

OVERLAND GIBRALTAR ROUTE

PRE-PHILATELIC PERIOD MAIL



1843 MARCH 31: MANILA to CADIZ

Via BOMBAY - SUEZ - ALEXANDRIA - MALTA - GIBRALTAR

From Matia & Co., by private ship to Bombay and British Packet to Malta, arriving October 23, then to Cadiz via Gibraltar, arriving November 8.

Forwarding Agent
JOSE M. MONTERO & CO., GIBRALTAR

Rated 5/ per 1 1/2 oz., India Rate of May 27, 1840 and 1/4d at Port of Gibraltar per Spanish Endorsement.

**EARLIEST KNOWN WITH GIBRALTAR
FORWARDING AGENT POSTAGE PAID MANUSCRIPT**



1844 MARCH 16: MANILA to CADIZ

Via MACAO - HONG KONG - CALCUTTA - SUEZ - ALEXANDRIA - GIBRALTAR

Carried privately to Macao, then to Hong Kong on April 11.

Forwarding Agent: PEDRO DE LAS HERAS, MACAO

Rated 2/4d per 1/2 oz., 1844 Hong Kong Bearing Rate and 1/5d at Port of Gibraltar for delivery to Cadiz.

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OF HONG KONG CROWN POSTMARK**