

THE 1922 '1/2' ON QUARTER ANNA SURCHARGED POSTCARD

The postage rate for postcards was increased on 24th April 1922 from ¼ anna to ½ anna. The postoffices met the demand for new rate stationeries in four different ways:

1. Ordered supply of new rate cards from De La Rue, England
2. Arranged emergency printing of cards at Government press at Calcutta
3. Affix ¼ Anna cards with extra stamp of ¼ Anna
4. All existing cards of ¼ Anna postcards were overprinted with ½ Anna in Black letter

These overprinted cards were issued sometimes in May 1922 (The earliest shown here is used on 8th May 1922

Scope of the exhibit: This exhibit is focused on the uses and variety of the overprints with reference to existing studies.. It was studied in detail by Mr Max Smith and Mr Basil Cheverton and compiled in a handbook. The nomenclature used here are as per the handbook.

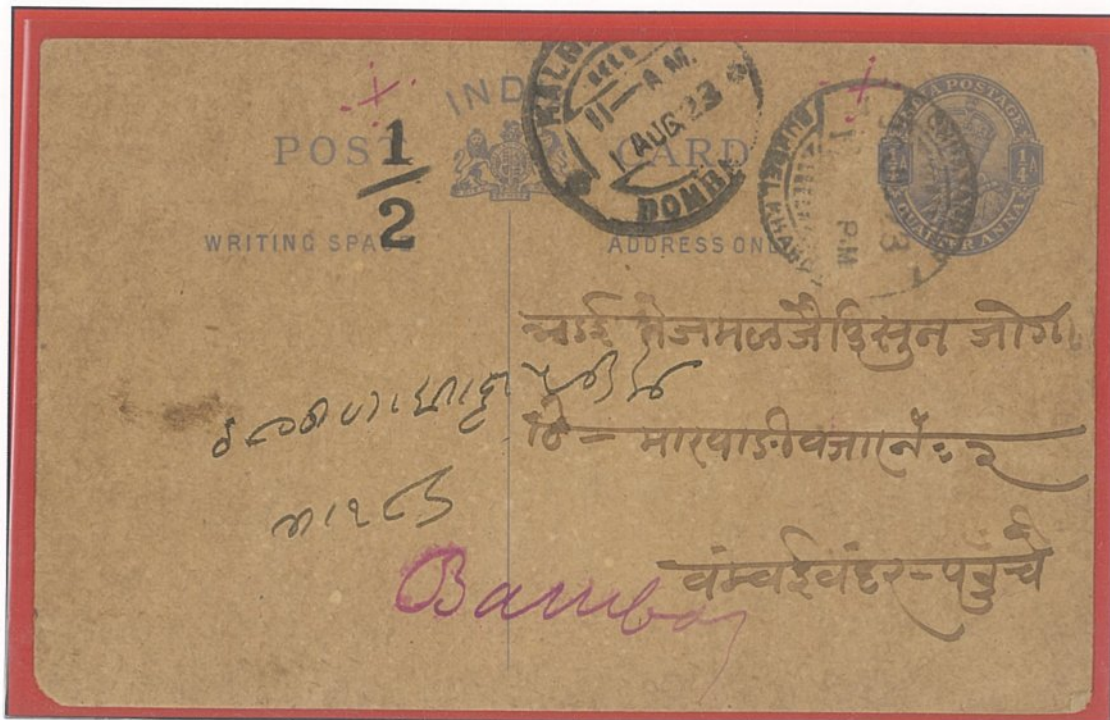
The surcharges were done mainly in Calcutta and Bombay on the machines used for Cancellation and slogan printing. There is no evidence of printing at any other place. The evidence of printing by letterpress is the ridges of ink around the edge of the impression by pressure exerted on the die.

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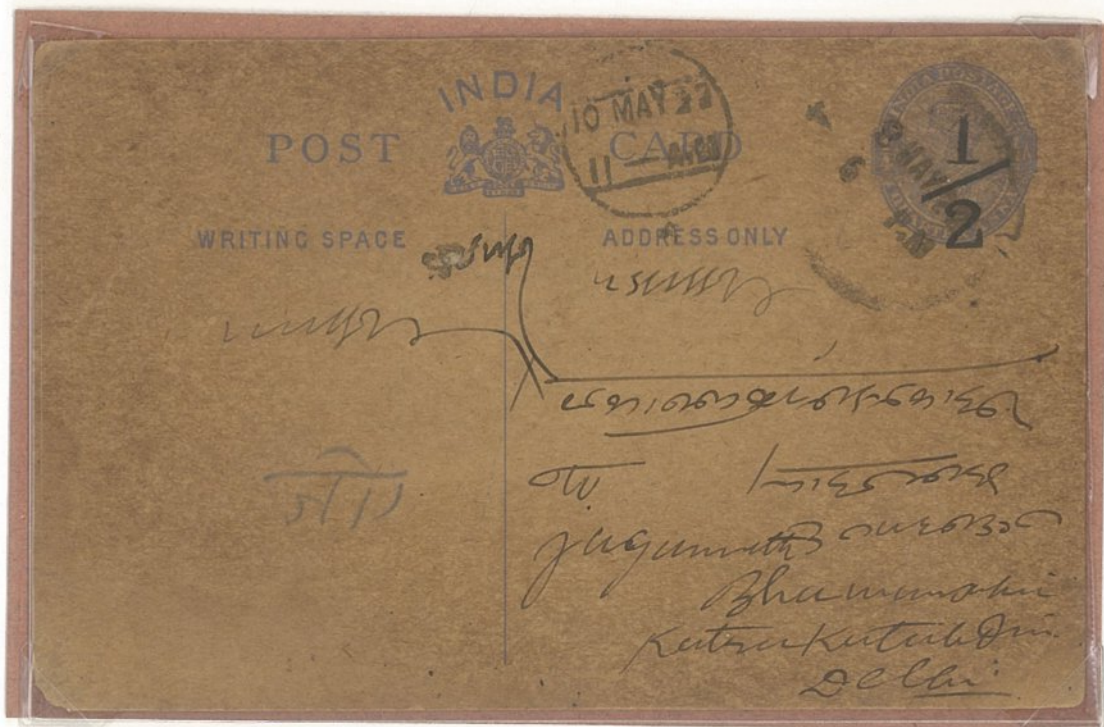


The used Postcard with overprint shifted and is situated on left side of the card

Early use Example of the card



Mint example type F



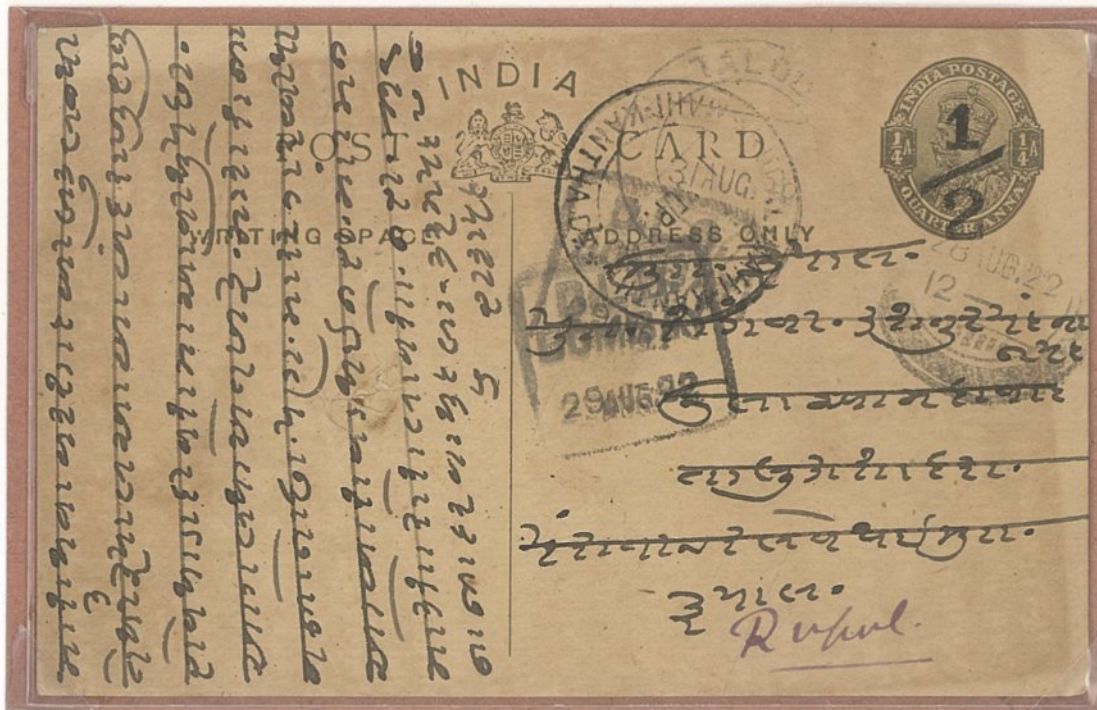
The change of rate took place on 22nd April 1922 but the cards seem to be issued in May 1922
This is an example of very early use on 8th May 1922

REPLY CARD



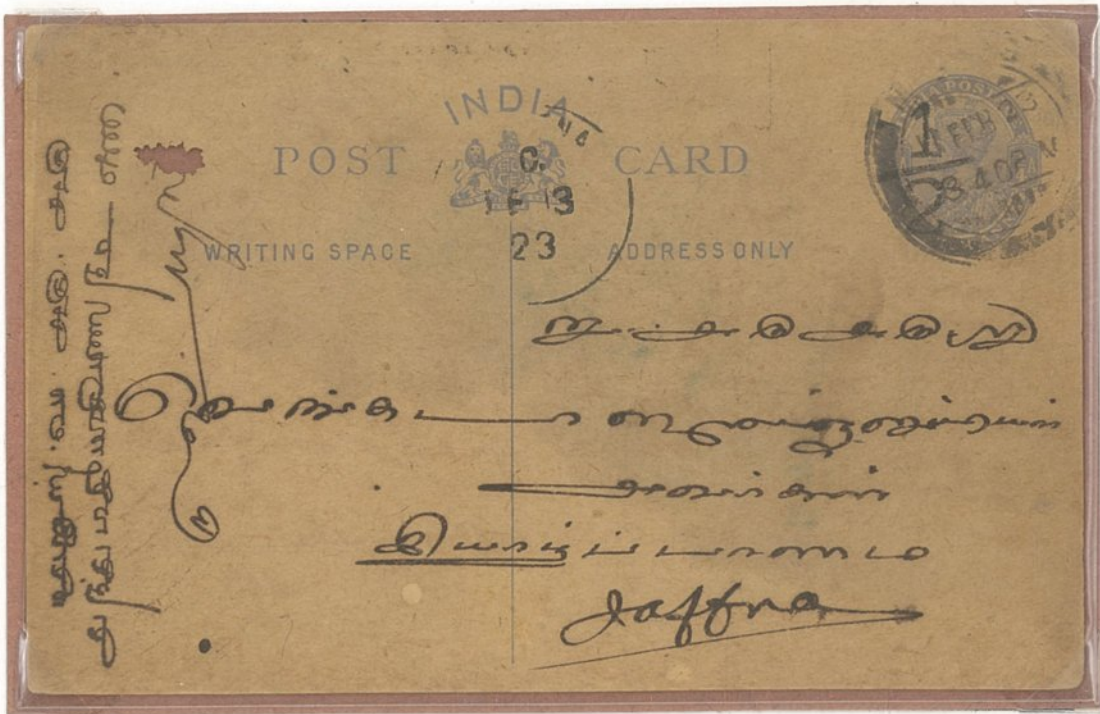
Mint Reply Card with overprint type B

Overprint on war emergency Calcutta Printed Postcards



These cards were issued in 1916 as a war emergency measure and printed at Calcutta. Here INDIA measures 17 mm at base. There are two types of card issued with beast tail horizontal and down. Higgins and Jain catalogues mentions overprint was done on both types, but samples of card with beast's tail horizontal is scarcely seen. The remainder stock of these cards were overprinted for use after rate increase and are very scarcer.

Overprinted cards used in South India



1923 overprinted card sent to Jaffna in CEYLON

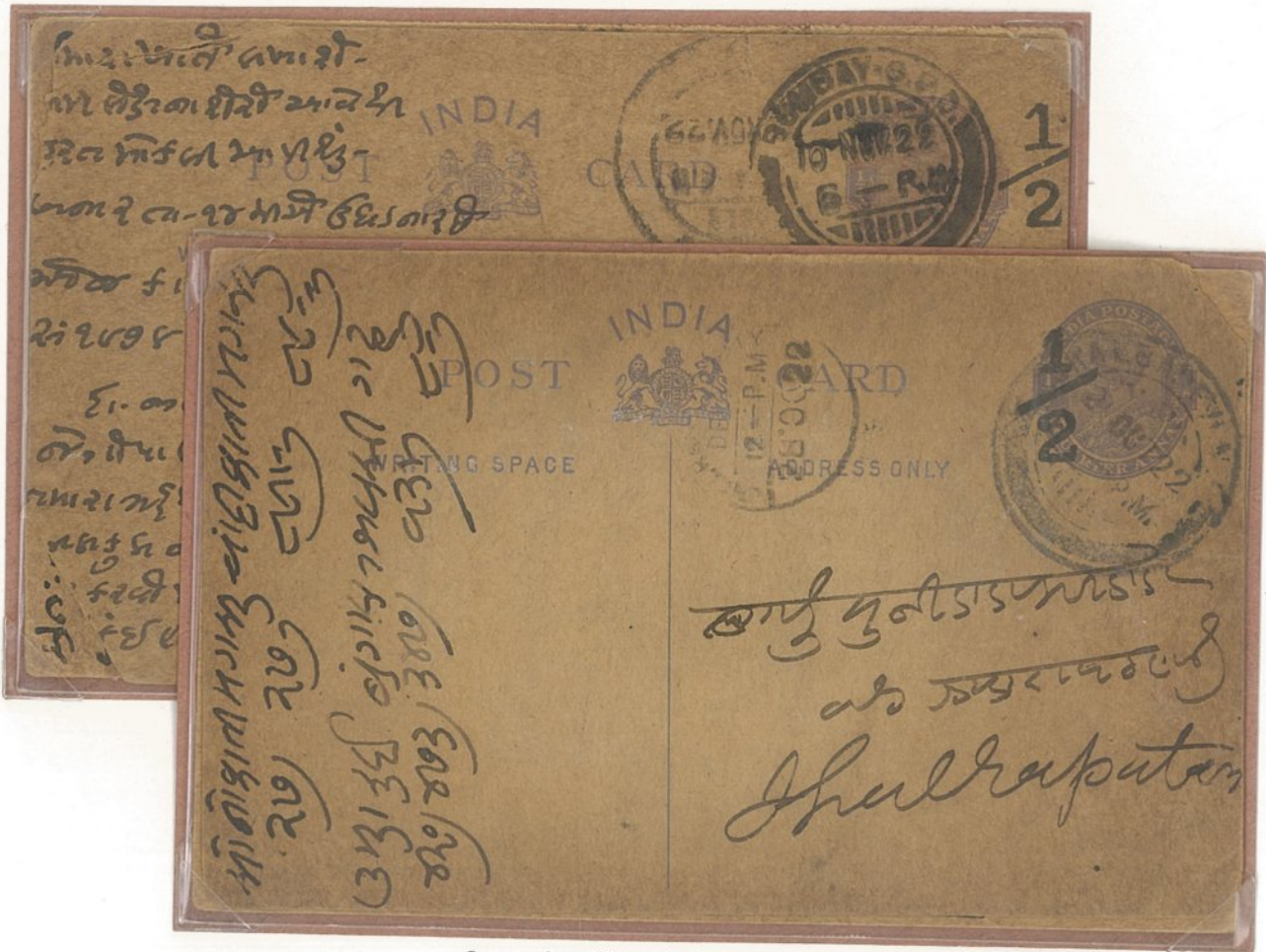


Due to printing at Calcutta and Bombay, overprinted cards are scarcely distributed in South India. Smith and Cheverton in Handbook that cards used in South India are hard to find.

Abberations in overprint Printing

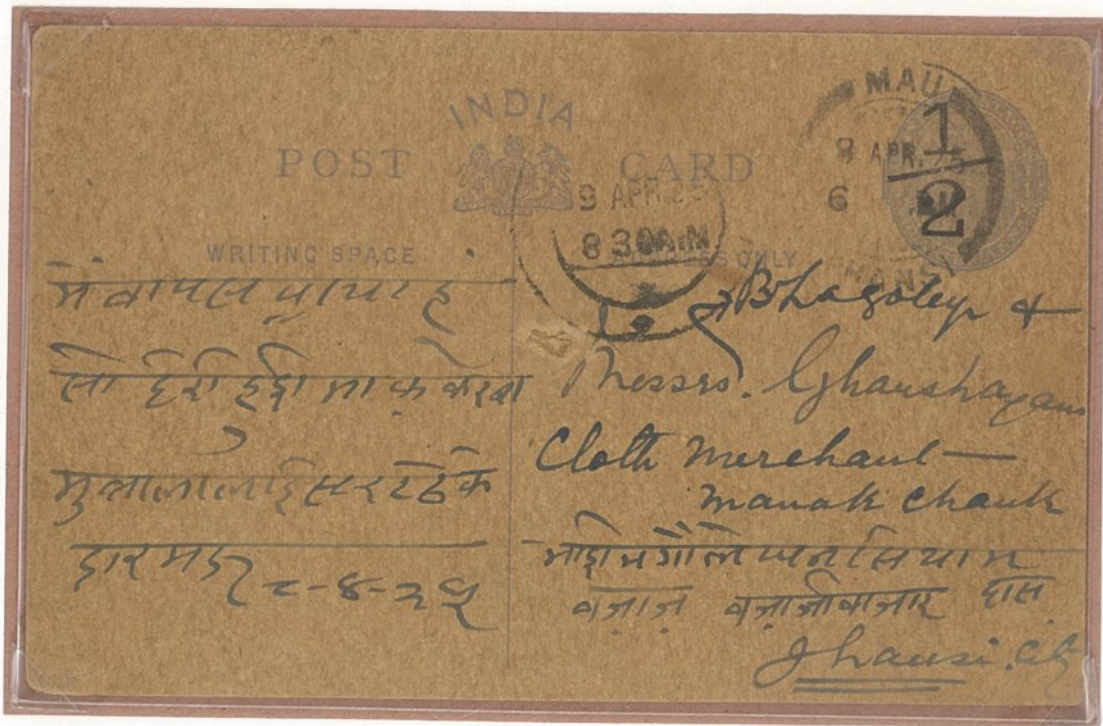


overprinted shifted right and dividing line truncated at left



Overprint shifted left and right

OVERPRINT type A

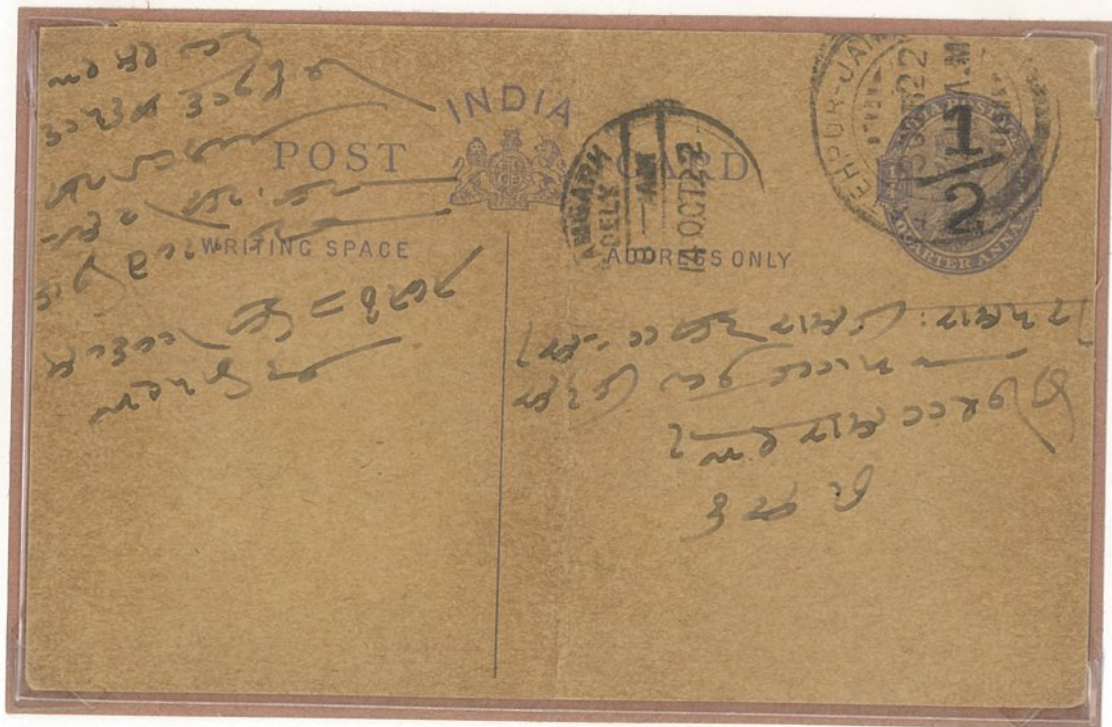


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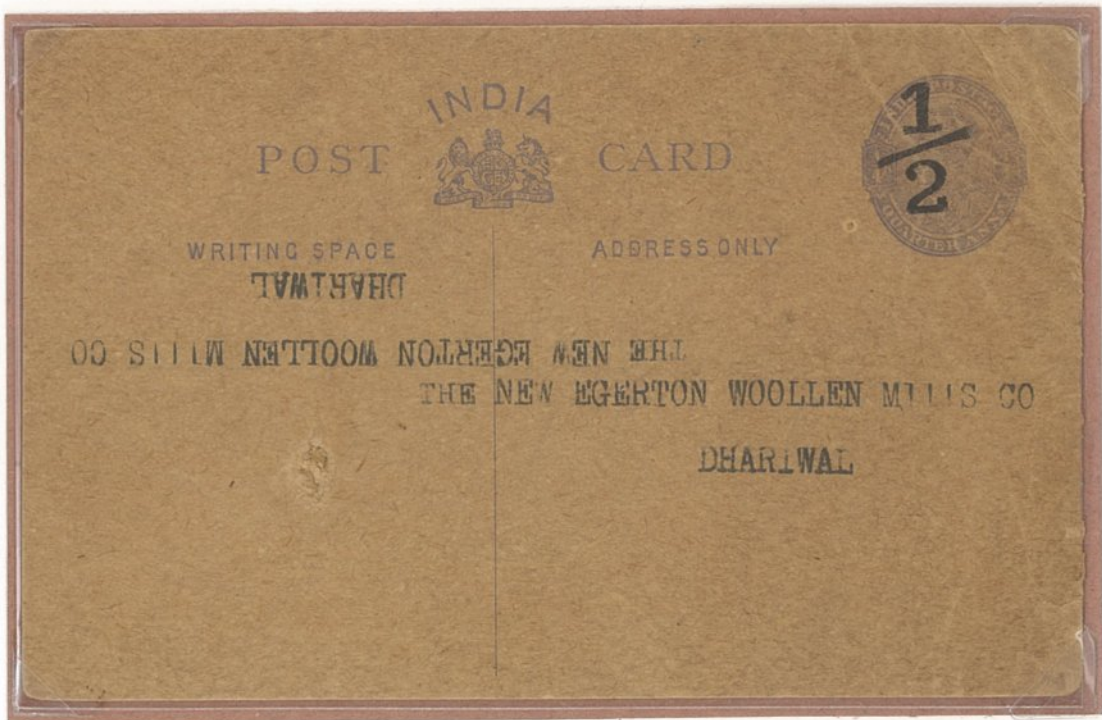
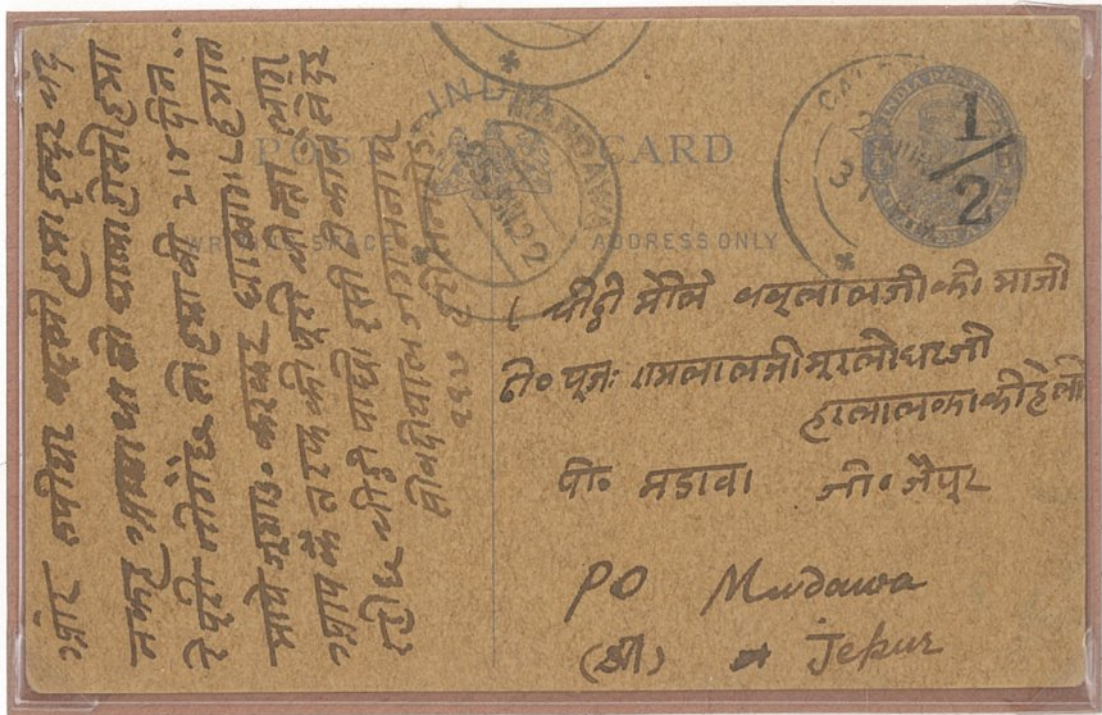
OVERPRINT type D



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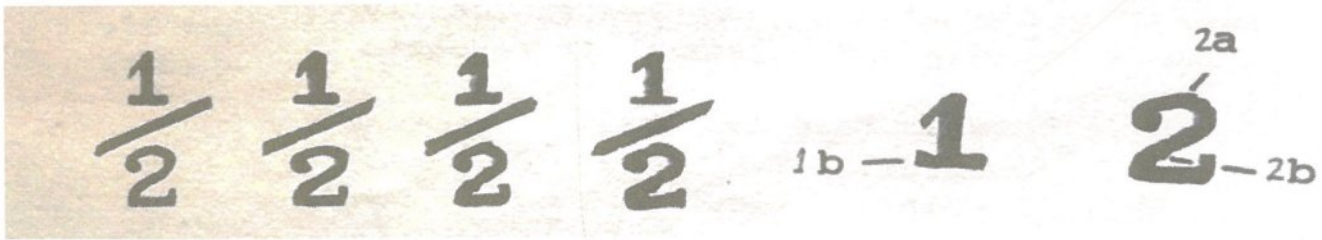
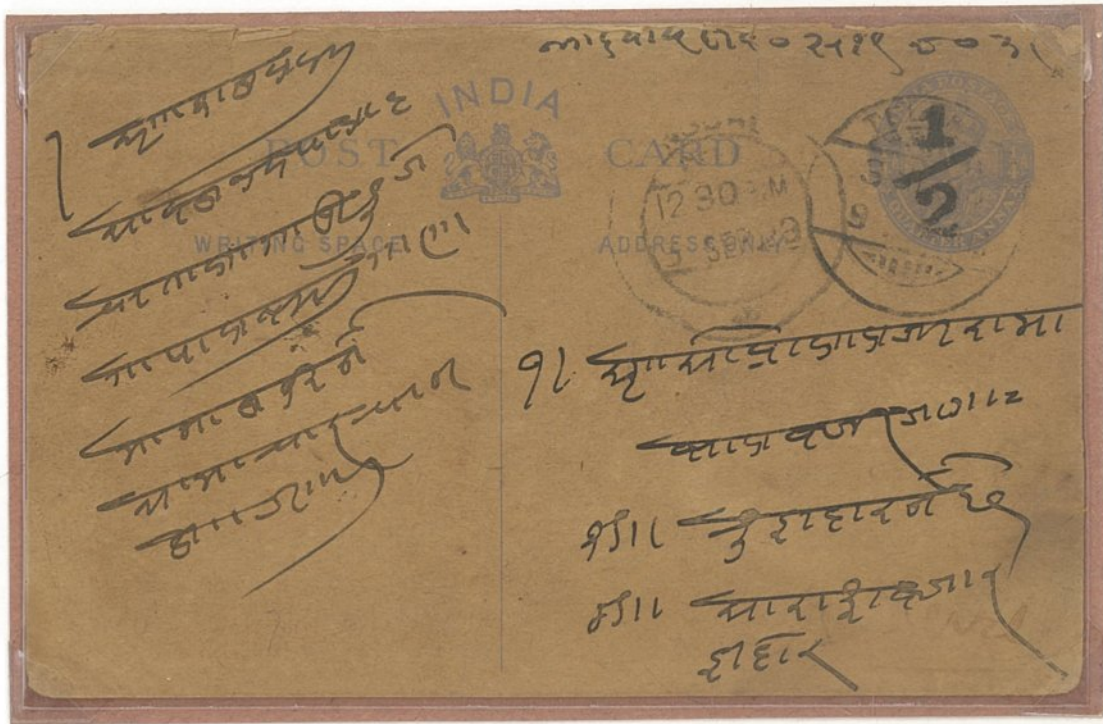


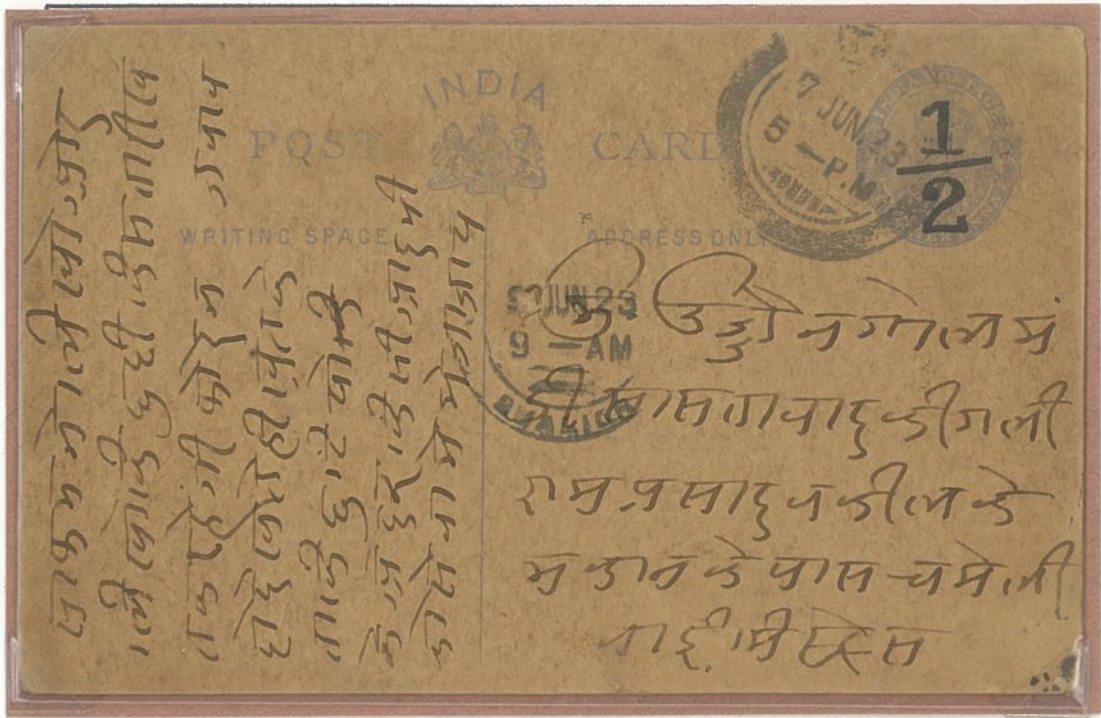
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OVERPRINT type G





1/2

1a



Alterante provision to overprint after rate increase



Card used after affixing 1/4 Anna (after derating 1/2 Anna stamp)
This derating was done to manage the shortage of 3 Pies (1/4 Anna) stamps



Emergency
Calcutta Print

De La Rue print