

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE ROUTE

PRE-PHILATELIC PERIOD MAIL



1840 DECEMBER 15: MANILA to PHILADELPHIA

Via MACAO - HONG KONG - GALLE - CALCUTTA - CAPE OF GOOD HOPE - LONDON - LIVERPOOL - SOUTHAMPTON - NEW YORK

By private ship "Great Western" from Hong Kong to London, received as "PAID SHIP LETTER / 8 JY 1841". Sent by mistake to Liverpool. Re-directed to Southampton for Trans-Atlantic crossing to New York, arriving July 19. Forwarding Agent: RUSSELL & STURGIS, MANILA

Charged 2/8d per 1/4 oz., British Packet Rate from India effective October 1, 1839, with 1/ as pre-paid Trans-Atlantic Rate.



1842 MARCH 10: MANILA to NANCY, FRANCE

Via SINGAPORE - CAPE OF GOOD HOPE - LONDON - NETHERLANDS - BELGIUM

Per contents carried by the English barque "Belhaven". Endorsed to the "Eduard" for the Netherlands with "ZEEBRIEF * ZIERIKZFE / 19 / 9" red oval strike. Received Nancy, September 23. Forwarding Agent: RUSSELL & STURGIS, MANILA

Charged 6/, Bearing Rate from Singapore and 1/ for Netherlands Post.