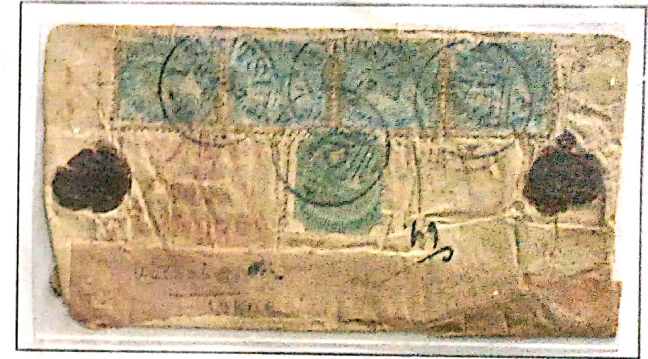
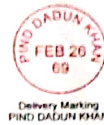


4.0. The All India Cancellations 1861-73.
Type 9.

Punjab & N.W. provinces

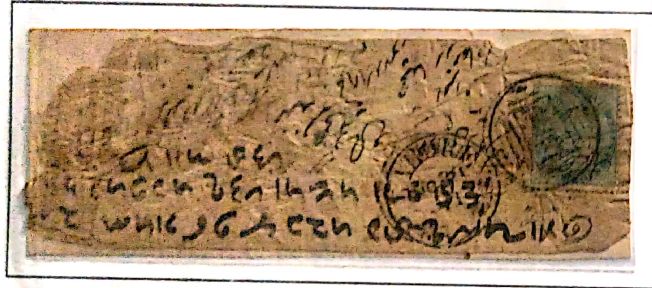
Early Indian Postal cancellations
Victorian Era

Each circle had separate series of numbers starting from No.1 allotted to Head Office, Bombay, Madras and Bengal circles adopted the Old numbers. Any new post office opened was allotted new numbers. In 1865, due to the transfer of District post in large scale to Imperial post, the numbers increased substantially.



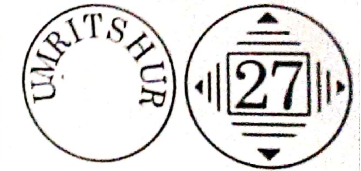
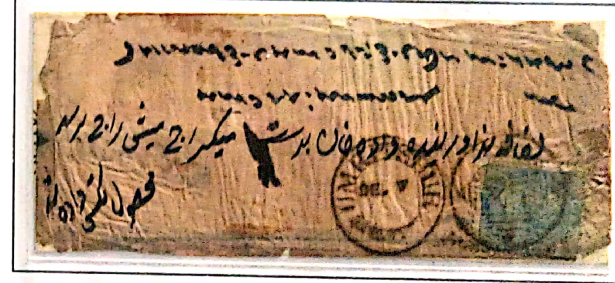
Registered cover from UMRITSUR to Lahore dated Nov 22 1866

Cover from SHIKARPOOR to PIND DADUN KHAN. Hexagonal Transit/Sorting marks of Lahore, and Circular delivery stamp of Pind Dadun Khan in red are also seen. Cover tied with R.type 9 on East India 1/2 anna, duplex cancellation. Number "61" with in square and 2 lines and a cap.



Cover from Lahore dt November 21 1871

Lahore's Number in type 9 was "1". When urban offices were opened in Lahore, the Duplex cancellor was slightly modified. The Right hand portion shows "R" over Numeral 1, 2 or 3. The above cover shows R over numeral "2"

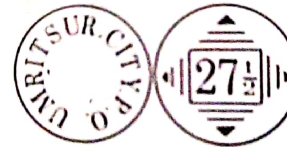


R.Type 9 duplex 23mm, " 27" Umrtsur Shrifed letters. No fleurons. Two lines and a cap.

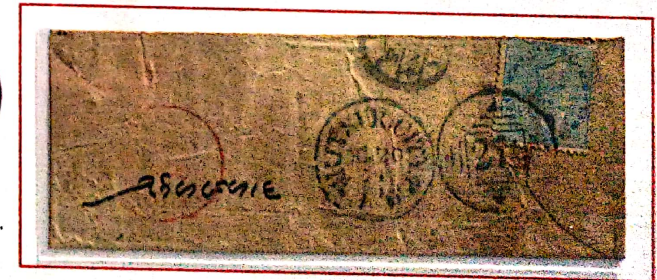
AMRITSAR, Spelt variously as UMRITSUR, UMRITSHUR had its office number 172 in 1855 series and used it until 1864. It also used " 72" Duplex between 1861-65, Number 75 upto 1867 and finally settled for its new number " 27" in the 1865 series.



R.type . 9 "85" PIND DADAN KHAN duplex



R.type 9II, " 27 1/2 " UMRITSUR CITY P.O. Two lines and a cap.



Cover from PINDDADANKHAN to UMRITSUR dt March - 1869 bears R.type 9 cancellor "85", delivery marking of Umrtsur , PM , TOO LATE and other cancellations on the back side.

AMRITSAR CITY POST OFFICE has the unique distinction of being the only post office to have a fractional number " 27 1/2 ". Since 27 has already been allotted to AMRITSAR and 28 to PHAGWARA, the newly opened City post office was issued at first , the GOOJERAT no 138 in Type 5, Later on, it was issued the fractional number " 27 1/2 " shown on the cover above.

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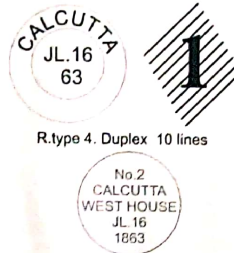
5.0. The Other Circle cancellations - Bengal Circle. Type. 10

The Duplex cancellation adopted by the Bengal and Burma circle is similar to the one adopted by the Bombay Circle, but the left hand portion shows two concentric circles. The outer circle has diameter of 23mm. The outer space between the two circles shows the office name. Two fleurons flank the town name, but a sub-type shows no fleurons. The date is contained within the inner circle. The right hand side is a diamond of parallel bars rising from the left to the right and showing the office number.

This type was introduced in 1862 and continued till 1873. Cancellation in blue are known.



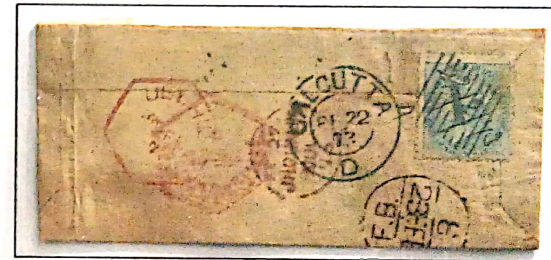
Cover from Calcutta to Jeypore. Dt 16-July 1863. Bears R type 4 cancellation and Calcutta west house and AGRA sorting house and JEYPORE cancellations



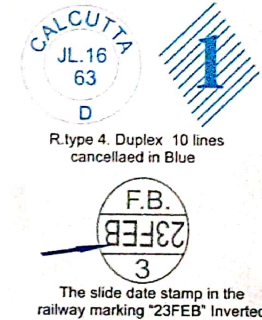
R.type 4. Duplex 10 lines



A sub-type shows the Office name in letters without serifs and there are no fleurons. A letter "D" stands at the top of the left hand portion of the Duplex cancellor. The change over to block letters instead of serifed letters was made in 1872.



Cover from Calcutta to BHAWANEE dt 22 Feb 1873. Along with R.type 4 duplex it bears rare Railway marking (Error) and other markings.



R.type 4. Duplex 10 lines cancellaed in Blue

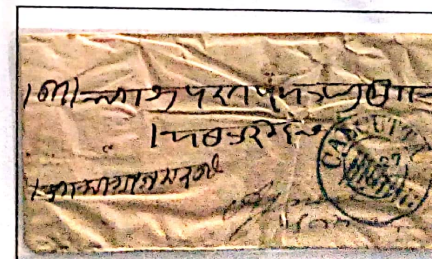
The slide date stamp in the railway marking "23FEB" Inverted



Duplex R. type 4 cancellation on Strip of 4 Half anna stamps



R.type 4. Duplex 10 lines with fleurons.



Cover from CALCUTTA to AJMERE dt Mar 27 Mar 1868.



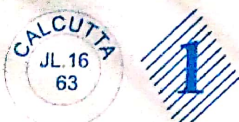
R.type 4 Cancellation in Blue Double strike overlap over left portion



Cancellation in blue. The left hand duplex has no fleurons



Cover from CALCUTTA to ALLAHABAD - Showing cancellation in Blue.



R.type 4. Duplex 10 lines cancellaed in Blue



The right part of the duplex having a diamond of 10 fine lines framing a office Number. This is similar type 4. but with reversed lines, rising from left to right, figures are 5.5mm. high, diagonals 22,23 and 19 mm. variations found only in case of Numbers 1, Calcutta figure 9 to 10 mm high. The period of use from 1862 to 1873.

This type was introduced in 1862 and continued till 1873.

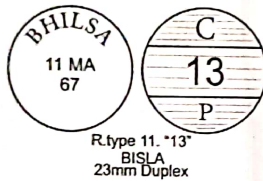
5.0. The Other Circle cancellations - The Central Provinces.
Type. 11.

In April / May 1867, the circle consisted post offices transferred from Bombay and North Western provinces. The Berar was added in April 1870. There were two series of numbers in 1867 and 1871.

In 1867 type 9 and 11 are used. Type 11 is used by Central provinces only.

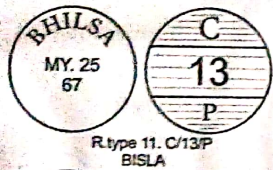
In 1871 Type 8 - Single and Type 11 are used.

Type 11. is a special Central province cancellation consisting of a circle divided in to sections by fine parallel lines, and a number inset with capital letters "C" and "P" at the top and bottom respectively of the figures. It was during the period from 1867 -1873.

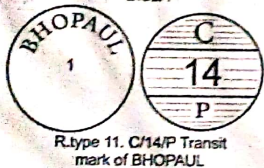
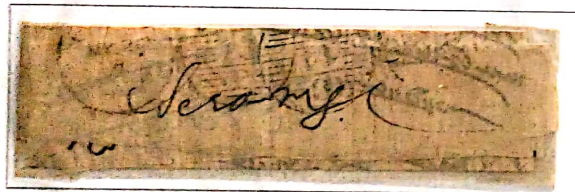


R.type 11. "13"
 BISLA
 23mm Duplex

Folded letter from BHILSA to SERONJE. Bears R.type II "C/13/P of BHILSA and transit mark of Bhopul. .



R.type 11. C/13/P
 BISLA



R.type 11. C/14/P Transit
 mark of BHO PAUL

Folded letter from BHILSA C/13/P to SERONJE showing Bhopal's transit mark C/14/P.

The Central Provinces Circle was formed in 1866-67. The all India type 9 cancellor was in use in the area at that time. While adopting the type 9 cancellor the circle also introduced a distinctive obliterator. While some offices used type 9, others used the new type. A few offices appear to have received bothe types.

This type is a duplex. The lfdet part circle is having a date and name, right part circle shows a circle filled with a series of fine horizontal parallel lines, space being provided for the number in the centre. The letter "C" ABOVE KAND THE LETTER " P " Below.

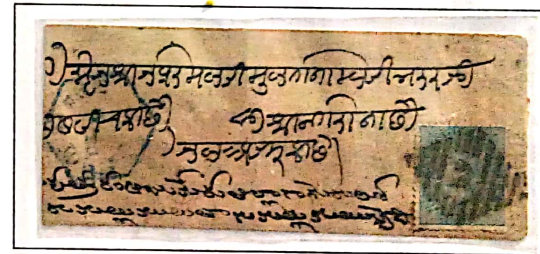
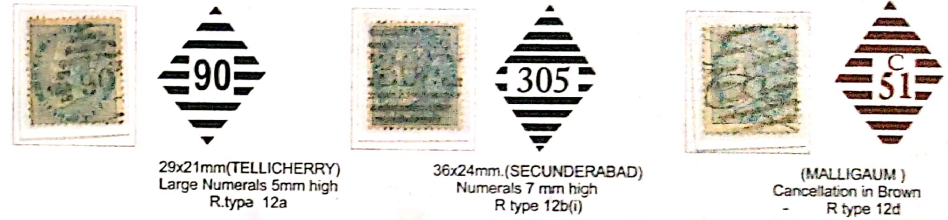
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The Madras Circle.
Type. 12.

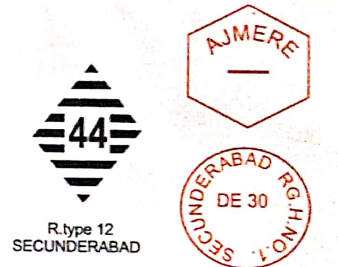
Madras Circle used a new type between 1866-1878 . It is a diamond of bars parallel to the shorter diagonal which break off at the center to show a blank space at the center. The office number shown in this blank space.

This type appears to have been used side by side with the all - India type 9 duplex cancellation. There are several sub types and it accures in many sizes. Cancellation in colour are also known.

Examples on East India 1/2 anna stamp



A Entire from Secunderabad to Ajmere dt Dec 30 188- with Rtype 12 cancellation along with hexagon and round delivery and transit marks



R.type 12
 SECUNDERABAD

Transit and Delivery marks IT



R.type 12a
 "162" JUGGALPETH



Scarce Railway marking
 of N.W.Province.



Cover from JUGGIAHPETT to AJMERE showing the scarce Railway marking of N.W.P . In addition to the despatch and delivery stamps. Sorting mark of Hyderabad and scarce sorting mark of Railway are also seen.



Transit Mark



Sorting mark



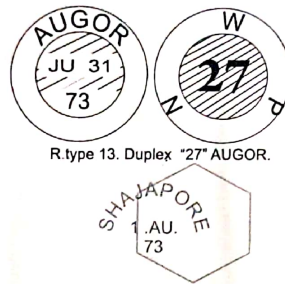
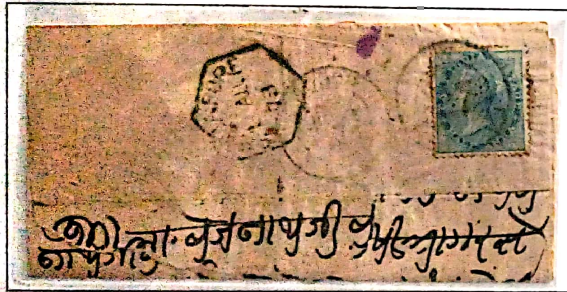
Delivery stamp



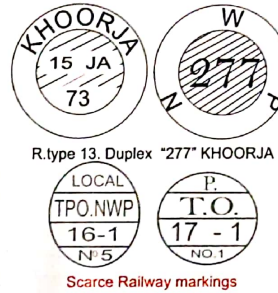
Despatch stamp

5.0. The Other Circle cancellations - The North west province
Duplex 1871-73. Type. 13.

Type 13 is a cancellation provided for the old North West Provinces with adjoining Native States administered By the N.W.P. Postal circle. Type 13 is a simple design offering no complicating variations and is composed of two concentric circles, the inner circle being divided in to sections by a series of parallel lines and containing a number in large figures in the center. The space between the two concentric circles contains the capital letters 'N.W.P.' Evenly spaced. It was used for a short period between 1872 and 1873 only.



R.type 13. Duplex "27" AUGOR.



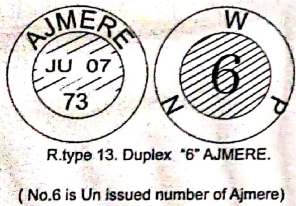
R.type 13. Duplex "277" KHOORJA

Scarce Railway markings



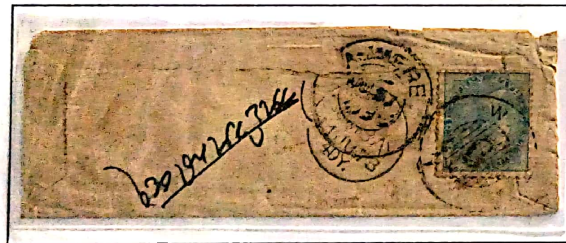
Cover from KHOORJA to JHELUM dt. 15 Jan 1873..

Cover from AUGOR to SHAJANPORE dated July 31 1873. Hexagon Delivery mark of SHAJANPORE is seen



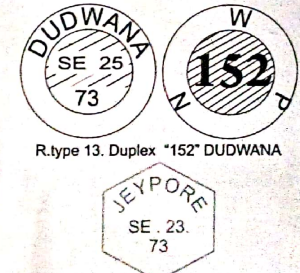
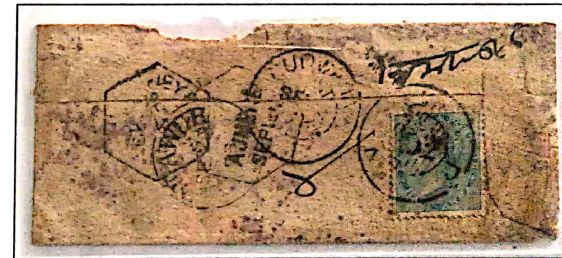
R.type 13. Duplex "6" AJMERE.

(No.6 is Un issued number of Ajmere)



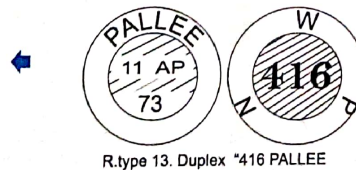
Cover from AJMERE to BOMBAY dt 07 June 1873 with R.Type 13 "6" office number of AJMERE. And 4th Delivery Mark of BOMBAY DT 11 th June also seen

Cover from DUDWANA to JEYPURE dated Sept 25 1873.



R.type 13. Duplex "152" DUDWANA

Cover bears R.type 13 cancellor of DUDWANA "152" sorting mark of Ajmere and Delivery mark (hexagon) of JEYPURE are seen



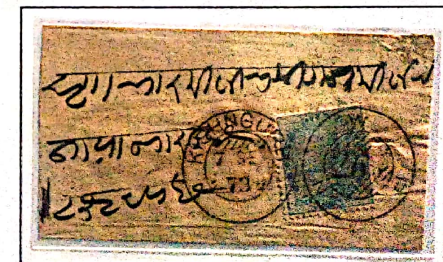
R.type 13. Duplex "416" PALLEE

Cover from PALLEE to BOMBAY dt 11Apr 73



R.type 13. Duplex "267" KISHANGURH.

Cover from KISHANGURH to SAWUR dated 7th September 1873



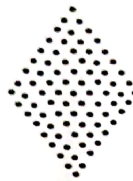
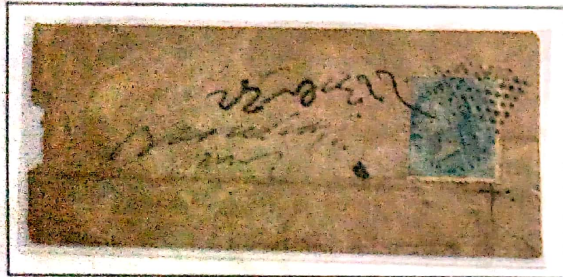
Type. 13. Always occurs in duplex associated with an exactly similar pair of concentric circles; the name of the town lies between the circles at the top, and in central space appears the day and month (but not always the year) between two ros of about 7 short diagonal parallel lines. The impressions of this side of the duplex are also usually indistinct.

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6.0. Some plain cancellations before 1873. Type 14.

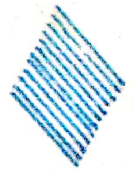
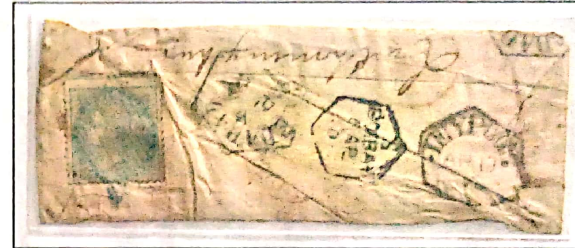
During some ten years before 1873, a number of plain cancellations were in use. In the postal manual of 1873, the use of a plain dotted / barred cancellations without any number is prescribed for "Experimental" post offices. It is therefore, likely that the plain cancellations found in use in small offices and branch offices of urban areas were given to them as and when they were newly opened. In time, it is possible that they received numbered cancellations to replace the plain one. A few offices might have continued to use the plain cancellations even after the probationary stage.

Type . 15



R.type 14. 9x9

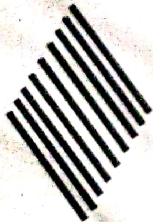
Letter from Jodhpur to Bombay dt— with Diamond of dots on 1/2 anna East India stamp. with delivery stamp of Bombay and Jodhpur on the back in Red.



R.Type 15 in Blue. 26x22mm.
10 lines

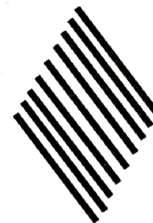
Mahadeopoorah under Ahmedabad, used this elegant cancellation in Blue. The lines are finely cut. Transit marks of Ahmedabad, sorting mark of Bombay, Transit mark of Jeypiore are seen on this cover from Mahadeopoorah to Lachmangarh.

Type 15



R.Type 15. 27x22mm
9 lines

This plain diamond of parallel bars were used mostly in Bombay circle. The number of lines vary Thickness of lines also varies. Some are crude and some are elegant. This cancellation is some times found in colour.

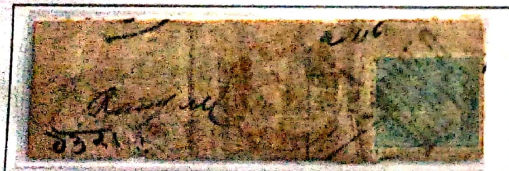


R.Type 15. 24x18mm
9 lines

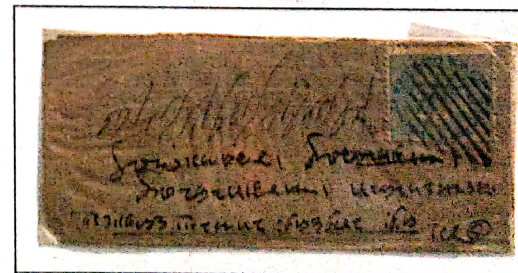


Cover from Jodhpur 8th September 1863 to Aboo 10th September 1863. E.I. stamp tied with R.type 15 pf 9 lines.

Type . 16.



R.Type 15. 26x22mm
10 lines



R.Type 16
11 lines.

This diamond of bars parallel to the horizontal longer diagonal was used mostly in the Northern circle. This cover from "JULLUNDUR CITY" Recg HOUSE" dated Feb 18 1868.

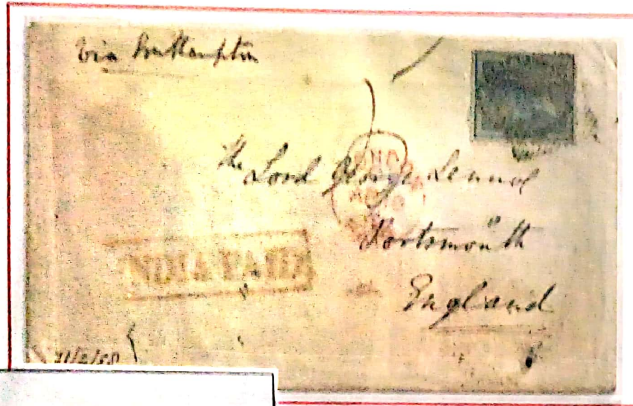
6.0. Some plain cancellations before 1873.
Type 16.

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R.type 16. - 25 lines
Square diamond

INDIA PAID



Cover from COWNPORE to Portsmouth, England via Southampton - bears R.type 16 cancellor and Rectangular INDIA PAID and LONDON PAID in red on front side. Dispatch and delivery marks on the back. Postage 4 annas (EI. 4anna Bluish Black).



Cancellations on the back (Reduced)



R.Type 16. 25 lines
Square diamond

Cover to Guttehgunj in 1/2 anna letter sheet.



11 parallel lines.



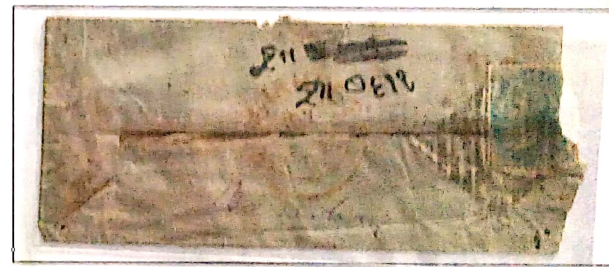
11 parallel lines



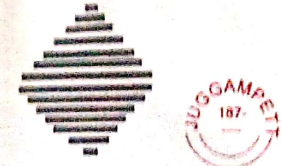
19 fine and elegant lines make up this slightly larger variety

R.type 16 on stamps with different number of lines.

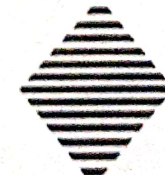
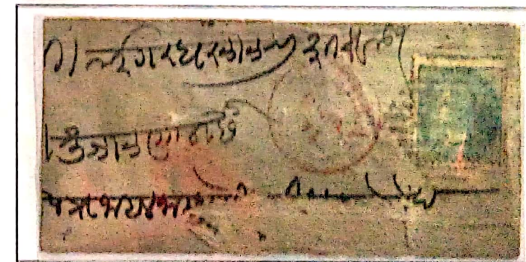
R.Type. 12d



Cover from Juggampet to Bombay.

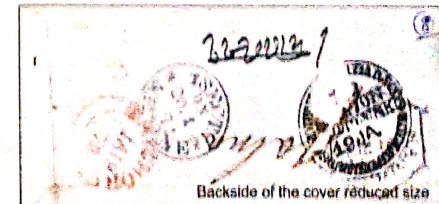


R.Type 12d
Large diamond with
14 parallel lines.



R.Type 12d

This R type 12d is also a plain diamond with no number. Diagonals being 36 & 29mm. Dates seen are 1871 and 1872.



Backside of the cover reduced size

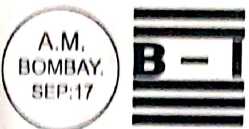
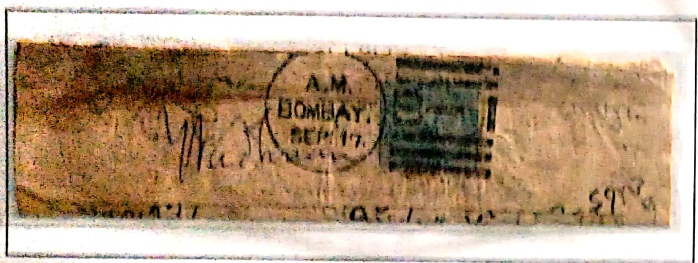
Scarce circular Railway sorting office postmark in Black . letter dated 21 Jan. to --AULNA. from BAICHORE.

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7.0. All India Series of 1873 - 84.
Type . 17

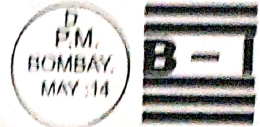
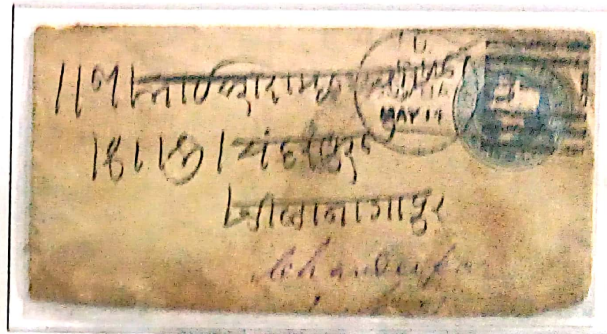
In the year 1873 there was such a bewildering variety of cancellations in use in the different circles that the Central Postal Authorities decided to devise a uniform type of cancellation for all the post offices in the country. This they did by allotting to each office a circle letter and an office number. The circle letter was generally the initial of the Headquarter of the circle.

Thus "A" stood for Allahabad, Headquarter of N.W. Province circle, "B" Bombay, "C" for Calcutta, Bengal, "D" for Dinapore, Bihar, "E" however stood for East Bengal with Dacca as headquarter, "I" for Indore, Central India, "J" for Ajmere (Jeypore?) Rajaputana, "K" for Karachi, Sind, "L" for Lahore, Punjab, "M" for Madras, Madras circle, "N" for Nagpore, Central provinces, "O" for Oudh with headquarter at Lucknoo, "R" for Rangoon, Burma, "S" for Shillong, Assam and "T" for Travelling post offices.



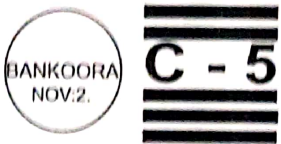
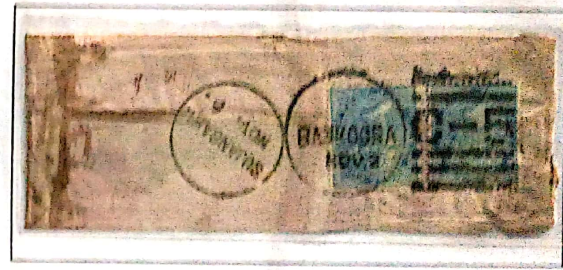
R.type 17 (Duplex)

Cover from Bombay to Wadhwan dt. 17th Sept. Bombay circle



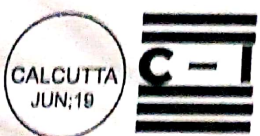
R.type 17 (Duplex)

Cover (1/2 anna Blue) to Bhaulpar bears R.Type 17 duplexn cancellation B-1 (Local mail) Bombay city

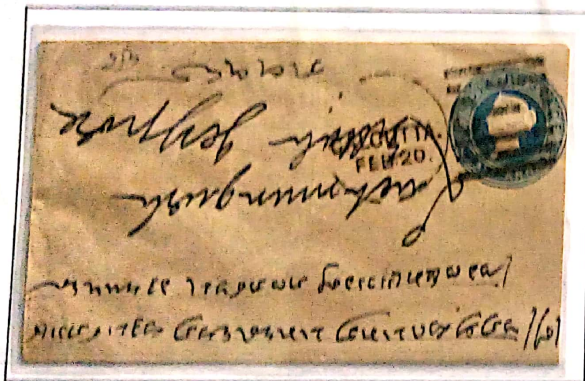


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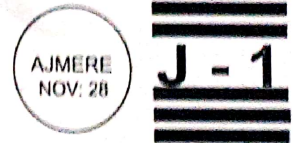
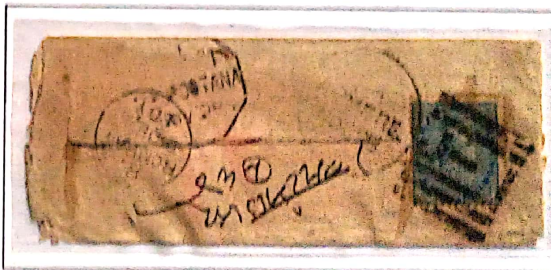
"C" for Calcutta HQ of Bengal circle. " 5" is disbursing office number of BANKOORA.



R.type 17 (Duplex)



Cover from Calcutta Jeypore , letter dt Feb 20, "C" Calcutta circle, Cover also bears Railway marking of Rajpootana and Del marking of Jeypore on the back.



R.type 17 (Duplex)

Cover from AJMERE dt Nov 28 to BOMBAY. bears R.Type 17 "J-1" and T 1 - 1 marking.

The system of numbering was rather complicated. Disbursing offices in each circle were numbered in a consecutive series commencing from the Headquarter Offices, which had the number 1. So, an obliterator for a distributing office would show the circle letter, and across it the office number. The whole was arranged in a barred square.

**7.0. All India Series of 1873 - 84.
Type . 17**

Cover from Calicut to Bombay dt 09 th October

Registered Cover from PESHAWAR to --HELUM Dt. SEP : 29 1880



PESHAWAR
SEP : 29.

L-8

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L for LAHORE HQ of Punjab circle . Number "8" is disbursing Office number of PESHAWAR .



CALICUT
AUG:29

M-14

R.type 17 (Duplex)

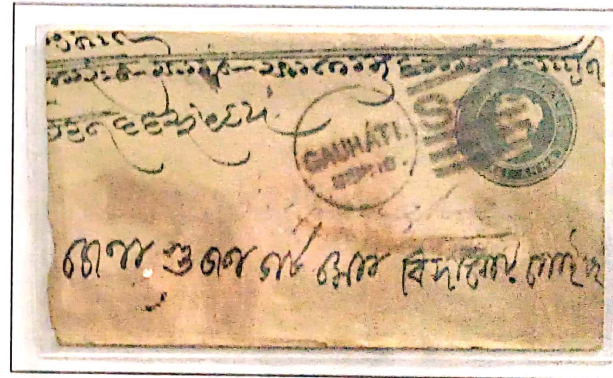
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"M" for Madras. Headquarters of Madras Circle. Number 14 is disbursing office Number of Calicut.

Early Indian Postal cancellations
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GAUHATI.
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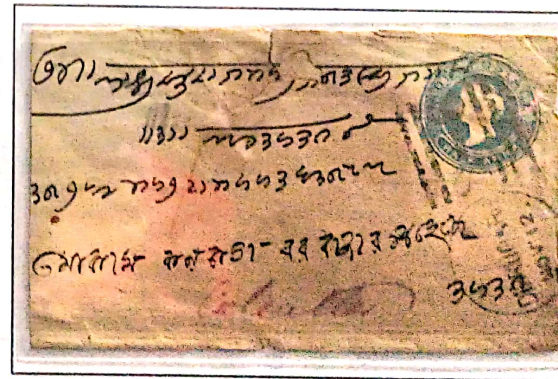
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SOOJANGURH
18 SEPT

S for SHILLONG Head Quarters of ASSAM circle No "2" is Disbursing office number of GAUHATI.

Cover from DIBRUGARH to CALCUTTA dt Nov 12 188--



DIBRUGARH
NOV: 12.

S-6

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1 DELY
CALCUTTA
NOV: 19

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2 - 8
C DN
SEP: 21.
Railway Marking

S for SHILLONG Head quarters of ASSAM CIRCLE no "6" is disbursing office number of DIBRUGARH
It also bears scarce Railway marking T/2 8/C DN/ Date..