

3.0. The First series of Town Number Cancellations  
 3.3. The Madras circle. Type 6.

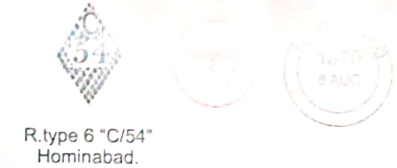


Cover from Madras dated November 28 1859 to WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE in Gloucestershire, England. This cover is also routed via Southampton and shows the Postage of 4 annas. It took 48 days to reach. Cover bears R.type 6 of Madras circle "C/1" along with dispatch and delivery marks of Madras and WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE and Unusual half moon cancellation of INDIA PAID in Red.



Cover from Madras to Bellary bears R.type 6 "C/1" and unusual wavy type too Late marking in Red. Small oval AM and other markings

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Cover from Hominabad to Bombay cancelled with R.type 6 "C/54" dated 8th Aug 1870. along with above delivery mark of Bombay and dispatch mark of Hominabad in Red.

3.4. The Bengal Circle. Type 7.

Type 7 was exclusively used in the Bengal Circle, comprising of Assam, Lower Bengal, British Burma, Straits settlements, etc. Examples of it are found during the period 1855 to 1866.

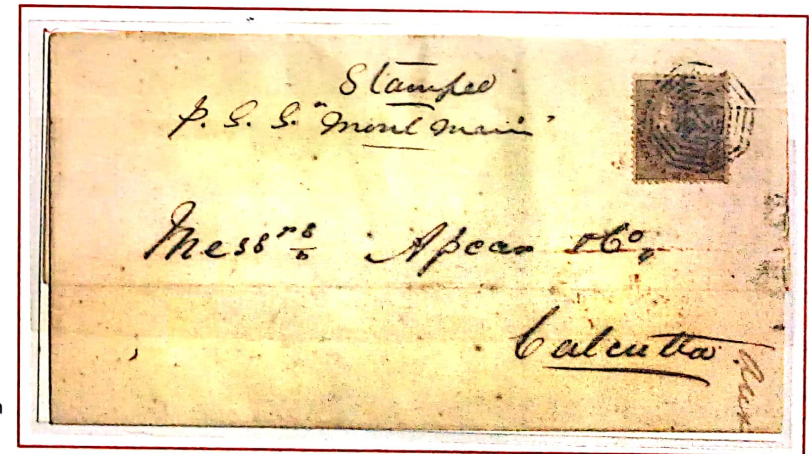
Type 7 consists of a series of Octagons, one within the other, framing a letter "B" over a number. The normal form, there are four complete and three incomplete octagons, the third being very incomplete. There is a horizontal line between B and the Number. The width between parallel side is 21 mm. B may be with or without serifs. The Original series with nos 1 to 182 is planned. The Date is 15th October 1855.



R Type 7, 'B/1' CALCUTTA



Scarce Ship letter cancellation



This folded letter was handed over to the caption of P.S.S.MOUMEIN along with a bag of money to be paid to Messers Todd Findlay and Co at CHITTAGONG. The captain of ship affixed the One anna stamp and posted it in Calcutta which appears to have had this scarce / Un recorded till recently. Ship letter cancellation in red on the back of the letter.



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Cover posted from Lukkeesarai to Calcutta dated 28th February 1856 delivered on 3rd March 1856. cover bears Bengal circle Type 7 cancellation "B/122" along with delivery mark of Calcutta G.P.O.



R type 7 "B/122  
LUKKEESARAI



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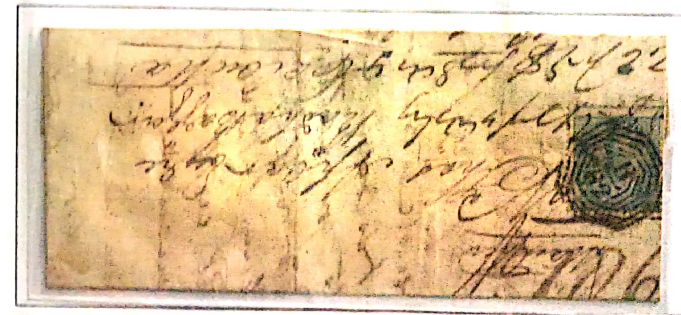
Registered cover from Calcutta to Delhi tied with Un common Octagon cancellation with 4 Octagons B/1 in green on 4 anna + 1 anna East India stamps.



R type 7 "B/122  
LUKKEESARAI



Delivery Mark  
Calcutta G.P.O.



Cover from DUCCA to Calcutta bear R.Type 7 "B/62" on E.I. stamp. Dispatch and delivery markings of Ducca and Calcutta in Red.



R type 7 "B/62  
DACC A

Outer Octagon 6th appears to be like circle differs from above cover in this sheet.



Delivery Mark of  
Calcutta

Cover from  
DACC A to  
CALCUTTA  
DT 18-2-1858



Delivery Mark of  
Calcutta



Dispatch mark of  
DACC A



R type 7 "B/62  
DACC A

Cover from DACC A to  
Calcutta letter dated 18/02/1858.

Bears Type 7 Bengal circle  
cancellation "B/62" DUCCA  
on E.I. Stamp.



Cover from Berhampore to Calcutta dated 5th August 1858. bear Type 7 B/30 Berhampore cancellation dispatch postmark of Berhampore and delivery mark of G.P.O calcutta in Red.



R. type 7. "B/30  
Berhampore.

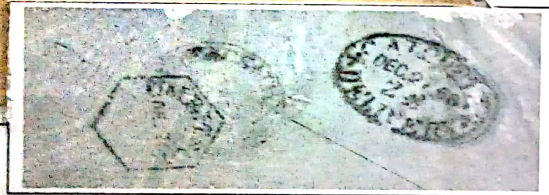
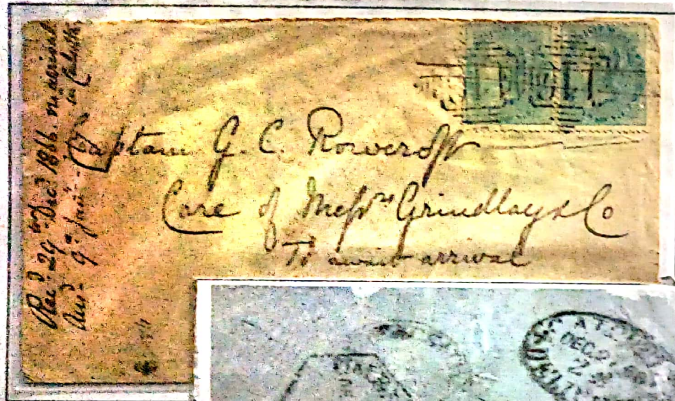




3.0. The Fierst series of Town Number Cancellations  
 3.5. The Northern Punjab Circle. Type 8.

Type 8 cancellation was adopted for wide spread usage in N.W.P. in 1860. But the cancellation had been in use in a limited number of post offices from 1858 onwards. Because of this limited use. Renouf designated the obliterator used prior to the 1860 as type 8 experimental. Another view is that it was issued to offices re opened after the temporary closer due to mutiny and who has perhaps lost their old obliterator. in 1860 series the figures are larger upto 7 or 8 mm high. Diagonals are about 29 and 22 mm. It is in a single form, solitary exception recorded by Mr. Renouf for Abootabad No. 220 in duplex, year 1864.

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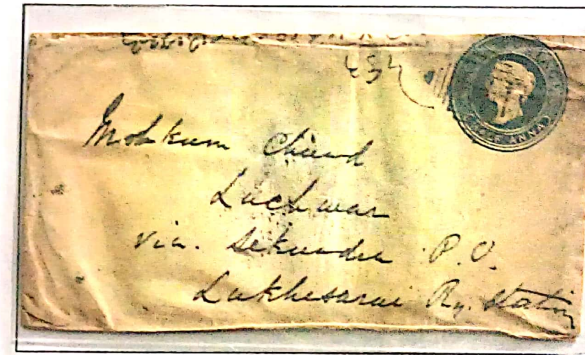
Backside image (reduced)



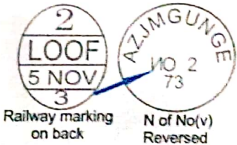
R.type 8 in Bengal Circle  
 3 lines and cap  
 No 110 is the office number of Madhopore. It was transferred to newly created Punjab circle in dec 1860



R.type 8 consists of a perfect rectangle, or a rough rectangle framing a number. There are, besides, a number of parallel lines of gradually diminishing length, parallel to each of the sides of the rectangle, which form a diamond, and sometimes a square.

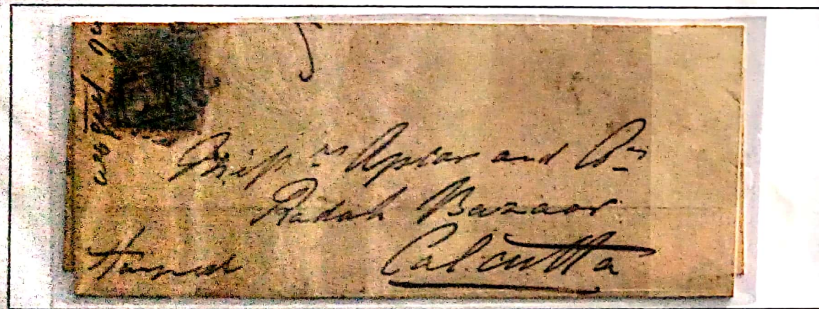


R.type 8 in Bengal Circle  
 3 lines and cap



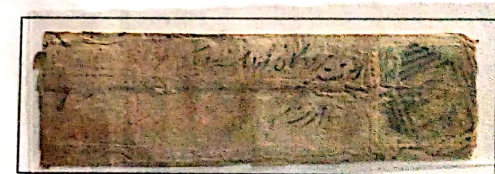
AZIMGUNJE ( BERHAMPORE) in BENGAL CIRCLE was issued this cancaellor with nof 449  
 Cover to Lucknow dt. 2 nd Nov.1873.

Cover from Madhopore to Calcutta . Dispatch stamp not seen. But the Travelling post office mark R.type 101a in red. The Transit mark of Umrtsur (hexagon) in red and Oval Calcutta delivery mark in red are seen on the back



R.type 8 - 3 lines and cap

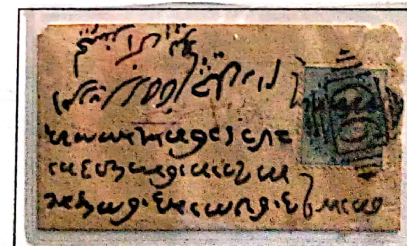
This folded letter is addressed to Umrtsur, Sorting mark of Delhie in red is seen. "15" is Rampur's deduced number. The dispatch stamp is not seen on this letter.



R.type 8 - 3 lines and cap



Folded cover from Lucknow to Calcutta dt 18 th July 1859 with 176 office number of Lucknow.



R.type 8 - 3 lines and cap



Scarce Travelling post office Post mark

Cover addressed to RATRAWAL dt AUG 25 with R.type 8 cancellation with deduced number of Calpee of united province. Travelling post Office mark on back side



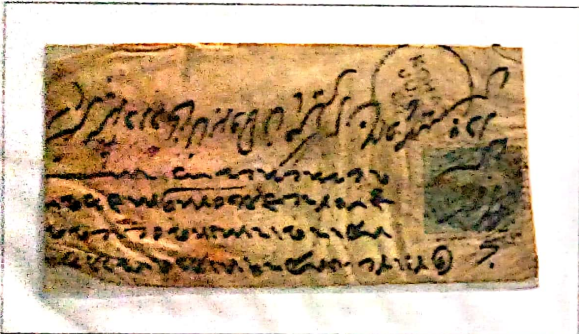
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R.type 8 - 30x24mm  
 Two lines and a cap.

Folded cover from DHOLRA dt.- With R.type 8 cancellation with number "33"

Duplex Obliterator: A duplex obliterator was a labour-saving device, since it dis away with the need of impressing the despatch stamp and the obliterator separately.



R.type 8c - Duplex 24x24mm  
 Two lines and a cap.



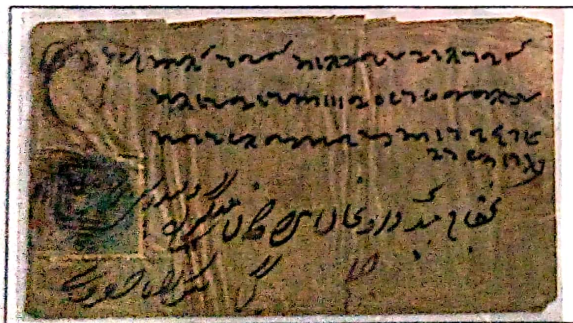
Cover from Kohat to Jhelum dt 25th June 1866. Bears R.type 8c duplex cancellation with Kohat Office number 54 in the Obliterator.



R.type 8c - Duplex 24x24mm  
 Two lines and a cap.

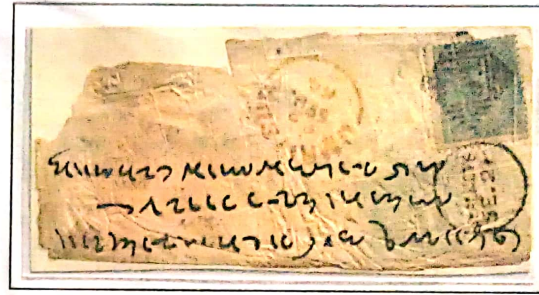
INSUFFICIENT →

Cover from HUZRO to PIND DADUN KHAN . HUZRO with 8d type cancellor is known but not in 8 c.



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R. type 8 - 3lines and a cap 20mm  
 Town name in Smaller letters.

Cover from SEALKOTE, September 21 (1864) to Umritsur, . The Duplex cancellor shows the small circle of 20 mm, with the office name across the diameter. The rectangle showing the office number 54 is surrounded by three lines of diminishing lengths topped by a cap on all 4 sides.



R.Type 8 (1) - 20mm - Town name in slightly larger letters. Diamond modified - Corners of the rectangular space showing the office number cut off as to make up an octagon. Only one line & cap.

Registered cover from Sealkote to Umritsur . Left hand duplex still shows the small 20mm diameter circle with the office name across the diameter. The diamond portion has been modified. The rectangular compartment showing the office number has been cut away, and there is only one line and a cap outside the compartment to form the diamond.



R Type 8 2 Lines and a cap  
 Town name along Circumference.

Registered cover from SEALKOTE dated Mar 2nd 1865 shows three sets of duplex cancellations. The delivery mark of Umritsur is applied in Red on the back. The town name is shown along the circumference of the circle. This cancellation has not been noted either by Renouf or by Martin.

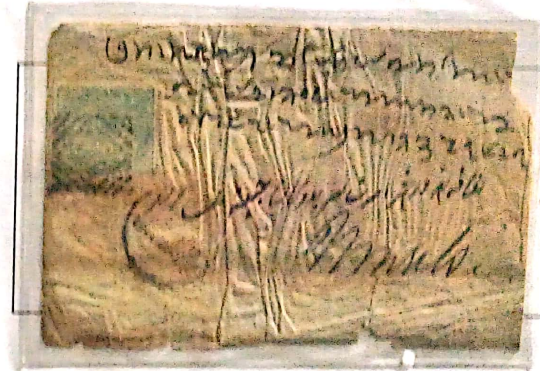
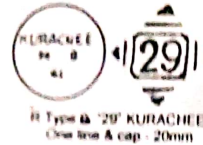
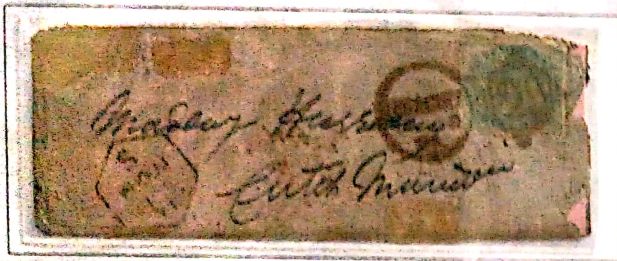




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Duplex Cancellations

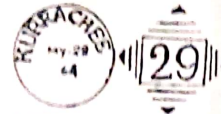


R type Bc - Duplex 24x24mm - Two lines and a cap

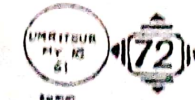
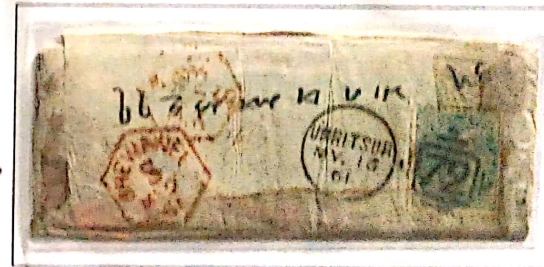


Cover from Karachi, Spelt KURACHEE to Butch Mandvi. The left hand portion, the circle showing the office name in 20mm in diameter and the rectangular space showing the office number has been modified by cutting the corners. There is only one line and a cap outside the rectangle. The sorting Mark of Bhooj, dated 11 th Dec0 1861 is also seen.

Cover from Peshawar to Umritsar dated 15th January 1865 - "42" is office number of PESHAWAR. Cover tied with R.Type Bc Cancellation on East India 1/2 anna stamp.



R type D - '29B' duplex - 24x24mm diagonally 2 lines and cap - Town name along the Circumference



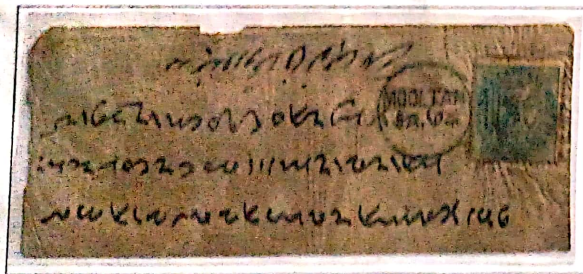
R type 8d (Duplex) line & a cap



Postmarks in Red

This cover from KURRACHEE to Umritsar is dated 28th May 1864. The circular portion of the Duplex is larger, 23mm in diameter and a diamond portion also is correspondingly larger 24 x 24mm. Delivery seal of Umritsar is in red.

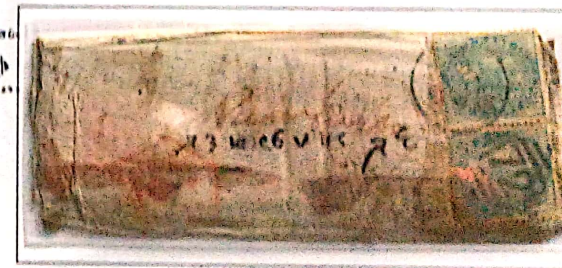
Cover from Umritsar to Ramgarh dated May 21 1861. Sorting marks of Dehlie and Bhowanee in Red. Cover tied with R.Type 8d on E.I. stamp.



In Red



R type B - 3 lines and a cap



R type 8d - Duplex - 1 line & a cap - corners of the square cut off.

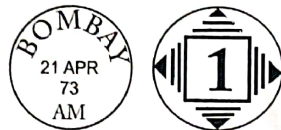
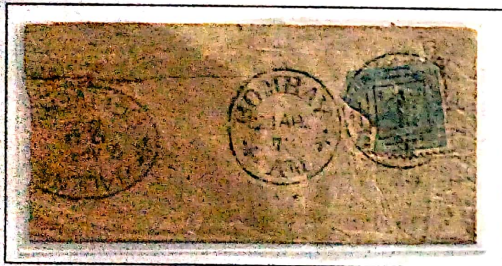
Cover from MOOLTAN dated January 14 1864 to PIND DADUN KHAN. Transit / sorting mark of Lahore in Red Hexagon is dated January 15. Delivery mark of PIND DADUN KHAN is applied in Red on the Back. Cover tied with R.type B cancellation. There is only one line and a cap outside the rectangle.

Cover from Umritsar to Ramgarh June 2nd 1861. tied with R.type 8d cancellation. Sorting marks of BHEWANEE in Red.

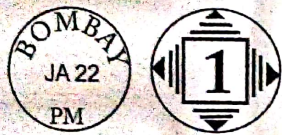


**4.0. The All India Cancellations 1861-73.**  
**Type 9.**  
**Bombay Circle.**

Bombay experimented with type 9 duplex cancellors in 1861 and 1862. The earliest reported date is 23rd May 1861 and the cancellor is 20mm in diameter. After 1862 it is not seen any more until 1867. When it came back into use in a 23mm diameter cancellor. It was used simultaneously with the earlier type 4 (Diamond of parallel bars rising from the right to left). Bombay provides us with several sub types showing AM or PM, different type of flourors and the like.

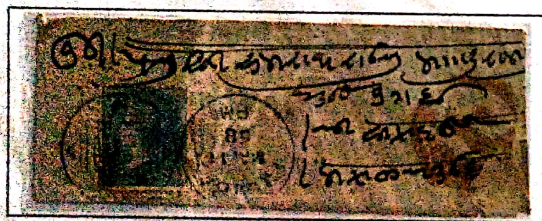


R.type . 9 \*1" BOMBAY - Duplex  
 left hand duplex shows AM at foot  
 23mm .  
 Cover from Bombay to Jaulna dt  
 21 April 1873. Bears R.type 9  
 and Oval delivery marking of Jaulna

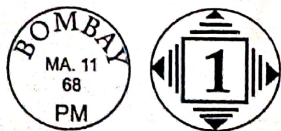


R.type . 9 \*1" BOMBAY - Duplex  
 left hand duplex shows PM at foot  
 23mm .

Cover from BOMBAY to DELHI dt.  
 22 nd JAN. Bears R.Type 9 duplex



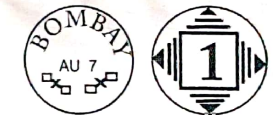
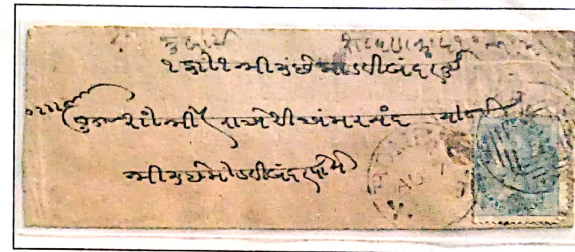
Cover from BOMBAY to AJMERE. With R.type 9 cancellor



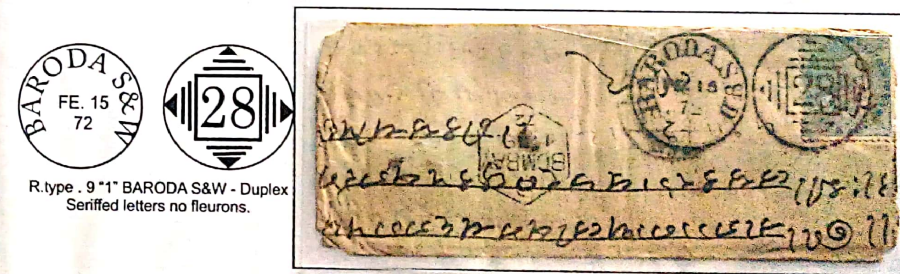
R.type . 9 \*1" BOMBAY - Duplex  
 left hand duplex shows PM at foot  
 duplex without Fleurors 23mm.

R.type 9 . These cancellations were in use all over India, in Bombay from 1861, United provinces in two series one in 1861 and the other in 1865, Madras from 1862. Central province 1866, Sind circle in 1869 & Kashmir

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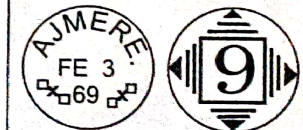


R.type . 9 \*1" BOMBAY - Duplex  
 left hand duplex shows AM at foot  
 23mm .  
 Cover from Bombay to MANDVLE dt  
 Aug. 7 . Bears R.type 9



R.type . 9 \*1" BARODA S&W - Duplex  
 Serified letters no fleurons.

Cover from BARAODA S&D ( Sadr and distributing) to Gwalior. Sorting mark of Bombay is also seen.



R.type . 9 \*9" AJMERE.



Jeypore Delivery Marking

½ anna Q.V. Embossed letter sheet (+ 5X ½ anna E.I.stamps) posted from AJMERE to JEYPORE dt 3rd  
 Feb 1869. Bears R.type 9 duplex cancellor "9" office number of Ajmere.



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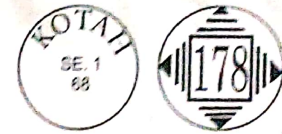
N.W.P. Portion - Static Office - ALLAHABAD RAILWAY STATION - NO. 418.



R.type 9 "23" ALLAHABAD RAILWAY STATION - duplex - 26 mm

This is 26mm diameter duplex appears to be the largest in type 9. Renouf records 23mm for Allahabad Railway Station.

Cover from Allahabad Railway station to Jeagunge. Dt. 10 March.



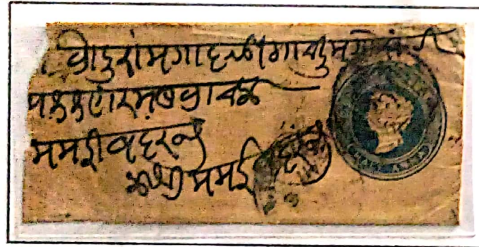
R.type 9 "178" KOTAH - Duplex  
Certified letters with Resurans.

Cover from KOTAH dt 5th SEP 1868 bears R.type 9 cancellor



R.type 9 "354" AJMERE - Duplex

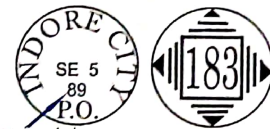
Cover from AJMERE to BOMBAY dt May . 9 . Bears R.type 9 "354"



R.type 9 "23" DHARMSALA  
Outside



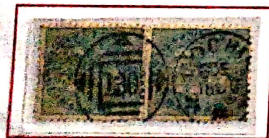
Cover posted from DHARMSALA to LIENCHESTSHIRE, England via Britstr dt 22nd sept 1873 bears R.Type 9 cancellor "23". Railway cancellation F.T./1-2 / ALLAHABAD/24 SEP. Bombay Ex marking and STAMFORD Delivery marking on the back.



Year inverted  
89 for 68  
R.type . 9 "183" INDORE CITY - Duplex  
P.O. At the foot of left duplex.

Cover from INDORE CITY BOMBAY Dt 1 Sept 1898 bears R.type 9 cancellor and Bombay delivery mark in Red

R.type 9b . Cochin Reverse Duplex.



While a "Reversed duplex" has been reported for CANNANORE No.85, COCHIN With No. 130 has not been reported till recently...



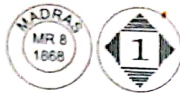
R.type 9 "174" JAWUD - duplex  
23mm

Cover from JAWUD to JAIPUR Dt. 28th August 1871 bears R.Type 9 cancellor "174" office number of JAWUD.



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Type 9.**

R.type 9. These cancellations were in use all over India, in Bombay from 1861, United provinces in two series one in 1861 and the other in 1865, Madras from 1862. Central province 1866. Sind circle in 1869 & Kashmir R.type 9b. The most distinguishing feature of this type is the very fine lines in a smaller circle. It was largely used in Madras districts.



R.type 9b Duplex



Letter posted from Madras to Madura 1868 march 8 cancelled with R.type 9b (Madras circle) Duplex cancellation Number 1 tied within diamond consisting of 7 lines each corner and diamond tied within circle. Delivery cancellation of Madras, Madura and Wavy too late cancellation are cancelled in Red.



R.type 9b Duplex



Letter posted from Madras to Madura 1866 Half anna stamp cancelled with Madras circle R.type 9b Duplex cancellation. Delivery cancellation of Madura and Wavy Too late cancellations are also seen.



R.type 9b Duplex

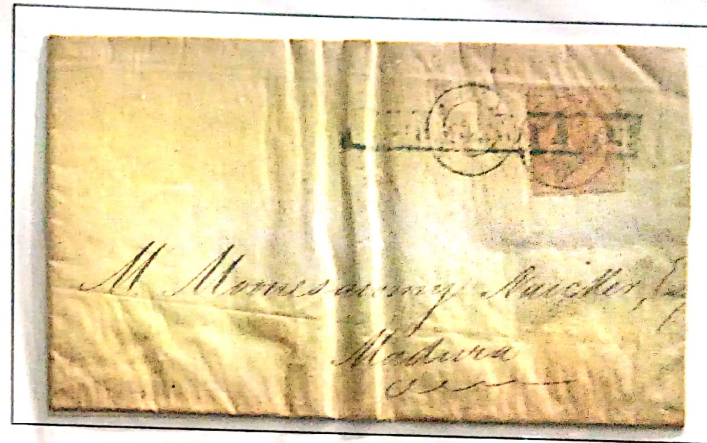
41 Hyderabad. 41 Surrounded by 1 Diminishing line and a cap.

Cover from Hyderabad to AGRA dt August 30 1872.. tied with R.type 9b

R. type 9 is merely R.type 8 enclosed in a circle, Development of type 8, rather than a new type. There are variations in the size of the circle and of the figures and in the number of lines.

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Madras Circle.



R.type 9b Duplex

square showing No.1 is surrounded by SIX diminishing lines and a cap

Cover from Madras to Madura dated 9th December 1866 tied on 2 anna E.I. stamp issue tied with R.type 9b



R.type 9b Duplex 19mm Square showing No.1 is surrounded by five lines of diminishing lengths and a cap.



Cover from Madras to Madhura tied with R.type 9b



R.type 9 "41" HYDRABAD - duplex



Scarce Railway marking J.Cooper type 23c on the back

Cover from Hyderabad to AGRA dt JY 9 1871 bears R.type 9 cancellor "41", rare Railway marking and Too late (Wavy)