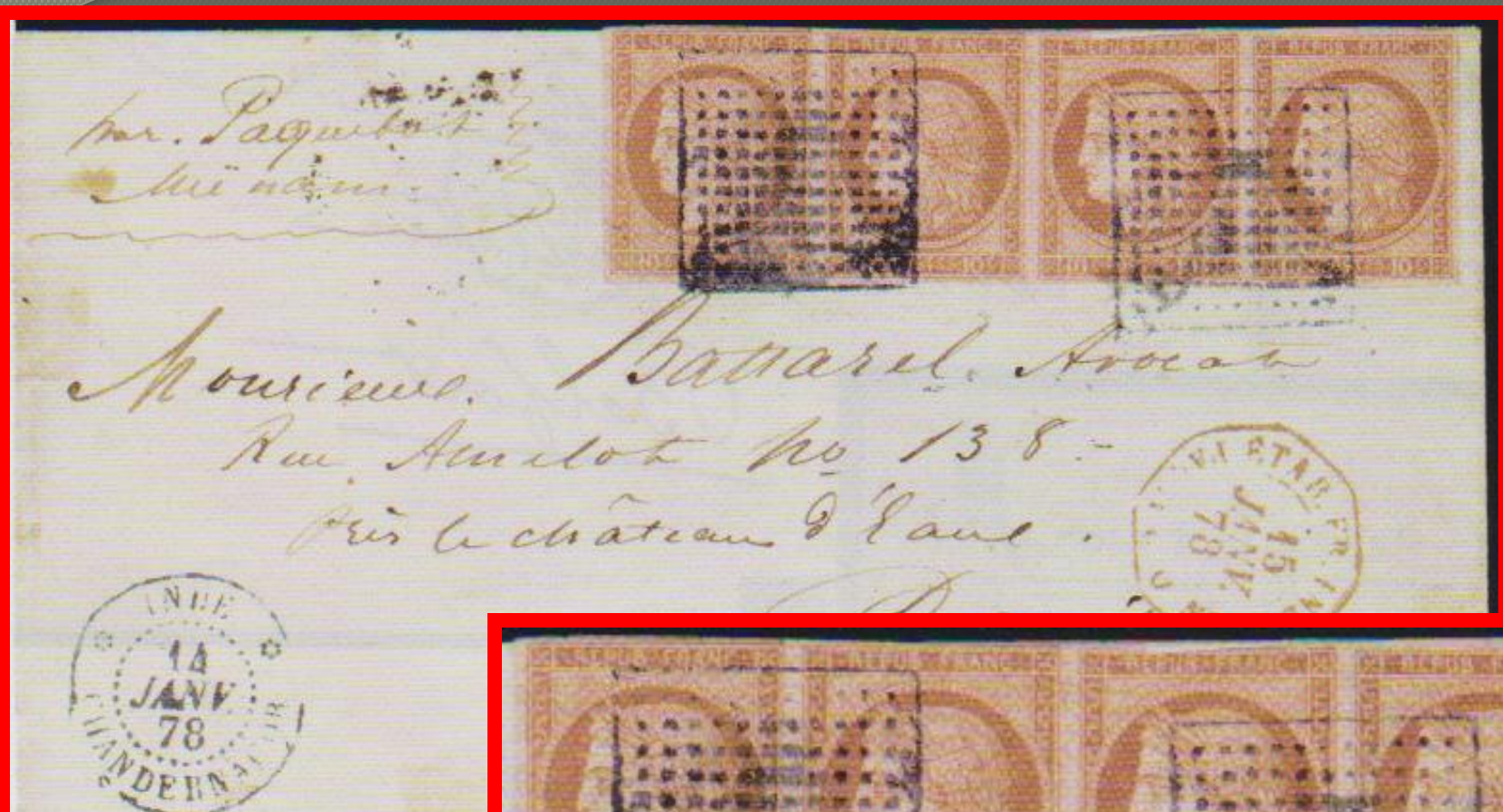


Losange Muet Carré de Chandernagore. 1877 40C post-UPU rate cover to Paris. Lugdunum Philatélie notes only 4 or 5 covers are known to exist and the starting bid and sale price on this one was 2800 €. VO of 6 December 2017.



**Caperon 1876
correspondence,
Chandernagore to Paris.**

Two of the 5 known letters canceled with the very rare boxed lozenge of Chandernagore, including the first day of use of the new UPU 40C overseas rate (7/1/1876). Note that all 5 such covers are displayed in this presentation, in addition to a detached stamp from my collection.



**Chandernagore
to Paris.**

**14 Jan 1878. Post UPU 40C basic letter rate composed of a strip
of 4 of the 10C Ceres (18) all neatly tied by the unique boxed
lozenge of Chandernagore.**

VIA BOMBAY
& BRINDISI



Monsieur E. Vieira

Bordeaux.

Chandernagore to Bordeaux: 28 April 1880. 25C post UPU overseas rate cover to France composed of a scarce mixed Sage and Cérès franking (Yvert 18 and 33). Sold Lugdunum Philatelie for 906 €, March 2018.

Q Zoom



Emmanuel Briard

Nancy

Meurthe Moselle

Chandernagore to Nancy: 8 Dec. 1880. Very rare 5C post UPU printed matter rate cover (carte de visite) franked with late use of the Cérès issue of 1872. From 2019 Feldman VO. Starting bid: € 500.



THE FRENCH COLONIAL GENERAL ISSUE

French India

1885-91

Chandernagor: The Dubois Issue of 1881.

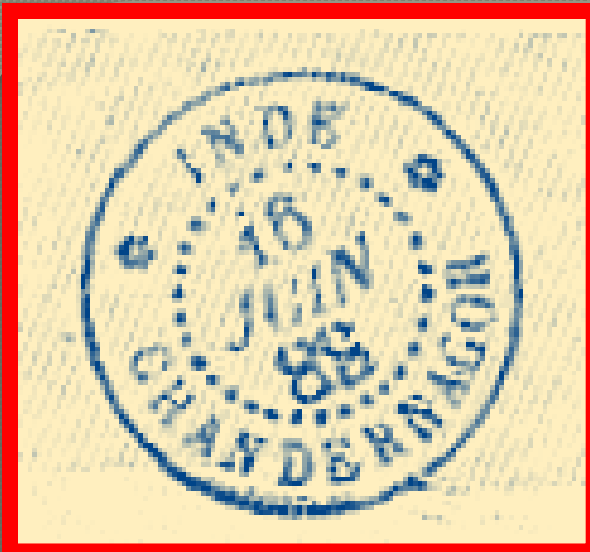


CHANDERNAGOR to Paris; 22 Sept 1885. On May 15, 1879, the basic rate for overseas mail declined from 35 to 25C for letters up to 10 grams. Although most mail from the Etablissements Francais de l'Inde were sent from the largest settlement of Pondichery, mail from the other settlements of Chandernagor, Karikal, Yanooan and Mahe are scarce to very rare during the General Issue period. This cover displays Yvert #53 of the 1881 Dubois issue with a SON Chandernagor cancel.



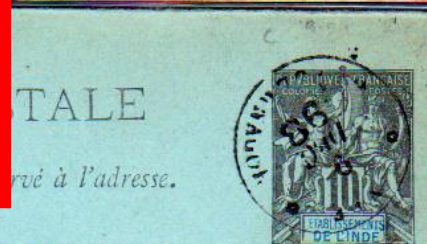
John F. Jones
Faubourg Montmartre
Paris

Chandernagore. 22 Sept 1885 letter to Paris. The basic rate dropped from 35C to 25C per 10 grams on Feb. 16, 1879.



Chandernagore: 1888 5C imprimé rate on newsprint band to Paris. Well struck blue INDE/CHANDERNAGORE/16 JUN 88 CDS sent to Paris. This is the only imprimé rate item I have seen outside of Pondichéry

Navigation and Commerce Issue of 1892 to c1914



La carte ci-jointe est destinée
à la réponse.



Chandernagore

INDES FRANCAISES, CHANDERNAGOR.



CARD.



**HOTEL DE FRANCE
SEEN ON FEBRUARY
1914 POST CARD FROM
CHANDERNAGOR, SENT
TO LONDON, ENGLAND.
I SUBMITTED SCAN TO
THE CHANDERNAGOR-
HERITAGE.COM WEB
SITE IN 2016.**

*Kindest
greetings.
Just back
from Thibet
foorher.
Write "Cook"
Bombay.
Mick*

*M^r. H. S. Jamieson
21 Earle's Court Square
London. S. W.
England.*



Chandernagore: Hotel de France today. Now the site of a local museum.

Karikal

KARIKAL

Français depuis 1839, Karikal fut enlevé par les Anglais en 1760, 1778 et occupé de 1793 à 1816. En octobre 1853, le Service de la Poste fut confié au lieutenant du port. Le Directeur de la Poste fut nommé en 1856. Il y avait 200 habitants blancs.



1859-1861

en creux

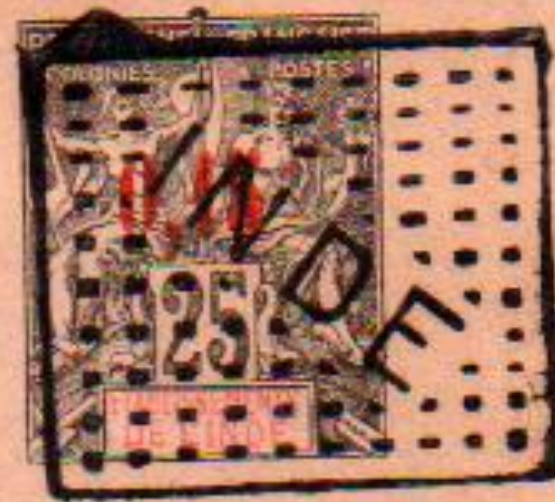
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même cachet au dos, en arrivée



1860-1862

Cachet du bureau anglais de Karikal.



Karikal lozange of 1893



Karikal 1860 stampless letter from a French missionary in Janjaour to Toulouse with rare backstamps including “negative strike” of Karikal and “CHEF DE SERVICE À KARIKAL”.



Karikal
24 June
1865



Opened Eagle letter offered by Behr. The 60C French packet rate is composed of copies of 4 and 5. The 20C was added for "aesthetic reasons" and is marked with an "X". Stone lists first day of Eagle use in Karikal as 18 Jan 1865. Only 3 Eagle covers from Karikal known.

KARIKAL



Karikal: 2 Mai 1870 folded letter to Aurillac, France. 60C French packet rate composed of a pair of Yvert #3 and a single copy of #5. Stamps tied by INDE lozenge.

Karikal: 15 Avril 71 circuit court letter to France. 1 F 20 Voie de Brindisi rate to France. One of 3 known Eagle covers. Both mute and INDE lozenges were in use in Karikal. Ex-Alain Millet cover.



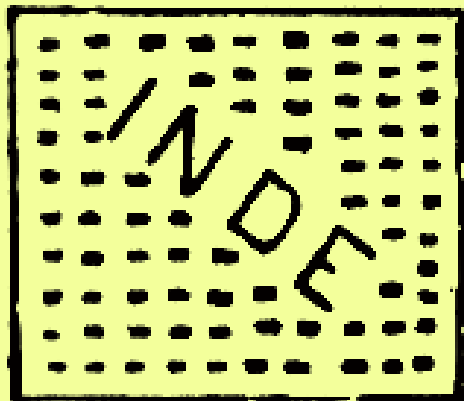
Karikal, French India
1883



up Type stamp of 1881 used in Karikal, French India, Karikal, arguably had the smallest volume of mail of any of the very sharp impression of the INDE lozenge. The stamp was in service from 1881 to 1893 in Karikal and (1877-1877). Since this obliterator saw little use, it was still in use by 1883. The Pondichery lozenge would have been

The Karikal INDE lozenge was used long after it was withdrawn from other colonial POs (1876) and it still gave a very sharp impression well into the mid 1880s likely due to its infrequent use.





Karikal printed matter rate “carte de visite” letter to Nouméa, New Caledonia (very rare origin and destination!). The 5C Alphée Dubois stamp is tied by the unique boxed Karikal lozenge. The mid December CDS suggests Christmas or New Years greetings.

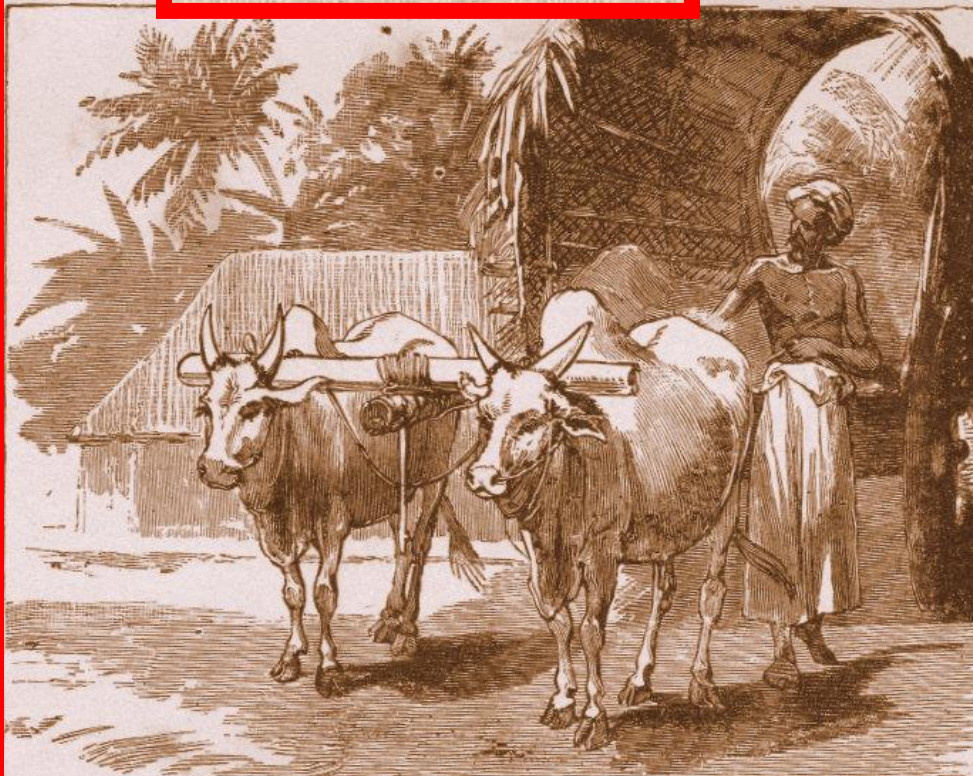


The unique boxed
lozenge of Karikal
and CDS.

Karikal to Algiers c1900 illustrated postcard from a Madras merchant. The 10C Navigation and Commerce franking tied by the distinctive boxed INDE lozenge of 1893.

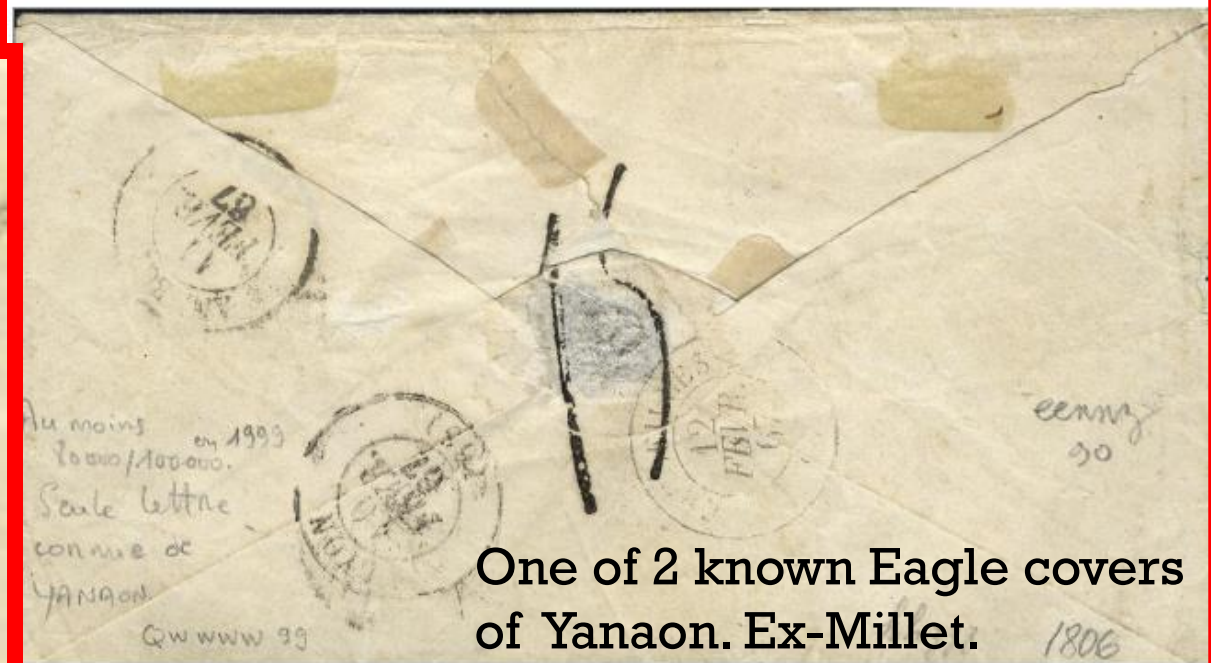


YANAON



POPULATION ONLY 4,266 IN 1885. MAIL FROM THIS SMALL VILLAGE IS THUS VERY RARE. THE PICTURED 25C SAGE STAMP WITH 1880 CDS OF YANAON SOLD FOR 700 EUROS AT VO. NORMALLY A USED COPY WITH A COMMON CANCEL SELLS FOR ABOUT \$4.

Yanaon: 6 Janv 67
 letter to France. 80C
 British packet rate
 composed of #5 and
 strip of 4 copies of
 #3. Manuscript 15
 on reverse for
 unclear reasons
 since PD strike is
 present on front.



One of 2 known Eagle covers
 of Yanaon. Ex-Millet. 1806



Yanaon: 20 Mars 1867 80C British packet rate Eagle cover to France. The franking consists of a pair of the 40C (5). Item offered in Harmers Zurich Sale, Nov. 1988. Sold for 4600 SF or \$3082. A bargain compared to 80-100,000 FF estimate on last.



Yanaon: 24/8/1890 Alphée Dubois stationery card to Paris. Note well struck lavender double fleuron CDS, still with good impression after 30 years of little use. Black CDS probably more common, as noted in this 1885 Bastille Day cancel on the 25C yellow Dubois that sold on Delcampe for \$307 in June 2020, (I was outbid!)





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Paris



**Yanaon to Paris: 10C Navigation and
Commerce stationery post card c1900.**

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Monsieur Joseph Garoty
Banque & Change
23 Boulevard Beaumarchais

à
Paris

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g. 17



Yanaon to Paris, 1905: Less than perfect 5C overpaid registration rate Group Type letter. Ex-Grabowski. Offered by Cérès Philatélie, Fall 2020, at a starting bid of € 850.

YANAM BRITISH PO



Stamped & As 6 P



me. Honours Pilatruu
 Saint Louis
 Senegal
 Africa

OBJ. YANAM
 Bureau anglais
 au Comptoir Français
 de Yanam -



7 Feb. 1900 letter from Yanaon (Yanam) to St. Louis, Sénégal using the British India postal service rather than French Settlement PO. Postage rate was 2 ½ Annas. Note Sénégal arrival cancel on reverse dated 15 Mars 1900.