

PORTUGUESE INDIA

POSTAL MARKINGS PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST STAMP USE

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Letter No. 304, dated 8.6.1844 GOA TO LISBON via ALEXANDRIA

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References: Pre-Philatopostage by Luis Frazao
The native stamps of Portuguese India by Joaquin Leate

GOA 1798-1824

Goa to Coimbra, Portugal 6th March 1819-CORMARTIMO

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"CORMARTIMO" 59mm
In sepia/brown colour, March 6th 1819 Goa to Coimbra, Portugal.

80 reis charge for a letter with Weight up to 4/8 oz.

Route from Goa via the Cape of Good Hope up to the African coast to Lisboa.

Marking of 80 is in the Right top corner and was applied in Lisbon and paid by the recipient. (Rates were 80,120,160 reis for different weights of the letter)

(A letter from a Military man in Goa to his sister describing the life and habits of Goans)
This example is one of the very few known

French Entry Mark - COLONIES PAR/ST MALO

CORMARTIMO 60mm
Sepia colour
80 reis paid for letter to Lisbon

Cover Went to St.Malo(France), by maritime Mail, Probably by a French ship RARE ROUTE to Lisbon

To: Mr. Conde de Rio Major in Lisbon. From Judge João Ozório de Castro Souza Falcao of Goa

PRE ADHESIVE

Goa maritime mail service

Goa to Macau 12th May 1821

The Goa maritime mail service was created in 1799 which gave Portuguese India its first hand stamp. The hand stamp was manufactured locally and was used on outgoing mail

50 reis paid the first Postage rate up to 4/8 oz
May 12th 1821, Goa to Macau (carried by a Portuguese vessel)

With boxed cancellation Black colour
CORMARTIMO 60mm

Route: Goa down the Indian coast To Calcutta Straight into the Asian Islands up to pacific Islands and Macao

Letter from Goa to Lisbon circa 1824
Manuscript Mark of 80 reis and would have to be paid by the recipient for a weight of 4/8 oz
Route to Lisboa via the Cape of Good Hope.

GOA 24mm

PRE ADHESIVE

GOA 1836-1842

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This hand stamp (PAGOU PORTE DO COR GOA) was used only for a short period.

Applied PAGOU PORTE DO COR GOA On Prepaid mail
6th July 1836 Goa to Bombay via Belgaum

Manuscript
11th July 36
Belgaum to Bombay

Belgaum POSTPAID 45mm x 21mm
A rectangular boxed post mark "BELGAUM POST PAID" (orange colour)

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Letter no: 500
360 reis

Applied "PAGOU PORTE DO COR GOA" As Prepaid mail

Manuscript of 360

Blue Colour: Seal of 360 (reis)
Post marks of POR ALEXANDRIA And FRANCA LISBOA

FRANCA Paid

Delivery cancellation LISBON 5

PRE ADHESIVE

GOA 1868-1871

This type of Black colored "GOA" sloping Canc. used from 1868 to 1871

Goa to Mozambique

GOA 23mm

LINE joining the 'O' and 'A' of GOA at Bottom

Letter of which, not sure of the date although in its interior there is a manuscript misive dated from Goa 1870. Transported by Portuguese vessel; otherwise it would have had to indicate the payment of the English land parcel. It bears no Mozambique postal markings or postal rate as this was common for incoming mail in Mozambique until 1877.

(Back Copy) Hindu year Date 1925 Equivalent to English year 1869-70

Hand Carried Letter

LISBOA Oval Cancel LISBOA

Back copy Delivery cancellation

GOA Jan. 20th 1842 to Lisboa
Carried by Hand and posted locally in Portugal.
Showing local postage rate of 20 reis and local delivery cancellation in Blue (on back)

PRE ADHESIVE

GOA 1842-1853

The lengthy "Pagou de Cor" was reduced to simple "P.P." Placed Above "GOA". With upright O.

30/5/1846 GOA TO LISBON

The letter was sent via Alexandria Pre paid (P.P. - 0.01.10) And 120 reis charged by the Lisbon authorities for a weight up to 1/8 oz.

The letter was carried on a British vessel (East India Steam navigation company) from Bombay to Alexandria and from there to Lisboa by the Peninsular and Oriental Company, via the Mediterranean sea.

Delivery Cancellation LISBON 8

P.P. GOA

7/5/1851 Goa to Lisbon
(By British packets from Bombay) Letter via Alexandria - For 500 180 reis charged for a wt. of 1oz at Lisbon, was local maritime port entry tax depend on the weight.

A Oval tax mark 5 reis (Brown) applied in Lisbon can also be seen.

Blue boxed Lisboa delivery LISBOA 7

GOA P.P.

Via POR ALEXANDRIA

PRE ADHESIVE

GOA 1842-1853

The GOA mark is from the second period & was used between 1842-53 "WITH OUT P.P."

21/1/1843 Goa to Lisbon

CORMARTIMO 59mm
Indicating Maritime mail

Cover shows "By the Frigate Dona Maria 1st" indicating the ship which carried the letter. A manuscript & mark of 320 (rate of 4th weight) indicating to be collected from the recipient. Blue color boxed Delivery Cancellation of Lisboa (3rd august)

GOA (Small "A")

1853-1870 There are occasionally letter found where it was Marked GOA "P.N.P." (postage not paid)

24/4/1867 Goa to Lisbon

The letter with manuscript PNP, and hand stamped P.N.P. (Postage not paid) in black. Recipient had to pay 150 reis for a letter with a weight up to 7.5 grams which was the first rate change in 1852

Route: The letter was sent by British packet from Goa to Egypt, overland to Suez, Alexandria and the Mediterranean to Gibraltar and Lisboa (28.5.1867)

GOA P.N.P.

POR ALEXANDRIA in box-Black LISBOA Double Circle Cancel.

PRE ADHESIVE

TOWN POST MARKS - LIVRE LETTERS - (Free of Postage)

The word "LIVRE" indicates that the letter was exempted from charges in Portuguese territory, as well as British India permitted under the official bulletin of the Governor issued in 1845. Official service letters were identified by Manuscript SNR, DATE and SIGNATURE of the sender, were exempted from postage.

1/1/1867 Margao to Nova goa Cancelled "Margao Livre" Red colour

Margao Livre

Back Image showing 2438 Service National Real

13/7/1862 Mapuca to Goa Cancelled "Mapuca Livre" Violet Color

Mapuca Livre

Back Image showing 2438 Service National Real

PRE ADHESIVE

THE GOA BOXED MARK 1854-1870

The boxed mark was introduced in 1854 in red, sepia and violet. It consisted of a rectangle split into two horizontally. The upper portion of the box had Goa and the lower portion with letter P.P. (postage paid) or manuscript date or sometimes Blank.

21.3.1862 Goa to Lisbon
Letter no 21 to pay 150 reis for the Recipient for a wt. up to 7.5 grams
Red boxed cancellation with GOA in upper half and Blank lower half

Route: sent by British Packet via Egypt, overland to Suez and Alexandria, via Mediterranean to Gibraltar and Lisbon

Lisboa. Double circle Delivery Canc. (23.4.62)

POR ALEXANDRIA

21.3.1870 Goa to Arraiolos
Boxed violet cancellation with GOA in upper half and P.P. in lower half

Manuscript of 1.1.40 is the rate from Goa to Lisboa.
"Pagou 50" (150 reis) is from Lisboa to Arraiolos. Sent by British packets
Route: Via Egypt -> Suez, -> Gibraltar -> Lisbon.

Lisboa. Double circle Delivery Canc. (21.4.70)

FRANCA (paid) Via Suez Canal

POR ALEXANDRIA

GOA-Pre Payment with British India Stamps 1854-1871

Mail sent from Goa to British India (or vice versa) during India Imperial period had to bear British India postage stamps. The British India stamps were made available at post offices within Portuguese India.

When used in conjunction with a British India postage stamp, A GOA Box Cancellation was used, with lower half of the Box usually left empty and a "Grid" (GOA GRID) applied to deface the stamp. This "Grid" consisted of 13 parallel lines in the shape of a diamond and is known in Violet, Red and Black.

GOA Grid Mark

Cover from Goa to Bombay (1865) with 1/2 Anna stamp (Elephant watermarked) With a VIOLET colored Grid and Goa Boxed Cancellation.

GOA Grid Mark

Cover from Goa to Bombay from the 1860s with a RED colored Grid and Goa Boxed Cancellation.

Of interest on the cover is the manuscript "Returned for postage & registration" which suggest that entry at the border was refused until the sizeable stamping of "5 1/2 Anna" had been applied. The letter was delivered at Bombay via Belgaum.

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GOA Grid Mark

DAMAUN 1 SP 20

GOA

Back Copy: Octagonal cancellation of Bombay sorting office

Cover from Goa to Damau 1st Sept 1870 via Bombay (The stamp is elephant watermarked). The 1/2 Anna stamp purchased in Goa with payment made in cash A BLACK colored Grid mark and Goa Boxed Cancellation.

DAMAUN-Pre payment with British India stamps 1853-1884

A British post office was established in Damau in 1853 and handled the mail of this small coastal Enclave Surrounded by British India state of Gujarat. It was therefore natural that from 1854 to 1884 British India Stamps were used.

letter not more than 1/2 Tola of weight

Its first postal markings comprises of a large Red colored Box with DAMAUN in the top and Date in the bottom

DAMAUN 29mm

Diamond of 81 dots (8x3) was used from 1854 to May 1855. Diagonally-15mmx24mm Type 1

Letter from Damau (British post office)-30th 1854 through British post with 1/2 anna pale Blue Die 1as pre payment for letter not more than 1/2 Tola of weight

Round black delivery Canc. Of Bombay G.P.O. Dated Dec 5th

DAMAUN-Pre payment with British India stamps 1853-1884

Damau to Surat 13th Oct 1855 through British post with 1/2 Anna dark blue Die 1 as pre payment for letter

Black-Diamond of 11 Parallel Bars Diagonally: 20mmx25mm

DAMAUN Paid

Red colored Boxed DAMAUN Cancell.

Daman's second markings- 1860
Mail was cancelled by a Eleven grid line cancellation surrounding the number 13

Vert-24mm Horiz-13mm

1854 1/2 Anna blue lithograph pair (Die III) Position 65 & 66 on sheet Cancelled with number "13"

1854 1a (Die II)

1854 2a

1854 1/2 Die I (No.93 "B"Stone)

Registered letter from DAMAUN to BOMBAY

Reg.Postage of 6 annas (Four 1 anna and One 2 anna)

Receipt cum Delivery Cancell.

A RARE EXAMPLE OF A MAIL SENT IN THE PRE-STAMP PERIOD OF PORTUGUESE INDIA

GOA TO DAMAUN WITH BRITISH INDIA STAMP VIA BRITISH TERRITORY (BELGAUM & BOMBAY) ARRIVING AT A BRITISH POST OFFICE IN PORTUGUESE INDIA TERRITORY

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BACK COPY

GOA

FRANCA (paid) Via Suez Canal

Small Delivery Canc.

DAMAUN 1853-1880

Damaun's Second markings were replaced by Circular Damaun date stamp, fitting the pattern of the Rest of British India.

DAMAUN 35 FEB 1875 (Bombay circle) Damaun to Bombay with Duplex Canc. OF DAMAUN On 1 Anna of British India

3 B-19 DAMAN AUGUST

As two different Cancellations

UNRECORDED POSTMARK 18 Cover with a Cancel "B" in a Rectangle of 8 Bars (Used in Bombay circle) USED FROM DAMAN

'A VERY SHORT USAGE' Cancellation "B" is scarce as it was used just before the Post office was closed

BACK (COPY) Daman Cancellation

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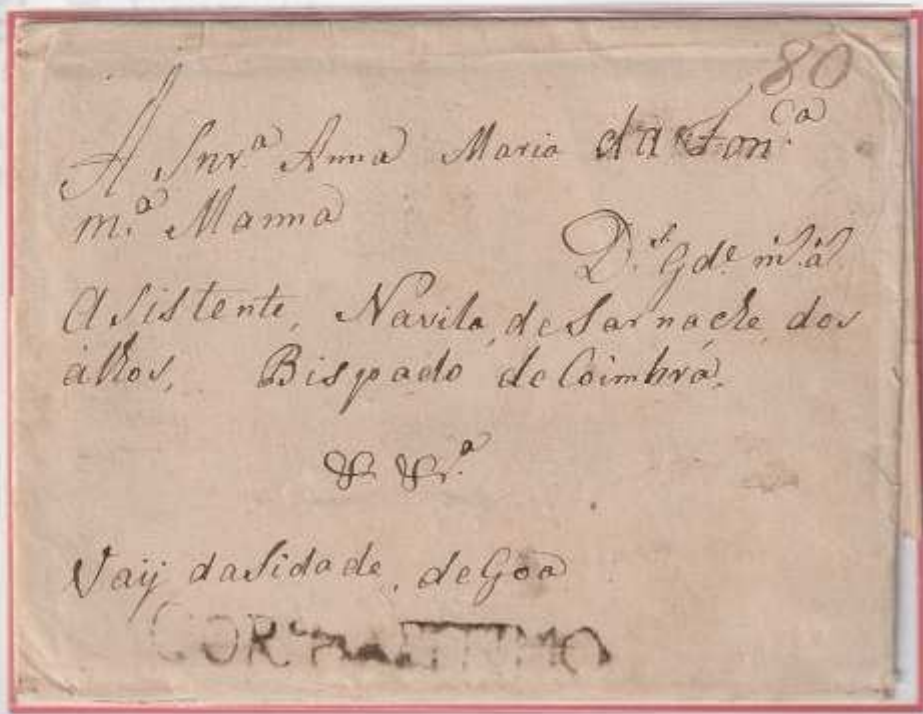
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← 60mm →

Sepia colour

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Cover Went to St.Malo(France), by maritime Mail, Probably by a French ship RARE ROUTE to Lisbon

To Mr. Conde de Rio Maior in Lisbon. From Judge João Ozório de Castro Souza Falcão of Goa

PRE ADHESIVE

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Goa to Macau 12th May 1821

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50 reis paid the first Postage rate up to 4/8 oz

May 12th 1821, Goa to Macau (carried by a Portuguese vessel)

With boxed cancellation

Black colour

COR MARITIMO

← 60mm →

Route:

Goa down the Indian coast To Calcutta Straight into the Asian islands up to pacific Islands and Macao

GOA 1823-1839

Goa to Lisbon circa 1824

The appearance of first GOA hand stamp

This hand stamp was intended to serve both as a Departure and a Transit mark. This design with its Sloping 'O' was in use for about 18 years.



Letter from Goa to Lisbon circa 1824

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Route to Lisboa via the Cape of Good Hope.

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← 24mm →

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Applied
PAGOU PORTE
DO COR
GOA
On Prepaid mail

6th July 1836
Goa to Bombay
← via Belgaum

Manuscript
Post Paid

Manuscript
Post Paid

← PAGOU PORTE
DO COR^o
GOA
(Sepia colour)

Manuscript
9 as
11th July 36
Belgaum to Bombay

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A rectangular boxed post mark
"BELGAUM POST PAID" (orange colour)

PRE ADHESIVE
GOA 1836-1842

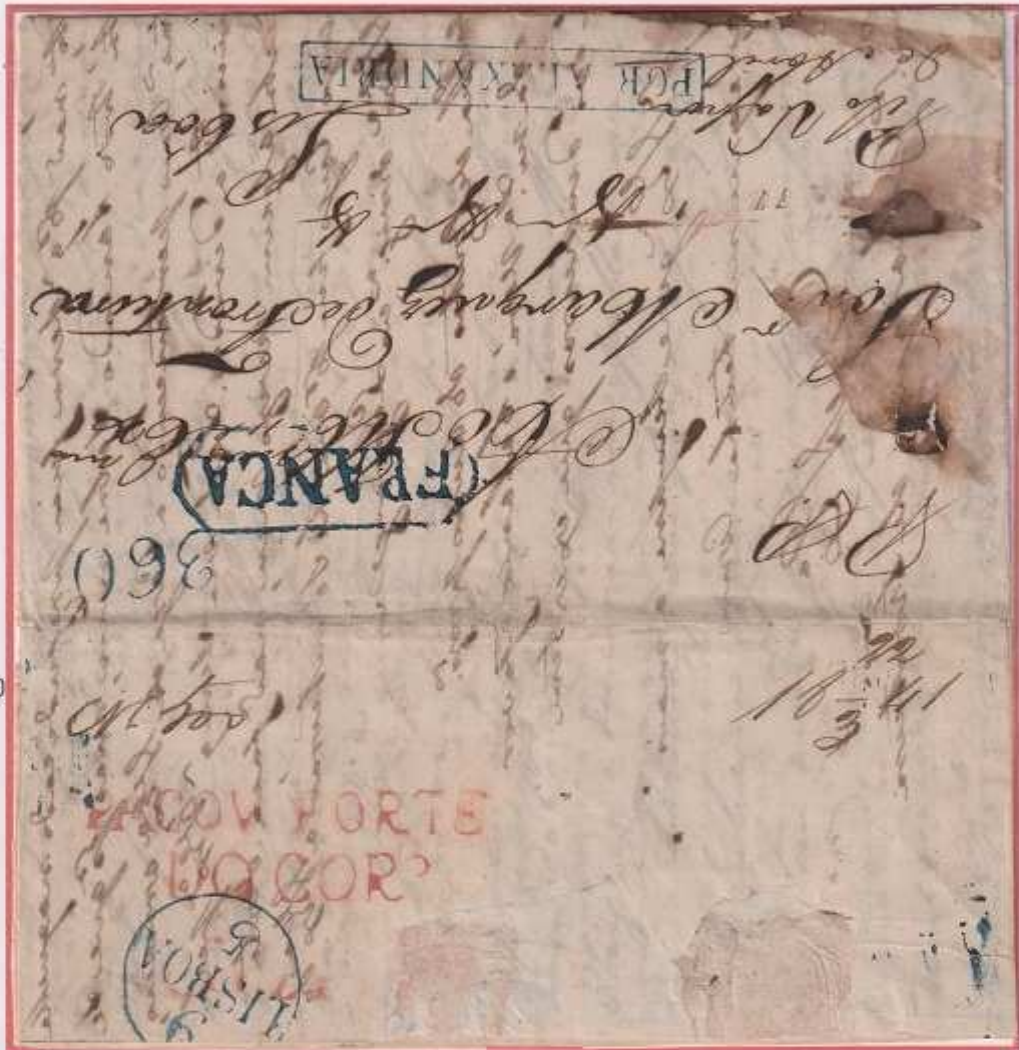
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POR ALEXANDRIA
54 mm

Goa (22.3.1841)
to
Lisbon (9.5.1841)
Via Bombay
& Alexandria

Applied
"PAGOU PORTE
DO COR
GOA"
As Prepaid mail



Manuscript of
'f.f.'

360
reis

Letter no: 500

PAGOU PORTE
DO COR°

GOA
(Red colour)

9
LISBON
5

Delivery cancellation

Blue Colour:
Seal of 360 (reis)

Post marks of
POR ALEXANDRIA
And FRANCA
LISBOA

FRANCA

Paid

PRE ADHESIVE

GOA

1868-1871

This type of Black colored "GOA" sloping Canc. used from 1868 to 1871

Goa to Mozambique



GOA

← 23mm →

LINE joining the
'O' and 'A'
of GOA at Bottom

Letter of which, not sure of the date although in its interior there is a manuscript missive dated from Goa 1870. Transported by Portuguese vessel; otherwise it would have had to indicate the payment of the English land parcel. It bears no Mozambique postal markings or postal rate as this was common for Incoming mail in Mozambique until 1877.



(Back Copy)
Hindu year Date 1925
Equivalent to English year 1869-70

HAND CARRIED LETTER



LISBOA

Oval Cancel
LISBOA



Back copy
Delivery cancellation

GOA Jan. 20th 1842 to Lisboa

Carried by Hand and posted locally in Portugal.

Showing local postage rate of 20 reis and local delivery cancellation in Blue (on back)

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Via **POR ALEXANDRIA**

Combination "P.P." Placed Below "GOA"



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Delivery
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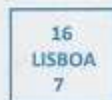
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A Oval tax mark 5 reis (Brown) applied in Lisbon can also be seen.

Blue boxed
Lisboa
delivery



GOA

P. P.

Via

POR ALEXANDRIA

PRE ADHESIVE

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21/1/1843 Goa to Lisbon

CORO MARITIMO

← 50mm →

Indicating Maritime mail

Cover shows "By the frigate Dona Maria II" indicating the ship which carried the letter.

A manuscript & mark of 320 (rate of 4th weight) Indicating to be collected from the recipient.

Blue color boxed Delivery Cancellation of Lisboa (3rd august)

GOA

(Small "A")

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Route:

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GOA

P . N . P

POR ALEXANDRIA

in box-Black

LISBOA Double Circle Cancel.

PRE ADHESIVE

TOWN POST MARKS - LIVRE LETTERS - (Free of Postage)

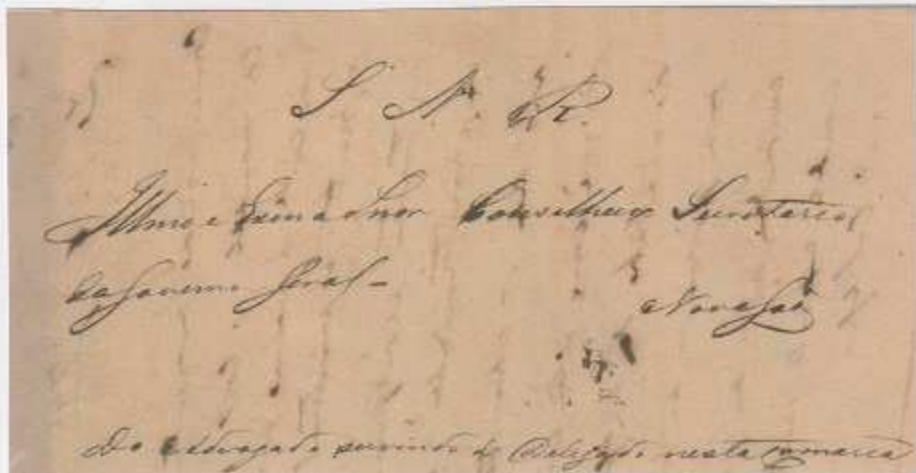
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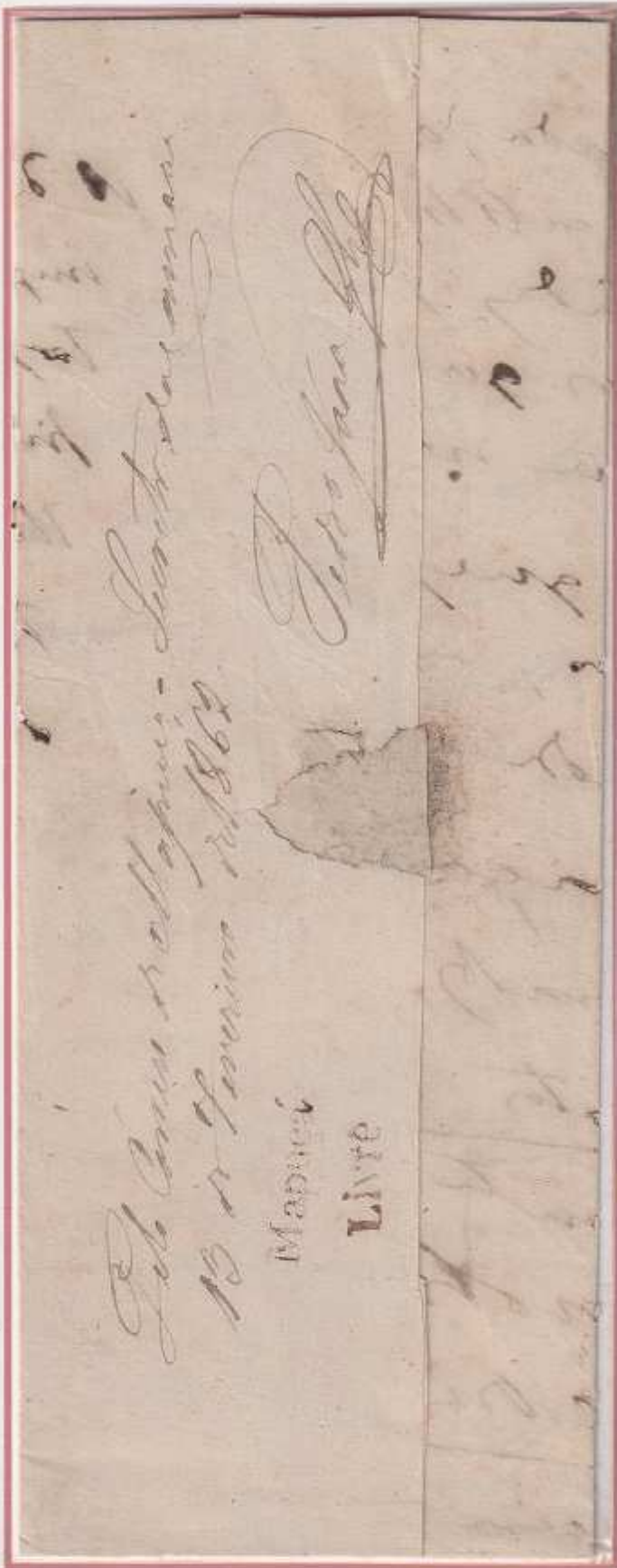
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Red colour



Margao
Livre

Back image showing
S.N.R.
Service National Real





↑
**Mapuca
Livre**

Official service letters were identified
By word **SNR**, **DATE** and **SIGNATURE**
Of sender and were exempted from
Postage

13/2/1862 Mapuca to Goa
Cancelled "Mapuca Livre"
Violet Color



Back Image showing
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PRE ADHESIVE
THE GOA BOXED MARK
1854-1870

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Double circle
Delivery canc.
(23.4.62)



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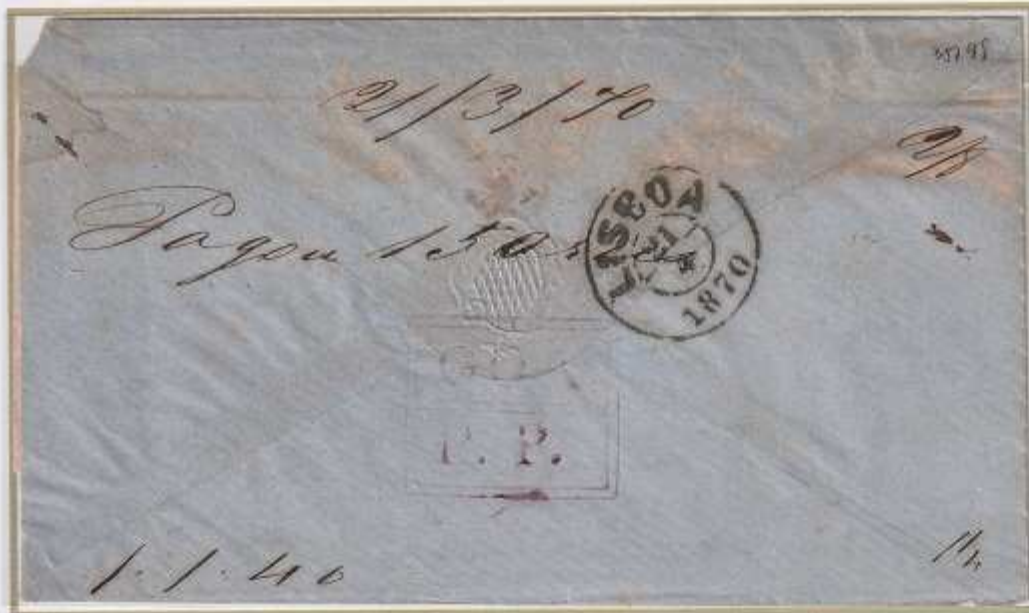
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Boxed violet cancellation with GOA in upper half and P.P. in lower half



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Delivery canc.
(21.4.70)



Back copy



FRANCA

FRANCA (paid)

Via Suez Canal

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With a **VIOLET** colored Grid and Goa Boxed Cancellation.



Goa Grid Mark



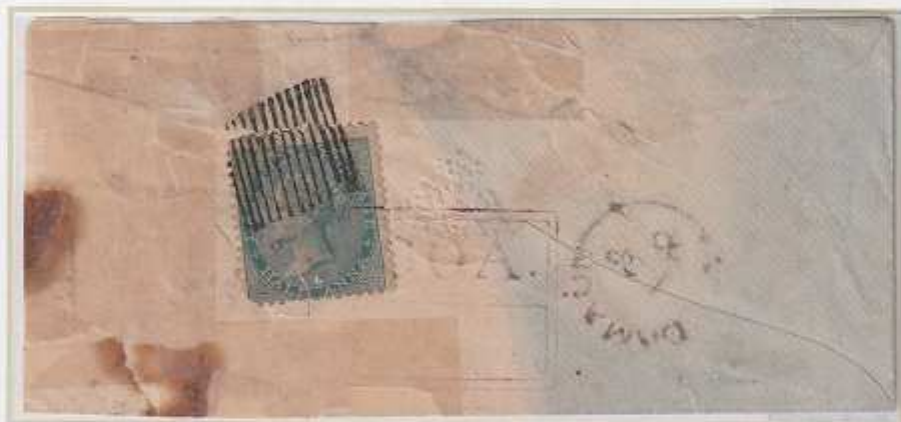
Cover from Goa to Bombay from the 1860s with a **RED** colored Grid and Goa Boxed Cancel.

Of interest on the cover is the manuscript 'Returned for postage & registration' which suggest that entry at the border was refused until the sizeable stamping of '5 1/2 Anna' (11 stamps of 1/2 Anna) had been applied. The letter was delivered at Bombay via Belgaum.

**GOA- Pre Payment with British India Stamps
1854-1871**

A British India postage stamp was used and the lower half of the Goa Box Cancellation was usually left empty or (P.P.) and a 'Grid' (GOA GRID) applied to deface the stamp. This grid consisted of 13 parallel lines in the shape of a diamond.

Goa Grid Mark



Back Copy:
Octagonal
cancellation of
Bombay
sorting office

Cover from **Goa to Damaun 1st Sept 1870** via Bombay (The stamp is elephant watermarked).
The ½ Anna stamp purchased in Goa with payment made in cash
A **BLACK** colored Grid mark and Goa Boxed Cancellation.

**DAMAUN-Pre payment with British India stamps
1853-1884**

A British post office was established in Damaun in 1853 and handled the mail of this small coastal Enclave Surrounded by British India state of Gujarat. It was therefore natural that **from 1854 to 1884 British India Stamps were used.**

letter not more than ¼ Tola of weight

Its first postal markings comprises of a large **Redcolored Box** with DAMAUN in the top and Date in the bottom



Diamond of 81 dots (9x9) was used from 1854 to May 1855.
Diagnolly-19mmX24mm
Type 1

Letter from Damuan (British post office)-30th Nov 1854 through British post with ½ anna pale Blue Die 1as pre payment for letter not more than ¼ Tola of weight

Round black delivery Canc. Of Bombay G.P.O. Dated Dec 5th





Black-Diamond
 of 11 Parallel
 Bars
 Diagonally-
 20mmX25mm



Damuan to Surat
 13th Oct 1855
 through British post
 with 1/2 Anna dark
 blue Die 1 as pre
 payment for letter

SURAT
 1855OCT13
Date

DAMAUN
Paid

Red colored Boxed
 DAMAUN Cancell.

Daman's second markings- 1860.

Mail was cancelled by a **Eleven grid Line** cancellation surrounding the number 13



Vert-24mm
 Horiz-19mm



1854 1/2 Anna blue lithograph pair (Die III) Position 65 & 66 on sheet
 Cancelled with number "13"



Watermarked design of lithographic sheet.



1854 1a (Die II)



1854 2a
 Cancelled with number "13"



1854 1/2 a (Die I
 (No:93 'B'Stone)

DAMAUN
1853-1880

Damaun's Second markings were replaced by Circular Damaun date stamp, fitting the pattern of the Rest of British India.



1875 (Bombay circle)
Damaun to Bombay with
Duplex Cancel. Of DAMAUN
On 1 Anna of British India



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As two different
Cancellations



UNRECORDED POSTMARK 18
Cover with a Cancel "B"
In a Rectangle of 8 Bars
(Used in Bombay circle)
USED From DAMAN

'A VERY SHORT USAGE'
Cancellation 'B' is scarce as
it was used just before the
Post office was closed

BACK (COPY)
Daman Cancellation

