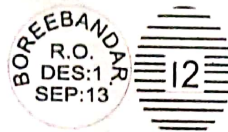


**8.0. LOCAL CANCELLATIONS  
Type 22**

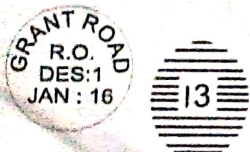
**TYPE 22.** With its sub-types was exclusively used for Bombay City and its suburbs and provides a large and varied range of variations. It had a prototype in Calcutta city locals. Type 15 is a small oval composed of fine lines parallel to the short axis. Inset there is a well-defined figure " 1 " and always appears with a duplex.



R.type 22 "12" Duplex  
BOREEBANDAR



Cover from BOREE BANDAR TO AJMERE dt 13th Sep , along with R.Type 22 cancellor it bears delivery mark of AJMERE on back.



R.type 22 "13" Duplex  
GRANT ROAD



Cover from GRANT ROAD to AJMERE dated 16 th JAN . Bears R.type "13" Cancellor Duplex and Delivery marking of AJMERE also seen on back.

R.type 22c is a small or large oval but with very thin fine lines instead of the thicker lines as in type 15a

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**Victorian Era**

**Calcutta Urban Series - 1871**

This obliterator, resembles Bombay's R.type 22. The ellipse is more circular in this type. The right duplex shows the urban device while the left shows the name of the division at the top and the date. The word 'CALCUTTA' which usually appears at the foot is not seen in this scarce cover from OMMERCARY E.C. To Poona.



R.type 22b E/C/5  
OMMERCARY E.C.

J.Cooper type 22a of Calcutta Urban series is similar cancellation as type 22a but has two letters of the alphabet separated by three small lines. The letters found are "NC", "NE", "SC", "SE", "SW" etc.

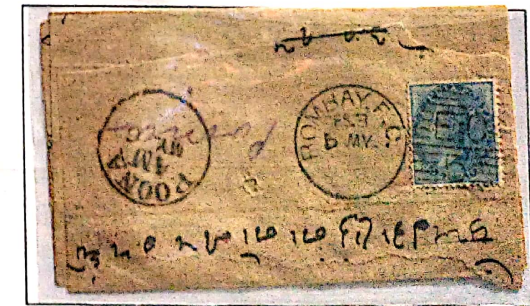


J.Cooper type 15d "N E"  
CALCUTTA URBAN SERIES (Scarce)

**BOMBAY LOCAL R. Type 15a**



R.type 22b E/C/5  
BOMBAY F.C.



Cover from Bombay to Poona. Bears R.type 22a Cancellor E/C/5 and delivery mark of Poona also seen.

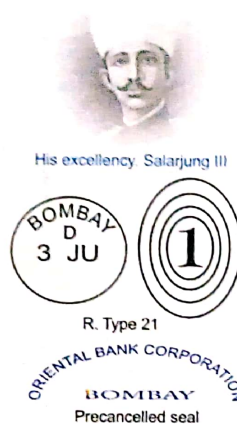
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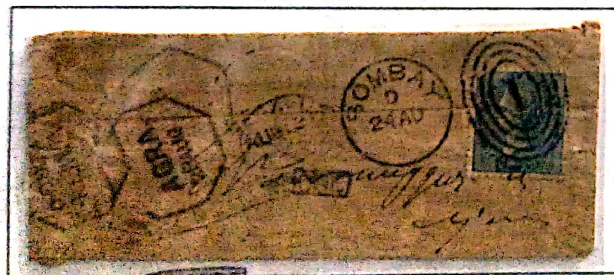
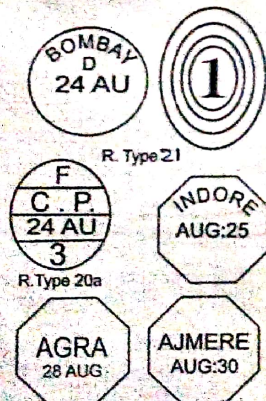
## 8.0. LOCAL CANCELLATIONS

Bombay Circle.  
Type 21.

Bombay itself had as many as 12 distinctive types of cancellations mostly with No. 1 which was number assigned to the city of Bombay. Out of these 9 were duplex cancellations provided by a circular form consisting of the town and date. Three of these cancellations were however, diamond shaped with 11 or 12 parallel lines ascending from right to left. These were in use between 1855-1875.



Cover from Bombay to Hyderabad, Deccan from Oriental Bank Corporation addressed to His excellency Sir Salarjung III dt 3rd July 1856. Cover affixed with One anna brown stamp of East India pre cancelled with Oriental Insurance corporation in Blue and bears scarce Bombay city Local cancellation R,type 16. ( Four ellipses one within the other enclosing a numeral 1), along with Hyderabad delivery mark on the reverse.

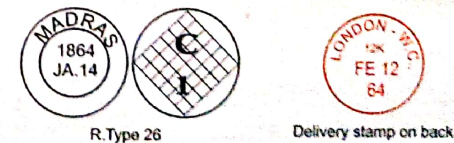
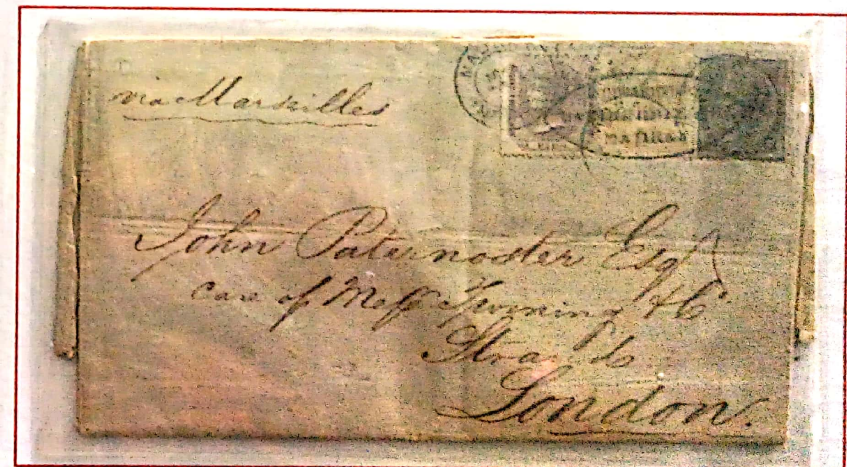


Cover, E.I. 1/2 anna stamp, cancelled with scarce Bombay city local cancellation type R.21 (Rajgore) (four ellipses are within the other) and bearing the rare "MISSENT TO INDORE" in a serpentine form, and other Sorting marks.

## Type 26.

Madras city Cancellation.

R.Type 26 is a Madras City local cancellation. It is a square divided into further small squares with a capital letter "C" over figure 1. The whole enclosed in a circle. It was in use between the years 1864-65



The folded letter below from MADRAS to LONDON via Marseilles also shows the postal rate of six annas and eight pies. The cancellation in duplex appears mostly on foreign mails. The cover dated January 14, 1864 is one of the earliest bearing the cancellation

# Early Indian Postal cancellations

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## 9.0. Railway Cancellations.

### 9.1. Travelling post offices.

#### Types (Jal Cooper)

##### Type 20.

The first Quasi General Types of 1870

As the different postal circles were using differing cancellations for the traveling post offices, an attempt was made to bring some sort of uniformity in the types of N.W. Provinces, Bengal, Central provinces and the Punjab Circles. The Madras and Bombay circles stood out of this scheme.

First to be introduced in this new attempt at uniformity was the small oval cancellation, divided in to four horizontal compartments. It was introduced in 1870. Because of its small size, the impressions were smudgy.



J. Cooper type 20  
Small oval type



R. type. 9 "183" INDORE CITY - Duplex  
P.O. At the foot of left duplex.

Cover from Indore City dt 1 Mar

It was therefore superseded by a slightly larger oval cancellation, which gave impressions more legible.

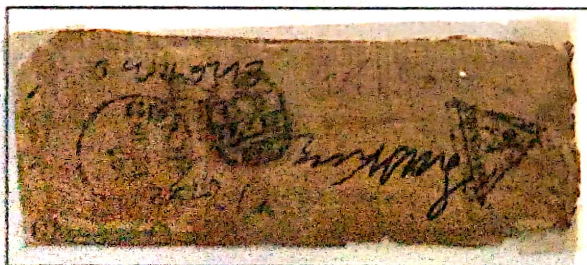


J. Cooper type 20a  
variety.

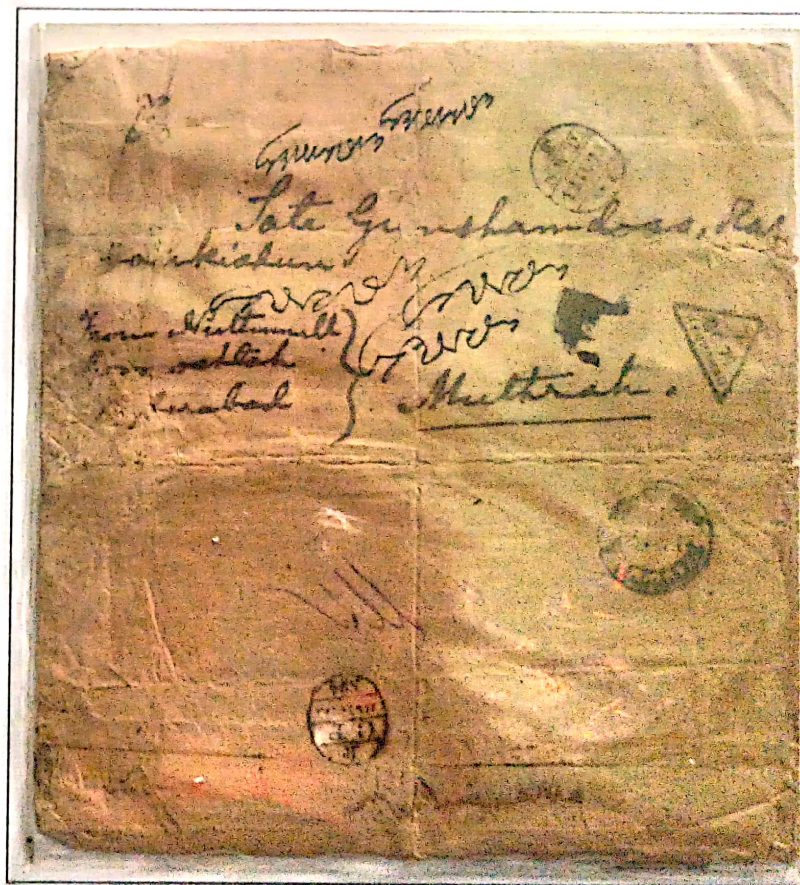


Triangular dispatch  
mark - Hyderabad

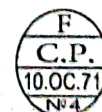
The mark for Central provinces is  
rather a rectangle with rounded  
corners.



There are two interesting cancellations on this cover one is a Traveling Post Office mark of North West Provinces Circle; and the other of the Central provinces circle. The later mark has now assumed the standard oval shape instead of C.P.'s usual Rectangle with rounded corners. The dispatch stamp of Hyderabad is an added interest.



J. Cooper type 20a - 20x16mm  
N.W. Province TPO



C. Province TPO



Triangular dispatch  
mark - Hyderabad

Folded letter from Hyderabad to Multra.

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## 9.0. Railway Cancellations.

### 9.1. Travelling post offices.

Types (Jal Cooper)

Type 20.- 20a - 20c - 20i



J.Cooper type 20i

TOO LATE

Travelling post office stamp along with Triangular dispatch stamp and Rectangular Too Late stamp

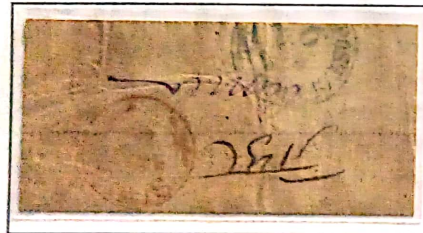


J.Cooper type 20i



Delivery Mark of Simla

Travelling post office mark on Cover to Simla dated Aug. 10 1869.



J.Cooper type 20i



Dispatch Mark Umrtsur.

Traveling Post office Mark (N.W.Provinces )Cover from Umrtsur dt 29/03/1871 to Jeypore.

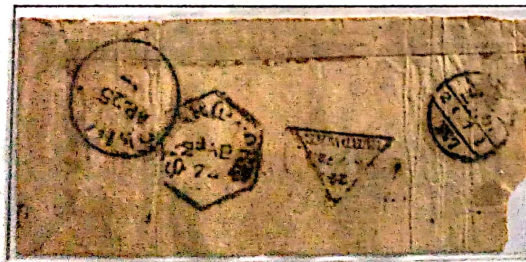


J.Cooper type 20c  
Round cancellation  
The letters T.P.O. Are  
arranged P.T.O.

This cancellation is circular.

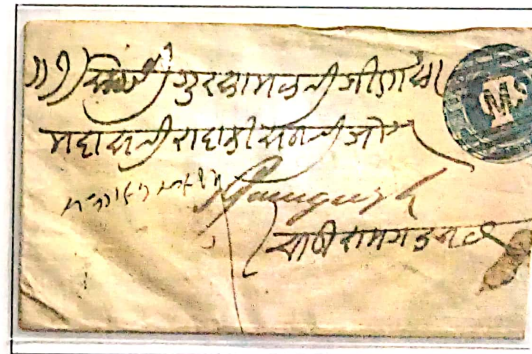


Triangular dispatch  
mark - HURDWAR

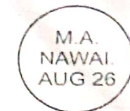


## 9.2. Railway Mail Service (R.M.S.).

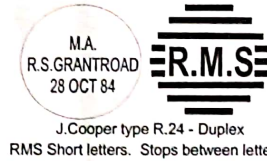
This cancellation was used by "Railway Mail Service" for its general use. It shows Capital letters 'RMS' in three different sizes in a circular barred figure. The traveling post office became the "Railway Mail Service" in 1878-79



J.Cooper type R.24 - Single  
RMS Short letters. No stops between letters.



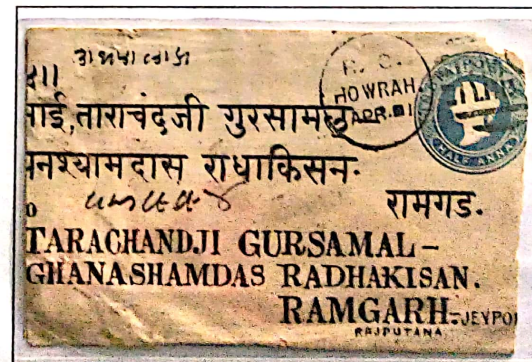
Cover from RAMGARH to NAWAI



J.Cooper type R.24 - Duplex  
RMS Short letters. Stops between letters.



Cover from R,S,GRANTROAD TO WADHWAN.



J.Cooper type R.24 - Duplex  
RMS in Tall Letters. Stops between letters.



Cover from HOWRAH to RAMGARH.

# Early Indian Postal cancellations Victorian Era

## 9.0. Railway Cancellations. 9.1. Travelling post offices.

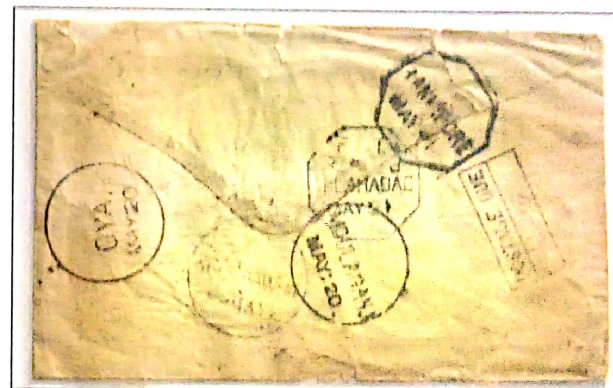
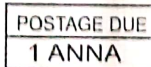
### Types (Jal Cooper) Type 22

The All India system of Cancellations. In 1873, in an attempt to attain uniformity in the matter of Railway stamps, a new type in duplex was commenced. The left duplex was circular while the right was a modified version of the barred square.

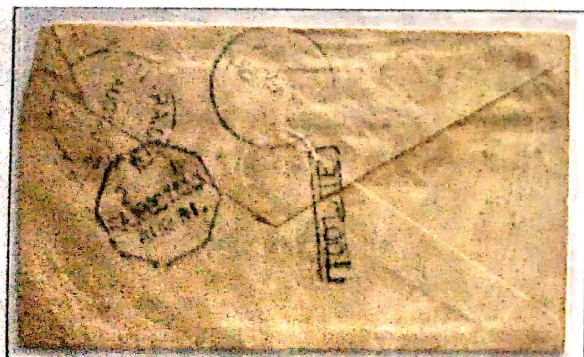
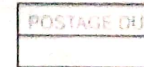
The next type was an octogan with the sides measuring 8 to 9 mm. The inscription is arranged in four lines. The first is "T" for TPO, the next shows two numerals, the first for the set and the second for the section. The third line shows the office name and the fourth, the date and month. This type has been seen from Bombay, Punjab, N.W.P. and Madras Circles.



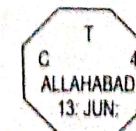
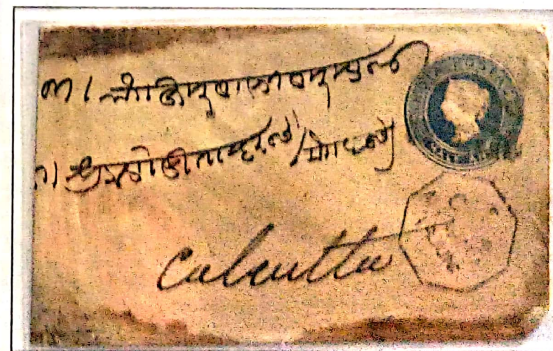
J. Cooper type 22



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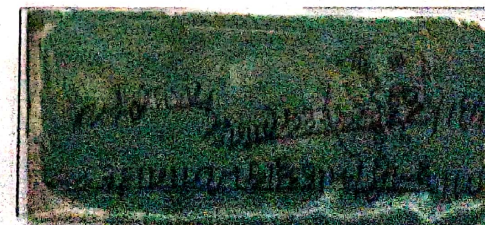
J. Cooper type 22



J. Cooper type 22



J. Cooper type 22



# Early Indian Postal cancellations Victorian Era

## 9.0. Railway Cancellations. 9.1. Travelling post offices.

### Types (Jal Cooper)

#### Type 20.- 20a

These three cancellations of the Frontier North Western provinces Railway show the three consecutive sections 1, 2, and 3 in the lower segment of the cancellation. And N.W.P. 2/Section 4.



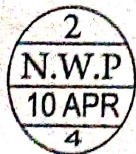
J.Cooper type 20a section1



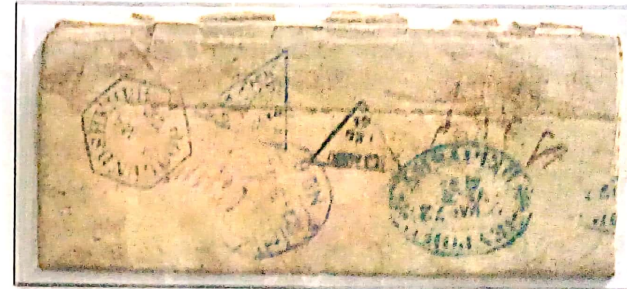
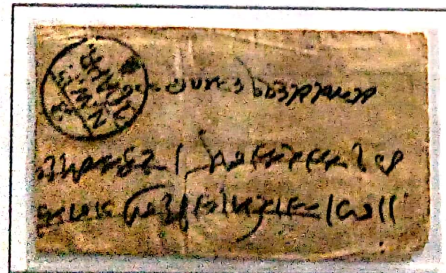
J. Cooper type 20a . Section 2.



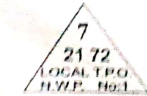
J.Cooper type 20a -Section 3



J.Cooper type 20a. Section 4



Scarce TPO cancellation Oval (big size)  
Local TPO- 7/21.3.72/NO.6



Scarce Triangular TPO railway cancellation of N.W.P.

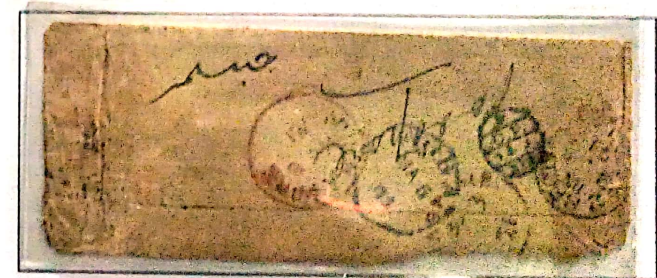
Cover from BOOLUND SHEHUR to JEYPORE dt 20 Mar 1872 bears Scarce Railway markings of N.W.P 1. Local/TPO/21.3.72/NO.6 (big oval) 2. Triangular Local TPO marking of N.W.P. 7/21-72/Local P.O. N.W.P. No. 1(in Blue). Along with Dispatch cancellation of Boolund Shehur, Triangular cancellation J.cooper type 29c of Jeypore and Oval Delivery mark of Jaypore in Blue.



J.Cooper type 20a scarce Small Oval of Central province



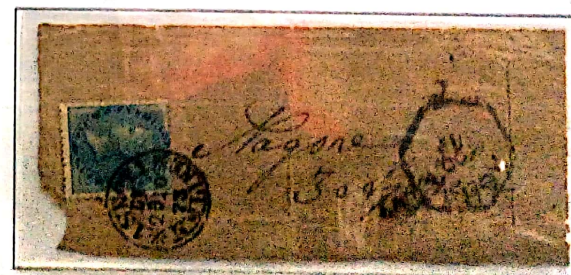
J.Cooper Type 20 TPO marking of N.W. Line Sect.1 dt 03 05 71



J.Cooper type 20 TPO marking of N.W. Line Sect.1 dt 23 10 73



J.Cooper type 20a TPO marking of Central province



# Early Indian Postal cancellations Victorian Era

9.0. Railway Cancellations.  
9.3. Receiving House.

Types (Jal Cooper)  
Type 24f.

"PESHAWUR CITY RECEIVING HOUSE"

The cancellation is a large 29mm circle showing along the circumference the name of the Post office and date in two lines at the centre. It has been seen for AURANGABAD also but in double circle.



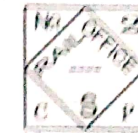
J Cooper type 24f  
Cover from Peshawar dt. Apr 9 1867 to UMRITSUR bears scarce "PESHAWUR CITY REG HOUSE" Cancellation



Delivery Mark  
Umritsur

9.4. Scarce Railway markings.

J.Cooper Type . 21a, 20i, 20f, 22b, 20d, & 20g



J Cooper type 21a  
Scarce Railway Cancellation  
Office marking

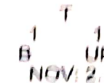


J Cooper type 20i

Entire, E.I. 1/4 ANNA STAMP CANCELLED R. Type 9, Hyderabad dt 8th Jan 1868 with Scarce Railway markings  
J.Cooper type 21a (Square within a Square) of Central Province Circle and Travelling postoffice marking  
J.Cooper type 20i of N.W.P. in green. And other markings



J Cooper type 20f  
Scarce Travelling  
post office cancellation



J Cooper type 22a  
Railway post office  
marking



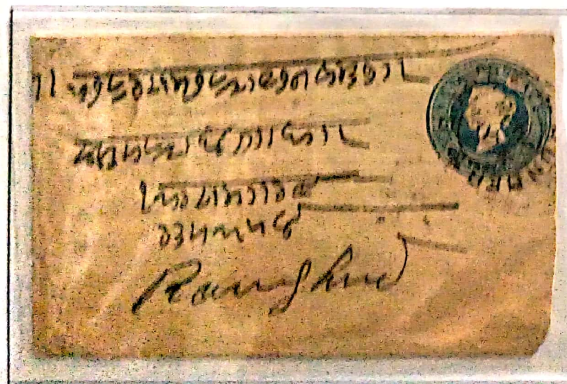
Entire, E.I. 1/4 Anna, cancelled with Scarce railway handstamp T/1 1/B (Circle of Bars) J.Cooper type 20f and dispatch mark T/1-1 in railway J.Cooper type 22a cover dated Nov 2 1876



J.Cooper type 24f

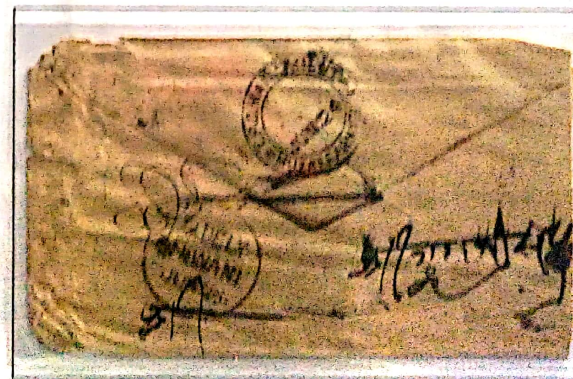


Delivery mark



Cover from BORE BUNDER R.H. To RAMGARH bears J.Cooper type 24f and other markings

J.Cooper type 24f IS A "Receiving House" cancellation used at a railway station and it contains name of a place between two circle and letters 'R.H.' (Reo "eiving House) in the center over a date. Sometimes the words "Receiving Office" are used instead of Receiving House"



J.Cooper type 20d  
T.P.O. Mail Agent /Muzzafarnagar



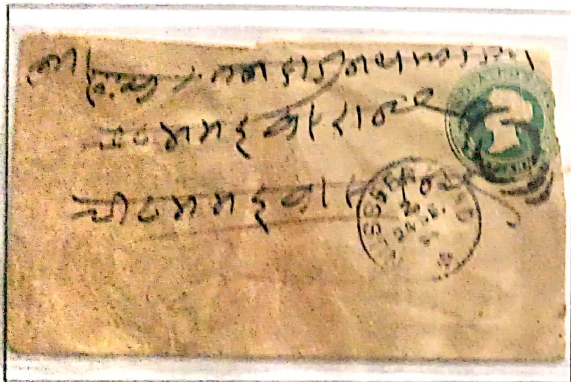
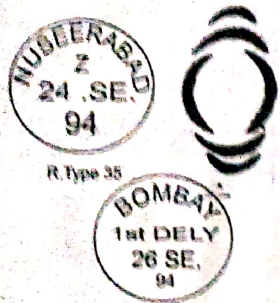
J.Cooper type 20g T stands for "Travelling"

Cover from Muzzafarnagar to Bhwani. Dt. 24 Jun 18 - bears J Cooper type 20g "T" Circular. And also scarce TPO mail agent

# Early Indian Postal cancellations Victorian Era

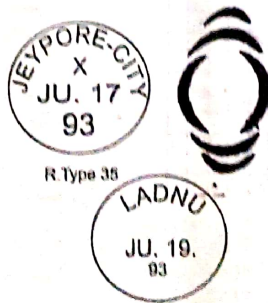
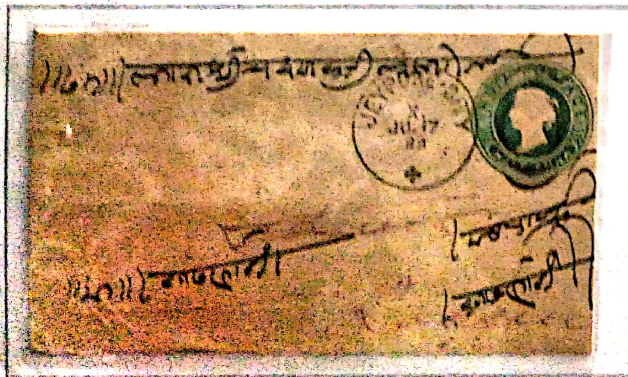
## 10.0. Experimental P.O. Cancellations Type . 35.

As the postal services in India increased in volume, new post offices and sub post offices were regularly opened wherever an increased volume of postal business created this necessity. For these newly created post offices special "Experimental" cancellations were provided and they are described in R.Typea 25-27,



Cover 1/4 anna green posted from Nusserebad to Bombay cancelled with R.Type 35 cancellation. Back side bears delivery cancellations of Bombay.

The left duplex shows the office name and date. The letters X,Y and Z often occur above the date. It has been seen from offices in different circles. It has been suggested that this is an "experimental post office cancellation.



Cover 1/4 anna green posted from JEYPORE-CITY to LADNU cancelled with R.Type 35 cancellation. Back side bears delivery cancellations of LADNU

The left duplex shows the office name and date. The letters X,Y and Z often occur above the date. It has been seen from offices in different circles. It has been suggested that this is an "experimental post office cancellation.

## 11.0. District Post Marks.

The District posts were primarily organised for the purpose of carrying official mail. But were also allowed to carry private letters which were fully "Prepaid". They were under no circumstances permitted to carry "Unpaid" or "Bearing" letters. General rules relating to the receipt, dispatch and delivery of letters by District posts were approved by the Governor General of India in council on 12th August 1854.

The cover below, from RAHATGARH south west of SAUGOR in Central Provinces to Pallee in Rajasthan is the second office to be identified. The only office identified was No.50, CHINDWARA. RAHATGARH's Office number is 88. The Transit and sorting marks arranged and illustrated chronologically below show the route taken by the cover. Obviously, Rathangarh was a new office - the dispatch mark is applied in Manuscript



R.type 31  
"88" Office Number  
of RAHATGARH

The distance between Rahatgarh and Pali ( via Sagor, Goonah, Kota, Bhilwara ) is much shorter than the distance actually travelled by this cover ( Via Sagor, Damah, Katri, Allahabad, Agra, Jaipur) but the railways were carrying mails and thus cut down the time.



District post examples on stamp



R. type 31  
on Stamp.



R.type 29a



R.type 29a