

THE POSTAL HISTORY OF MACAO 1796 TO 1900

The earliest letters originating in Macao were carried by private vessels and do not bear postal markings of origin. Regular Portuguese packet service operated between Macao and Portugal between 1825 and 1837 and these letters bear Portuguese postal markings. Postal markings began to be applied at Macao circa 1830 for letters carried on these packets.

During the period between 1837 and 1846 a variety of poorly understood mail services were in operation for mail originating at Macao. These include private boats operating on the river between Canton, Hong Kong and Macao as well as the British Agency and private mail forwarders operating to assure mail connections.

Between 1846 and 1884 Macao the bulk of the mails were handled through the British Post Office in Hong Kong. The office at Macao can be properly classified as a Hong Kong dependent office during this period. The postal markings are largely of British design and usage of the British mail service prevailed.

The first official Portuguese post office was not established in Macao until 1884, at which time Macao issued its first postage stamps. Although a member of the Universal Postal Union, postal rates varied by method of transmission as well as destination.

This exhibit will show the various markings and usages associated with mails from Macao between 1796 and 1900. Also included are a few items that show typical inbound, or transit usages. The pre-adhesive portion is organized roughly in chronological order by the type of mails service that handled the letter. The balance of the exhibit is dedicated to the usage of Macao adhesive stamps on cover, organized by date.

I. Pre-Adhesive Period (frames 1 to 4)

Private Ship Mail

Portuguese Mail Service

Private Mail Service

British Mail Service

Hong Kong Adhesive Period

Inbound Mails

II. Macao Adhesive Period (frames 4 to 8)

1884 To 1890 Usages

1891 To 1900 Usages

Virtually all pre 1900 postal material from Macao is rare and even the most common markings of the pre-adhesive period are known in less than thirty or forty examples. This exhibit contains several usages that are the only reported examples, such as the "Postboat" handstamp, as well as the earliest reported letter from Macao bearing a postmark. Other important usages include fourteen copies of Hong Kong 96c used from Macao, and the only reported example of the "Macao A" postmark.

The Macao adhesive period material shown includes almost a quarter of the known covers. Non philatelic covers prior to 1900 from Macao exist from only a handful of correspondences.

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail



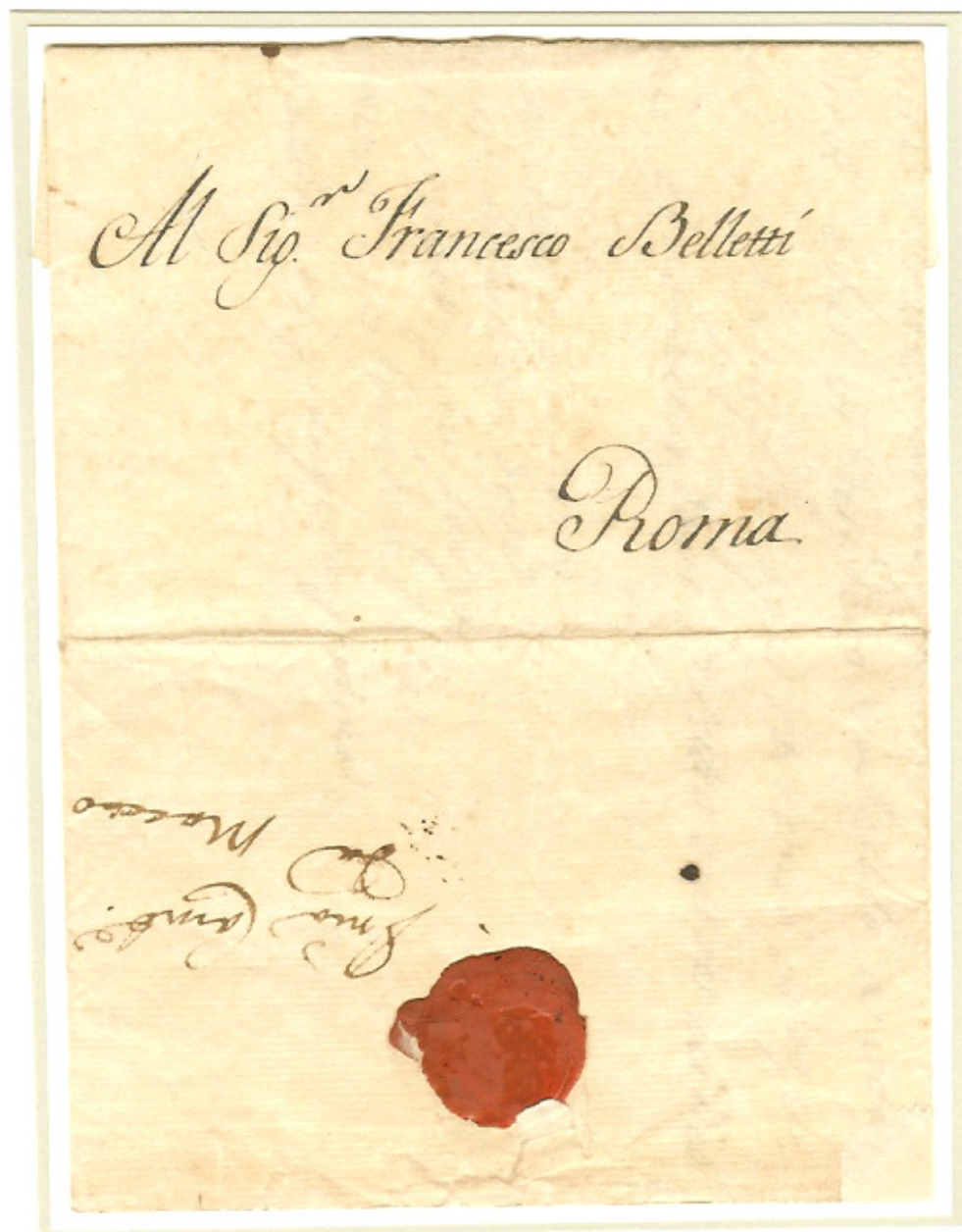
1 July 1796 Macao to Oban, Great Britain

4 December 1797 London postmark and **London Ship Letter** handstamp
manuscript 1/2 rate

The Earliest Reported Usage From Macao Bearing A Postal Marking

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail



15 November 1796 Macao out of the mails to Rome
endorsed "Donia Camb. da Macao" on reverse

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail

Macao February 26th 1840

My dear Father

My dear Father
I have written home by the Thomas
and carried which I hope will be received
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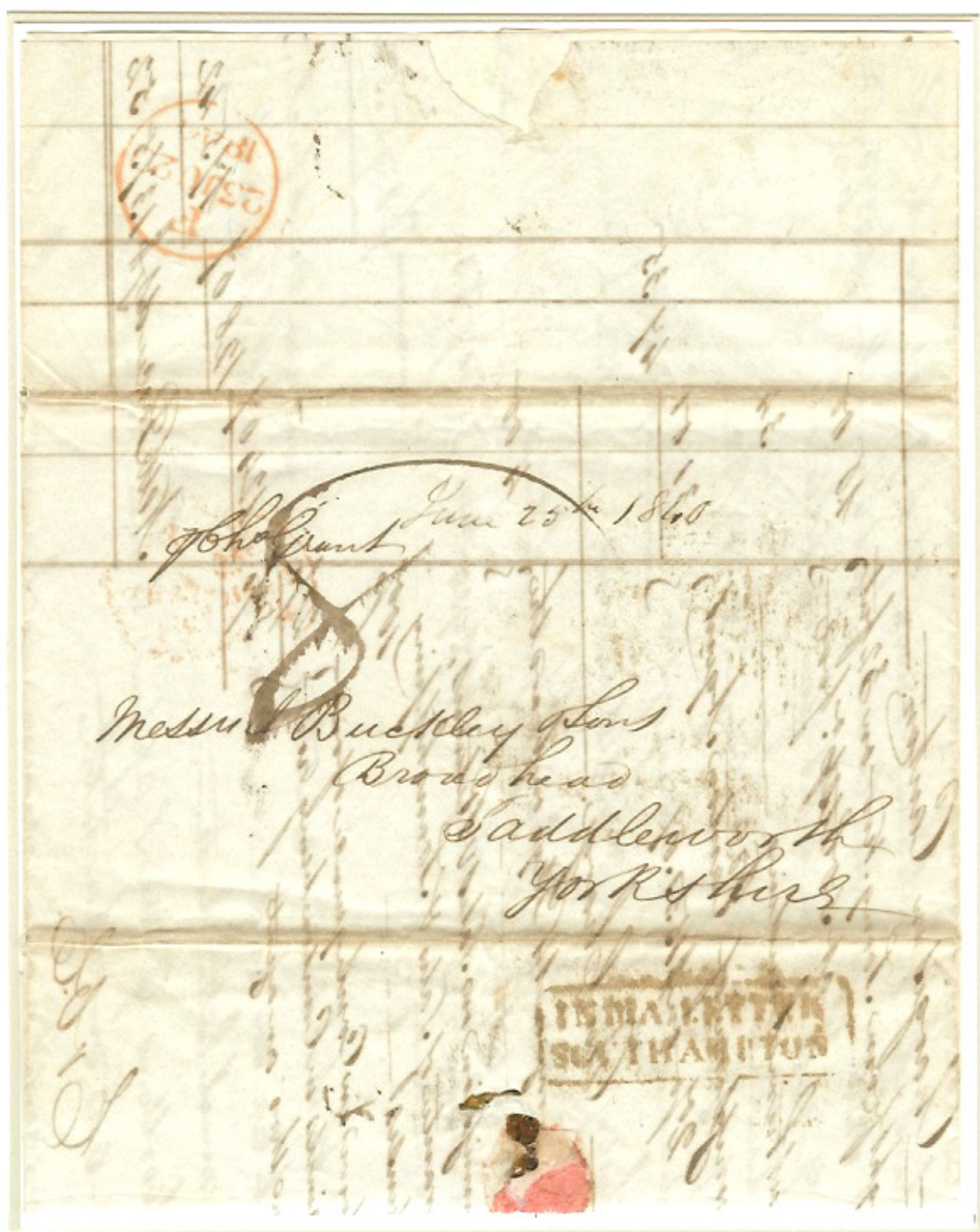
G.B.

26 February 1840 Macao to Chichester, England
out of the mails, per *Queen Mab* to London

10 June 1840 entered the mails at London with newly issued 1d black paying postage to Chichester

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail



29 February 1840 Macao, via India, to Yorkshire, England
per *Mor* from Macao to Bombay, boxed **India Letter Southampton**
23 June 1840 London transit and 8(d) due

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail



14 February 1837 Macao to London
15 July 1837 postmark, Liverpool Ship Letter and 1/7 rate



1 February 1845 Macao to London
18 July 1845 Liverpool Ship Letter date stamp and 8(d) rate

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail



25 February 1840 Macao to London
per *Carnatic*

9 July 1840 **Greenock Ship Letter** date stamp and 1/4 rate

Pre-Adhesive Period

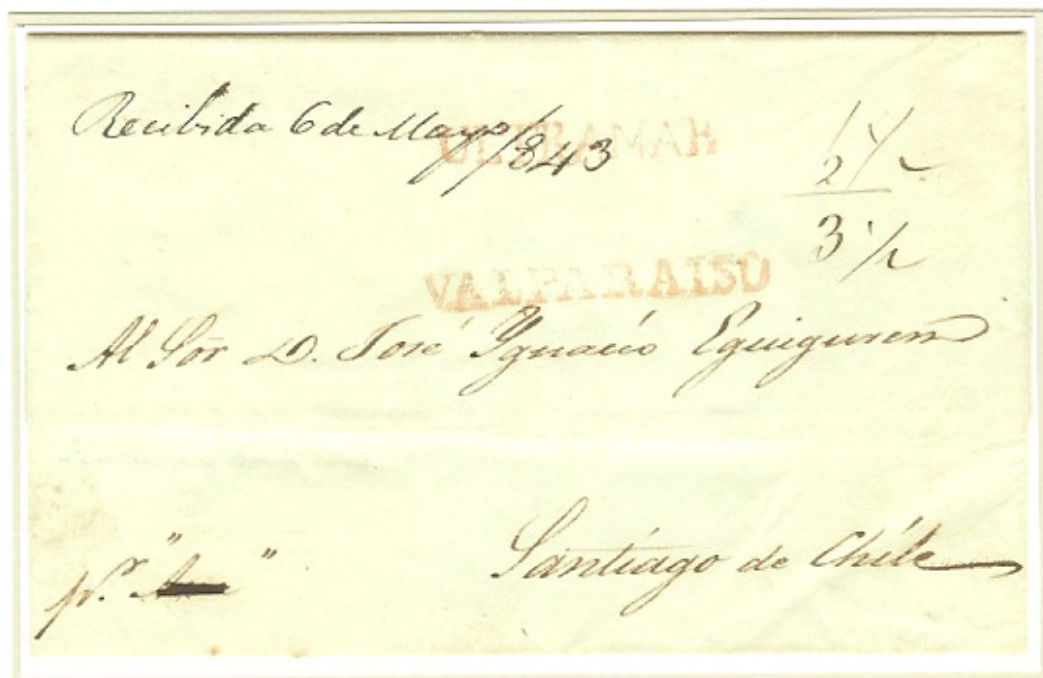
Private Ship Mail



22 January 1841 Macao, via India, to Wellington, England
per *Enterprize* from Maco to Calcutta
boxed **India Letter Liverpool** and 8(d) due

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail



8 April 1842 Macao to Santiago, Chile

Ultramar and **Valparaiso** handstamps, 3 1/2(r) due rate

6 May 1843 receiving docket

Pre-Adhesive Period
Private Ship Mail



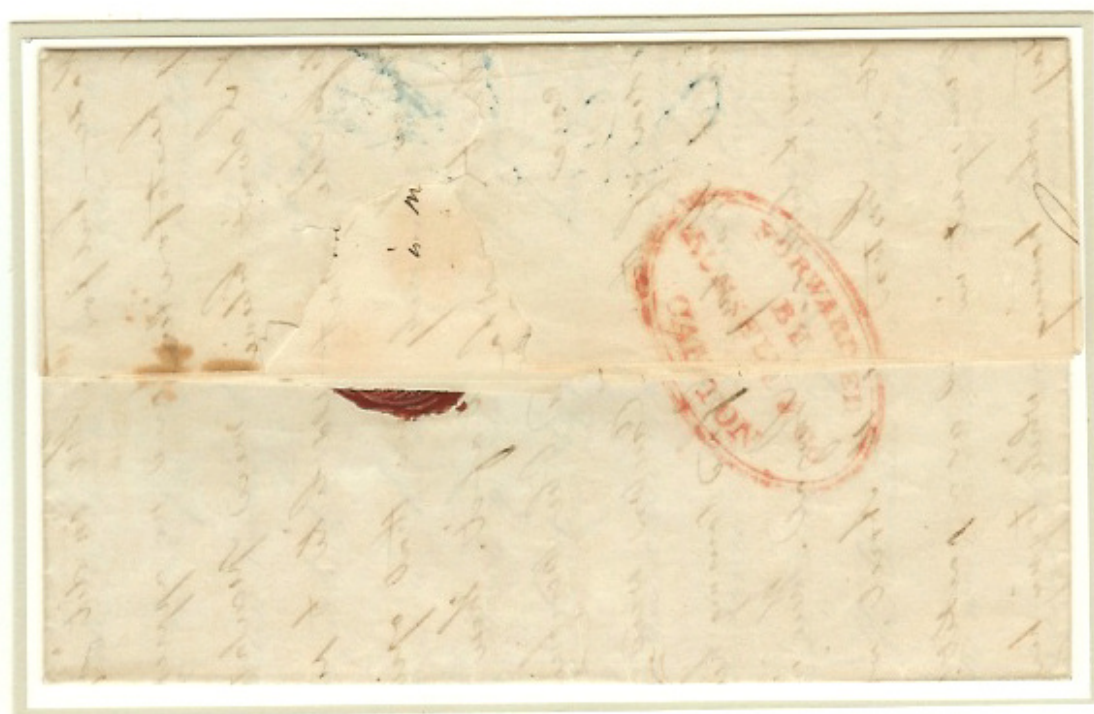
4 March 1845 Macao, via India, to Lyon, France
per *Anonyma* from Macao to Bombay, red oval **India** handstamp
1 June 1845 French entry
3 June 1845 arrival postmark and 16(d) due

Pre-Adhesive Period
Private Ship Mail
Forwarding Handstamps



4 June 1836 Macao, via Canton, to Philadelphia
Forwarded By Wetmore & Co. Canton oval backstamp
15 December New York postmark and Ship handstamp with 12 1/2(c) due

Pre-Adhesive Period
Private Ship Mail
Forwarding Handstamps



24 June 1842 Macao, via Canton, to Cincinnati, Ohio
Forwarded By Russell & Co. Canton red double oval backstamp
per *Huntress* direct to New York, 9 December New York Ship postmark and 27(c) due

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail

Forwarding Handstamps



10 July 1843 Macao, via Bombay, to Chichester, England
per *Emma* to Bombay, red India oval handstamp

Ritchie Stuart & Co., Bombay Received and Forwarded double oval backstamp

7 November 1843 arrival backstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period
Private Ship Mail
Forwarding Handstamps



20 August 1840 Macao, via Calcutta, to Liverpool
per *Cruiser* to Calcutta, red boxed India handstamp and Calcutta Steam Letter handstamp
Forwarded By Boyd & Co. Calcutta backstamp, per *Cleopatra* to Egypt and *Acheron* to England
8 January 1841 London arrival backstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail

Forwarded Mail



1 November 1830 Macao, via London, to Lisbon

22 March 1831 manuscript **Forwarded by Rickard Mackintosh & Co, London**
manuscript 2/6 rate

2 April arrival postmark and 280(r) due handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Ship Mail

Forwarded Mail



30 June 1846 Macao, via St. Helena, to London
manuscript **Forwarded from St. Helena by S. Solomon**
Portsmouth Ship Letter stepped handstamp, 8(d) rate
24 November 1840 arrival backstamp

Opium War printed circular announcing blockade of the River and Port of Canton

Pre-Adhesive Period
Portuguese Mail Service



11 October 1816 Macao to Lisbon by Portuguese packet
entered the mails at Lisbon with **Cor^o Maritimo** black straight line handstamp and 80(r) due handstamp

A Very Early Usage Of Handstamp On Mail From Macao



29 January 1836 Macao to Lisbon by Portuguese packet *Eugenia*
entered the mails at Lisbon with **Cor^o Maritimo** black straight line handstamp and 80(r) due handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period
Portuguese Mail Service



1 December 1825 Macao to Lisbon by Portuguese packet *Trocador*
entered the mails at Lisbon with **Cor^o Maritimo** black straight line handstamp and 80(r) due handstamp
G.M. (Guardo Mor.) backstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period
Portuguese Mail Service



23 January 1837 Macao to Lisbon by Portuguese packet
entered the mails at Lisbon with **Cor^o Maritimo** blue straight line handstamp and 80(r) due handstamp



19 February 1845 Macao to Lisbon by Portuguese packet *Adamactor*
entered the mails at Lisbon with **Cor^o Maritimo** blue straight line handstamp and 80(r) due handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period
Portuguese Mail Service

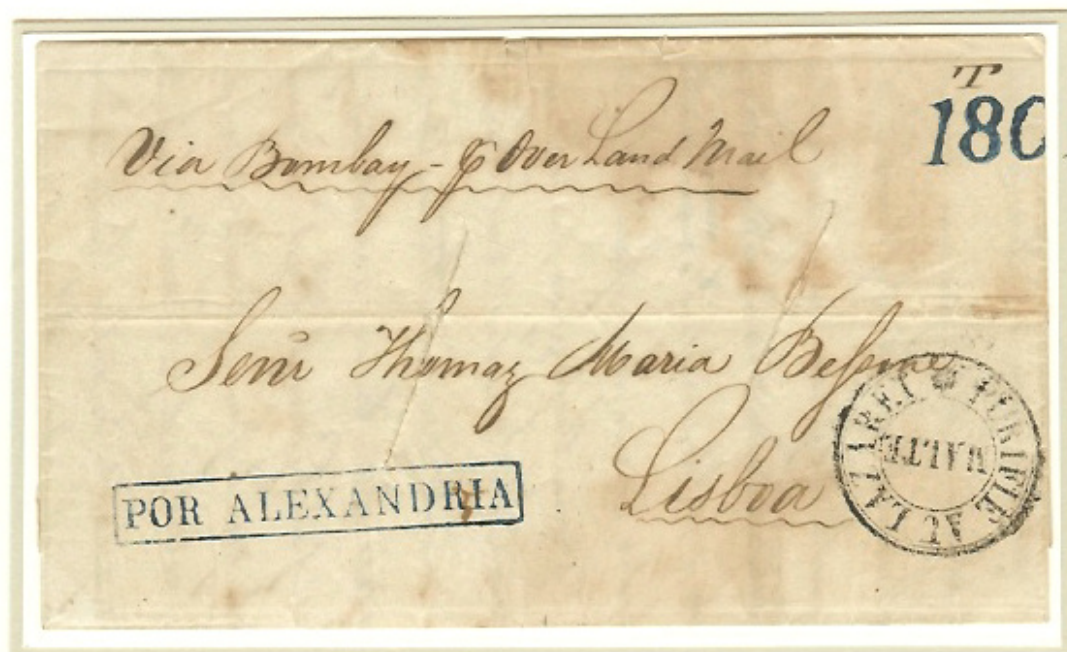


29 January 1830 Macao to Lisbon by Portuguese packet
Macao Cor^o Mariti^{mo} oval handstamp applied at Macao and 160(r) due handstamp



19 April 1837 Macao to Lisbon by Portuguese packet *Resolucao*
Macao Cor^o Mariti^{mo} oval handstamp applied at Macao and 80(r) due handstamp
8 December Lisbon boxed backstamp arrival

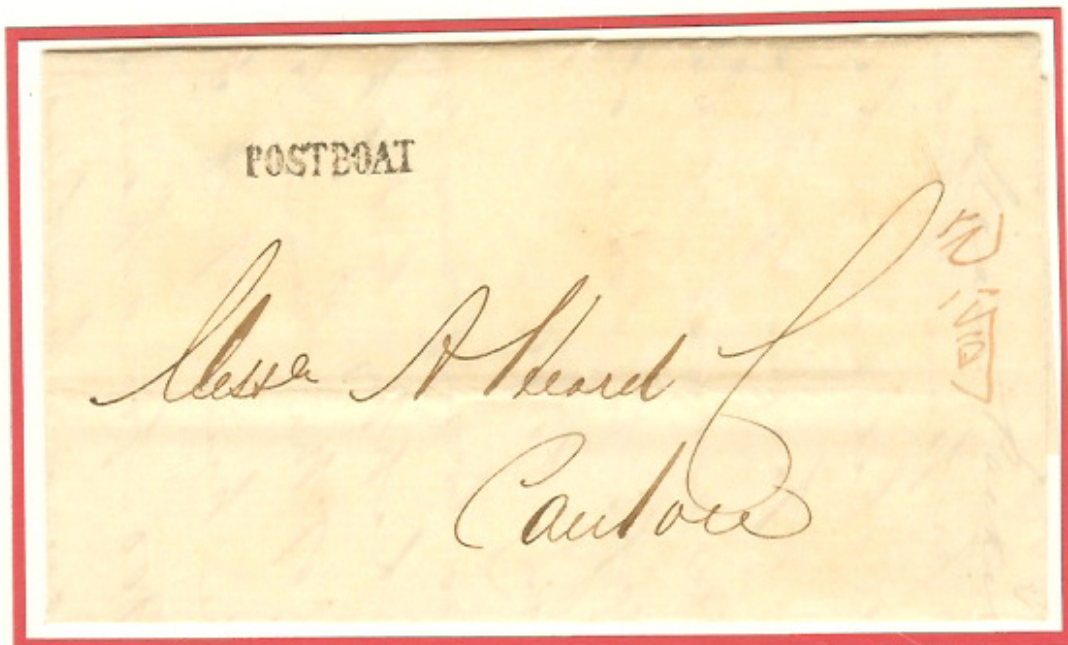
Pre-Adhesive Period
Portuguese Mail Service



16 April 1842 Macao, **Por Alexandria**, to Lisbon
Purifie Au Lazaret Malte disinfection handstamp and slits
6 August arrival backstamp and 180(r) due handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Mail Service



7 July 1854 Hong Kong, via Macao, to Canton

Postboat handstamp

The Only Reported Examples Of This Handstamp

This handstamp was applied on mail carried by Hong Kong and Canton Steamboat Company.

Pre-Adhesive Period
Private Mail Service



1 February 1845 Hong Kong, via Macao, to Canton
Per Yoreshun Boat backstamp

Four Reported Examples Of This Handstamp

This handstamp was applied to mail carried by an unknown carrier between Hong Kong, Macao and Canton.

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Mail Service



7 January 1846 Hong Kong, via Macao, to Canton
Western Line Boat backstamp and Chinese delivery handstamp



12 September 1845 Hong Kong, via Macao, to Canton
Western Line Boat backstamp

This handstamp was applied to mail carried between Hong Kong, Macao and Canton by the Western Line.

Pre-Adhesive Period

Private Mail Service



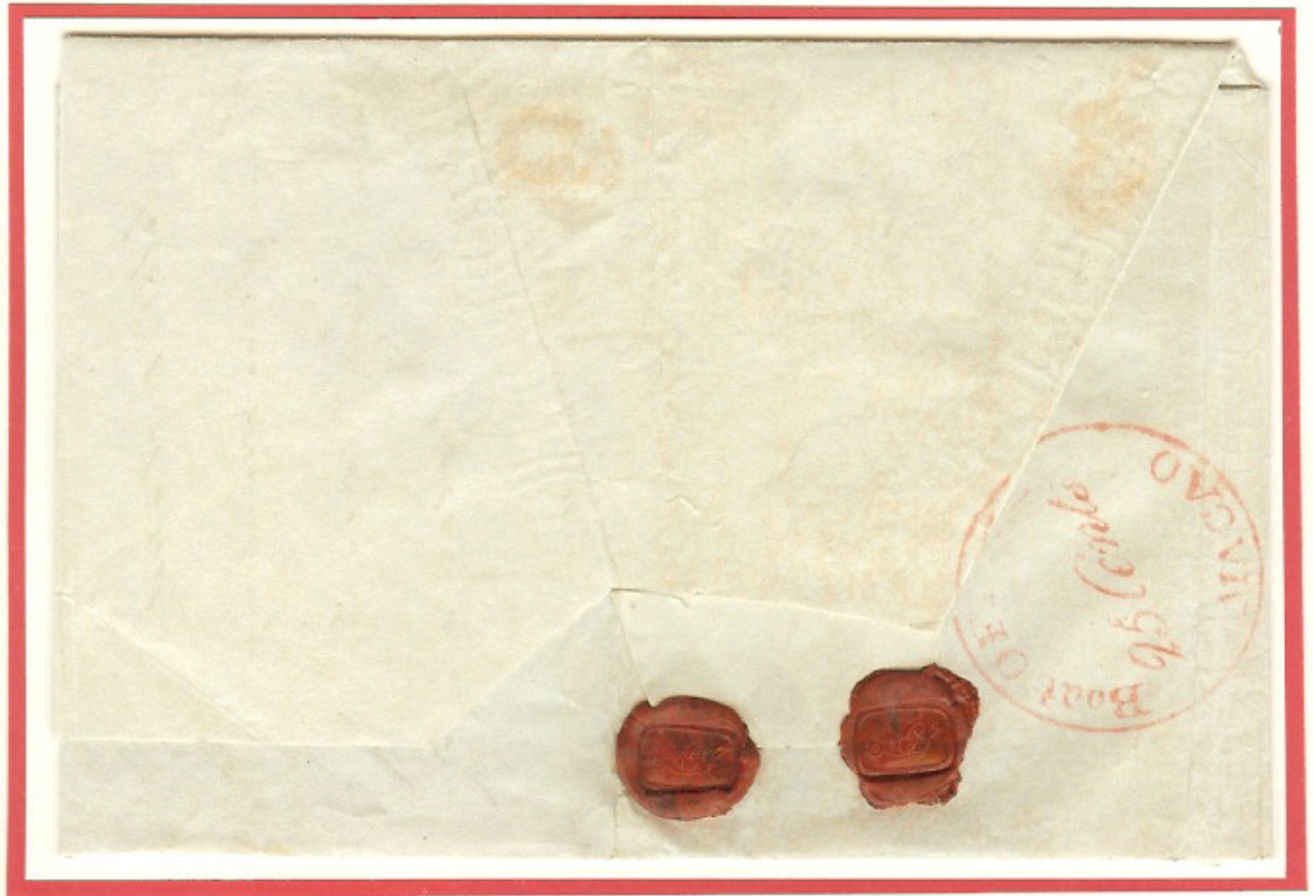
8 July 1835 Canton to Macao
Macao Boat Office 10 Cents backstamp



11 January 1836 Canton to Macao
Macao Boat Office 10 Cents backstamp

*This handstamp was applied to river mail carried between Macao and Canton.
It is associated with boats owned by Marwick and Smith.*

Pre-Adhesive Period
Private Mail Service



8 July 1836 Macao to Canton, letter mentions enclosures
Macao Boat Office 25 Cents backstamp

Two Reported Examples Of This Handstamp

*This handstamp was applied to river mail carried between Macao and Canton.
It is associated with boats owned by Marwick and Smith.*

Pre-Adhesive Period
British Mail Service



13 November 1843 Macao, via Hong Kong and Bombay, to London
Hong Kong Post Office royal arms handstamp and 1/10 rate, per H.M.S. *Spiteful* to Bombay
oval **India** handstamp and Bombay **Inward/Outward** accounting backstamp
8 February London arrival

From April, 1843 it was required that the Indian postage be prepaid at Hong Kong. The arms handstamp indicated that those fees were paid.

Pre-Adhesive Period
British Government Agency

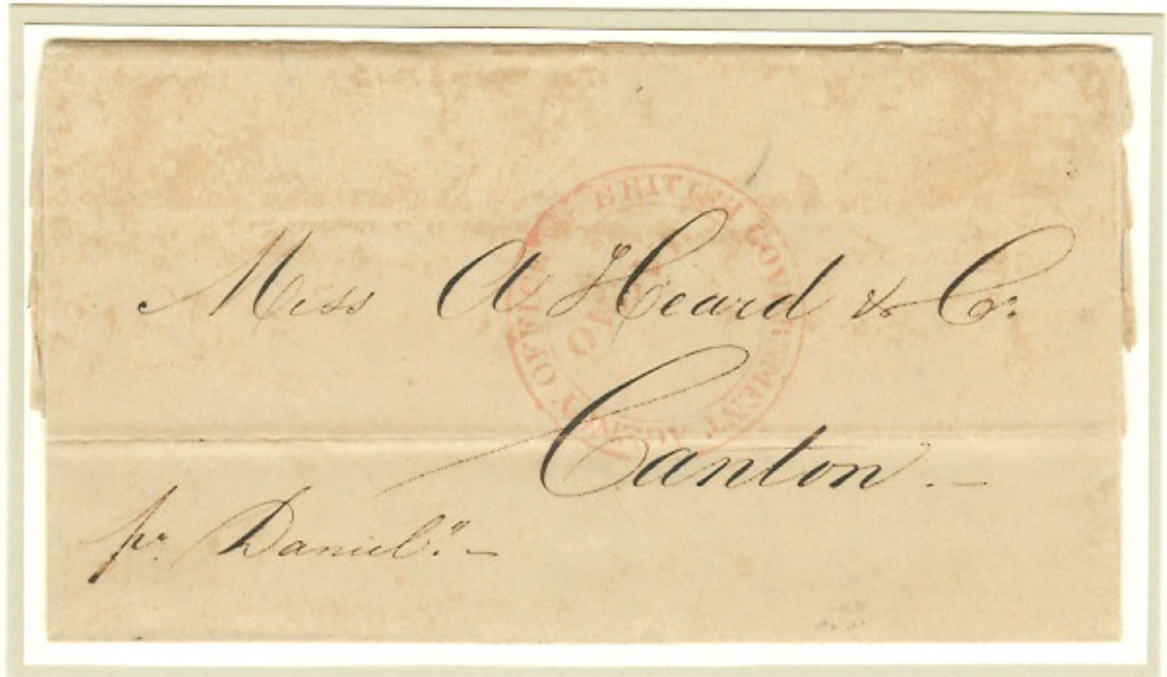


28 April 1844 Hong Kong, via Macao, and Singapore to Bangkok
British Government Agency Macao handstamp

Three Reported Examples On Front Of Letter

This handstamp was applied by the British Agency at a time prior to the dependency of Macao on the Hong Kong post office.

Pre-Adhesive Period
British Government Agency



20 May 1844 Batavia, via Macao, to Canton
per *Daniel* from Batavia to Macao
British Government Agency Office Macao handstamp

Three Reported Examples On Front Of Letter

This handstamp was applied by the British Agency at a time prior to the dependency of Macao on the Hong Kong post office.

Pre-Adhesive Period
British Mail Service
Macao Forwarding Handstamps



3 May 1844 Manila, via Macao and Hong Kong, to Cadiz
15 May 1844 **Pedro de las Hemos Macao** double oval forwarding backstamp
Hong Kong transit backstamp, crowned **Paid At Hong Kong** and 3/2 rate
carried per *Audax* from Hong Kong to Calcutta

The First Of Two Reported Examples

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service

Macao Forwarding Handstamps



1844 Manila, via Macao and Hong Kong, to Gibraltar

7 June 1844 **Pedro de las Hemos Macao** double oval forwarding backstamp

10 June 1844 Hong Kong transit backstamp, crowned **Paid At Hong Kong** and 4/- rate
carried per H.M.S. *Driver* from Hong Kong to Bombay

The Second Of Two Reported Examples

Pre-Adhesive Period
British Mail Service
Macao Forwarding Handstamps



8 January 1847 Manila, via Macao and Hong Kong, to Paris

Manila postmark, Franco and rate

27 January 1847 **Jose Vicente Jose Macao** blue double oval forwarding handstamp

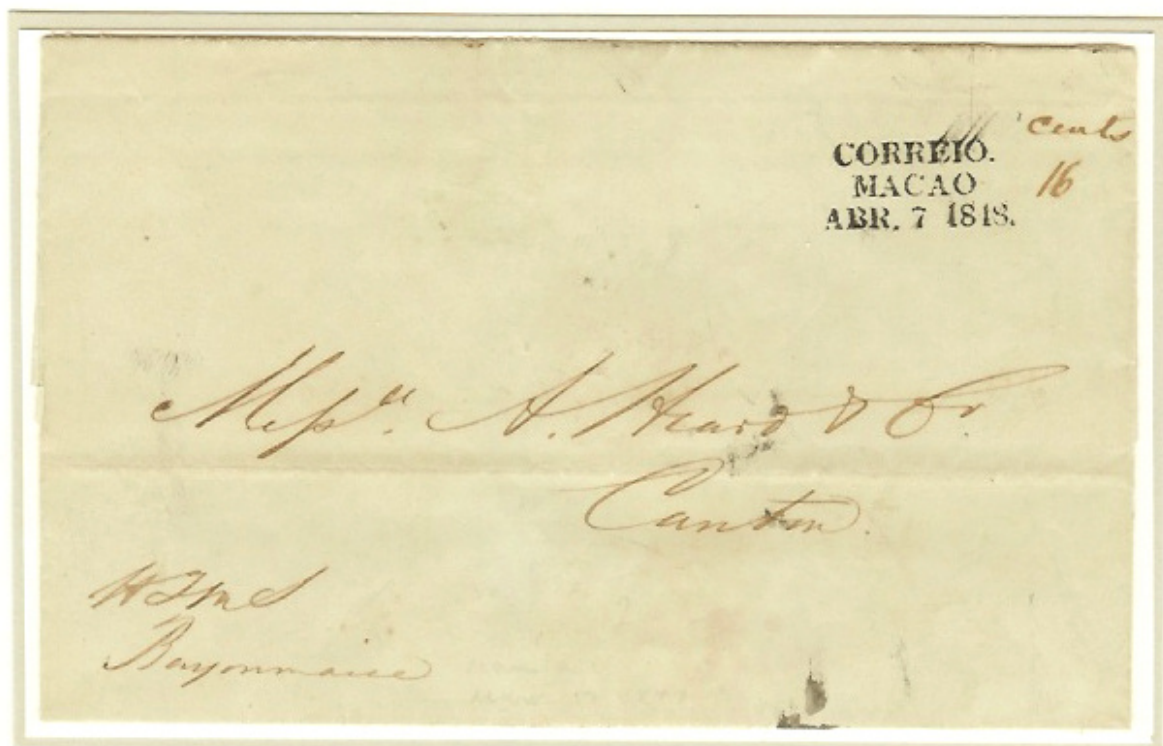
29 January 1847 Hong Kong backstamp and 2/3 rate, per Peninsular & Orient *Braganza*

29 March 1847 London transit backstamp

red boxed **Colonies & Art. 13** handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Postal Agency Markings



7 April 1848 Macao to Canton

Correio Macao large format three line datestamp and 16 cents rate

Fewer Than Seven Reported Examples Of This Handstamp

This handstamp was applied at Macao during the period of dependency on the Hong Kong post office.

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Postal Agency Markings



28 October 1848 Macao to Gibraltar

Correio Macao large format three line datestamp and crayon Pd 4(d) for carriage to Hong Kong
30 October 1848 Hong Kong backstamp, their boxed Paid handstamp and 1/10 rate

Fewer Than Seven Reported Examples Of This Handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Postal Agency Markings



23 May 1849 Macao to Honolulu, Hawaii

Correio Macao large format three line datestamp and manuscript 4(d) rate, 24 May 1849 Hong Kong transit

Ship Letter Victoria Hong Kong for outward letter by P. & O. Packet *Malta*

30 October 18449 Foreign Office backstamp

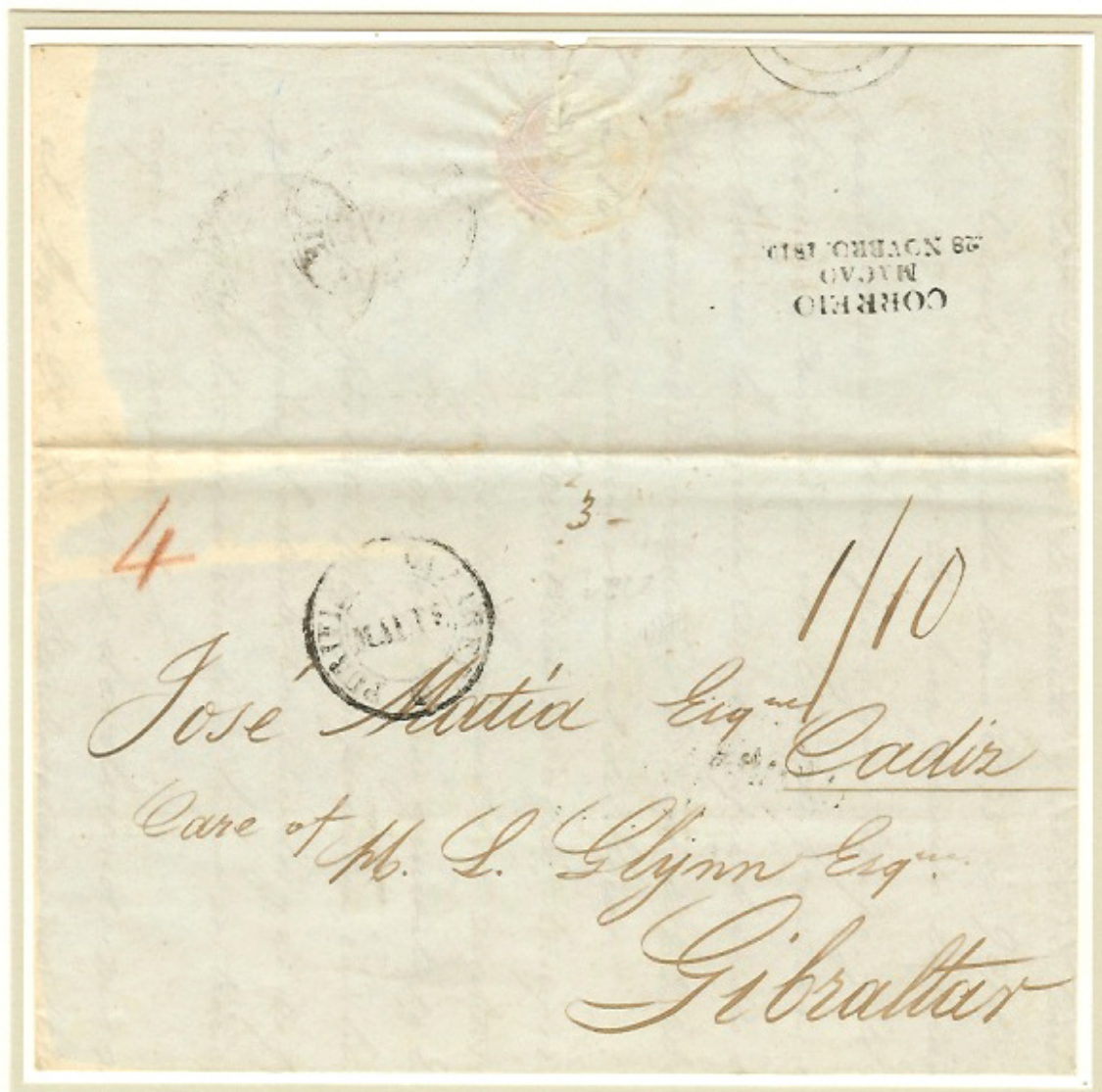
23 August 1850 London Ship Letter, Returned For Postage handstamp with rate addition

28 August 1850 Paid handstamp

4 September 1850 Liverpool Ship Letter transit

**The Latest Reported Usage Of The Large Format Postmark
Fewer Than Seven Reported Examples Of This Handstamp**

Pre-Adhesive Period
British Postal Agency Markings



28 November 1849 Macao to Gibraltar

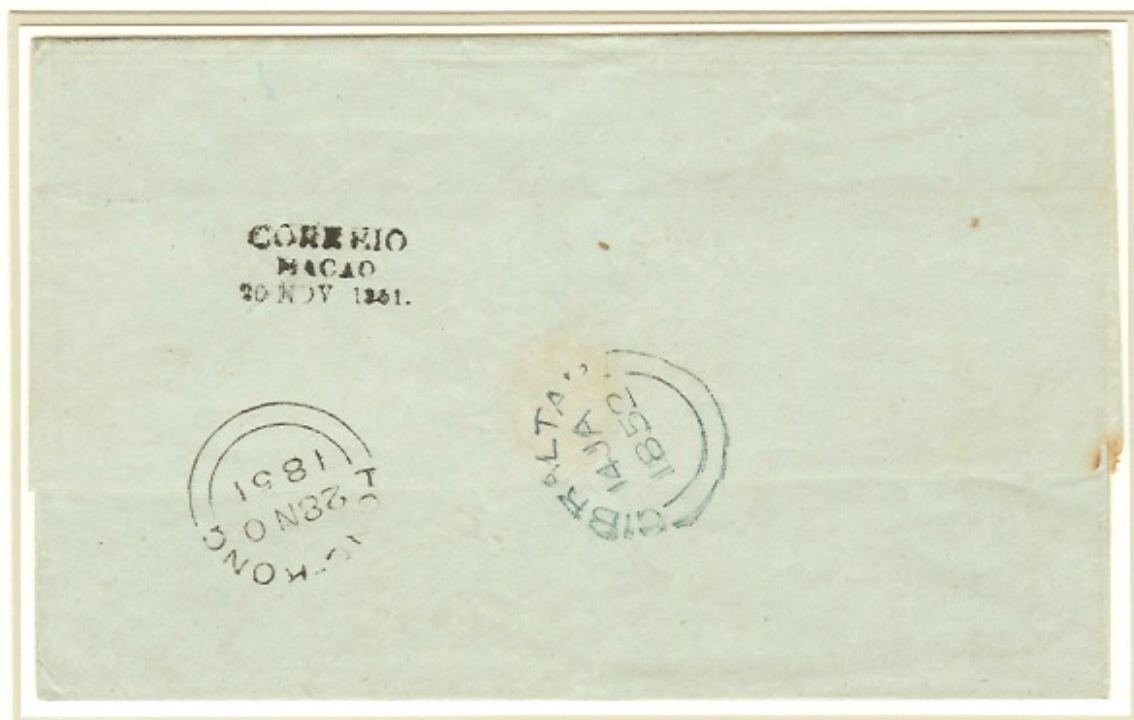
Correio Macao small format three line datestamp and crayon 4(d) for carriage to Hong Kong
29 November 1849 Hong Kong backstamp, manuscript 1/10 rate
Purifie Au Lazaret Malte double circle disinfection handstamp

Fewer Than Ten Reported Examples Of This Handstamp

This handstamp was applied at Macao during the period of dependency on the Hong Kong post office.

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Postal Agency Markings



26 November 1851 Macao to Gibraltar

Correio Macao small format three line datestamp and crayon 4(d) for carriage to Hong Kong
28 November 1851 Hong Kong backstamp and 1/10 rate, per *Malta* of P.& O. line to Ceylon
14 January 1852 arrival backstamp

Fewer Than Ten Reported Examples Of This Handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Postal Agency Markings



11 February 1853 Manila, via Macao, to Canton

22 February 1853 **Correio Macao** small format three line datestamp and 16(c) rate

**The Latest Reported Usage Of The Small Format Postmark
Fewer Than Ten Reported Examples Of This Handstamp**

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



23 April 1846 Macao, via Hong Kong, to Cadiz

24 April 1846 Hong Kong transit, boxed **PAID** handstamp and 3/2 rate

Pre-Adhesive Period
British Mail Service



4 April 1846 Macao, via Hong Kong, to Port-au-Prince, Haiti
23 April 1846 Hong Kong and 25 June 1846 London transit backstamps, 2/3 rate
Colonies & Art 13 red boxed handstamp crossed out as it applied only to letters to France



9 October 1847 Macao to Paris, France
28 November 1846 Hong Kong and 8 January 1847 transit backstamps, 1/10 rate
30 January 1847 French entry, **Colonies & Art 13** red boxed handstamp and 15(d) due

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



(December) 1846 Macao transit to London

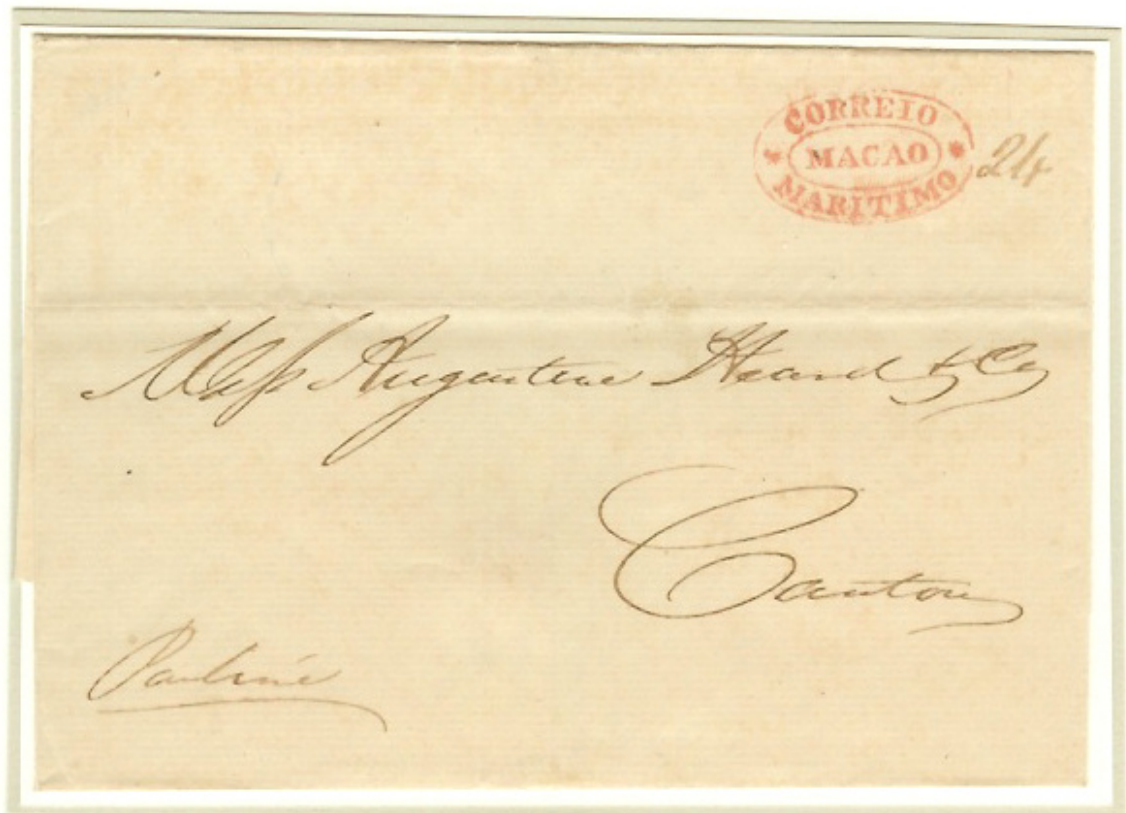
Correio Maritimo Macao greenish blue double oval handstamp
per Peninsular & Orient *Lady M. Wood* from Hong Kong to Ceylon
6 March 1846 arrival backstamp, Ship Letter handstamp and 8(d) due

**The Earliest Reported Example Of Handstamp
Fewer Than Four Reported Examples In This Color**

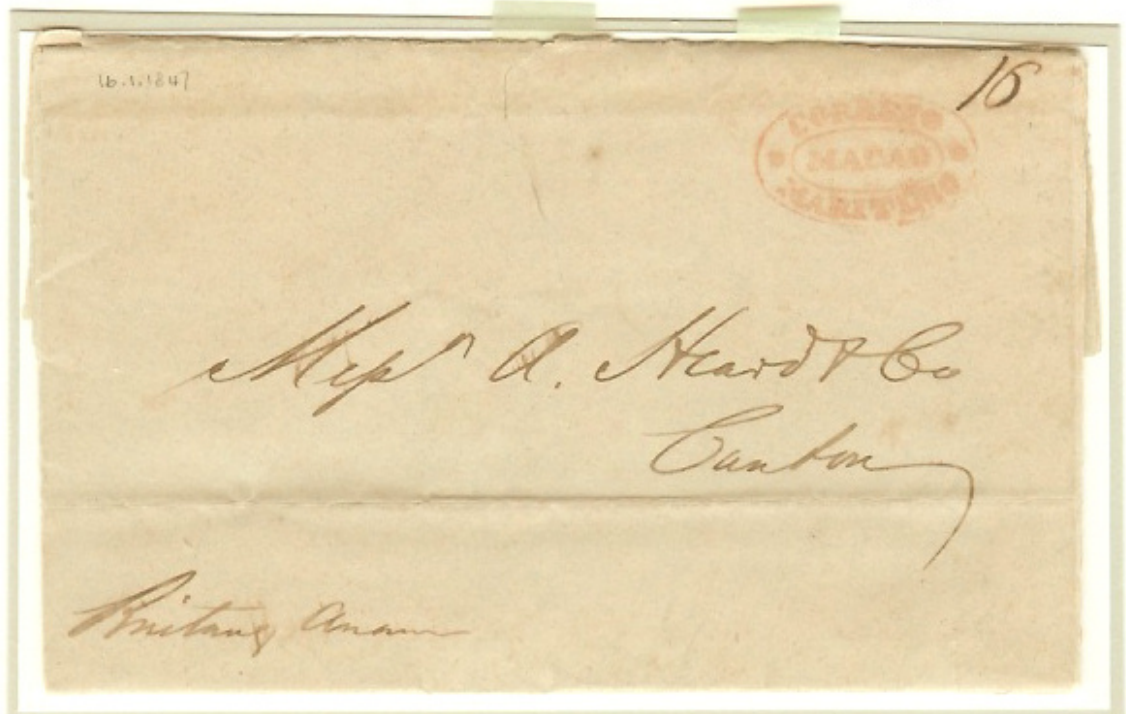
*This handstamp is associated with mail transiting Macao during the
period of dependency on the Hong Kong post office.*

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service

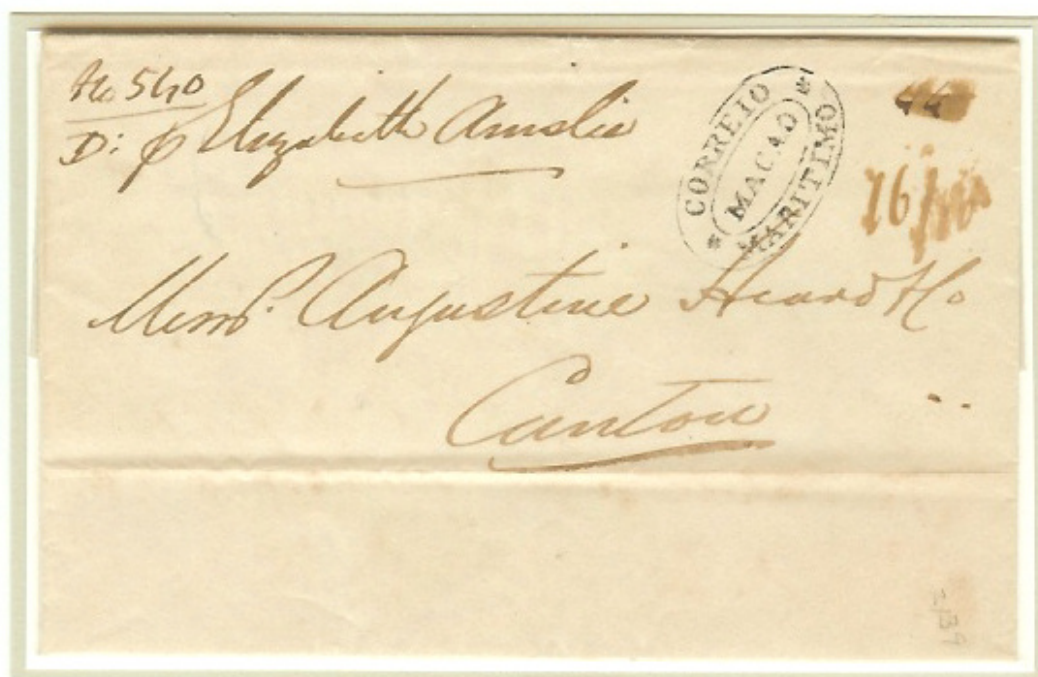


16 January 1847 Manila, via Macao, to Canton
Correio Maritimo Macao red double oval handstamp and 24(c) rate



16 January 1847 Manila, via Macao, to Canton
Correio Maritimo Macao red double oval handstamp and 16(c) rate

Pre-Adhesive Period
British Mail Service



20 April 1850 Calcutta, via Macao, to Canton
Correio Maritimo Macao black double oval handstamp and 16(c) rate



1 June 1853 Manila, via Macao, to Canton
Correio Maritimo Macao black double oval handstamp and 16(c) rate

Pre-Adhesive Period
British Mail Service



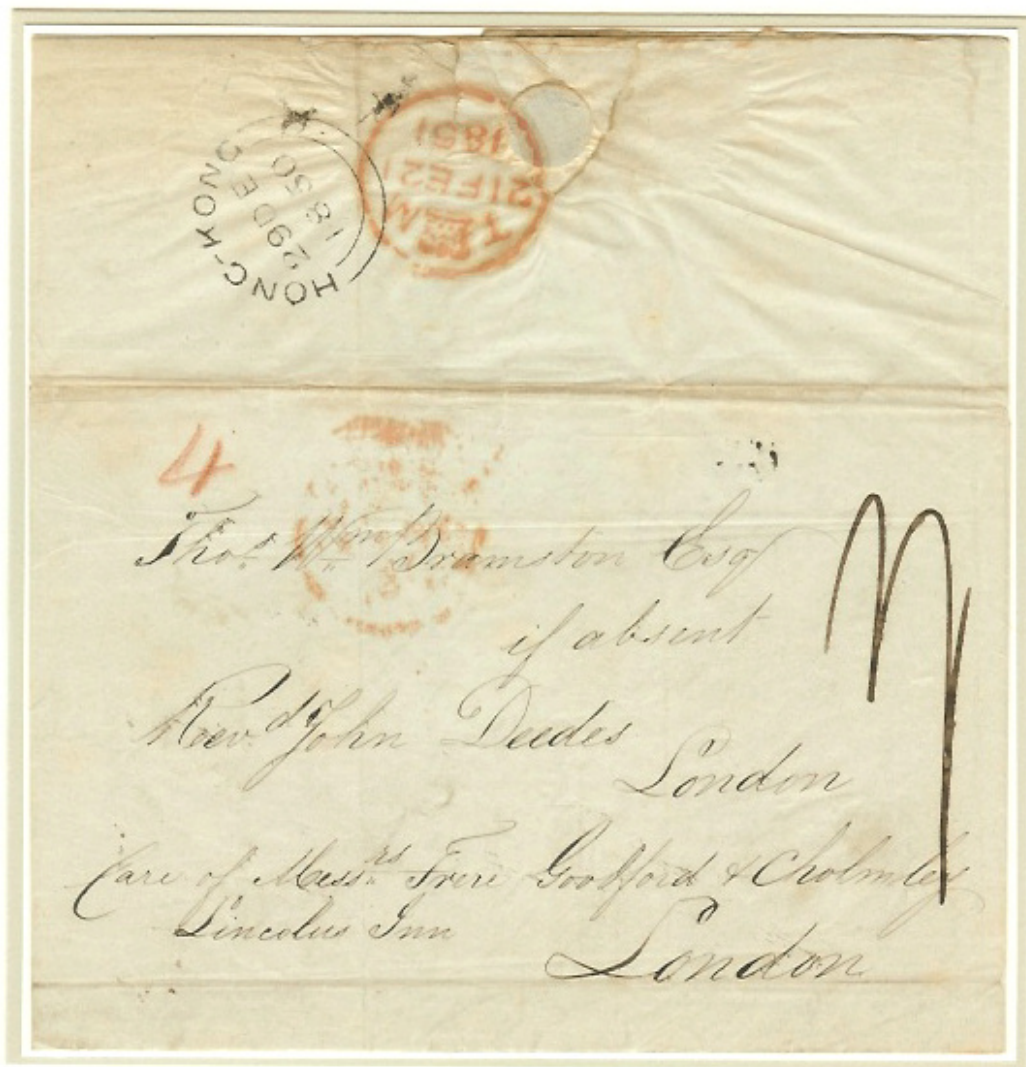
25 December 1848 Macao, via Hong Kong, to Lyon, France
manuscript 10(a) rate for carriage to Hong Kong

29 December 1848 Hong Kong transit backstamp, crowned **Paid At Hong Kong** and 1/- rate
carried per P.&O. packet *Achilles* from Hong Kong to Ceylon

10 February 1848 French entry and 22(d) due

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



23 December 1850 Macao, via Hong Kong, to London

crayon 4(d) rate for carriage to Hong Kong, 29 December 1850 Hong Kong transit backstamp

manuscript 1/- rate, 21 February 1851 arrival backstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



July 1853 Macao, via Hong Kong, to Guernsey
crayon 4(d) rate for carriage to Hong Kong and boxed **Paid** handstamp
23 July 1853 Hong Kong transit backstamp and 1/- rate to Guernsey
25 September 1853 London Paid transit
27 September 1853 arrival backstamp and Postmaster note about "received open"

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



October 1856 Macao, via Hong Kong, to Gibraltar

4(d) **rate handstamp** applied at Macao

14 October 1856 Hong Kong transit backstamp
rate handstamp crossed out and 1/10 manuscript rate
per Peninsular & Orient line *Malta* to Ceylon

The Only Reported Examples Of This Rate Handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



27 December 1856 Macao, via Hong Kong, to London
boxed **P. Paid** applied at Macao and manuscript 4(d) and 6(d) rates
30 December 1856 Hong Kong transit backstamp
19 February 1857 London Paid arrival

Fewer Than Ten Reported Examples Of This Paid Handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



27 February 1861 Macao, **Por Alexandria**, to Lisbon

29 February 1861 Hong Kong transit backstamp

per P. & O. Line *Granada* to Singapore, 12 April 1861 Gibraltar transit

22 April arrival backstamp and 300(r) due handstamp

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



13 October 1861 Macao, **Por Alexandria**, to Lisbon

Macao double circle postmark in red, per P. & O. Line *Columbian* to Ceylon

2 December arrival backstamp and 150(r) due handstamp

Fewer Than Five Reported Examples Of This Macao Postmark

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



20 March 1865 Macao, via Hong Kong, to Amsterdam

31 March 1865 Hong Kong blue transit backstamp

12 May 1865 Poss. Ang. V. Suez A. Marseilles French transit
blue GB 1F 62 4/10c diamond accountancy marking

14 May 1865 Amsterdam arrival backstamp and 110(c) due

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



18 November 1855 Macao, via Hong Kong, to Massachusetts, United States

19 November 1855 Hong Kong transit backstamp

53(c) due rate for mail via Marseilles, 48(c) debit to United States

1 January 1856 London transit and 18 January Boston arrival backstamps



27 June 1863 Macao, via Hong Kong, to Gibraltar

28 June 1863 Hong Kong transit backstamp, per P. & O. Line *China* to Ceylon

29 June 1863 red Hong Kong Paid C postmark and 1/- rate

14 August 1863 Gibraltar arrival

Pre-Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



13 March 1867 Macao to Goa, 8c Hong Kong adhesive
Macao postmark **with letter A at top**
14 March 1867 Hong Kong backstamp, transit backstamps

The Only Reported Example Of This Postmark

Hong Kong Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



30 March 1867 Macao, via Hong Kong, to **Havana, Cuba** 54c in Hong Kong adhesives

30 March 1867 Hong Kong backstamp

13 May 1867 London Paid transit and 2/3 rate

19 June arrival backstamp and NA2 due handstamp

Hong Kong Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



26 December 1870 Macao to Lisbon

crowned **Pago Em Macao** handstamp and letter "B" circular datestamp

fourteen copies 96c Hong Kong adhesive, Hong Kong backstamp and 56/- rate

16 February 1871 Gibraltar transit

The Earliest Reported Of The Few Known Examples Of Crowned Handstamp

Hong Kong Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



3 April 1871 Macao, **Por Alexandria**, to Lisbon
crowned **Pago Em Macao** handstamp and letter "B" circular datestamp
21 May arrival backstamp and 150(r) due handstamp



14 April 1874 Macao, via Hong Kong, to **Melbourne, Australia**, 24c Hong Kong adhesive
Rozario & Co. Hong Kong red double oval **forwarding** backstamp
18 April 1874 Hong Kong backstamp, 5 June arrival backstamp

Hong Kong Adhesive Period

British Mail Service



10 April 1879 Macao **registered** to New York, 20c in Hong Kong adhesives, 8c registry fee
letter "B" circular Macao datestamp, **Registada** handstamp

11 April 1879 Hong Kong transit backstamp, per P. & O. *Thibet* to Ceylon

19 May 1879 London Registered transit

31 May 1879 New York arrival backstamp

The Earliest Reported Example Of Registada Handstamp

The Earliest Reported Example Of Eight Cent Registry Rate

Hong Kong Adhesive Period
British Mail Service



11 June 1882 Macao to Tokyo, 5c Hong Kong adhesive paying U.P.U. rate
crowned Macao double circle datestamp

12 June 1882 Hong Kong transit backstamp

19 June Yokohama transit backstamp

The Only Reported Example Of This Postmark With Hong Kong Adhesives

Inbound Mails

From The United States



16 June 1865 Syracuse, New York to Macao
pair United States 10c 1861 issue, single 30c 1861 issue and 3c 1861 issue
correct payment of 53c rate via Marseilles
New York Paid transit, 26 June 1865 London Paid transit
7 August 1865 Hong Kong transit backstamp



26 June 1865 Albany, New York to Macao
pair United States 10c 1861 issue, single 30c 1861 issue and 3c 1861 issue
correct payment of 53c rate via Marseilles
New York Paid transit, 8 July 1865 London Paid transit
19 August 1865 Hong Kong transit backstamp

Inbound Mails
From The United States



17 November 1864 Milo, Maine to Macao
twenty one copies United States 2c 1861 issue (front and back) and single copy 3c 1861 issue
correct payment of 45c rate via Southampton
Boston Paid transit, 5 December 1864 London Paid transit
14 April 1865 receiving docket

Inbound Mails

From The United States



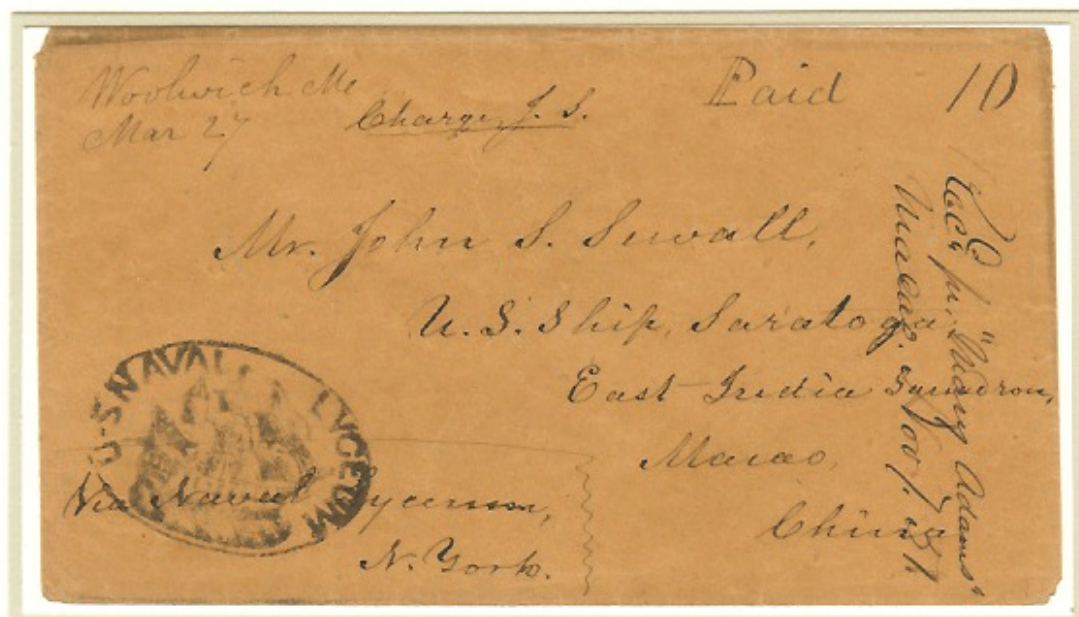
16 May 1865 Syracuse, New York to Macao
pair United States 10c 1861 issue, single 30c 1861 issue and 3c 1861 issue
correct payment of 53c rate via Marseilles
New York Paid transit, 1 June 1865 London Paid transit
2 July 1865 Hong Kong transit backstamp



23 February 1865 Milo, Maine to Macao
fifteen copies United States 3c 1861 issue (five on verso)
correct payment of 45c rate via Southampton
Portland Paid transit, 18 March 1865 London Paid transit
7 May 1865 Hong Kong transit backstamp

Inbound Mails

From The United States



27 March 1851 Woolwich, Maine to a U.S. sailor on U.S.S. *Saratoga* at Macao

Paid 10c for carriage to New York

U.S. Naval Lyceum ship illustrated forwarding handstamp

7 November 1851 receiving docket per *Mary Adams*



13 December 1864 Angels Camp, California to Macao

United States 10c 1861 issue paying private ship rate to Hong Kong

6 March 1865 receiving docket

**Inbound Mails
From Great Britain**



17 March 1845 Aberdeen to Macao
Paid 1/4 rate in effect from December, 1844 to June, 1845
19 March 1845 London Paid transit

Two Reported Examples Of This Rate To Macao

Inbound Mails
From Portugal



30 April 1861 Lisbon to Macao
150(r) oval rate handstamp on reverse



31 August 1861 Lisbon to Macao
300(r) oval rate handstamp on reverse

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 Issue Adhesives With Crown Cancels



Portugese India 10r Error



Apparently a very small number of Portugese India 10r stamps were sold at the Macao post office in July, 1884.
Four Reported Examples

1884 Issue Adhesives, Crown Removed Cancels



The first issue of Macao postage stamps was printed at the mint in Lisbon, Portugal. These stamps were first issued on March 1, 1884 in conjunction with the start of autonomy of the Macao postal service. The crown cancel was used until December, 1884 when it was replaced by the crown removed cancel.

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



23 July 1884 Macao wrapper, **printed matter rate**, to Lisbon, Portugal
crowned Macao double circle datestamp, 10r 1884 issue adhesive
31 August 1884 Correio Lisboa arrival backstamp

The Only Reported Example Of First Issue Adhesive Paying Printed Matter Rate

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



3 November 1885 Macao to San Francisco, United States

Macao double circle postmark, 80r in adhesives of 1884 issue

Hong Kong transit backstamp, 28 November San Francisco Paid All arrival

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



26 November 1885 Macao to San Francisco, United States
company control cachets and Macao double circle postmark, 160r in surcharged adhesives
Hong Kong transit backstamp, 19 December 1885 San Francisco Paid All arrival

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



26 May 1886 Macao to San Francisco, United States

Macao double circle postmark, 80r postage paid with two copies 40r surcharge

Hong Kong transit backstamp, 27 June San Francisco Paid All arrival

Macao Adhesive Period
1884 - 1890



15 October 1886 Macao registered
to Berlin, Germany
Macao double circle postmark
Registada handstamp
650r postage with 1884 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp
19 November 1886 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



15 October 1886 Macao to San Francisco, United States

Macao double circle postmark, 80r in adhesives, 40r 1884 issue and 40r surcharge

Hong Kong transit backstamp, 15 November San Francisco Paid All arrival

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



6 February 1887 Macao **registered** to Paris, France

Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp, 160r postage with surcharges and 1884 issue

Hong Kong transit, French entry postmark

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



23 April 1887 Macao registered to New York, United States

Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp, 160r postage paid with surcharges and 50r 1884 issue

Hong Kong transit backstamp, 21 May San Fransico Registered transit

29 May 1887 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



18 May 1887 Macao **registered** to Paris, France

Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp, 160r postage with surcharges

Hong Kong transit backstamp, French entry postmark

27 June 1887 Paris arrival postmark

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



19 June 1887 Macao **registered** to Budapest, Hungary
Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp
160r postage with 1884 issue, surcharges and 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp, French transit backstamp
10 July 1888 Budapest arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



22 July 1887 Macao **registered** to San Francisco, United States

Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp, 240r postage with 1884 issues or surcharges

Hong Kong transit backstamp, 18 August San Francisco Registered arrival

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890

9 January 1888 Macao
registered to Halifax,
Nova Scotia
Macao postmark
Registada handstamp
720r postage, 18 copies
40r fiscal surcharges
(7 are on verso)
Hong Kong transit
2 February 1888
New York transits and
registry label
15 February, 1888
Halifax arrival backstamp



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No. 60739
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Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



9 April 1888 Macao registered to Bordeaux, France
Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp
240r postage with 1888 issue and surcharges
Hong Kong transit backstamp
12 May 1888 French entry

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



30 May 1888 Macao to Palermo, Italy

Macao double circle postmark, 100r postage with 1888 issue

Hong Kong transit backstamp

9 July 1888 arrival backstamp and forwarded to Naples

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



22 October 1888 Macao **registered** to Munich, Germany
Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp
160r postage with 1884 issue, 1888 issue and surcharges
Hong Kong transit backstamp
25 November 1888 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



22 October 1888 Macao **registered** to Munich, Germany

Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp, 160r postage with 1884 issue and surcharges

Hong Kong transit backstamp

25 November 1888 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



4 February 1889 Macao **registered** to Freetown, Sierra Leone
Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp, 160r postage with surcharges and 1884 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp, 9 March 1889 London Registered transit
1 April 1889 Freetown arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



4 March 1889 Macao **registered** to Livorno, Italy

Macao double circle postmark and Registada handstamp

French packet line N datestamp, 160r in adhesives of surcharged issues

5 March Hong Kong transit backstamp, Brindisi transit backstamp, Livorno arrival



4 March 1889 Macao **registered** to Livorno, Italy

Macao double circle postmark and Registada handstamp

French packet line N datestamp, 600r in adhesives of 1884 issue

5 March Hong Kong transit backstamp, Brindisi transit backstamp, Livorno arrival

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



4 March 1889 Macao **registered** to Livorno, Italy

Macao double circle postmark and Registada handstamp

French packet line N datestamp, 160r in adhesives of surcharged fiscal stamps

5 March Hong Kong transit backstamp, Brindisi transit backstamp, Livorno arrival

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



11 March 1889 Macao to Hamburg, Germany

Macao double circle postmark, 80r postage with 1888 issue and fiscal surcharges

Hong Kong transit backstamp

15 April 1889 arrival backstamp



11 July 1889 Macao **registered** to Hanover, Germany

Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp, 240r postage with 1888 issue

Hong Kong transit backstamp

13 September 1889 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1884 - 1890



10 September 1889 Macao **registered** to Marseilles, France
Macao double circle postmark, Registada handstamp, 160r postage with 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp
31 October 1889 French entry backstamp



18 November 1890 Macao **registered** to Colchester, England
early usage of **Correio Macau** postmark, Macau Registry label, 160r postage with 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp, 20 December 1890 London Registered transit
Colchester arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891-1900



21 July 1894 Macao to Truro, Nova Scotia
Correio Macau postmark, 100r postage with 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp, 25 August 1894 arrival backstamp



15 June 1891 Macao to Battle Creek, Michigan, United States
Correio Macau postmark, 80r postage with 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp, 17 August 1891 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period
1891 - 1900



27 February 1893 Macao to Paris, France
printed matter rate with 20r 1888 issue
Correio Macau postmark

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



17 December 1892 Macao **registered** to Hannover, Germany
Correio Macau postmark, Macao Registry label, 150r postage with 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp
22 January 1893 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891-1900



2 February 1891 Macao to Wuhu

Correio Macau postmark, 40r postage paid with 1888 issue

8 February Hong Kong transit backstamp

8 February 1891 **Customs Shanghai** transit backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891-1900



9 June 1891 Macao to Lausanne, Switzerland
Correio Macau postmark, 80r postage with 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp
14 July 1891 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



25 November 1891 Macao to Warwick, Canada
Correio Macau postmark, 80r postage paid with 80r 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp, 20 December San Fransico transit
6 January 1892 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



28 December 1891 Macao to San Francisco, United States
Correio Macau postmark, 80r postage paid with 80r 1888 issue
22 January San Fransico Paid All arrival



5 June 1891 Macao to Portland, United States
Correio Macau postmark, 80r postage paid with 80r 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit backstamp, 2 July San Fransico Paid All transit

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



2 December 1892 Macao **registered** to Paris, France
Correio Macau postmark and **Macao registry label**, 250r in adhesives of 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit, French packet line N datestamp



12 December 1892 Macao **registered** to Paris, France
Correio Macau postmark and **Macao registry label**, 150r in adhesives of 1888 issue
Hong Kong transit, French packet line N datestamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



14 March 1893 Macao **registered** to Paris, France

Correio Macau postmark and **Macao registry label**, 450r in adhesives of 1888 issue

15 March 1893 Hong Kong transit, 14 April 1893 French entry postmark
arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



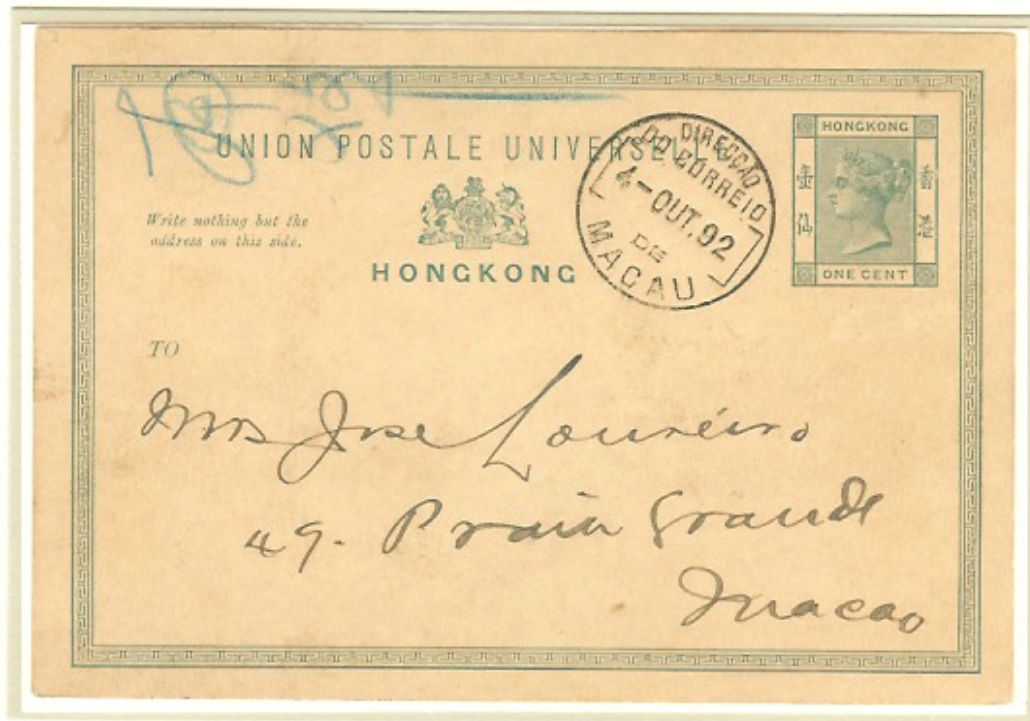
2 April 1895 Macao to New York, United States
Correio Macau postmark, postage paid with 16a surcharge of 1894
Hong Kong and Chicago transit backstamps



6 June 1895 Macao to Drome, France
Correio Macau postmark, postage paid with 16a surcharge of 1894
Hong Kong and French transit backstamps

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900

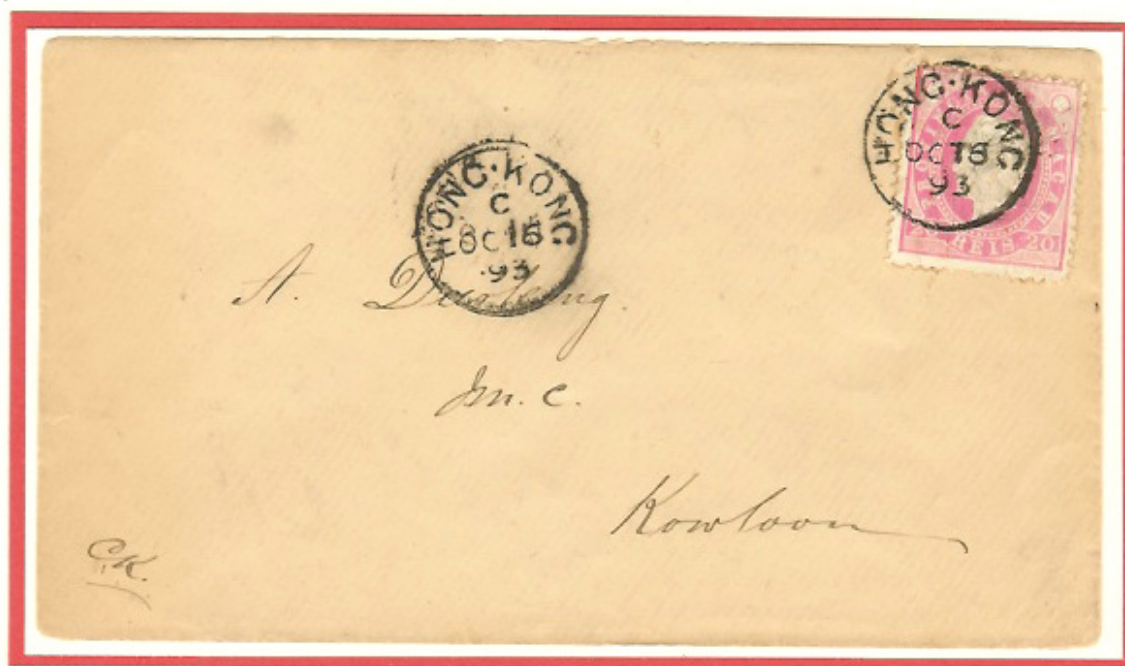


4 October 1892 Hong Kong to Macao
1c Hong Kong postal card, entered the mails at Macao
Correio Macau postmark

This letter was placed in the mail drop box onboard the ship Heunshan that ran between Hong Kong and Macao. The drop box was placed on July 1, 1892 and removed on December 11, 1893. According to the Postmaster's reports it was removed because of loss of revenue when Hong Kong stamps were used instead of Macao stamps.

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



1893 Macao to Kowloon

Macao 20r 1888 issue

16 October 1893 **entered the mails at Hong Kong** with Hong Kong postmark

This letter was placed in the mail drop box onboard the ship Heunshan that ran between Hong Kong and Macao. The drop box was placed on July 1, 1892 and removed on December 11, 1893. According to the Postmaster's reports it was removed because of loss of revenue when Hong Kong stamps were used instead of Macao stamps.

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



19 October 1894 Lappa Customs to Goslar, Germany

Lappa Customs datestamps and Correio Macau postmark, postage paid with 100r 1888 issue

20 October 1894 Hong Kong transit, arrival backstamp

A Very Early Usage Of Customs Lappa Marking

Macao Adhesive Period

1891-1900



9 August 1895 Macao **registered** to Bruxelles, Belgium

Correio Macau postmark, 150r 1894 issue, registry label

1 November 1895 arrival backstamp



19 September 1895 Macao to Dayton, Ohio, United States

Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking

pair 10r 1894 issue and single 13a surcharge, 7 November 1895 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



23 September 1895 Lappa Customs to Berlin, Germany
Lappa Customs datestamp and Correio Macau postmark
postage paid by 16a surcharge of 1894
23 September 1895 Hong Kong transit, arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



21 October 1895 Macao to Hunang, China

Correio Macau postmark, postage paid with 6a surcharge of 1894

22 October 1895 Hong Kong transit backstamp

1 November 1895 Hankow backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



31 October 1895 Macao **registered** to Yokohama, Japan
Correio Macau postmark and **Macao registry label**
mixed issue franking, 20r 1888 issue and 100r 1894 issue
10 November 1895 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



17 March 1896 Macao to Hong Kong

Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking
pair 1a surcharge of 1894 and single 5r 1894 issue

19 March 1896 Hong Kong arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



1 June 1896 Macao to Hegenheim, Germany
Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking
10r and 20r 1894 issue used with 1a, 4a and 6a surcharges of 1894
Hong Kong transit backstamp and arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891-1900



28 September 1896 Macao to Lisbon, Portugal
Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking
10r 1894 issue plus surcharges 3a, 6a and pair 1a (on verso)
18 November 1896 arrival backstamp



18 January 1898 Macao to Lisbon, Portugal
Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking
pair 5r 1894 issue (on verso) plus surcharges with two copies 3a (1 on verso), and single 13a
19 March 1898 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



25 August 1896 Macao to Peking

Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking, 10r 1894 issue used with 4a surcharge of 1894 Hong Kong and Shanghai transit backstamps, 29 August 1896 **Customs Shanghai** backstamp



12 October 1896 Macao to Peking

Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking, two 10r 1888 issue and two 5r 1894 issue Hong Kong and Shanghai transit backstamps, 19 October 1896 **Customs Shanghai** backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



13 September 1896 Macao to Ningpo

Correio Macau postmark, postage paid with 5r, 25r and 10r 1888 issue

Hong Kong and British Post Office Shanghai transit backstamps

22 September 1896 **Customs Shanghai** backstamp

23 September 1896 **Customs Ningpo** arrival backstamp in blue

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



27 October 1896 Macao to Peking

Correio Macau postmark, postage paid with 6a surcharge of 1894

Hong Kong and Shanghai transit backstamps

31 October 1896 **Customs Shanghai** backstamp

7 November 1896 **House Of Customs Peking** arrival backstamp in blue

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



14 December 1896 Macao to Santa Cruz, California
Correio Macau postmark, postage paid with pair 8a surcharges of 1894
Hong Kong and San Francisco transit backstamps

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



18 January 1897 Macao **registered** to Nymphenburg, Germany

Correio Macau postmark and registry label

150r postage paid with 150r 1894 issue

Hong Kong transit backstamp and arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

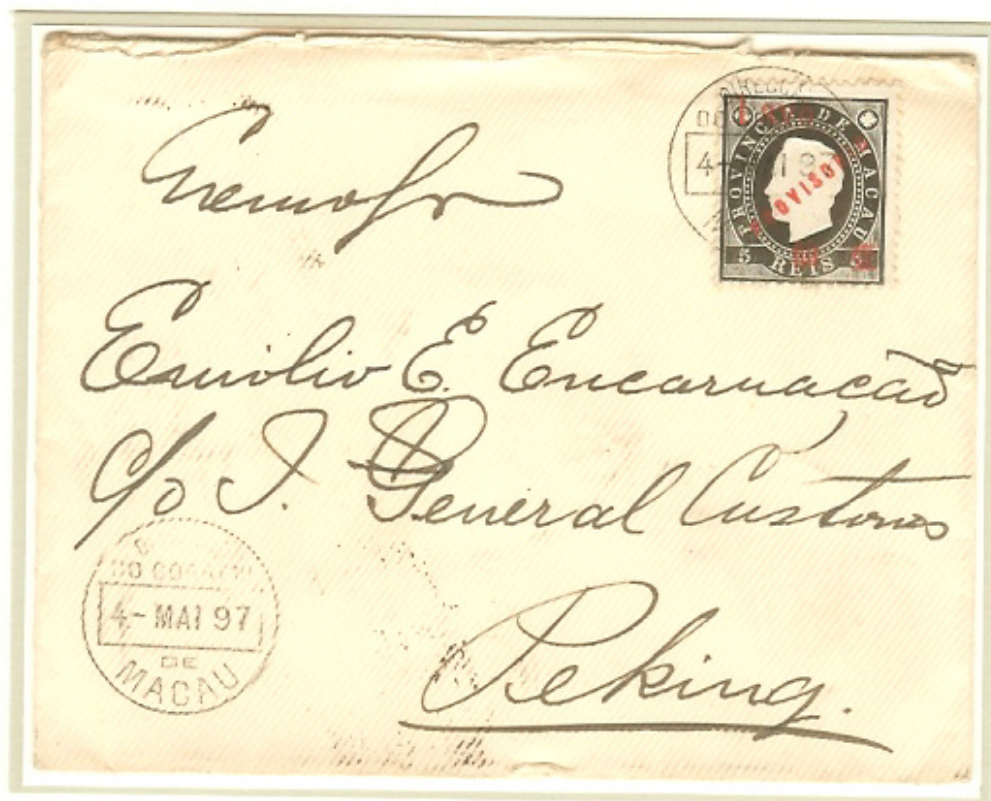
1891 - 1900



25 January 1897 Macao to Placerville, California
Correio Macau postmark, postage paid by 20r and 80r 1894 issue
Hong Kong and San Francisco transit backstamps
22 February 1897 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



4 May 1897 Macao to Peking

Correio Macau postmark, postage paid with 1a surcharge of 1894

5 May 1897 Hong Kong transit backstamp

10 May 1897 Shanghai transit backstamp

10 May 1897 **Customs Shanghai** backstamp

Imperial Post Peking arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



19 August 1897 Macao to Canton

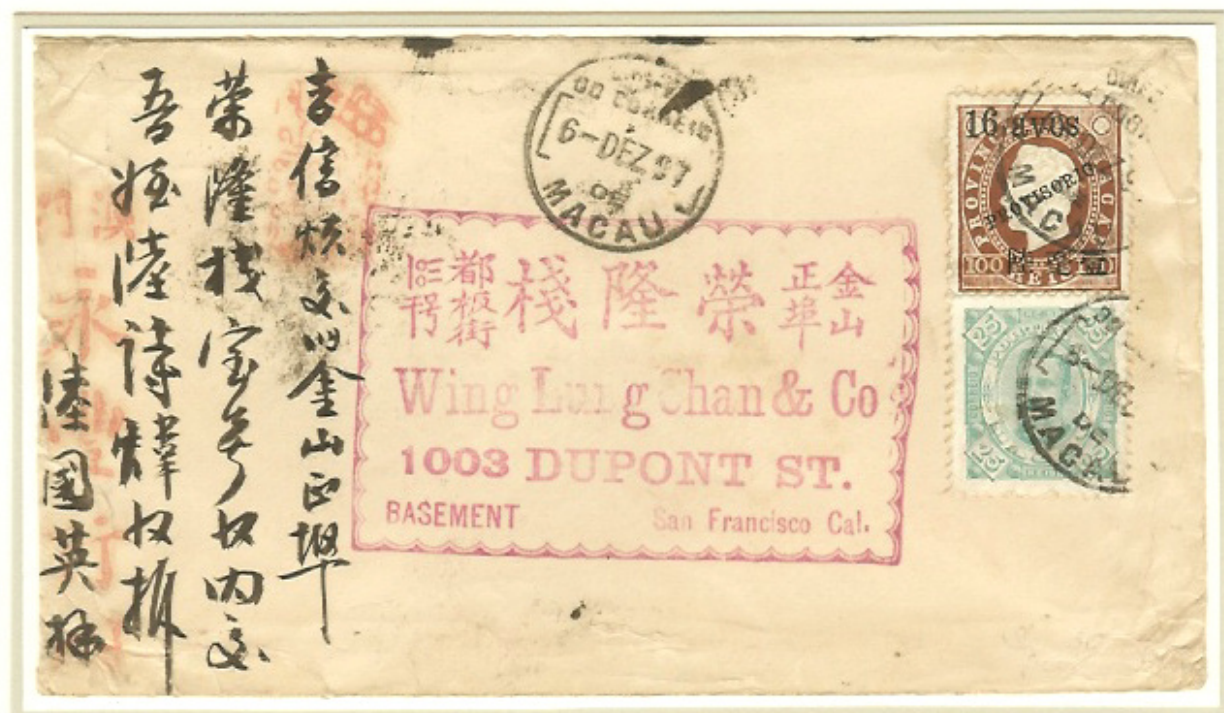
Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking

10r 1894 issue and 1a surcharge of 1894

19 August Canton "dollar chop" arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



1.9 August 1897 Macao to San Francisco, California

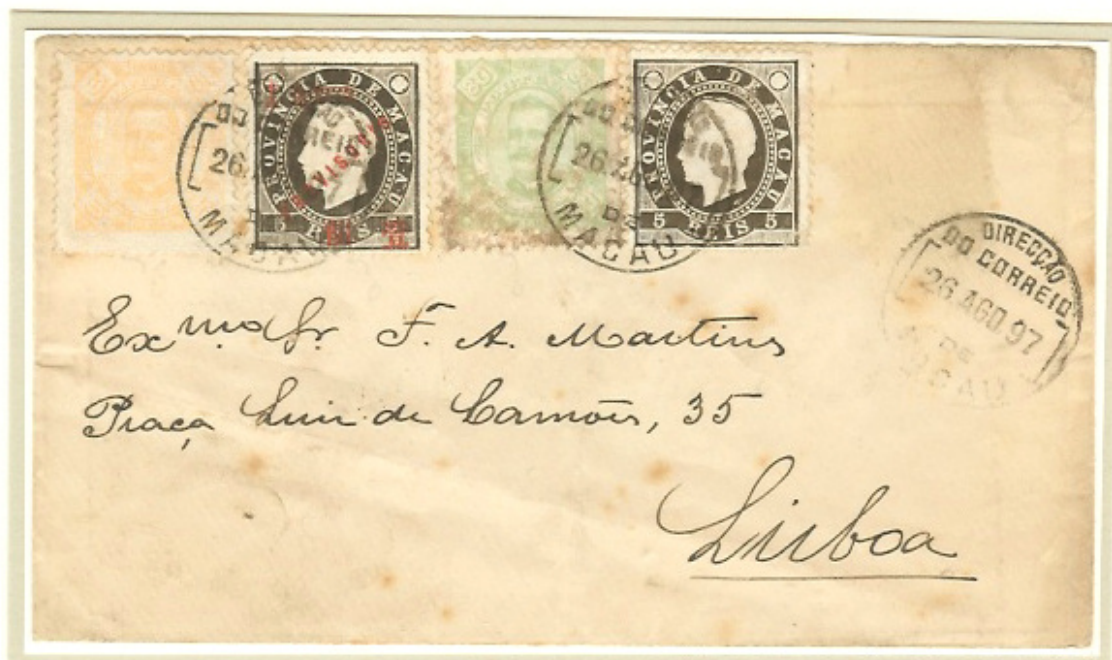
Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking

25r 1894 issue and 16a surcharge of 1894 franking

Hong Kong transit backstamp and arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



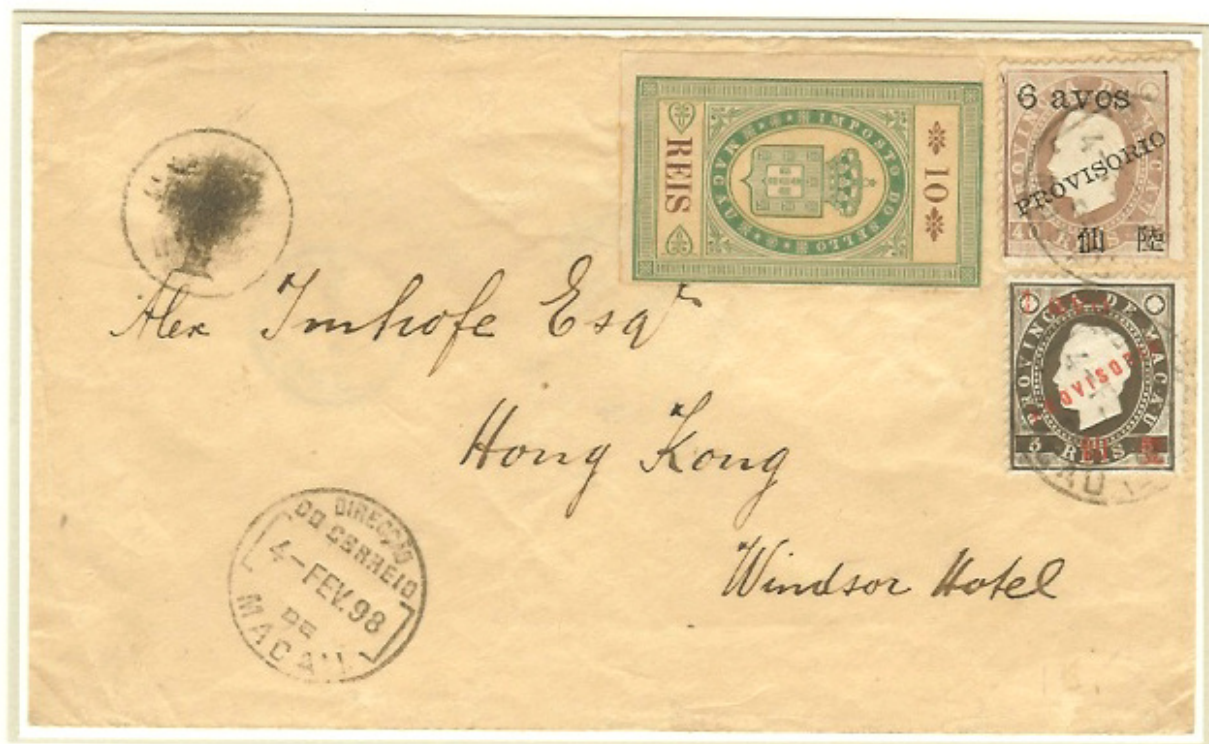
26 August 1897 Macao to Lisbon, Portugal

Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking

5r and 80r 1894 issue used with 5r 1888 issue and 1a surcharge of 1894
arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



4 February 1898 Macao to Hong Kong

Correio Macau postmark, mixed issue franking

attempted illegal usage of 10r **fiscal stamp** plus 1a and 6a 1894 surcharge issue
originally struck as postage due and then obliterated

4 February 1898 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891-1900



17 February 1898 Macao **registered** to Baden Baden, Germany
Correio Macau postmark and registry label, 4a and 13a surcharges of 1894
Hong Kong transit and arrival backstamps



17 February 1898 Macao **registered** to Baden Baden, Germany
Correio Macau postmark and registry label, 16a surcharge of 1894
Hong Kong transit and arrival backstamps

Macao Adhesive Period

1891-1900



17 February 1898 Macao **registered** to Baden Baden, Germany
Correio Macau postmark and registry label, 31a surcharge of 1894
Hong Kong transit and arrival backstamps



17 February 1898 Macao **registered** to Baden Baden, Germany
Correio Macau postmark and registry label, 47a surcharge of 1894
Hong Kong transit and arrival backstamps

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



17 February 1898 Macao **registered** to Baden Baden, Germany

Correio Macau postmark and registry label

1a, 6a and 8a surcharges of 1894

Hong Kong transit backstamp and arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



18 August 1898 Macao, per *Henng Shan*, to Hong Kong
postage paid with two copies 1a 1898 issue
19 August Hong Kong arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891-1900



23 December 1898 Macao registered to Peking, China
Correio Macau postmark, 2a and 13a 1898 issue, registry label
Shanghai transit and Peking arrival backstamps



6 April 1899 Macao to Peking, China
Correio Macau postmark, pair 2 1/2a 1898 issue
Shanghai transit and Peking arrival backstamps

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



26 April 1898 Macao to Peking, China

Correio Macau postmark, 1a and 4a **Vasco da Gama** issue

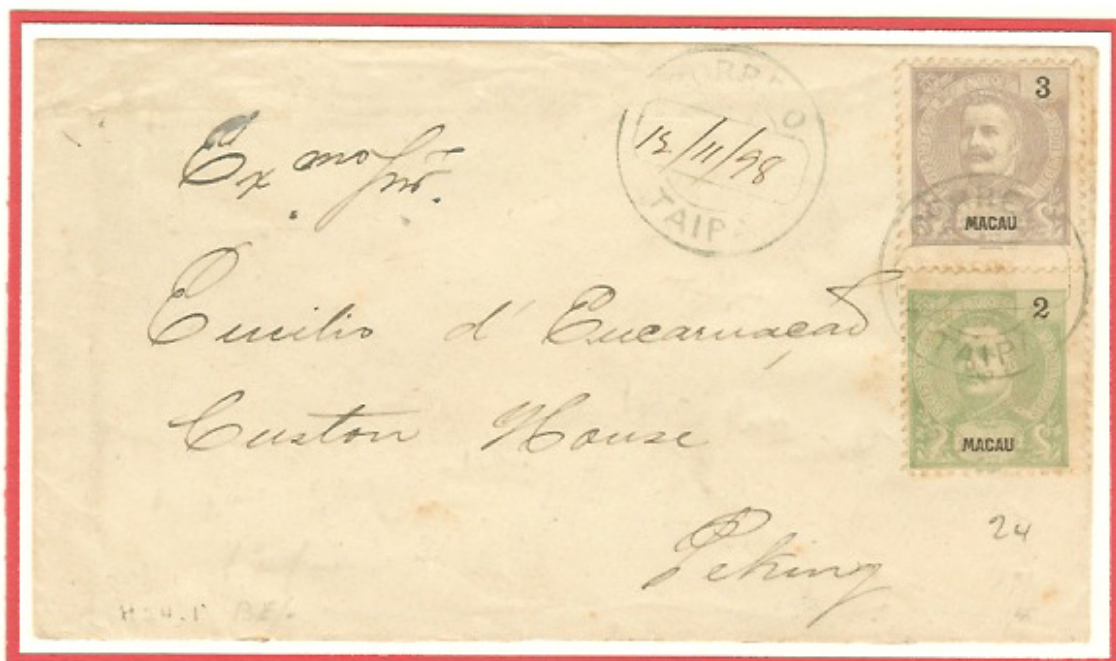
Hong Kong transit backstamp

4 May 1898 bi-lingual Shanghai transit backstamp

The Only Reported Commercial Cover With This Issue

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



12 November 1898 Taipa to Peking

Correio Taipa postmark with manuscript date, 2r and 3r 1898 issue

12 November Correio Macau and 14 November Hong Kong transit backstamps
bi-lingual Shanghai transit and Peking arrival backstamps

The Only Reported Example Of This Postmark On Cover

Although the Taipa post office was opened in 1885, and had a daily delivery of mail, cancels are extremely rare even on loose stamps.

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



4 July 1899 Yokohama **inbound to Macao**

Japan 2s postal card plus 2s adhesive

6 July 1899 Kobe transit, 14 July Hong Kong transit

4 July Macao arrival and **Refugo/Rebuts/Macau** double circle handstamp in red

Inconnu (unknown) handstamp on verso

The Only Reported Example Of This Macao Marking

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



25 August 1899 Macao **registered** to Lichtenthal, Germany

Correio Macau postmark, Macau registry label

Macao postage paid with 4a, 8a, 12a, 16a and 1/2a (on verso) 1898 issue

26 August 1899 Hong Kong transit backstamp

2 October 1899 arrival backstamp

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



13 October 1899 Macao to New York
postage paid with 8a and 2a 1898 issue

14 October 1899 Hong Kong transit

21 November 1899 New York Paid All arrival

Macao Adhesive Period

1891 - 1900



15 December 1899 Macao to San Francisco, California
franked with 10a and 20a surcharges of December, 1899
Hong Kong transit backstamp
30 January San Francisco Paid All arrival backstamp



15 December 1899 Macao to San Francisco, California
franked with 10a and 20a surcharges of December, 1899
30 January San Francisco Paid All arrival backstamp

The issue date of these surcharges was considered to be January 1, 1900 but two usages suggest an earlier date.