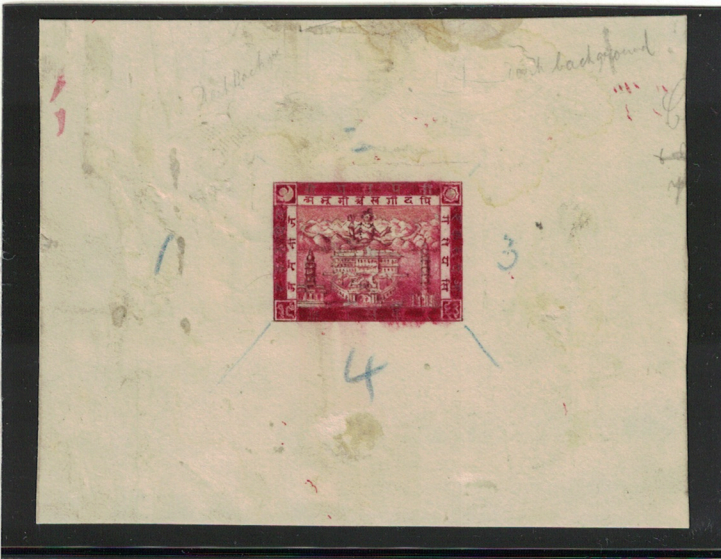


TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

In mid 1907, four new stamps, known as the Pashupati issue, were issued to replace the four stamps of the Classic issue which had been in use some 26 years. The values of the new issue are expressed in pice, rather than annas, at the following conversions: 2 pice brown (official and post card rate) = 1/2 anna; 4 pice green (standard 1 tola weight) = 1 anna; 8 pice red (double weight) = 2 annas; 16 pice purple (mostly used for registration) = 4 annas. The postal rates did not change with the issue of the new stamps. In fact, the rates stayed the same until the mid 1950s - a period of over 70 years!

Two original artist sketches in watercolor were prepared by Keymer and Sons. The first sketch was sent to the printers, Perkins, Bacon & Co. on Nov 18, 1906, followed by the revision of the center design on January 6, 1907, as recorded in their "Letter Book". These two unique sketches (formerly in the collection of Mr. Peter Holcombe) are the only ones illustrating the complete design. Placing the second sketch within the first sketch makes up the accepted design, as illustrated by the 1907 8 pice plate proof.



First Sketch

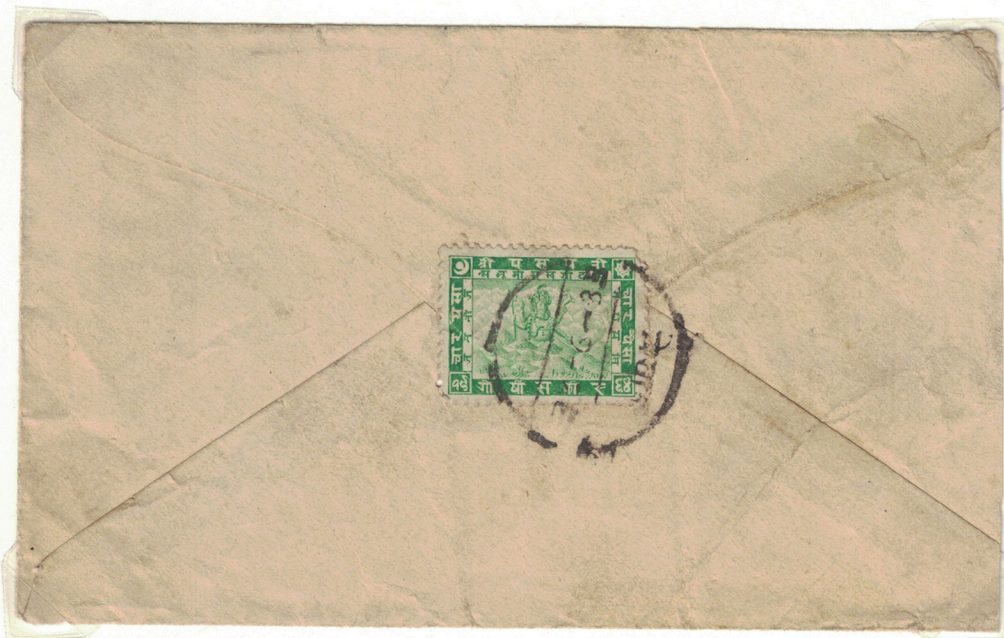


Revised
Center
Sketch



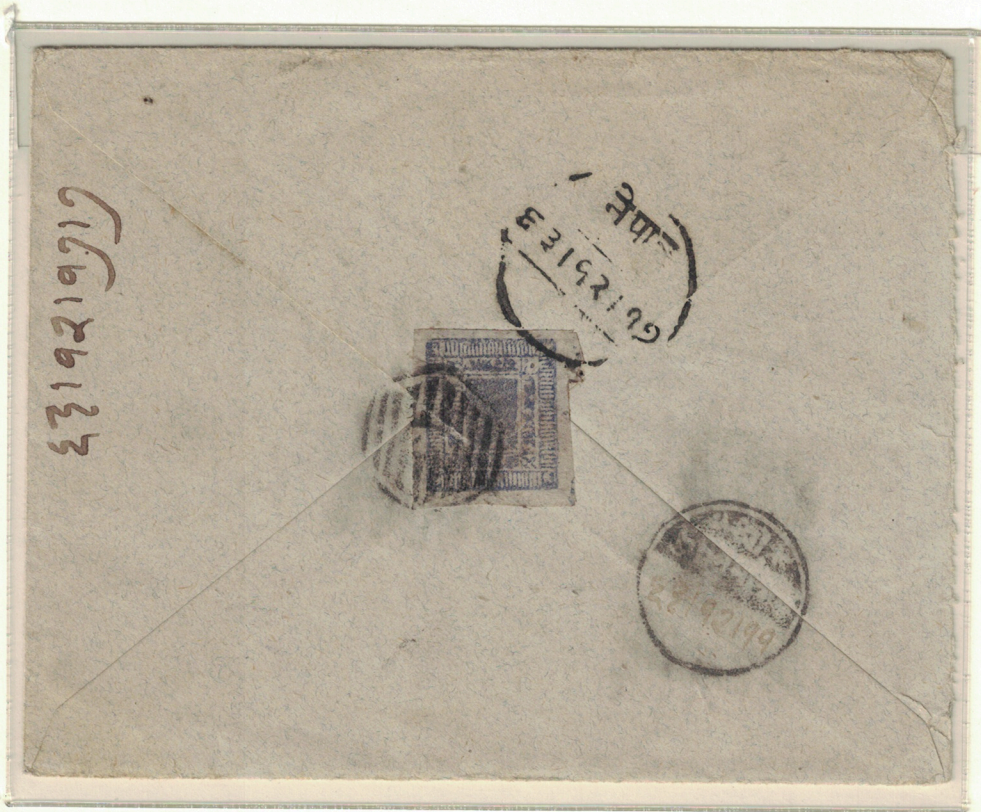
Accepted Design
(8 pice plate proof)

Earliest Recorded Use of a Pashupati Stamp



1907, November 9. From Kathmandu to a Nepalese trader in Kuti, Tibet. Date-stamp used as canceller.

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Kathmandu
March 30
1907

March 24



Hanumannagar



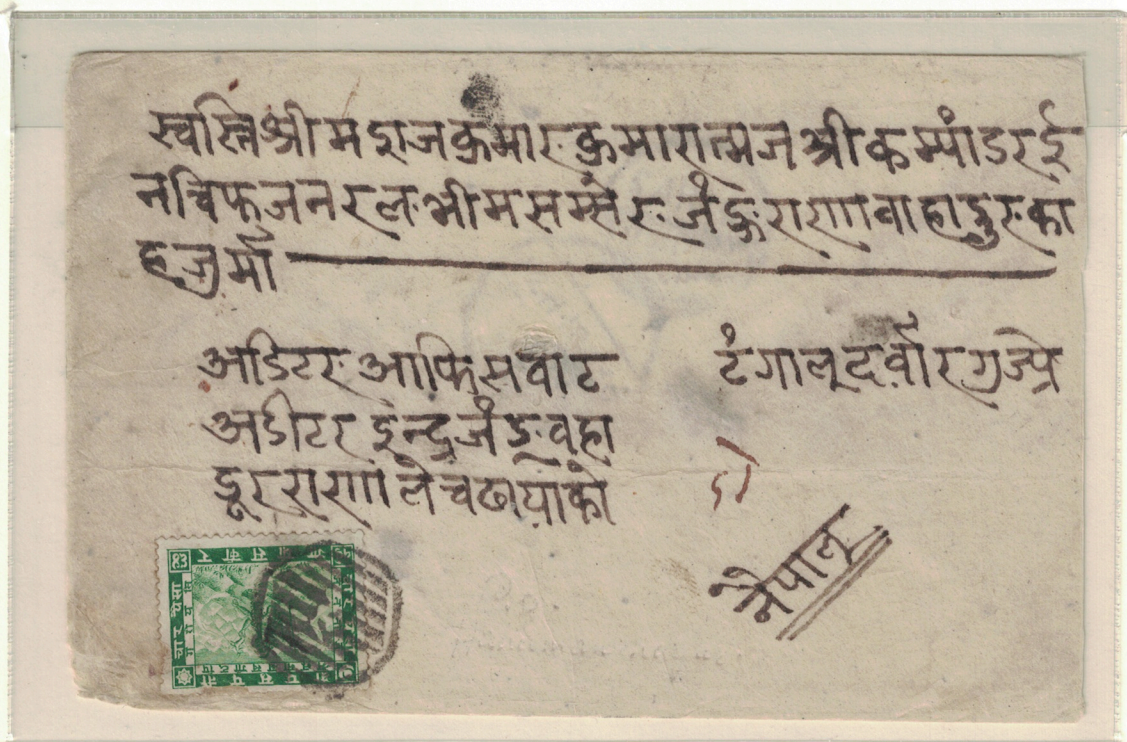
Nov. 28

March 30



Kathmandu

Dec. 4



Kathmandu

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December 4
1908

Kathmandu

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April 10

April 10

April 5, 1907

Kathmandu

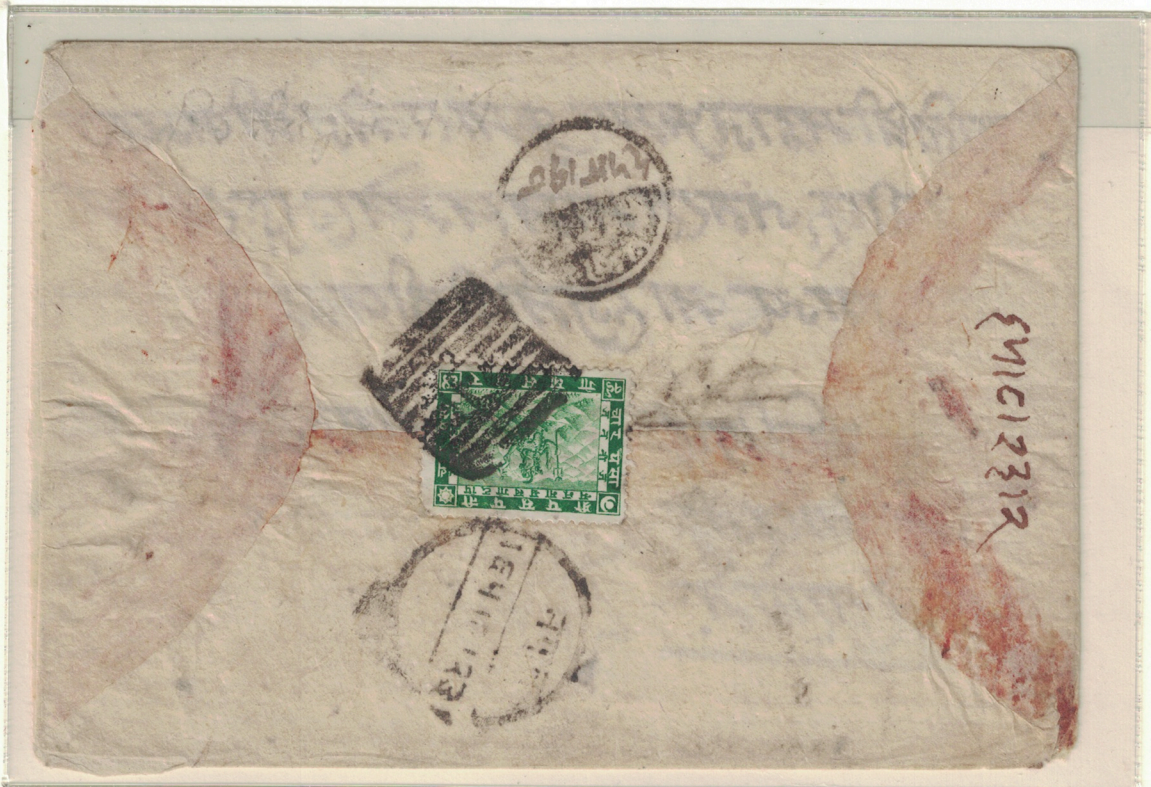
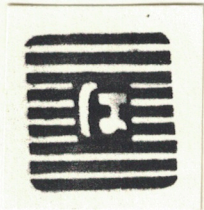


Dec. 6



Dec. 1, 1908

Ridi



Kathmandu

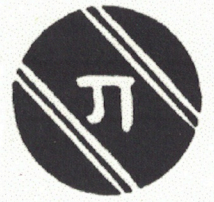
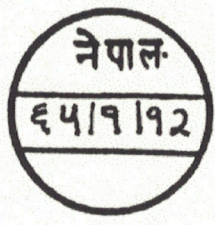
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December

Kathmandu

Birganj

Birganj



April 26

April 24
April 25



1908. Registered mixed issue 28 pice rate cover from Birganj to Kathmandu, bearing a classic 1 anna stamp and three 8 pice Pashupati stamps. Only 9 such mixed issue covers have been recorded.



Taulihawa

Kathmandu



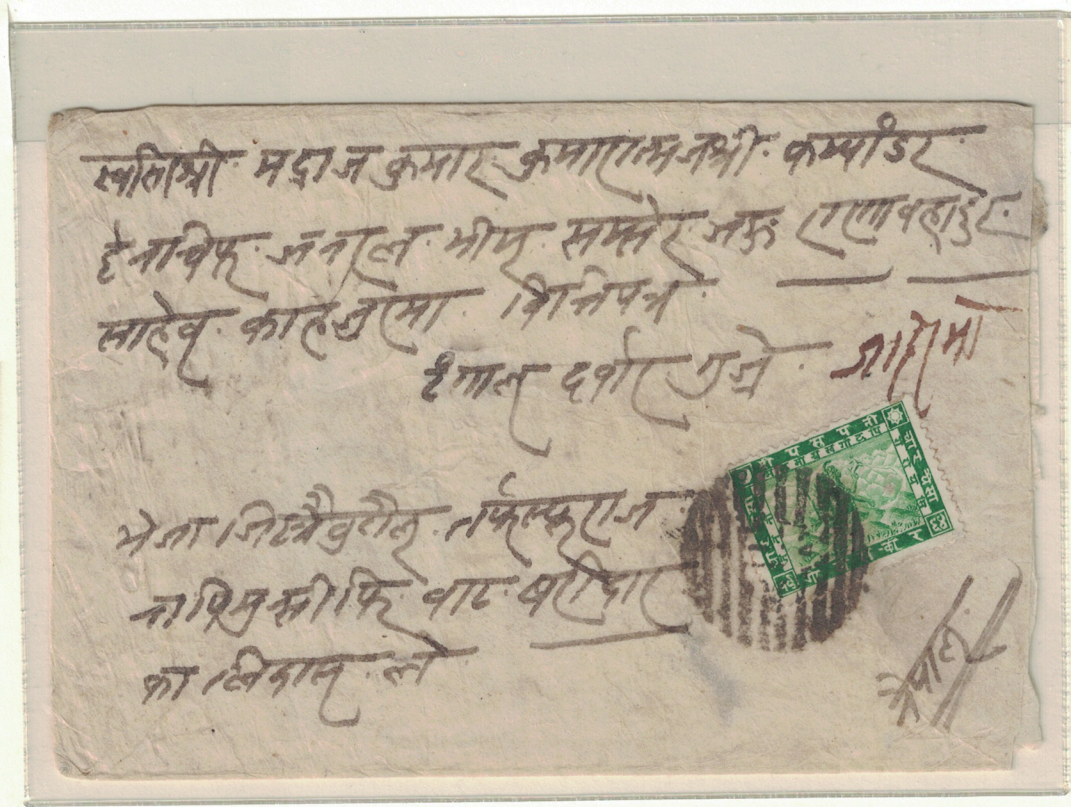
June 14

June 21

1908. Taulihawa to Kathmandu.

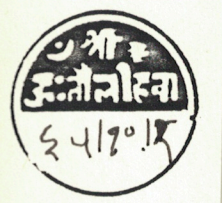


Taulihawa



Taulihawa

Kathmandu



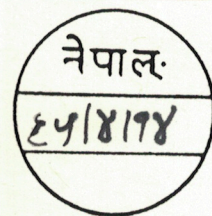
Jan. 19

Transitional postmark

1909. Taulihawa to Kathmandu.



Kathmandu



August 14

July 27 1908. Doti to Kathmandu.

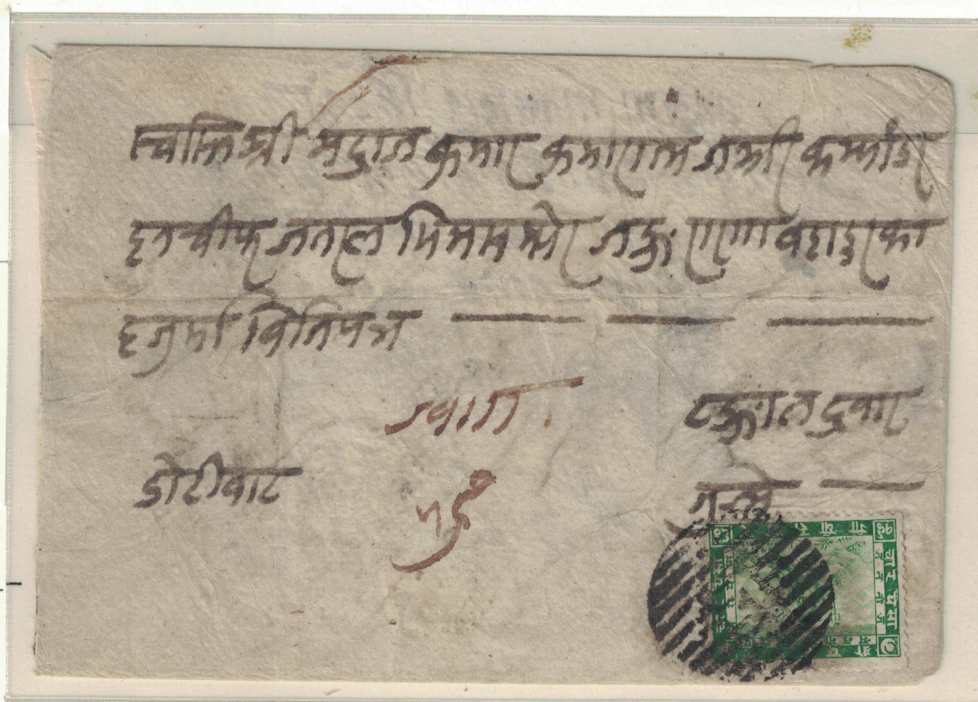


Doti



Jan. 9

Kathmandu



Jan. 19
New transi-
Postmark

1909. Doti to Kathmandu.

Trisuli



Trisuli



July 29

Kathmandu



August 1



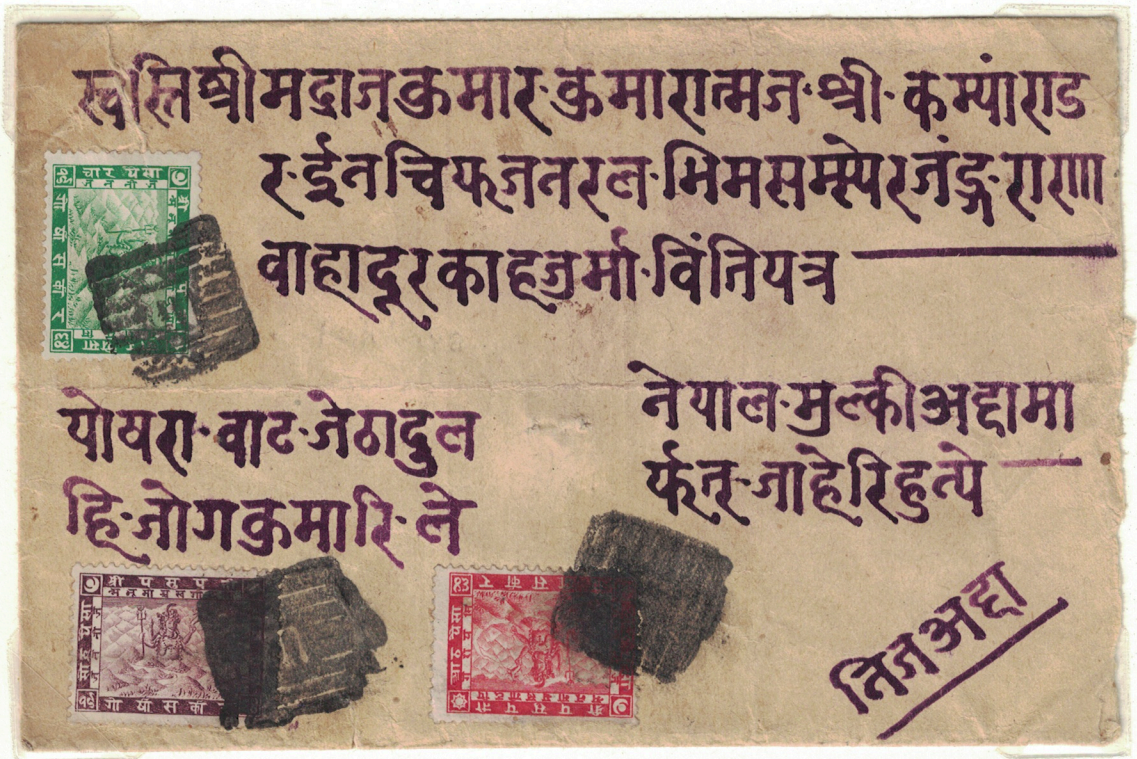
1908. Registered mixed Classic-Pashupati 28 pice rate cover from Trisuli to Kathmandu. Only 9 such covers have been recorded.



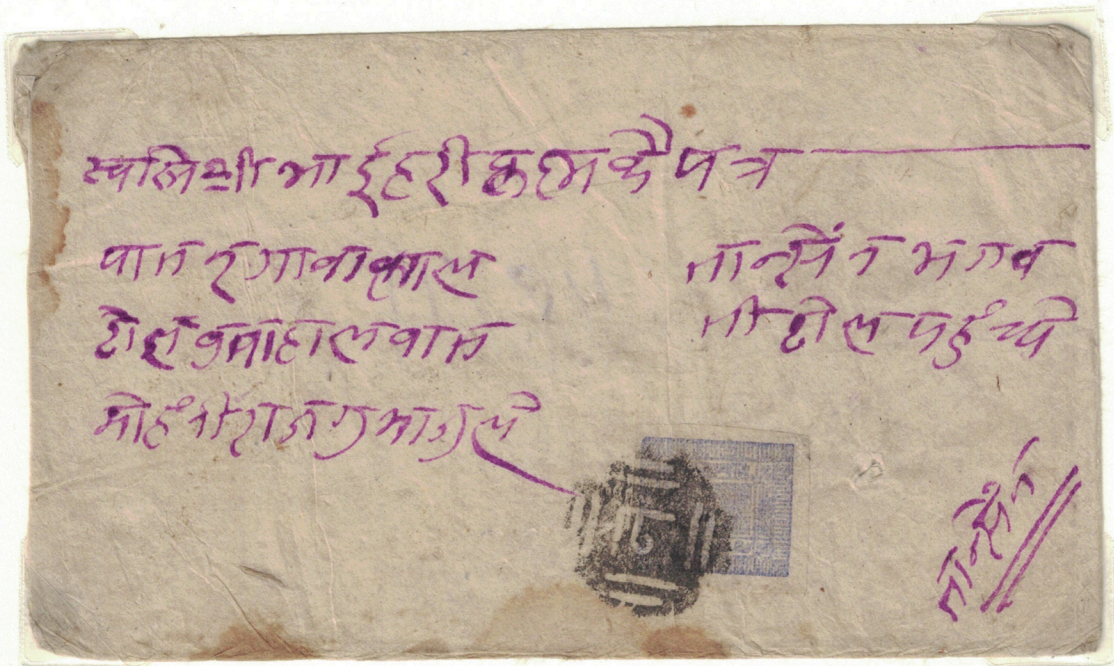
Pokhara



Aug. 4



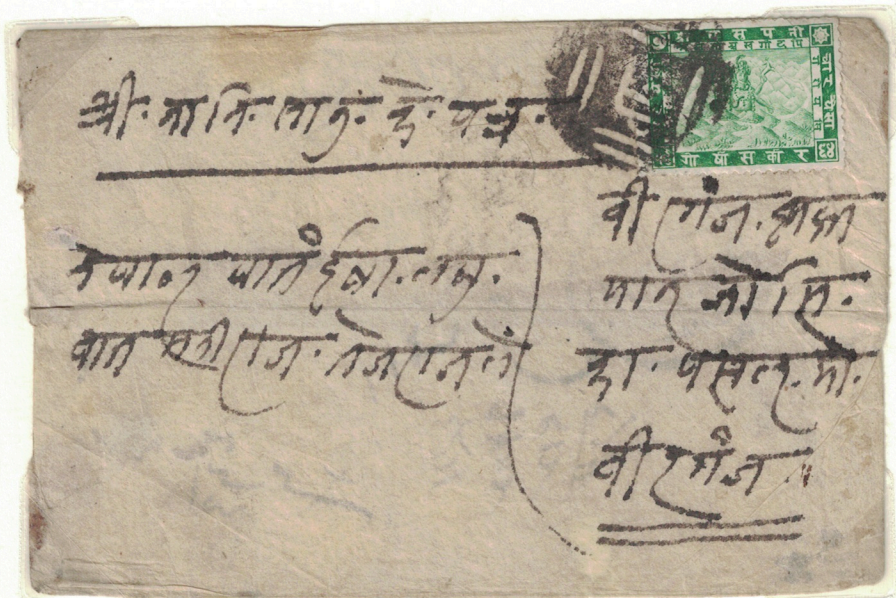
1908. Registered cover bearing Pashupati stamps tied by the classic cancels of Pokhara.



1908. August 22.



Kathmandu
 Local Usage

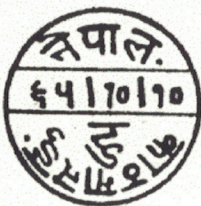


1908. June 1.

Kathmandu

Jaleswar

Transitional postmark
mechanically dated.



January 23



Classic date-stamp
used as a canceller.

January 20



1909. Registered mixed issue Classic-Pashupati cover from Jaleswar to Kathmandu. Only nine such covers are recorded and this is the only one bearing a multiple of a classic stamp (includes an inverted cliche).

Kathmandu

Hanumannagar

Bi jayapur

Bi jayapur



May 25



May 19



May 16



1909. Registered mixed issue 24 pice rate cover from Bi jayapur, transit Hanumannagar to Kathmandu, bearing one classic 4 anna stamp and one 8 pice Pashupati stamp (the only cover known bearing a classic 4 anna stamp in conjunction with a Pashupati stamp. Only 9 Classic-Pashupati mixed issued covers recorded.

Kathmandu

Chautara

Tatapani

Tatapani



June 2



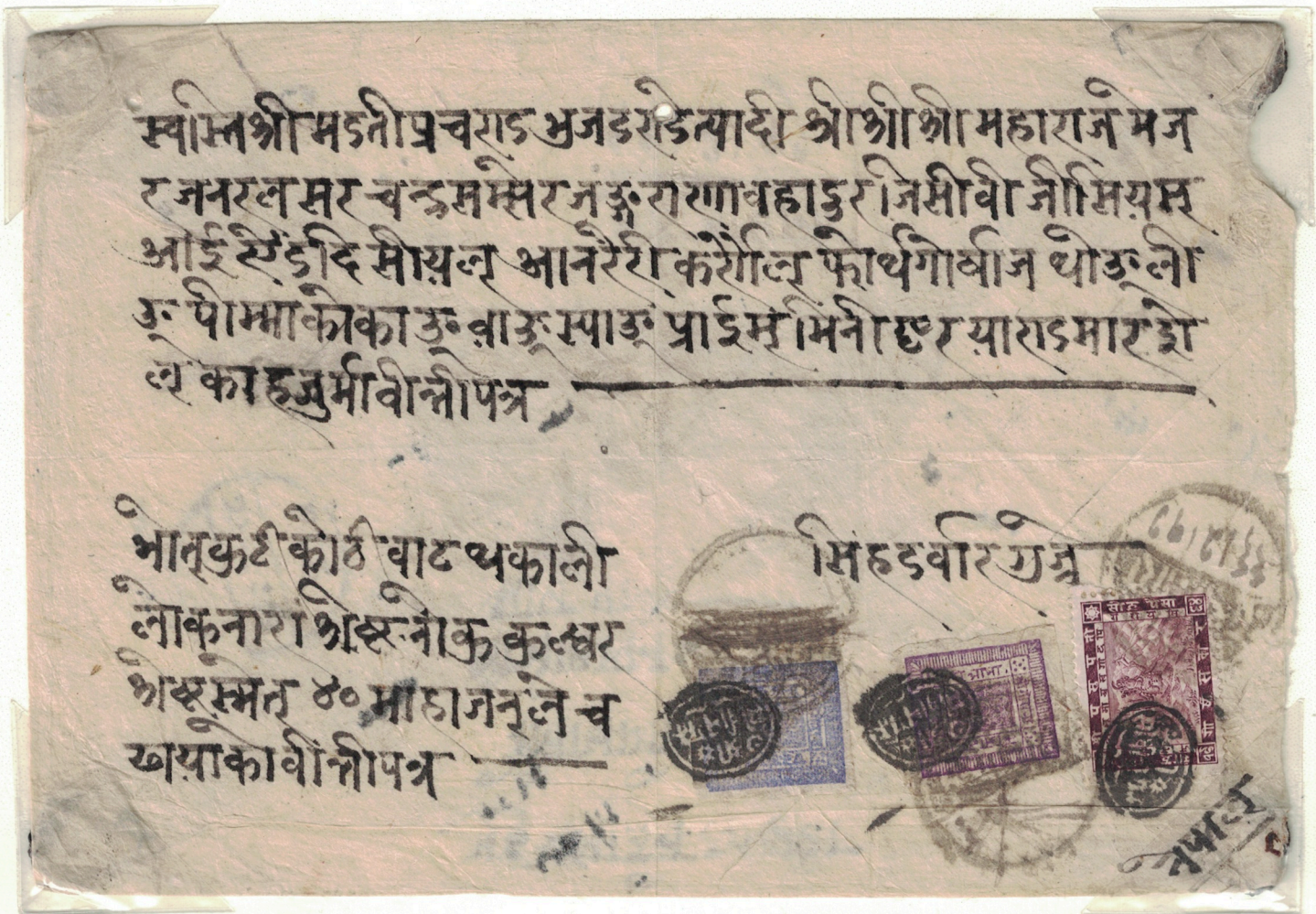
May 30

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May 30



Postmaster's Seal



1909 registered mixed-issue cover sent by the Nepalese Consulate at the Court in Kuti and posted over the border in Tatapani. This is the only known cover from the courts in Tibet using stamps for postage. Apparently, the contents were of great importance and therefore sent by registered mail. Only 9 mixed issue Classic-Pashupati covers have been recorded and this is the only one from Tibet.



November 17

November 16



Kathmandu
1909



Transitional
Hand-Dated
Postmark

September 3

September 2



Kathmandu

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November 24



Nov. 24

Nov. 20, 1909

Kathmandu

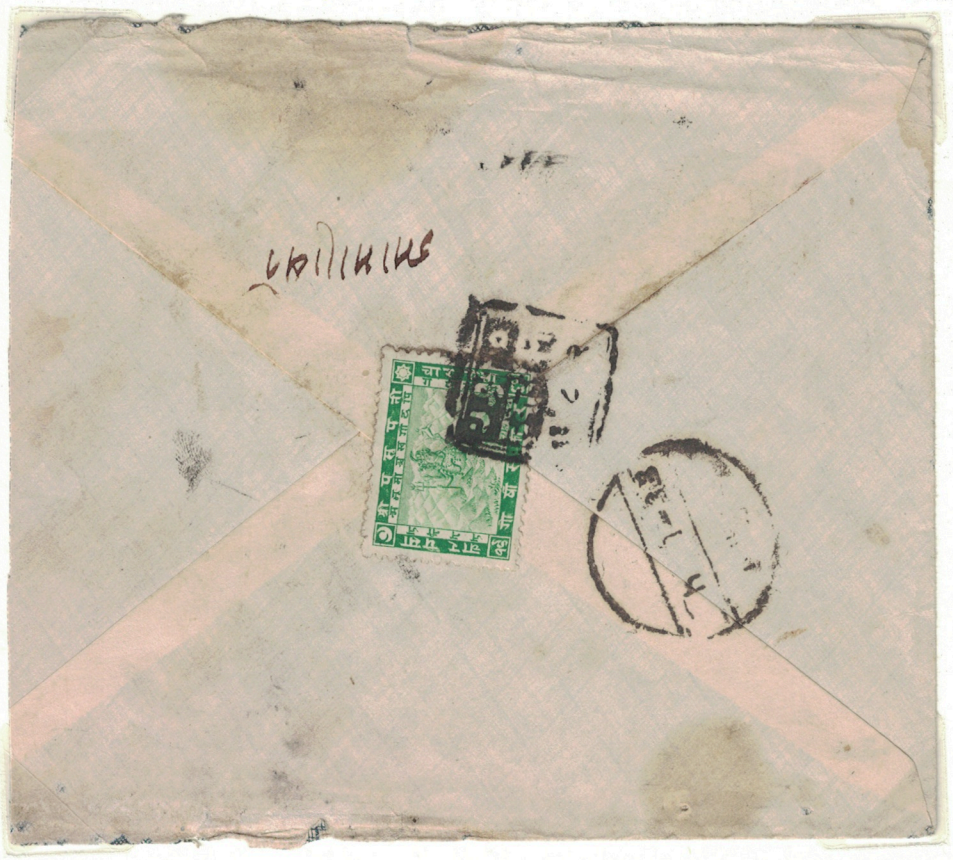


Nov. 17



Nov. 14, 1909

Transitional Postmark
Kadarban
Mechanically Dated



Registration labels are known to have been used in 21 different post offices but only some fifty covers are estimated to exist.

"Registry"

रजदरौ	नं.
इ	तो.

 Number

"Hu" (Name of P.O.)

रजदरौ	नं.
इ	तो.

 "Tola" (weight)

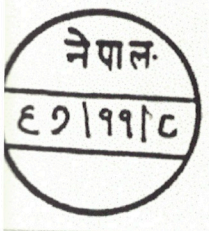


1910, June 14. Earliest recorded usage of a registration label. Both of these covers are from Dhankuta and bear 24 pice postage tied by Dhankuta's classic hand-dated negative postmark.

1910, Sept. 19.



Kathmandu



March 3

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Kadarbar



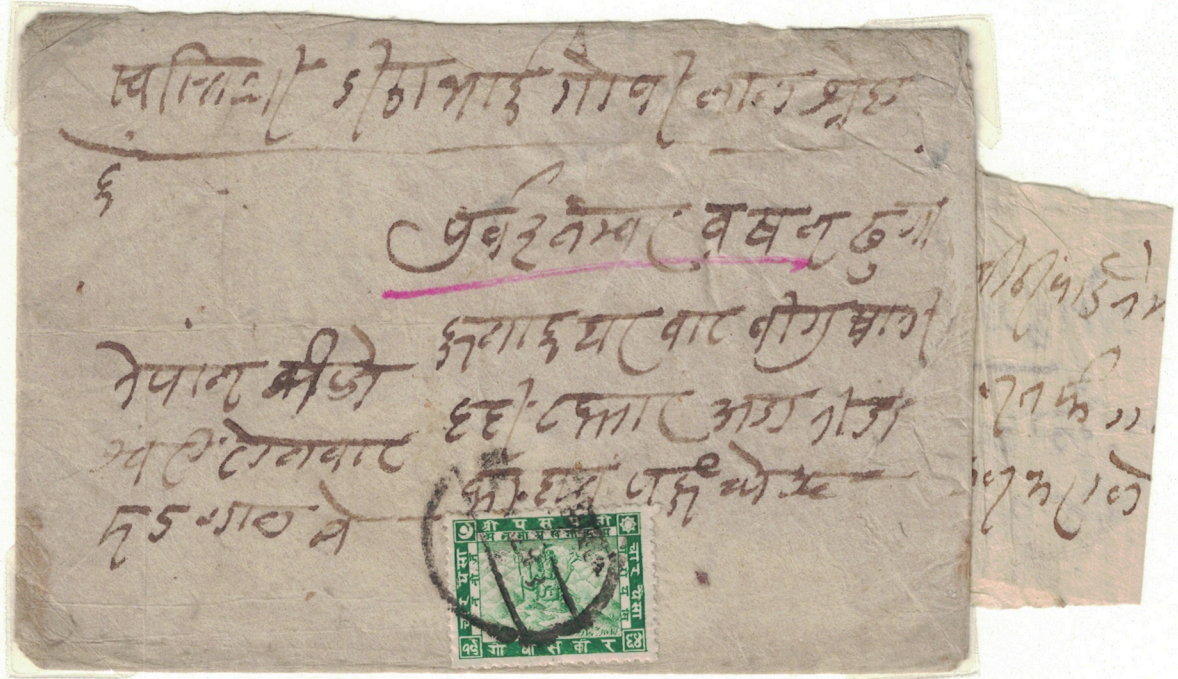
Feb. 27

1911. Kadarban transitional postmark with unusual combination of mechanical and manuscript dating, to Kathmandu.

Kathmandu



Nov. 16
Dec. 3



1911. Since Kathmandu did not have a current hand-dated postmark the arrival date-stamp was used as an obliterator on this cover going to Okhaldunga where an "instant reply" was attached (very unusual) and returned to Kathmandu.