

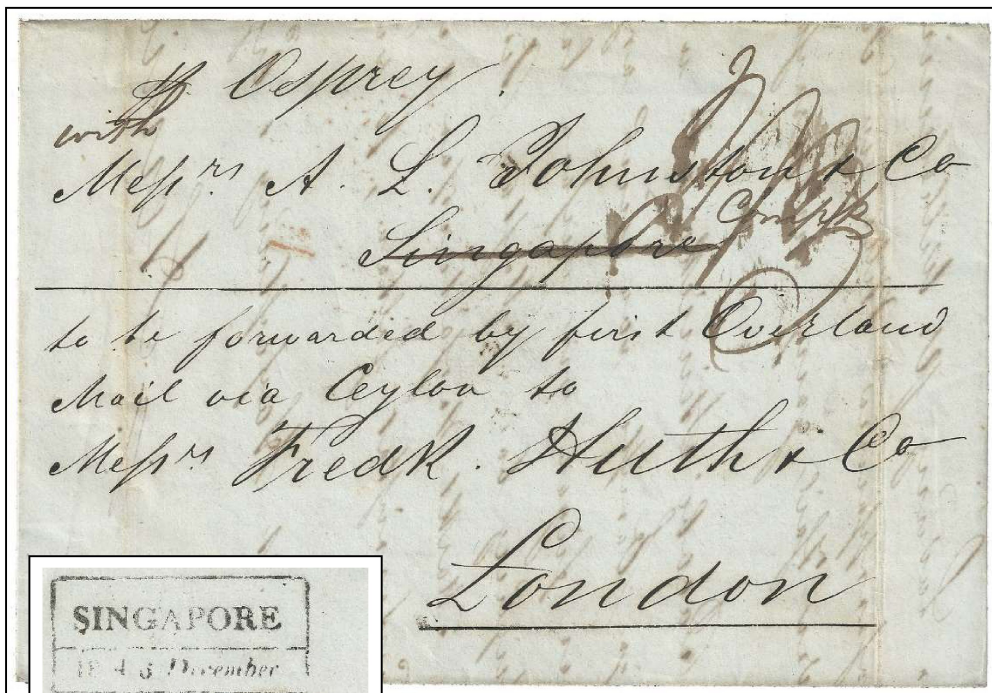
Stampless mail to United Kingdom, 1840s

1842, Manila to London, United Kingdom
1846, Manila to London, United Kingdom



Dated Manila February 5, 1842 to London. Carried by the privately-owned British Frigate *Garland Grove* on the route via the Cape of Good Hope around Africa. Received in Kingsbridge on July 27, 1842. Beside a red arrival date stamp a "KINGSBRIDGE / SHIP LETTER" mark was applied on the back, to distinguish its overseas origin.

The uniform ship letter rate of 8 Pence per half an Ounce was established December 5, 1839, as sea postage on all ship letters via private vessels, for the post of origin to the United Kingdom. This rate was continued until 1857. From January 10, 1840, this rate also included the inland rate. On the front the postage payable for a cover up to half an Ounce was noted.



Letter dated Manila October 23, 1846 to London. Carried by British privately-owned ship *Osprey* to Singapore.

Afterwards the cover was forwarded by the Agent Johnston & Co.

The letter was sent by P&O steamer via Ceylon to Suez where it was carried overland to Alexandria.

Based on the rate marking 2 Shilling 3 Pence it can be assumed that this cover, up to half an Ounce, was carried by a French ship to Marseilles and via France to London.

Very few covers known without directional inscription regarding the Mediterranean route taxed with the relatively higher postage under Anglo-French postal convention of 1843.

In Singapore it was marked as unpaid "SINGAPORE / 1846 December / Bearing" on the back.

Received in London on January 23, 1847.

