

OVERLAND MARSELLES ROUTE

PRE-PHILATELIC PERIOD MAIL



1838 OCTOBER 26: MANILA to MADRID

Via SINGAPORE - BOMBAY - MOCHA - SUEZ -
ALEXANDRIA - MARSEILLES - BARCELONA

Carried privately to Marseilles, the above route
detailed in letter contents.

Received Barcelona with maritime "DE FRANCA" entry.
Rated 5R (Reales) per 1 1/4 oz.,
1838 India Bearing Rate.



1837 OCTOBER 8: MANILA to LONDON

Via CANTON - BOMBAY - SUEZ - ALEXANDRIA -
MARSEILLES - HAMBURG

Endorsed "PAQUEBOTS / INDIA / DE LA MEDITERRANEE"
to Bombay, where received with black oval "INDIA".

Boxed-in "BRITISH FOREIGN" marking applied in Hamburg.
Received London, March 2, 1838.

Rated 3/8d per 1/2 oz., Packet Rate from India and 1/10d each
for French and German Posts.

Forwarding Agent: RUSSELL & STURGIS, CANTON



1852 JULY 9: MANILA to SALEM

Via HONG KONG - GALLE - SUEZ - ALEXANDRIA -
MARSEILLES - LONDON - LIVERPOOL - BOSTON

From George Abott, via P&O Line to Marseilles.
Cunard ship the "Niagra" to Boston,
with "BR. PACKET / BOSTON"
October 29 receiving postmark.

Rated 65c: 34c British Mail; 10c French Transit;
16c Trans-Atlantic Rate and 5c for U.S. Inland Delivery.