

AR

International post-GPU/UPU British Commonwealth & Empire I

Micro- and mini-exhibits of entities in the Commonwealth or Empire that were not part of the administration of British India: this excludes colonies in the Indian subcontinent, eastern Africa, and some of the middle east. Almost always in the post-Vienna period, the AR fee was paid on the AR form or card. Typically the AR fee was equal to or greater than the registration fee. Not all colonies are represented.

For Canada, UK, Australia & New Zealand, see their separate exhibits; for the Indian subcontinent and eastern Africa, see *British Commonwealth and Empire II*.

I suggest reading the AR book (<http://www.rfrajola.com/dh2019/1ar.pdf>) first, for a general description of worldwide AR.

The other exhibits, mini- & micro-, are also downloadable from Richard Frajola's exhibit site, <http://www.rfrajola.com/exhibits.htm>

Higher resolution pdfs are possible but require a DVD; please contact me if interested.

Comments, suggestions, contributions welcomed.

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British Commonwealth & Empire, outside the Indian subcontinent & eastern Africa

[Each of UK, Canada, Australia & New Zealand have their own exhibits. Newfoundland can be found in the Canada exhibit (at the end); Samoa in the Australia & New Zealand exhibit.] For practically all of these countries, AR material is difficult to find, unlike the situation in the Indian subcontinent. Moreover, in the latter area, the AR fee is always paid on the registered letter, whereas here, it is usually paid on the form or card during the post-Vienna period.

The arrangement is roughly geographical:

- Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Palestine
- Fiji, British Solomon Islands
- British Guiana, Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos
- Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Gambia
- Hong Kong

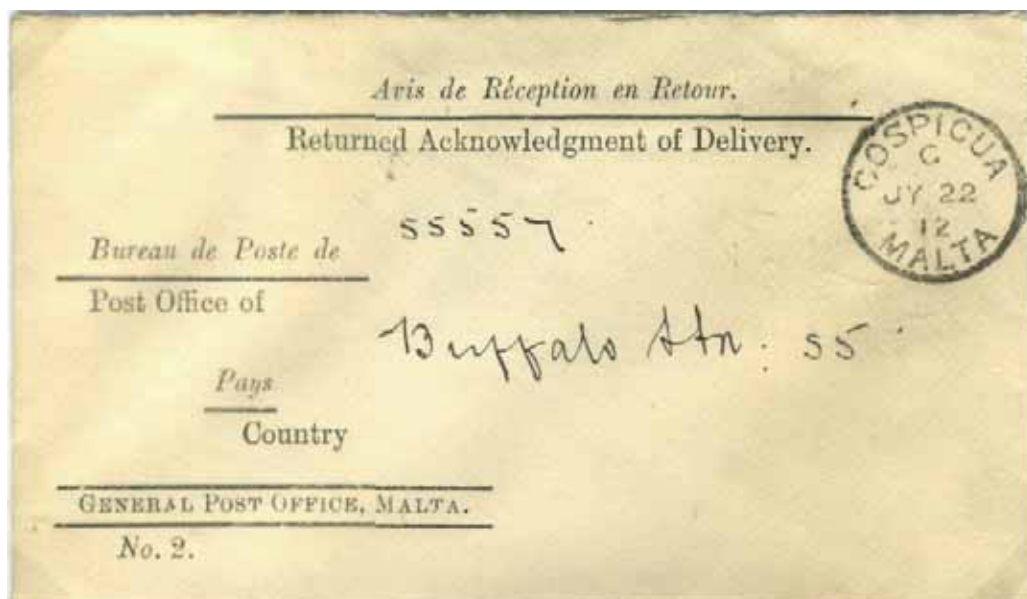
Malta AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

MALTA was a British colony 1799–1964; its post office became independent in 1885, although it had joined the UPU (as a colony) in 1875. Not much AR material has been located, although an AR form and an AR covering envelope are known.

As with almost all British colonies west of eastern Africa, the AR fee was paid on the AR form or card, not the registered cover.

Maltese international AR service

AR covering envelope



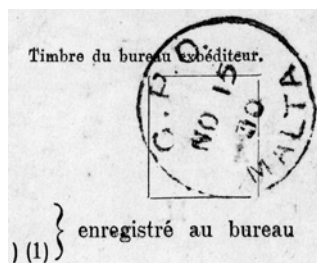
Cospicua–Buffalo, 1912. Registration of returned AR forms had evidently ceased by 1912.

AR card



Valetta to Netherlands, 1930. Print-order data not indicated. Properly signed and returned to sender.

- 3 d AR fee paid by stamp



AR covers



Valetta to Prague, triple rate, 1927. Oval A.R. Rated 3d registration and triple UPU at 1½ d first 15 g (!) and 1d each additional. Four wax seals, hence the weight.



Valetta to Fulda Germany, airmail, 1957. Oval A.R. Rated 9 d registration and airmail to Germany at 5 d (apparently).

Gibraltar AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

GIBRALTAR is a British overseas territory of less than three square miles, occupying a strategic position in the Mediterranean. It joined the UPU (as an overseas territory) 1 April 1877. Even [Postillon] doesn't list Gibraltar, so I guess Gibraltar rates are the same as those of UK.

As with almost all British colonies west of eastern Africa, the AR fee was paid on the AR form or card, not the registered cover. But not much AR material exists.

Gibraltar international AR service

AR cover

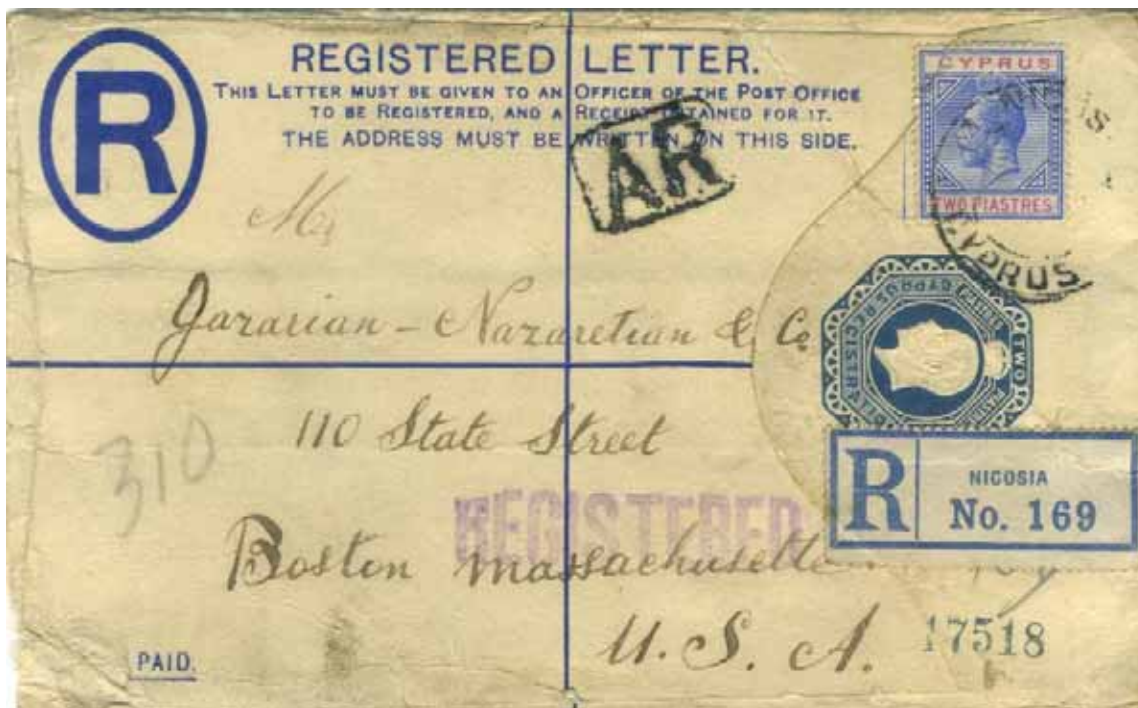


Gibraltar to Oran (Algeria), 1925. British style oval AR. Rated 3d for each of registration and UPU rates.

Cyprus AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

CYPRUS was annexed by Britain in 1914, although it was administered by Britain (but remained an Ottoman colony) 1878–1914; it became a crown colony in 1925. It became independent in 1960, but subsequently split into two feuding states. AR fee was paid on the cover.

Cyprus AR cover and card



Nicosia-Boston, 1918. Boxed AR. Rated 2 Piastres for each of registration (embossed) and UPU rate (AR fee paid on form/card).

Free AR, and to a ship

AR card from Cyprus, for which it is known that the AR fee was paid on the card, not the cover. As the registered letter was mailed by a Government official and there are no stamps, we infer that AR was free (very unusual). Addressed to the commanding officer of the HMS Keith.

(Form P.O. 189.)

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DE CHYPRE.

Envoi recommandé (Letter) (1)

Lettre-Boîte avec valeur déclarée de } ///

enregistré au bureau de poste de } Famagusta

le 23/7/36 sous le No. 5720

expédié par M. Commissioner Spirota

et adressé à M. Commanding Officer
1st Hotelto on S. Keith
à C.P.O. London

(1) Nature de l'envoi (lettre, imprimé, etc.)

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.

(A remplir par l'expéditeur.)

A. The Commissioner
Famagusta
Cyprus

(Rue et numéro)

(Lieu de destination)

SERVICE DES POSTES } (Pays de destination)

Timbre du bureau expéditeur de l'avis.

REGISTERED
9:00 AM
23 JUL 36
FAMAGUSTA, CYPRUS

Famagusto to CO of HMS Keith, 1936. Properly signed three weeks after mailing, and returned via Gibraltar (slogan cancel reads *The travel key of the Mediterranean*) four days later.

Palestine AR: mini-exhibit synopsis

PALESTINE was under British mandate from 1920–48; Jerusalem had been captured by the British in 1917. It joined the UPU 5 October 1923. Surprisingly, there is both international and domestic AR material floating around, mostly overpriced AR cards.

As with almost all British colonies west of eastern Africa, the AR fee was paid on the AR form or card, not the registered cover.

Disambiguation This refers to the territory under British mandate up to the formation of the state of Israel; some of the region was annexed by Jordan. If I had any AR material from pre-mandate Palestine, it would be in the Ottoman Empire/Turkey portion. Material from the Palestinian authority is in a separate section, somewhere.

O.E.T.P.A. No. 25

Occupied Enemy Territory Postal Administration, Palestine
Administration des postes du territoire ennemi occupé Palestine
ادارة البريد لبلاد العدو المحتلة في فلسطين
נהלת בתי הדואר בשטח האויב הנכבש א"

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DELIVERY OR PAYMENT — AVIS DE RECEPTION OU DE PAYEMENT

علم تسليم او دفع
הודעת מסירה או תשלום

Of { (1) Letter } registered under No. { (2) 696 }

De { } enregistré sous le No. { }

(1) من (2)

sent by { M. A. Zahi Hadad } اسم المرسل
expédié par { } שגילה ל"י הא'

M.O. Tiberias Palestine
on { 6th July 1920 } بتاريخ { } مبلغ
le { } pour la somme de { } ביום

and addressed to { M. Noureddin Bey }
et adressé à { } معنونه باسم
في { } על שם הא'

Date { 6th July } سنة ١٩٢٠ at { Cousple }
تاريخ { } بحبراً في

Stamp of Delivery Office.
Timbre du bureau distributeur.

The undersigned declares that a { (1) }
le soussigné déclare qu'un { }
addressed as above and originating from { }
à l'adresse susmentionnée et provenant de { }

يقر الواضع اسمه اذناه ان (١)
الوارد للرسم المذكور اعلاه والتاريخ من

has been duly { (2) }
à été dûment { }
سنة ١٩

قد جرى (٣)
اليه في تاريخ

لأش השישים والعشرين، تمكيداً
بأن

Addressed,
Le destinataire,

المُرسل اليه
التوقيع المستلم

Chief Clerk of Section,
Le Chef du bureau,

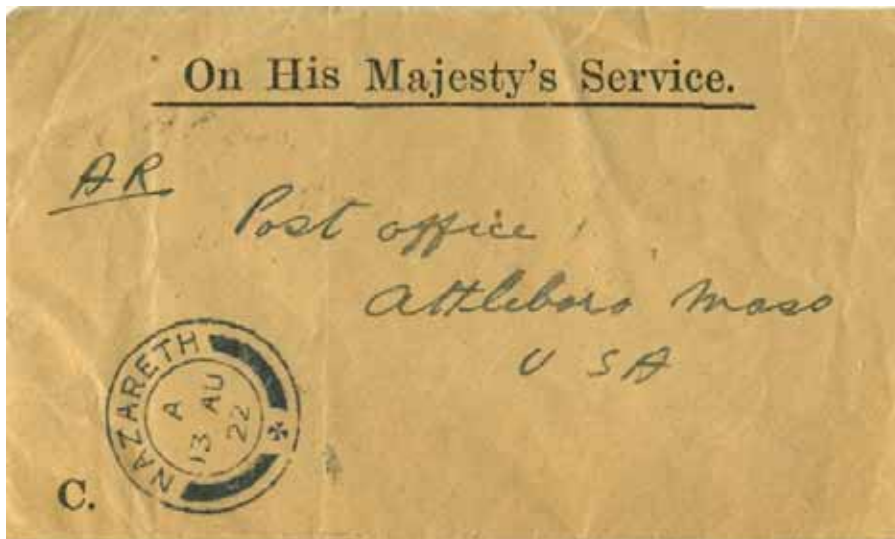
رئيس القسم
التوقيع المسؤول عن هذا

This notice should be signed by the Chief of Section and by the addressee, and then returned by first despatch to office of origin of article or to the sender as the case may be.
Cet avis est signé par le Chef du bureau et par le destinataire, puis renvoyé par le premier courrier à l'adresse de l'expéditeur ou au bureau d'origine selon le cas.

Tiberias to Constantinople,
July 1920. Foolscap size,
folded under
(top two-thirds show-
ing). Properly signed.
Tiberias skeleton.

- 1 Piastre AR fee paid
by EEF stamp
- Returned under cover.

Provisional AR covering envelope



Nazareth to Attleboro (MA), provisional covering envelope, 1922. The U S continued to use forms (requiring covering envelopes for their return) rather than cards through 1922. Via Haifa.



AR cards

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DE PALESTINE
POST OFFICE OF PALESTINE

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY.**

d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de { *Letter.* }
of a letter insured for { }
d'un objet recommandé { }
of a registered article { }
d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de { }
of a parcel insured for { }
de { } { le } { *1-11-24* } { le No. } { *1939* } (2)
of { } { on the } { } { under No } { }
expédié par { M. }
Sent by { }
et adressé à { M. } { à }
and addressed to { } { at }
(full address) { }

enregistré au bureau
(1) registered at the Office

Le Soussigné déclare { qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée } à l'adresse
d'un objet recommandé { qu'un objet recommandé } susmentionnée
qu'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée { qu'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée }
The undersigned acknowledges that { an insured letter } addressed as above
et provenant { a registered letter }
and posted at { an insured parcel }
lié le { } { 19 } { 24 }
delivered on the { } { } { } { }
Signature (3)
du destinataire de l'agent du bureau distributeur
of the addressee of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office

1 Nature de l'objet { lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc. } Bureau d'Origine; date de dépôt à ce
Nature of article { letter, sample, printed paper, etc. } Bureau; No. d'enregistrement au même bureau
2 Office of Origin; date of posting at this Office;
No. of registration at this Office.

3. Note: - Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou si le règlement du pays de destination le comporte par l'agent du bureau distributeur et renvoyé ensuite par le premier courrier d rectement à l'adresse indiquée au recto
Note: - This advice must be signed by the addressee, or, the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, then sent by the first mail to the address shown on the other side

236-15,000-29.3 22

Haifa to Linz (Poland), 1924. Print data 15000, 29 March 1922 (very early). AR fee, 13 mils, paid by overprinted EEF stamp.

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY.

P.T. 506

Timbre du Bureau expéditeur
Stamp of Office of Origin

Lieu de Destination
Place of Destination

Pay de Destination
Country of Destination.

SERVICE DES POSTES
POST OFFICE

Stamp of Office of Origin

Stamp of Office of Origin

AR cards

To Poland and Canada; two quite different cards

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DE PALESTINE
POST OFFICE OF PALESTINE

28 mil

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY**

d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de
of a letter insured for
d'un objet recommandé
of a registered article
d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de
of a parcel insured for

expédié par
Sent by
et adressé à
and addressed to
(full address)

le No.
under No.

Signature (1)
Signature

Le Soussigné déclare
The undersigned acknowledges that
et provenant de
and posted at
livré le
delivered on the

qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée
qu'un objet recommandé
qu'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée

à l'adresse susmentionnée
addressed as above
a été dûment
was duly

du destinataire
of the addressee

de l'Agent du bureau distributeur
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office

Nature de l'objet: lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.
Nature of article: letter, sample, printed paper, etc.

Bureau d'Origine; date de dépôt à ce Bureau;
Bureau; No. d'enregistrement au même Bureau;
Office of Origin; date of posting at this Office;
No. of registration at this Office.

Notes: Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si le règlement du pays de destination le comporte, par l'Agent du bureau distributeur et renvoyé ensuite par le premier courrier d'octroi à l'adresse indiquée au recto.
Note: This advice must be signed by the addressee or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, then sent by the first mail to the address shown on the other side.

Stamp of delivering Office

Haifa to Chrzanow (Cracow), 1925. Print-order data, 15000, 29 March 1922—early for an international AR card. Properly signed and returned to sender.

- 13 mil AR fee paid by overprinted EEF stamps

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY.

Stamp of Office of Origin

Signature (1)
Signature

Lieu de Destination
Place of Destination

Pay de Destination
Country of Destination

Stamp of delivering Office

Administration des Postes de Palestine
POST OFFICE OF PALESTINE

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ADVICE OF DELIV**

d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de
of a letter insured for
d'un objet recommandé
of a registered article
d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de
of a parcel insured for

le No.
under No.

Signature (3)
Signature

Le Soussigné déclare
The undersigned acknowledges that
et provenant de
and posted at
livré le
delivered on the

qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée
qu'un objet recommandé
qu'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée

à l'adresse susmentionnée
addressed as above
a été dûment
was duly

du destinataire
of the addressee

de l'Agent du bureau distributeur
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office

Nature de l'objet: lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.
Nature of article: letter, sample, printed paper, etc.

Bureau d'Origine; date de dépôt à ce Bureau;
Bureau; No. d'enregistrement au même Bureau;
Office of origin; date of posting at this Office; No. of registration at this Office.

Notes: Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si le règlement du pays de destination le comporte, par l'Agent du bureau distributeur, et renvoyé ensuite par le premier courrier d'octroi à l'adresse au verso.
Note: This advice must be signed by the addressee or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, then sent by the first mail to the address shown on the other side.

Stamp of delivering Office

Tel Aviv to Toronto, 1933. Print-order data, 15000, 17 October 1927. Properly signed and returned to sender.

- 13 mil AR fee paid by stamps

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.

Signature (1)
Signature

Lieu de Destination
(Lieu de Destination)

(Pays de Destination)

SERVICE DES POSTES

AR cards

To Lebanon and France

P.T. 506

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.

A

M. R. Asher Levitsky,

P. O. B. 391,

Jerusalem.

(Lieu de Destination)

(Pays de Destination)

SERVICE DES POSTES

Timbre du bureau expéditeur

PALESTINE

Jerusalem to Hasboun (Lebanon), 1931. Print-order data, 15000, 17 October 1927. Unsigned; registered letter presumably returned to sender with card still attached.

- 13 mil AR fee paid by stamp

Administration des Postes de Palestine
POST OFFICE OF PALESTINE

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY.**

d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de
of a letter insured for
d'un objet recommandé
of a registered article
d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de
of a parcel insured for

de
of

expédié par
sent by

M. R. Asher Levitsky,

et adressé à
and addressed to

M. P. George

à
at

P. O. B. 433,

Hasboun, Beyrouth.

Le Sousigné
The undersigned

qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée
qu'un objet recommandé
qu'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée

à l'adresse
à l'adresse

summonnée

a registered letter
an insured letter
an insured parcel

a été dûment
was duly

delivered on the

Signature (13)

du destinataire

de l'agent du bureau distributeur

1 Nature de l'objet: lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.
Nature of article: letter, sample, printed paper, etc.

2 Bureau d'Origine: date de dépôt à ce Bureau, No. d'enregistrement en ce Bureau.
Office of origin: date of posting at this Office; No. of registration at this Office.

3 Note: Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si le règlement du pays de destination le permet, par l'agent du bureau distributeur, et renvoyé ensuite par le premier courrier direct à l'adresse ou remis.

Note: This advice must be signed by the addressee or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, then sent by the first mail to the address shown on the other side.

10025-15000-17/10/27 G.C.P.

Administration des Postes de Palestine
POST OFFICE OF PALESTINE

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY.**

d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de
of a letter insured for
d'un objet recommandé
of a registered article
d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de
of a parcel insured for

de
of

expédié par
sent by

M. E. PELTOURS

et adressé à
and addressed to

M. Israel Rosenfeld,

à
at

TEL-AVIV

3, Rue de Départ

PARIS 14

Le Sousigné
The undersigned

qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée
qu'un objet recommandé
qu'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée

à l'adresse
à l'adresse

summonnée

a registered letter
an insured letter
an insured parcel

a été dûment
was duly

delivered on the

Signature (13)

du destinataire

de l'agent du bureau distributeur

1 Nature de l'objet: lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.
Nature of article: letter, sample, printed paper, etc.

2 Bureau d'Origine: date de dépôt à ce Bureau, No. d'enregistrement en ce Bureau.
Office of origin: date of posting at this Office; No. of registration at this Office.

3 Note: Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si le règlement du pays de destination le permet, par l'agent du bureau distributeur, et renvoyé ensuite par le premier courrier direct à l'adresse ou remis.

Note: This advice must be signed by the addressee or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, then sent by the first mail to the address shown on the other side.

26 Sept 1938

Tel Aviv to Paris, 1938. Print-order data, 15000, 12 November 1927. Properly signed and returned to sender.

- 13 mil AR fee paid by stamp

P.T. 506

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.

Timbre du bureau expéditeur

PALESTINE

M. E. PELTOURS

P. O. B. 394

TEL-AVIV.

(Lieu de Destination)

PALESTINE

(Pays de Destination)

SERVICE DES POSTES

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TEL AVIV

AR covers



Early in Mandate. AR fee paid on form or card.

Nazareth to US, septuple 1923. Crayon ms [AR](#). Via Haifa and New York.

Rated 13millièmes of a pound, reg'n; UPU, first 20g, 10 mils, each add'l 20g, 6mils UPU rate; overpaid 1mil (1 piastre = 10mils). Postage paid with 5 piastre and 1 pi EEF stamps, second London overprint (1921-1922).



[illegible][illegible]

Fiji AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

Fiji (consisting of a large number of islands in the south Pacific Ocean) was annexed by Britain in 1874, becoming independent in 1970. I know of just the one AR item (next page).

An extremely late use of an AR form (as opposed to AR card). Latest use of a form (by far) from a Commonwealth entity. Conditions for return (registered, under cover) are reminiscent of those in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Suva to Philadelphia, 1959. To Veterans Administration from the US consulate. No printing on reverse.

- 6 d AR fee paid by stamp
- Print data, 2000, 1957
- Returned registered (!) to office of delivery (!) under cover.

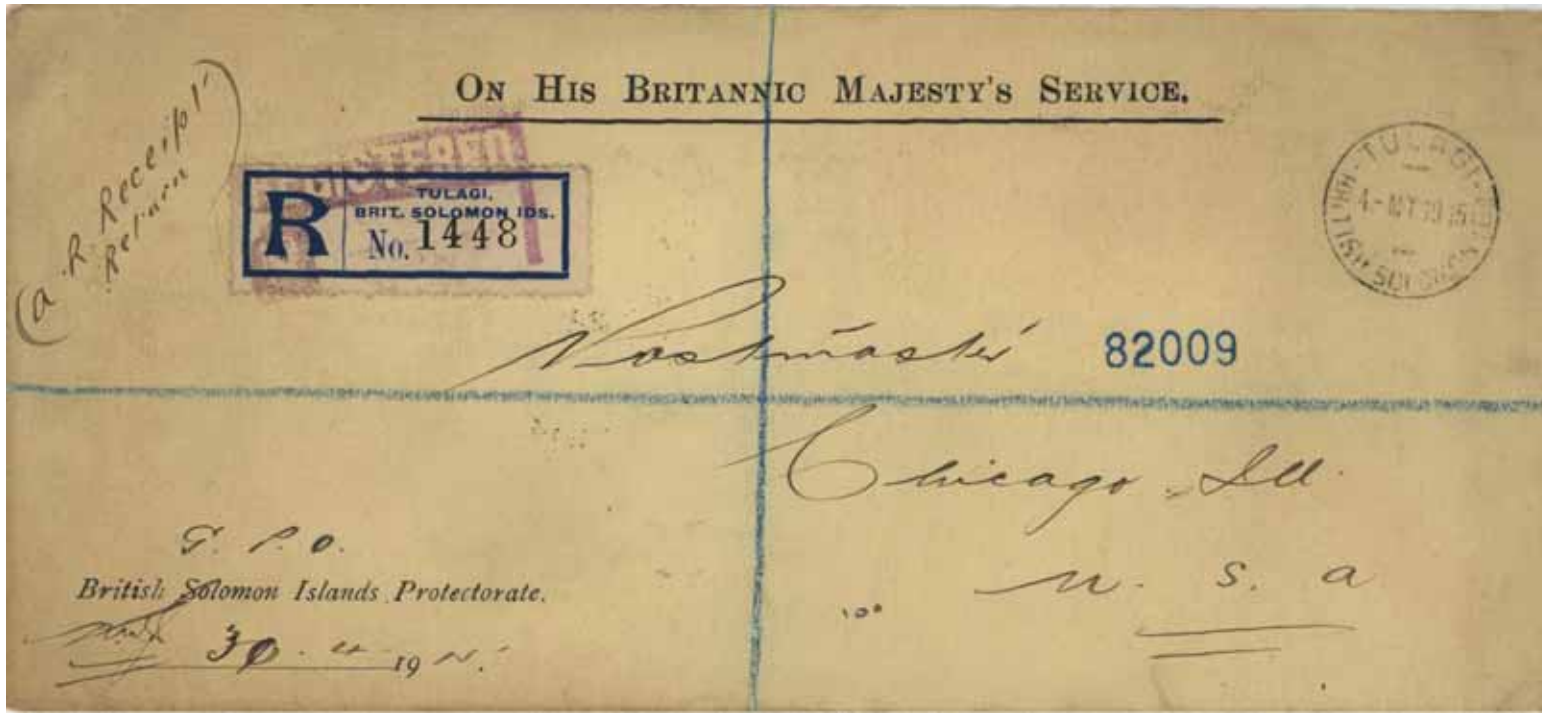
British Solomon AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

BRITISH Solomon Islands consists of a large group of islands east of Papua-New Guinea. Parts of it became a British protectorate in 1893 (with other parts ceded by Germany several years later), and it became independent in 1978.

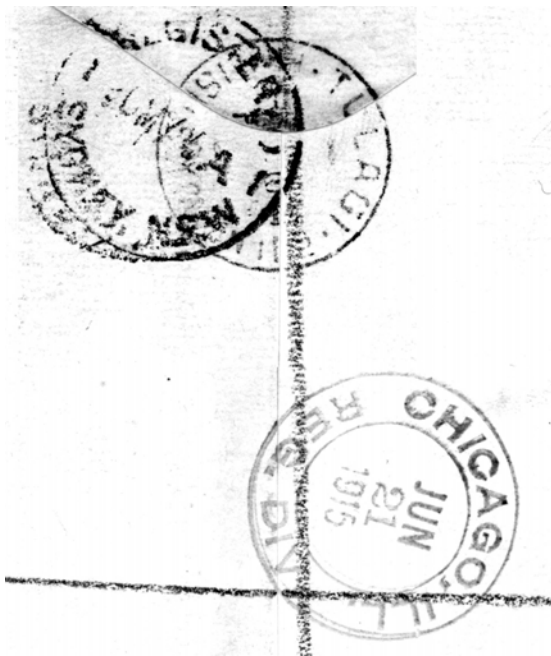
I know of only one AR item.

British Solomon Islands AR service

Provisional AR covering envelope (post-Vienna)



Tulagi to Chicago, via Sydney (NSW), 1915. With ms A.R. receipt return. *Only AR item known from British Solomon Islands.* Unusual format (envelope flap along short side); returned as registered letter.



Jamaica AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

JAMAICA is a large island in the Caribbean, under British rule from 1655; it became independent in 1962, but is still a member of the Commonwealth. Up to 1898, the AR fee was paid on the form, not the registered cover, making Jamaica one of two entities that did this during the Vienna period (the other is Barbados). From 1917 on, the AR fee was paid on the cover (there is nothing available in the period 1899–1916). Not much AR material is known.

One international use AR form is known; the same form is also known used domestically. No AR cards are known. All but one of the examples shown here are from the collection of Paul Wright.

AR form

BOSTON, MASS.
FEB 13 1899
REGISTRY DIV.

Application to the Office of Delivery for information as to
the disposal of a Registered Letter.

The Postmaster

of

Collinsville Ill.

14287

No. 27.

Acknowledgment of receipt of a Registered Article.

TABLE I., to be filled up at the Office of origin.

A Registered Article addressed to

N. W. Chandler
Collinsville Ill
U.S.

is forwarded by this despatch, entered at
No. _____. The Sender, whose name and
address appear on the third page, requests
to know if it has been delivered, and to
whom, or how otherwise disposed of.

Registering Officer.

TABLE II., to be filled up at the Office of destination, and
if the Letter has not been duly delivered it should be stated
how disposed of.

N. W. Chandler

Date Stamp of Delivery
Office.

Postmaster.

Returned to Cowansville (IL) from Jamaica, 1895. 2 d AR fee paid on form.

Information furnished to the Office of Origin as to the disposal of a Registered Letter.

Delivered by J. H. Thompson
By J. H. Thompson, Dec 18, 1901

The Postmaster

of


Colombus, N.Y.

Information furnished to the Sender as to the disposal of a Registered Letter.

Delivered H. H. Chandler

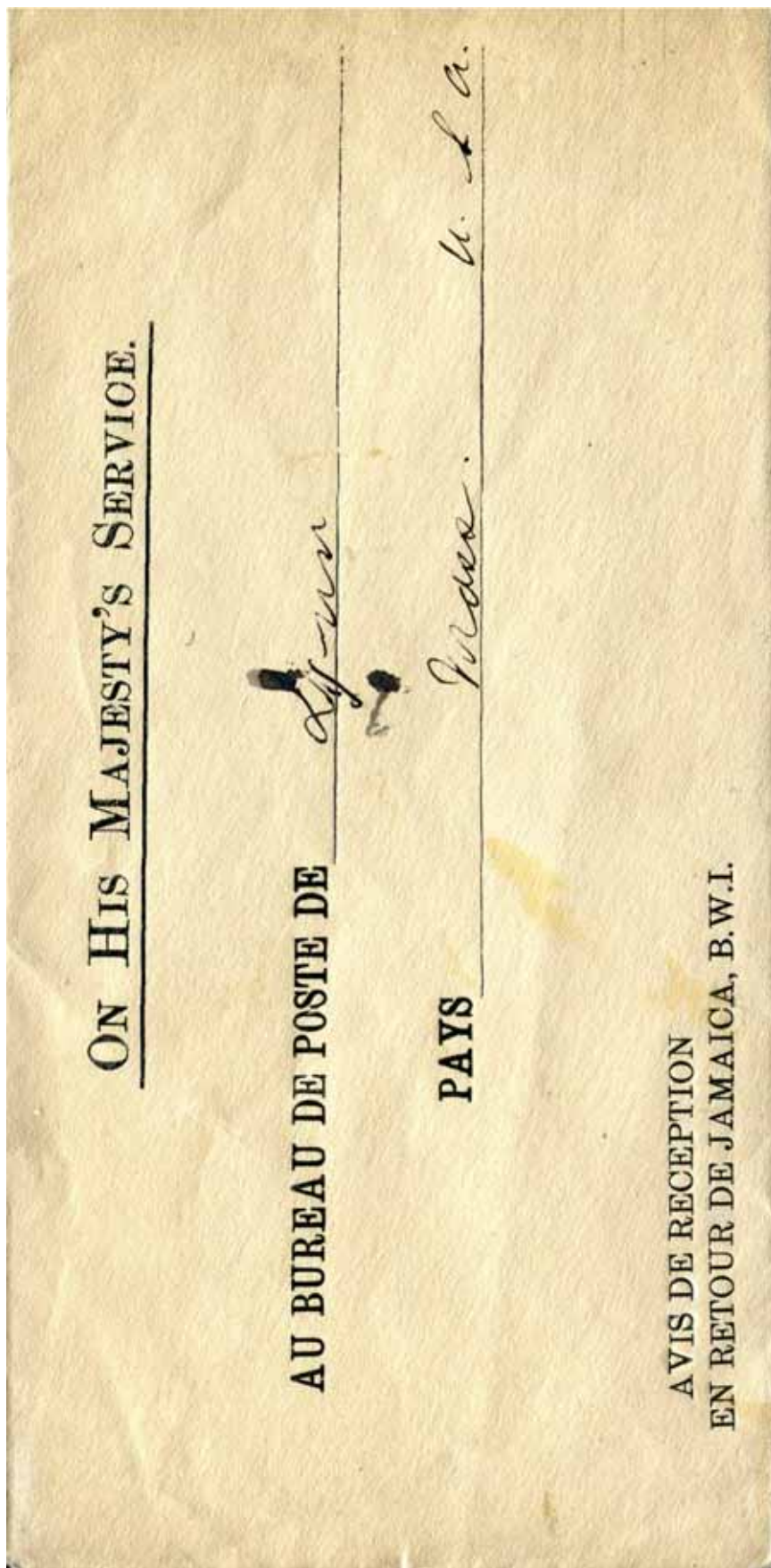
Name and Address of Sender.

Mrs E. C. Cook
1 Sutton St
Kingston Jamaica



AR covering envelope (post-Vienna)

Only known example



Kingston to Lynn (MA), 1918.



AR covers

Vienna period

Exceptionally, during the Vienna period, Jamaica attached its AR form to AR covers, and the AR fee was paid on the form, not the registered letter; for almost all other entities, the AR form was not prepared in country of origin, and so the AR fee would have had to have been paid on the cover. Barbados appears to have followed Jamaica's example.



Jamaica to New York, 1 March 1893. US-style ms *Registered with return (receipt)*. With four 3 d fiscal stamps (badly rubbed), overpaying (by ½ d) triple UPU rate (at 2½ d per weight), and 4 d registration; AR fee was paid on the form. Possibly philatelic.

With help from Paul Wright



Jamaica to San Francisco, 15 July 1893. US-style ms *Return Receipt demanded*. Rated 2½ d UPU letter rate, and 2 d registration (dropped from 4 d 1 June 1893); overpaid ½ d, with AR fee to have been paid on the AR form.

AR covers



Jamaica to Middleton (NS), 1897. US-style ms Registered w/ return receipt. Correctly rated (for a change) 2½ d UPU letter rate and 2 d registration. Same handwriting as on 1893 cover.

Post-Vienna AR covers

Apparently, post-Vienna, the AR fee was paid on the cover (this is based on a limited sample).



Kingston to New York, February 1917. Old US-style ms *Registered receipt demanded* and rectangular boxed AR (with one period). Rated 6½ d (paid by overprinted war tax stamps), made up of AR fee 2 d, registration 2 d, and UPU rate 2½ d.



Same correspondence, July 1917. Old US-style ms *Registered return receipt demanded* and same handstamp. Rated as above. The same handwriting, but Gray is the American spelling (of the word, not the name), and the address is different. Signed GC Gunter, general manager of the Jamaica Government Railway, and also a well-known philatelist.

AR covers



Kingston to Detroit, double rate, 1927. Left half missing. Same AR handstamp. Rated 8 d, made up of AR fee 2 d, registration 2 d, and UPU rate to US $2\frac{1}{2}$ d for the first weight with $1\frac{1}{2}$ d for the second.



Kingston to Atlanta, 1929. Same handstamp. Rated as above, except single rate.

Anomalous uses

For other similarly anomalous uses of US AR cards, see the international US exhibit.

NOTES.

- (1) Nature of the article (letter, sample, print, etc.).
- (2) Nature of the object (lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.).
- (3) Office of origin; date of mailing at that office; Bureau d'origine; date de dépôt à ce bureau; Registration No. of that office.
- (4) No. d'enregistrement au même bureau.
- (5) Note.—This receipt must be signed by the addressee or, if the regulations of the country of destination so require, by the postmaster at office of address and then returned by par l'agent du bureau distributeur, et renvoyé ensuite, par le premier courrier, directement à l'adresse indiquée au recto.

Form 3870. July 29 1927

Post Office Department
Jamaica
1d
POSTAGE & REVENUE

POSTMARK OF TIMBRE DU

DELIVERING OFFICE. BUREAU DISTRIBUTEUR.

Return to } M. J. A. Stracke
Renvoyez à }
Street address of } 1237 W. Somerset
P. O. Box No. }
Rue et Numéro ou }
Boite Postale No. }
Post Office at } Philadelphia, Pa.
Bureau de Poste de }
State }
Etat de }

US AR card returned from Jamaica with **stamp added**, 1927. AR cards did not require postage (with rare exceptions)—any stamps on them would have paid the AR fee, and would have been applied at the origin. US AR cards did not have stamps applied (except for return by air, or after-the-fact). Here the Jamaican clerk (at Constant Spring) unnecessarily applied a 1d stamp, ostensibly paying the postcard rate to the US.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—RETURN RECEIPT.
ADMINISTRATION DES ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE—AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.

STAMP OF TIMBRE DU

for a letter with declared value of \$1.00 or less
for a registered article of value not exceeding \$100.00

entered at this office
registered au bureau

mailed by M. J. A. Stracke
and addressed to M. J. A. Stracke
at address a M. J. A. Stracke

STAMP OF TIMBRE DU

DELIVERING OFFICE. BUREAU DISTRIBUTEUR.

RECEIVED FROM THE POSTMASTER THE REGISTERED OR INSURED ARTICLE, THE ORIGINAL NUMBER OF WHICH APPEARS ON THE FACE OF THIS CARD.

1. Signature of addressee or agent (Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

2. Signature of addressee's agent—Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above

Date of delivery 3/7/44, 194

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-12421

Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

Return to Pfc Walter M. Stawinski
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, } Supply Dist. #1
or Post Office Box, }

REGISTERED ARTICLE
No. 16841

INSURED PARCEL
No. 16-12421

Post Office Camp Lejeune
State Ala

Domestic US AR card used to Jamaica, 1944. Domestic US AR cards were explicitly forbidden from being used to foreign destinations (except Canada, and then only under some circumstances).

Form 3811
Rev. 1-4-40.

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

1. Signature of addressee or agent (Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

2. Signature of addressee's agent—Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above

Date of delivery 3/7/44, 194

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-12421

Turks & Caicos AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

TURKS and Caicos (consisting of two island groups in the northern West Indies) is currently a British overseas territory; at the time, it was a British colony administered from Jamaica. I know of just two AR items.

Turks & Caicos AR form

Isles Turques.
Accusé de réception d'un objet recommandé.

TABEAU I. (à remplir par le bureau expéditeur.)

Un objet recommandé adressé à
*Messrs Blyden Colons & Co.
 Suffolk House
 57-59 Old Broad Street
 London E.C.4.*


est envoyé par cette dépêche, et est inscrit au No. *110*. L'expéditeur, dont le nom et l'adresse se trouvent à la 3^{ème} page, désire savoir s'il a été remis, et à qui; autrement, la manière dont on en a disposé.


Edmund
L'employé du bureau expéditeur.

TABEAU II. (à remplir par le bureau destinataire.) Dans le cas où l'objet n'aurait pas été dûment remis on devra constater la manière dont on en a disposé.

Edmund
L'employé du bureau destinataire.

110

Timbre du bureau expéditeur.


Timbre du bureau destinataire.


Printed in 1881 in an *extremely small quantity* of 150, not used until 1905, by which time the name had changed. The style is that of UK, Canada, and British colonies of the very early UPU period, except that it is in French only, and uses the informal term *accusé de réception*. Only known example.


G & S [1523] 150 12/8/1

Renseignements donnés au bureau expéditeur sur le sort d'un objet recommandé.

Au
 Directeur des Postes
 des Isles Turques,
 Indes Occidentales.

Renseignements donnés à l'expéditeur sur le sort d'un objet recommandé.

Nom et adresse de l'expéditeur.
*A. W. Harriott
 Registrar Supreme Court
 Turks Islands*

Timbre-poste de 2d. à apposer ici.


Turks Islands—London, 1905. AR fee of 2½d paid by Turks & Caicos stamp.

AR cover



Turks Islands—Kingston (Jamaica), 1900. Ms *A.R.* Rated 1 d Empire rate; 2 d registration fee would have been paid on the embossed back flap (which is missing). From the preceding form, we know that the AR fee was not paid on the registered cover. The registered datestamp reads ISLAND (no s at the end).

Courtesy of Paul Wright

British Guiana AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

BRITISH Guiana (since 1966, the independent country of Guyana) is on the north coast of South America. It was ceded to UK in 1814, officially becoming a colony in 1831. It relied on imported slave labour to cultivate sugar plantations. AR fee was paid on the form or card, neither of which I have.

British Guiana AR service

AR covers (post-Vienna)

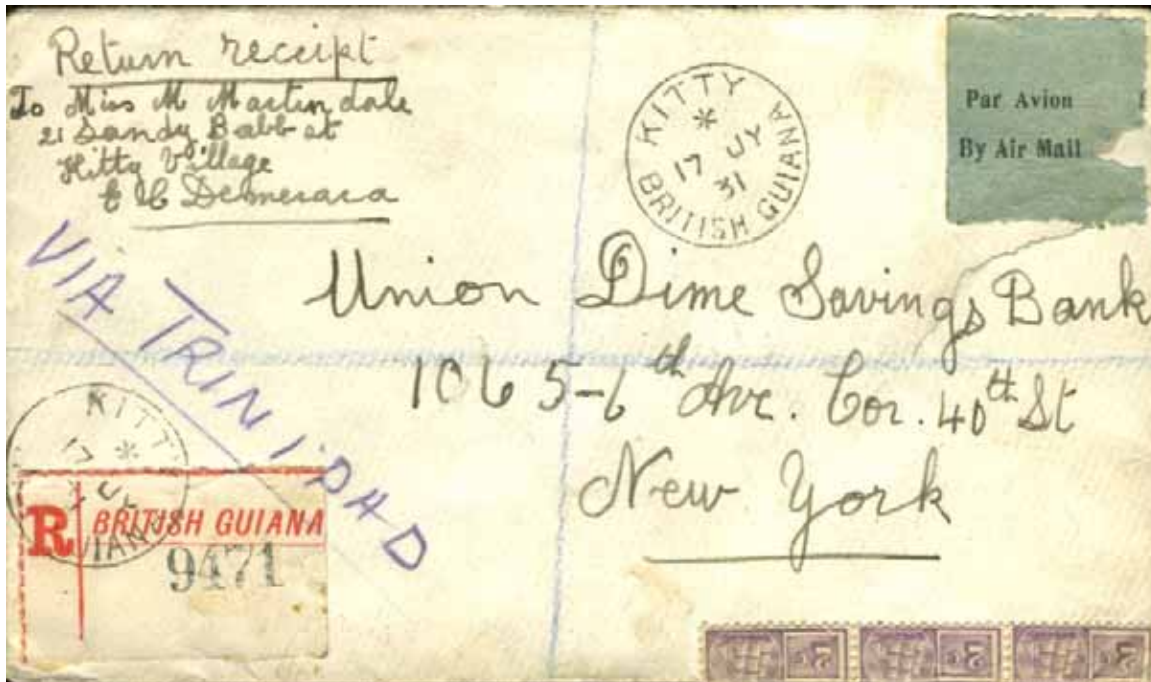


Georgetown to Westfield (MA), 1905. Encircled AR hs, & sender's US-worded version. Rated 5¢ reg'n & 4¢ to US.



New Amsterdam to Surrey (NB, Canada), 1916. Ms AR. Rated 4¢d registration (embossed) & 2¢ Empire rate to Canada.

AR cover



Kitty–New York, airmail, 1931. Ms Return receipt. Rated 48¢: 4¢ reg'n; surface 4¢ first ounce, supplemental airmail may be 20¢ per half-ounce.



Bahamas AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

BAHAMAS consists of more than 700 islands in the Caribbean. It was British crown colony from 1718, and became independent in 1973, but is still a member of the Commonwealth. AR fee is paid on the form or card; limited evidence suggests this even applied in the Treaty of Vienna period (1892–1898), making Bahamas one of the very few entities that did this.

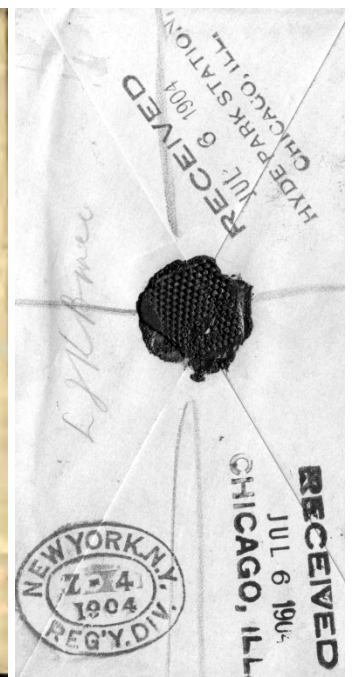
Bahamas AR service

AR covers

It is possible that during the Vienna period, Bahamas required payment of the AR fee on the form, thus not following the Treaty of Vienna conventions. The top cover is the only Bahamas AR cover I know of in the Vienna period.

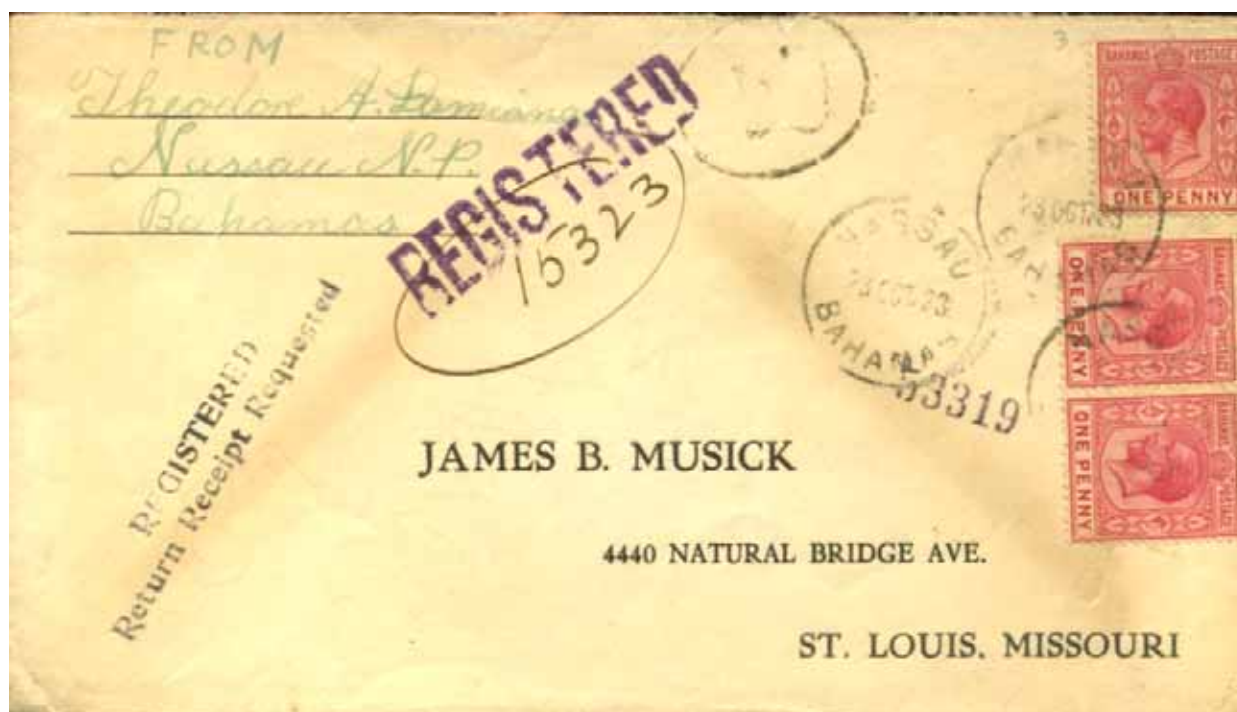


Nassau to London, 29 September 1892; **early in Vienna period** (began 1 July). Red ms in quotes, *Avis de Reception/A.R.* **Rated** 2d registration (embossed) and *either 2½d AR fee & 2½d UPU rate or double UPU rate*, with AR fee paid on the form (which would violate the Vienna conventions). Faint red Nassau registered cds, and red oval London registered cds. Likely *the only known nineteenth century Bahamas AR cover*. AR cover.



Nassau to Chicago, 1904. Red ms **A.R.** **Rated** 2d registration and triple 2½d UPU rate to US. Forwarded to Ephraim (WI).

Bahamas AR covers



Nassau to St Louis, 1923. US-style Return Receipt Requested, may have been applied when it was sent from sender. **Rated** 2d registration & 1d preferred to US.



Nassau to Montego Bay (Jamaica), 1940. US-style RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. **Rated** 2d registration, 1½d first weight Empire rate, 1d each additional weight—so apparently the unlikely quintuple rate.

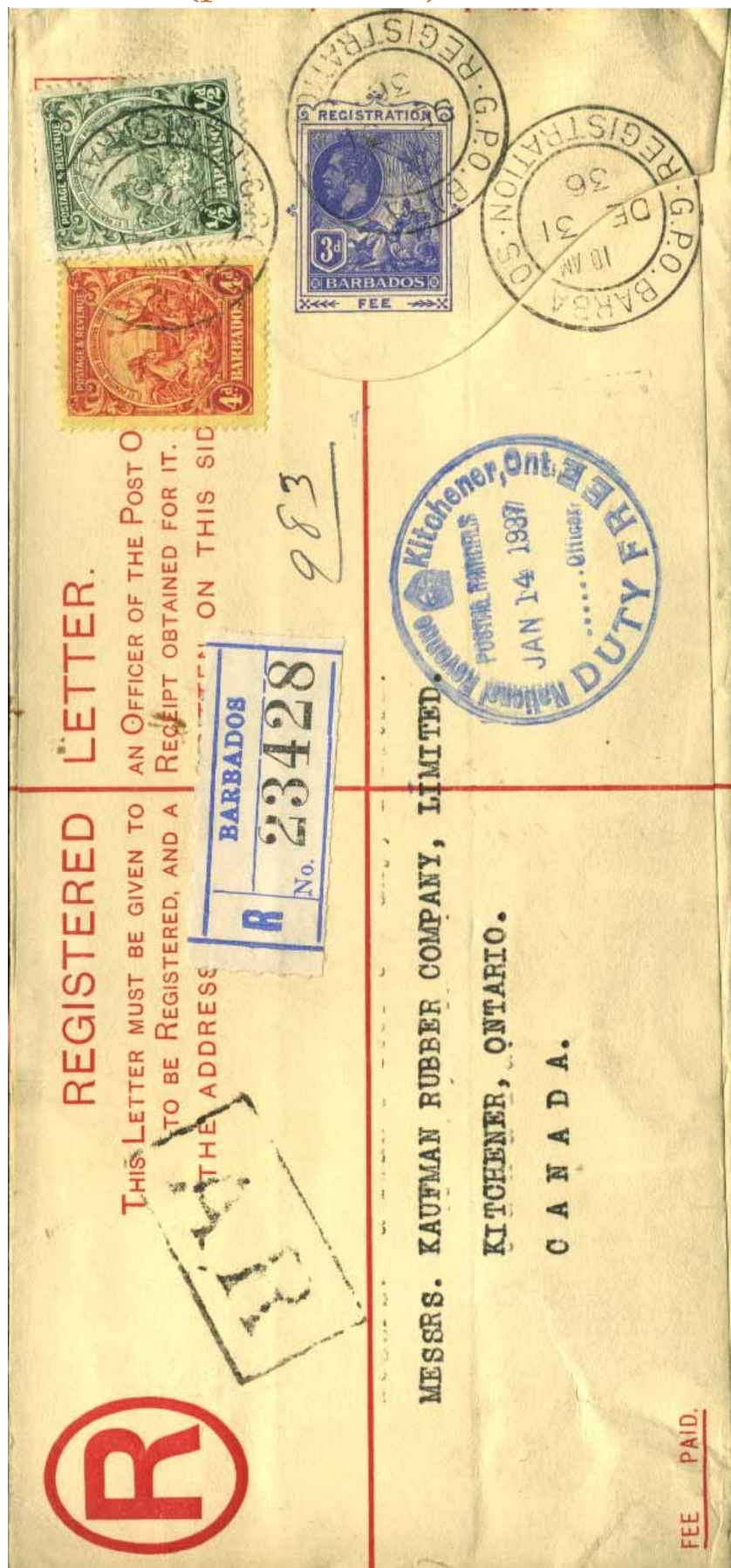
Courtesy of Paul Wright

Barbados AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

BARBADO(E)S is a tiny Island country in the Lesser Antilles of the Caribbean, under British rule from 1627. It became independent in 1966, but is still a member of the Commonwealth. AR fee is paid on the form or card.

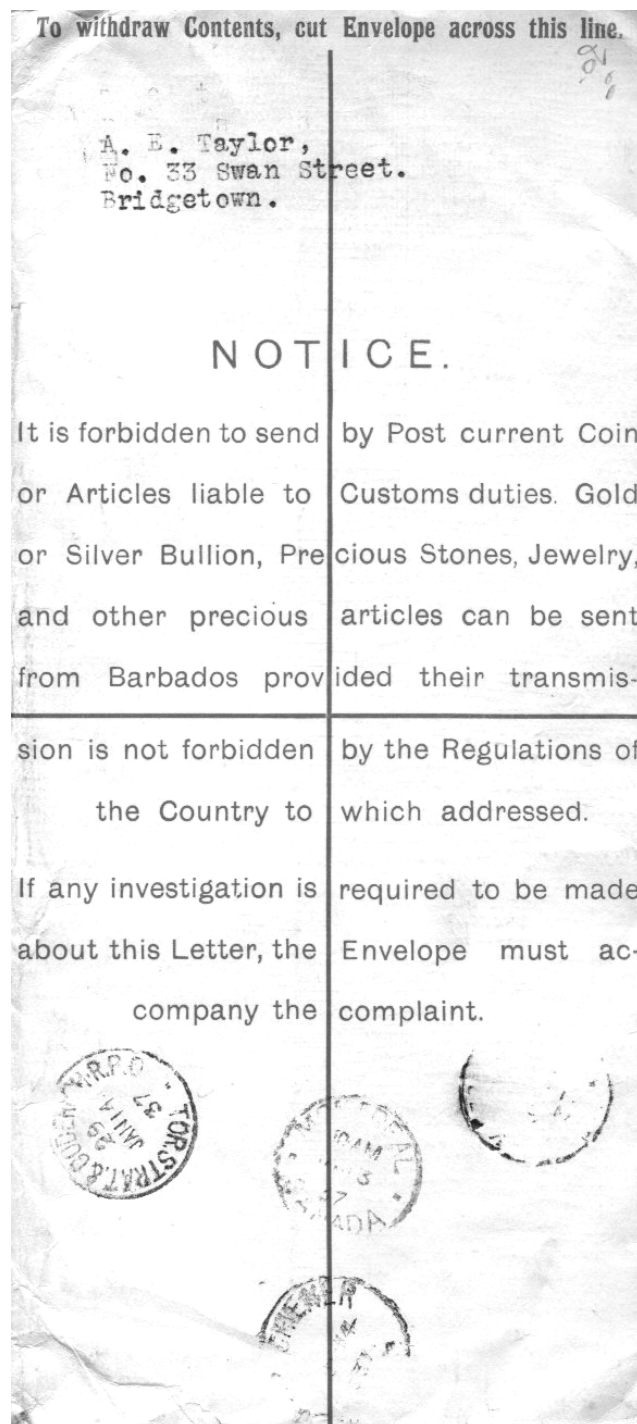
Barbados AR service

AR cover (post-Vienna)



Quadruple, Bridgetown to Kitchener (ON, Canada), 1936.
Large boxed AR. Rated 3d registration (embossed)
& quadruple Empire rate 1½ first weight, 1d each
additional.

Large formula envelope.

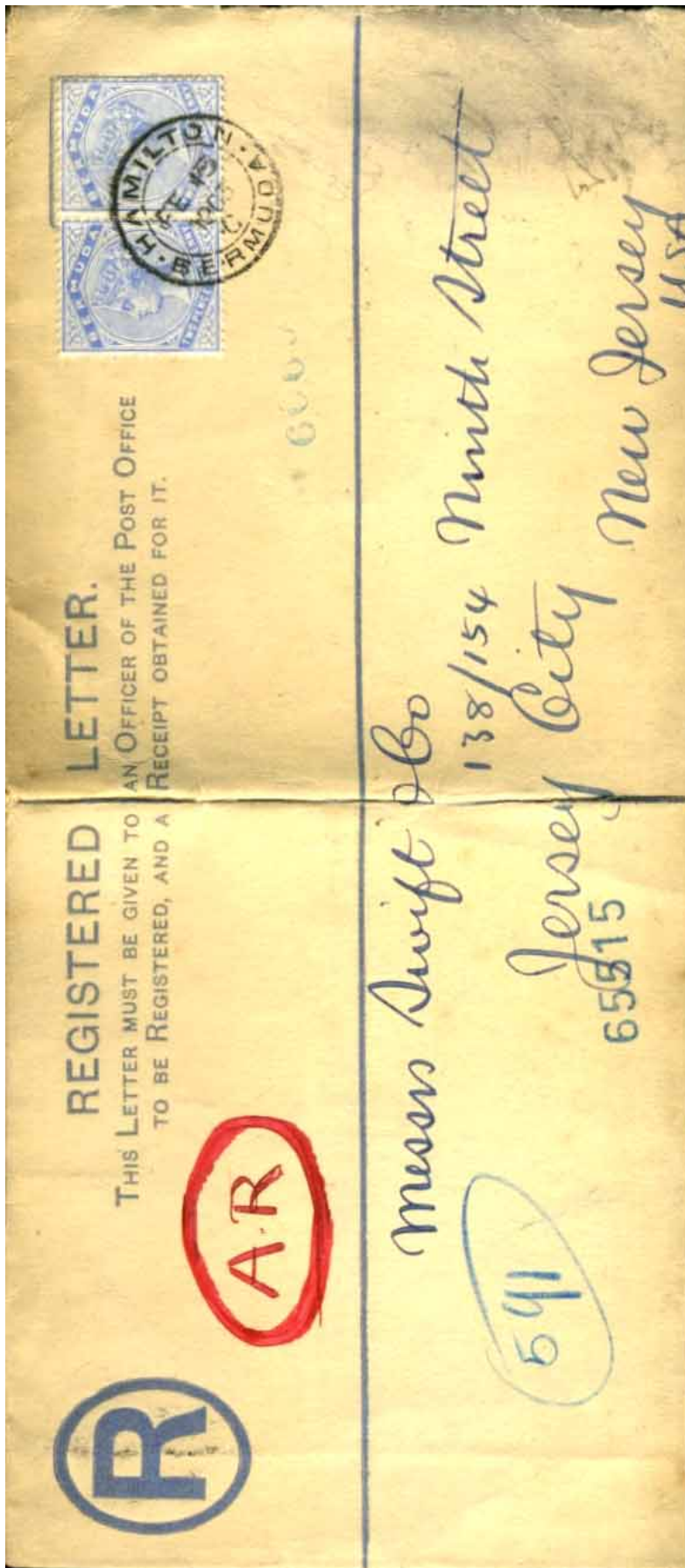


Bermuda AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

BERMUDA is a British Overseas Territory in the north Atlantic Ocean; it has been under British rule since 1707.
AR fee is paid on the form or card.

Bermuda AR service

AR cover (post-Vienna)



Hamilton-Jersey City (NJ), 1903. Large red ms **AR**. Rated 2d registration (embossed on reverse) & double rate 2½ d.

Large formula envelope.



Trinidad & Tobago AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

Two islands in the Caribbean, which were ceded to Britain in 1802 as separate entities. They were unified in 1889, and achieved independence in 1962. It was a British crown colony from 1718. AR fee is paid on the form or card.

Trinidad & Tobago AR service

AR covers



Tobago to New York, 1903. Ms AR. Rated 2d reg'n, and double 2½ d UPU to US; 2½ d AR fee paid on form.



Trinidad to Springfield (OH), 1923. Red ms **AR** and barred handstamp. Rated 3d registration and triple 2 d UPU rate to US. Forwarded to Ephraim (WI).

Sierra Leone AR service

AR covers



Freetown (Sierra Leone) to Philadelphia, airmail, 1937. Small oval AR hs. **Rated** 3 d registration and double 1/1 (per half-ounce) airmail to us.



Freetown to Lagos (Nigeria), airmail, 1944. Oval AR hs. **Rated** 3 d registration (embossed on reverse) and 1/3 (per half-ounce) airmail to Lagos. Faint purple censorship handstamp.

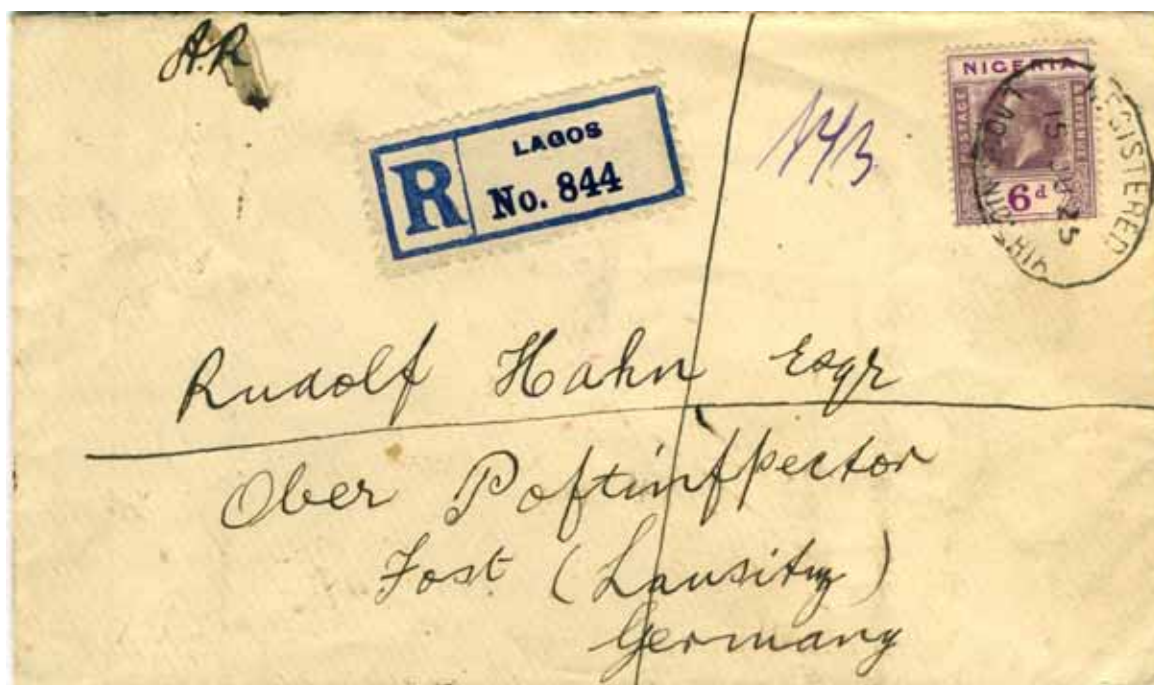


Nigeria AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

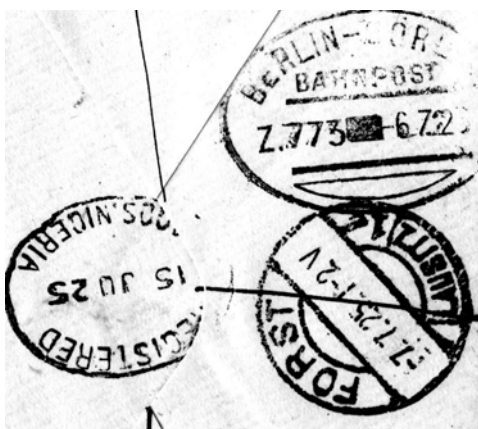
NIGERIA is a large country in west Africa. Lagos became a crown colony in 1861; Nigeria became a British protectorate in 1914, divided into Northern, Southern, and Lagos colonies. Slavery was outlawed in the northern protectorate only in 1936. It became independent in 1960. As with other west African colonies, the AR fee was paid on the card or form.

Nigeria AR service

AR cover



Lagos to Forst (Germany), 1925. Ms AR. Portion of AR form still attached to reverse. **Rated** 2 d registration, 3 d UPU, 1 d overpaid; possibly the second weight rate was 1 d (I have not been able to find a reliable rates source).



Gambia AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

GAMBIA is a small narrow country in the extreme west of Africa. It was a source of millions of slaves over three centuries of the transatlantic slave trade, up until 1807 when the trade in slaves was abolished in the British Empire. Gambia was a British possession (later a colony) from 1783–1965, at which time it became independent. Common British use is *The Gambia*, rather than just *Gambia*, as used in North America.

I know of only one AR item. Because it is in western Africa, it is most likely that the AR fee is paid on the card, rather than on the registered item.

Gambia AR service

AR cover



Gambia to Glasgow, 1946. With ms A.R. I have no explanation for the 1/3 postage: registration was 3 d, and the Empire rate was less than 3 d per ounce (the UPU rate). Only AR item known from Gambia.

Hong Kong AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

HONG KONG; the island ceded (in perpetuity) to UK in 1842, and New Territories leased for 99 years in 1898. Controlled by Japan 25 December 1941–2 September 1945. Sovereignty of the entire region assumed by China in 1997.

Hong Kong joined the UPU 1 April 1877. *Double registered* (translation of the Chinese characters meaning AR) is often seen.

Unlike China and Japan, but like most countries in the British Commonwealth and Empire (outside Africa and the Indian subcontinent), the AR fee was always paid in stamps on the AR form or card, rather than on the registered letter.

Hong Kong AR service

AR covers

Formula envelopes

Very difficult to find with AR.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT.	
An acknowledgment of the due receipt by the addressee may be obtained by payment of an extra fee of ten cents.	
INSURANCE OF REGISTERED LETTERS.	
Letters for certain countries may be insured against loss in accordance with Regulations and according to the following table:—	
	FEE.
\$ 120	25 Cents.
\$ 240	50 "
\$ 360	75 "
\$ 480	\$1.00 "
\$ 600	\$1.25 "
\$ 720	\$1.50 "
\$ 840	\$1.75 "
\$ 960	\$2.00 "
\$ 1080	\$2.25 "
\$ 1200	\$2.50 "
The fee for Insurance is in addition to the postage and registration fee.	

Hong Kong to Storminster-Newton (Dorset, England), 1907. Blue crayon ms AR. Rated 4¢ Empire and 10¢ registration rates.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT.	
An acknowledgment of the due receipt by the addressee may be obtained by payment of an extra fee of ten cents.	
INSURANCE OF REGISTERED LETTERS.	
Letters for certain countries may be insured against loss in accordance with Regulations and according to the following table:—	
	FEE.
\$ 120 Francs 300	25 Cents.
" 240 " 600	50 "
" 360 " 900	75 "
" 480 " 1200	\$1.00 "
" 600 " 1500	\$1.25 "
" 720 " 1800	\$1.50 "
" 840 " 2100	\$1.75 "
" 960 " 2400	\$2.00 "
" 1080 " 2700	\$2.25 "
" 1200 " 3000	\$2.50 "
The fee for Insurance is in addition to the postage and registration fee.	

Hong Kong to Kansas City (MS), 1926. Worn nonserif AR in remnants of frame. Rated 10¢ UPU and 10¢ registration fee (embossed).

AR covers



Hong Kong to Sweden, HK censor, double rate, November 1914. Worn encircled serif AR. Rated 26¢: 10¢ registration; UPU 10¢ for first ounce and 6¢ for second. Large formula envelopes sent with AR are particularly difficult to find.



Hong Kong to London, misrated, 1925. Heavily worn encircled nonserif AR. Rated 20¢; Empire rate to UK was less than 10¢, and registration was 10¢.

AR covers



Hong Kong to Chicago, 1919. Encircled serif AR. Rated 10¢ UPU and 10¢ registration fee.



Hong Kong to Macau, 1926. Worn nonserif AR in remnants of frame. Rated 4¢ to nearby Macau and 10¢ registration.

AR covers



Hong Kong to San Francisco, 1947. Typescript **DOUBLE REGISTERED**. Rated \$4 airmail to US (60¢ US), and 25¢ registration.



Hong Kong to US, 1959. Somewhat worn nonserif rubber **A.R.** of frame. Rated \$2.80: \$2 airmail and 80¢ registration??

AR

International post-GPU/UPU British Commonwealth & Empire II

Micro- and mini-exhibits of entities in the Commonwealth or Empire that were part of the administration of British India: this includes colonies in the Indian subcontinent, eastern Africa, and some of the middle east. Almost always in the post-Vienna period, the AR fee was paid on the registered letter, not on the form or card. Not all colonies are represented.

For Canada, UK, Australia & New Zealand, see their separate exhibits; for entities in the rest of the world, *British Commonwealth and Empire I*.

I suggest reading the AR book (<http://www.rfrajola.com/dh2019/1ar.pdf>) first, for a general description of worldwide AR.

The other exhibits, mini- & micro-, are also downloadable from Richard Frajola's exhibit site, <http://www.rfrajola.com/exhibits.htm>

Higher resolution pdfs are possible but require a DVD; please contact me if interested.

Comments, suggestions, contributions welcomed.

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July 2019

British colonies in the Indian subcontinent, eastern Africa, and area

THIS includes all colonies in what is now Malaysia, as well as Mauritius and Seychelles, South Africa and other colonies in eastern Africa, what was Aden (Yemen), A distinguishing feature is that the AR fee was never paid on the form or card, but on the registered letter. In contrast, practically all other colonies about which we have information, paid the AR fee on the forms and cards in the post-Vienna period. Many of the postal systems (for example, that of Aden) were administered from India.

In almost all these places, AR material is readily available, especially covers and cards. This contrasts starkly with the rest of British Empire & Commonwealth, where even for Britain and Canada, finding AR material requires a lot of searching.

Most of the comments in the India exhibit synopsis apply to all the other entities in this section.

Arranged in roughly geographical order: India, Burma, Ceylon, Nepal, Malay States (including Straits Settlements), Mauritius, Seychelles, Egypt, Occupied Iraq, Kenya/British East Africa, Aden, South Africa, Zanzibar

India AR: exhibit synopsis

BRITISH India (and other colonies in the Indian subcontinent, such as Ceylon, Burma, Federated Malay States, Straits Settlements) was enthusiastic about the use of AR. It was very heavily used by the micro-money lenders, the Chettiars.

India was under the British Raj 1858–1948, after which it became an independent republic but remaining in the Commonwealth. It joined the UPU 1 July 1876.

AR cards were usually attached to the registered letters by thread. The AR fee was paid on the registered item, not on the form or card. This applied not just to the Indian subcontinent, but also to the British colonies whose postal service was affiliated to that of India, such as those in western Africa and Aden. Typically, the AR fee was half that of registration, encouraging its use.

AR is often indicated on Indian covers by *Acknowledgment due*, or its abbreviation *AD*.

India had a very extensive domestic AR service, which we will not deal with.

India AR service

AR forms

Vienna period

ADMINISTRATION DE L'INDE BRITANNIQUE.
ADMINISTRATION OF BRITISH INDIA.

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**

d'un objet recommandé enregistré sous le No. et adressé à
For a registered article sent on under No. and addressed to

M. le 1897
Mr. *F. Zachary* at *Haravancore* on the *13 July* 1897

Le soussigné déclare qu'un objet recommandé à l'adresse susmentionnée et pro-
The undersigned certifies that a registered article to the address mentioned above
venant de a été dûment
and originating from *New York* has been duly
livré le 1897
delivered on the *1st April* 1897

Signature (*) *F. Zachary*
Signature (*) *[Signature]*
de destination
of the addressee
de chef du bureau de livraison
of the head of the delivering office

Timbre du bureau
stamp of the office.
SHERTALLY
14.4.97

Autour
every.

A avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le chef
tributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et envoyé, sans recommandation, par la première courrier.
This acknowledgment should be signed by the addressee or, if the regulations of the country of delivery permit it, by the
head of delivery, and it should then be placed in an envelope and forwarded, registered, by the first mail to the office of
article to which it relates.

Shertally (Kerala) to Dayton (OH), 1897. Signed and returned to sender under cover; in the Vienna period, AR forms were prepared in the country of destination. Part of the Dayton correspondence, from a seller of religious goods.

AR form (post-Vienna)

Sunder M. M. P. L. Raman Chetty

Ms.-9.

ADMINISTRATION OF BRITISH INDIA
ADMINISTRATION DE L'INDE BRITANNIQUE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION

of a letter insured for
d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de

of a registered article
d'un objet recommandé

on the
le

and addressed to Mr.
et adressé à M.

entered at the office
enregistré au bureau

under No.
sous le N°

The undersigned declares
Le soussigné déclare

that an insured letter
qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée

that a registered article
qu'un objet recommandé

to the address mentioned
à l'adresse mentionnée

Stamp of the office
Timbre du bureau

and originating from
et provenant de

has been duly
a été dûment

delivered on the
livré le

Signature
Signature

of the addressee,
du destinataire.

of the head of the delivering office,
du chef du bureau distributeur.

of delivery,
distributeur

(1) Nature of the article (letter, sample, printed paper, etc.).
Nature de l'objet (lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.).

(2) Office of origin; date of posting at that office; number under which registered at the same office.
Bureau d'origine; date de dépôt à ce bureau; N° d'enregistrement au même bureau.

(3) Note.—This acknowledgment should be signed by the addressee or, if the regulations of the country of delivery permit it, by the head of the office of delivery, and it should then be placed in an envelope and forwarded by the first mail to the office of posting of the article to which it relates.
Note.—Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le chef du bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et envoyé, par le premier courrier au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

P. P. A. 41-2-11.—Regt. No. 127 of 11-12.

Konapet (Tamil Nadu)—Saigon (Indochina), 1916. Part of Chettiar (money-lender) correspondence. Signed only by postal official.

- AR fee paid on cover, not form
- Returned under cover.

S. a. S. Nagasawye
+ Bros

5

S. P.
F. Ma. - 6.

ADMINISTRATION OF BRITISH INDIA.
ADMINISTRATION DE L'INDE BRITANNIQUE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT
AVIS DE RECEPTION

I hereby acknowledge the receipt for
Je reconnais avoir reçu de

of a registered article, i.e.
d'un objet recommandé (1)

do Paramakudi 21/10 under No. 131
de SP 90ma Bros sous le N° 131 (2)

and addressed to Mr. Jeram
et adressée à M. Jeram

The undersigned declares
Je déclare

that an insured letter
qu'un objet recommandé

to the address mentioned
à l'adresse mentionnée

Stamp of the office
Timbre du bureau

and originating from
et provenant de

has been duly
a été dûment

delivered on the Oct 30
livré le 30 (3)

Signature
Signature

of the addressee,
du destinataire.

of the head of the delivering office,
du chef du bureau distributeur.

of delivery,
distributeur.

(1) Nature of the article (letter, sample, printed matter, etc.).
Nature de l'objet (lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.).

(2) Office of posting; date of posting at that office; number under which registered at the same office.
Bureau d'origine; date de dépôt au bureau; n° d'enregistrement au même bureau.

(3) Note.—This acknowledgment should be signed by the addressee or, if the regulations of the country of delivery permit it, by the head of the office of delivery, and it should then be placed in an envelope and forwarded, by the first mail to the office of posting of the article to which it relates.
Nota.—Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par le chef du bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et envoyé, par le premier courrier au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

F. P. A. — 21-4-11— Regt. No. 127 of 1912.

Negapatam (Tamil Nadu)—Jeram (FMS), 1920. Properly signed.

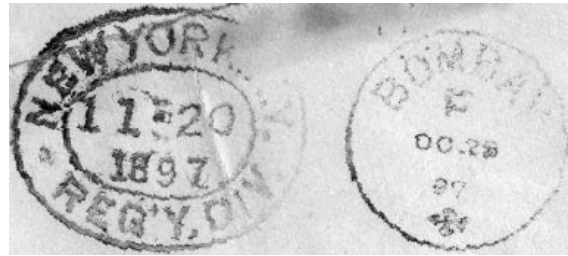
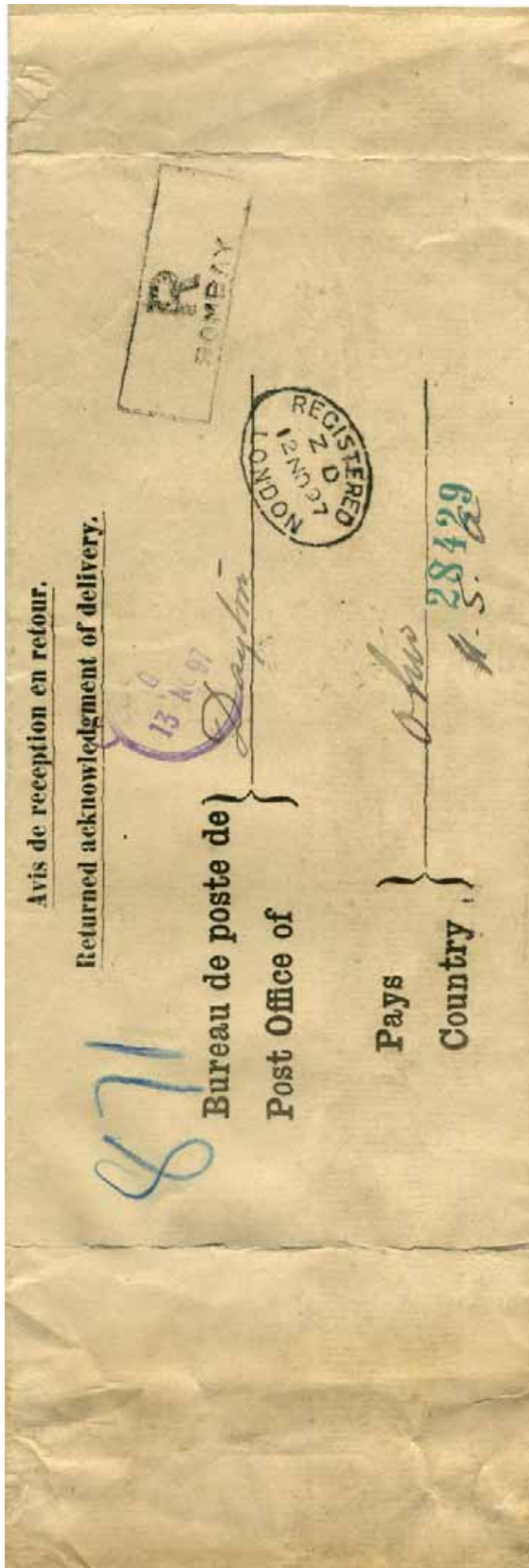
- Returned under cover.

AR covering envelope

Vienna period

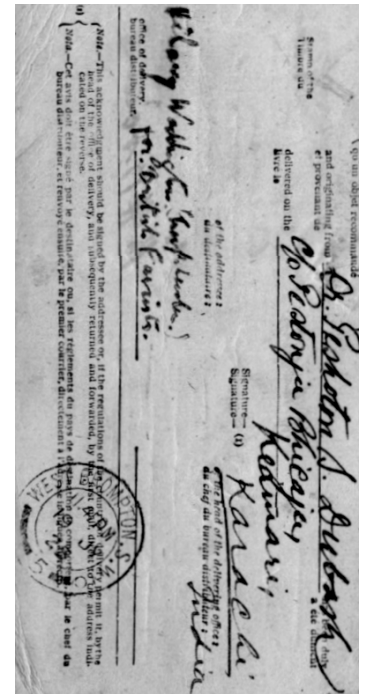
Peculiar shape (not cut down, but top two centimetres are folded under).

*Bombay to Dayton via London, 1897. No printed indication of country; missing accent on *réception*. About three weeks transit time to New York.*



AR cards

Early cards were small, yellow, and crudely printed; later ones were larger, and still later ones came in shades of red.



Returned from London to Karachi, 1925. Karachi to British Fascists, 1925. Properly signed, even though sender mistakenly put the destination address (of registered letter) where the return address should be. Crudely cut.

Signed Hilary Waddington, group leader, for British Fascists. The British Fascists, under the name *British Fascisti*, formed in 1923, modelled on Mussolini's fascism; its name was anglicized in 1925. It became virulently anti-semitic and died in 1935. Mailed by Peshoton Sohrabji Dubash (DSc—he claimed), poet, eugenicist, and crank mathematician.



Returned from London to Gondal (Gujarat), 1926. Properly signed. With London official paid hanstamp and hooded registered datestamps.



Returned from Ceylon to Devakotta, 1942.

Indian censorship.

Handwritten: 20-8-42

Stamp: MAHALAKSHI
30/8/42

Text: Cet avis doit être signé par l'agent du bureau destinataire et revêtu de sa signature.

Text: (1) This acknowledgment should be signed by the officer of the office of destination.

Text: G. & S. Sons, Printers, Cal.—No.

Handstamped (by receiver of registered letter)
in lieu of signature, **WAR DAMAGES COM-
MISSION.**

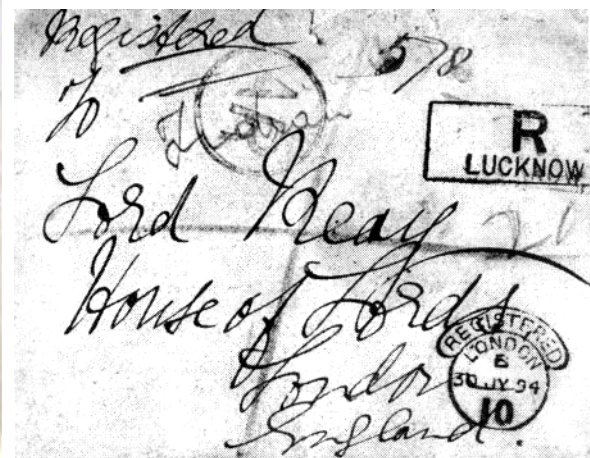
The undersigned declares that the article mentioned on the reverse
was duly delivered on the 10 - 10 - 1912
to the office of destination.
(Signature)
du destinataire : de l'agent du bureau destinataire :
of the addressee : of the officer of the office of destination.

AR covers

Vienna period



To Widnes (Lancs), January 1893. Standard Indian purple **AR** handstamp. **Rated** registration 2 Annas (embossed on reverse), AR fee 2 As, and UPU 2½ As.



Lucknow to Lord Reay, House of Lords, 1894. **Rated** 9 Annas, made up of double UPU rate and other rates as above.

Lord Reay (Donald James Mackay, born Netherlands, 1839–1921, GCIE [Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire], GCSI [KGC of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India], PC [Privy Counsellor], Knight of the Thistle, was Under-Secretary of State for India 1894–95.

AR covers, Vienna and post-Vienna



Madras to Tiverton (UK), 1897. Standard India double circle AR handstamp. Rated 2 Annas registration, 2 As AR fee, and 2½ As UPU; paid by official stamps (On H. M. S. overprint).



Lucknow to London, 1909. Rated 2d each for registration and AR, and 1d Empire rate. Mailed from the CIVIL & MILITARY HOTEL.

HAS NO EQUAL.

The self filling and self cleaning—

"FOUNTAIN PEN."

Fitted with 14-Carat Solid Gold Nib. Handsome Chased Abonite. A pleasure to write, warranted to last for years.

Advantages:—Fills and cleans itself, Cant leak or blot. No shaking. No Coaxing. Ink always ready for writing. No complicated parts to get out of order.

THE LATEST AND MOST PERFECTED PEN.

Magotras price Rs. 5/8 0 each.

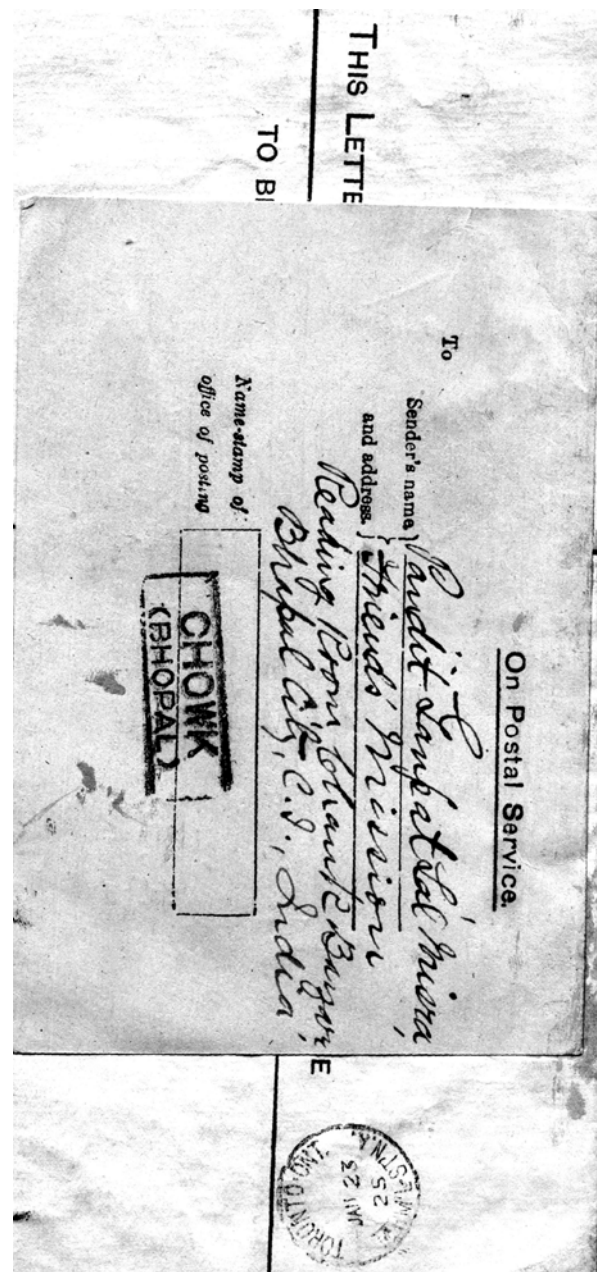
WRITE TO DAY to
L. C. MAGOTRA, Merchant,
 Latomah Road, Lucknow.

AR cover, post-Vienna

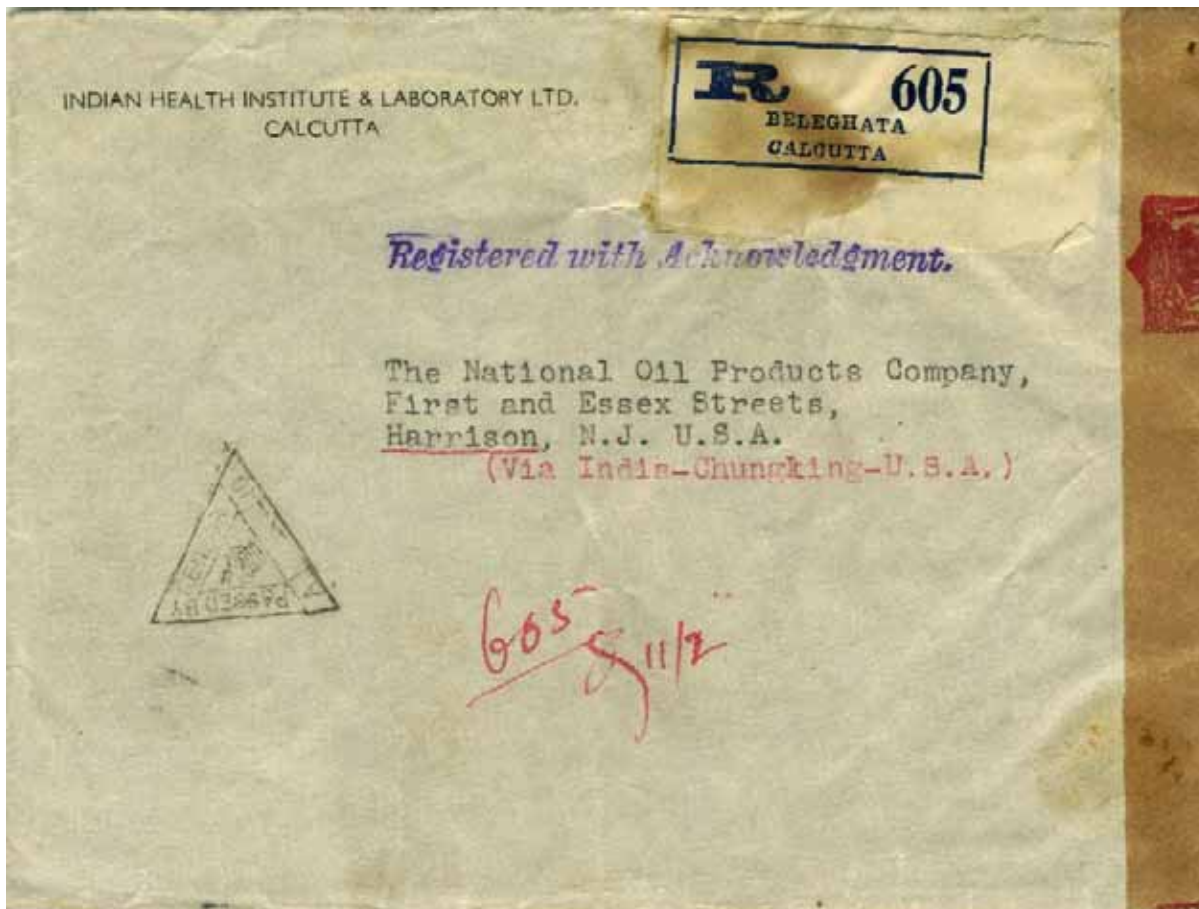
India to Canada with *domestic* AR card still attached; **mistreated** at origin and at destination. The card was ignored in Canada when the item was delivered.

Chowk (Bhopal) to Norwich (ON), 1924–5. No indication of AR on cover, but AR card still attached. Formula registered envelope.

Rated 3 Annas reg'n (using pre-1922 stationery with embossed 2 As), 3 As AR fee, and double 1 Anna Empire rate.



AR cover



Calcutta to US, airmail via Rangoon, Chungking, Hong Kong & SF, February 1941. *Registered with Acknowledgment* handstamp. **Rated** 49½ Annas: 3 As for each of registration and AR, 3½ As UPU, and airmail supplement of 40 As (per half ounce). Indian censor handstamp and tape.



AR cover



Airmail, Shilong (Assam) to RCMP in Regina (SK), 1948. **A.D.** ms at upper right. **Rated** 43 Annas: 3 As for each of registration and AR, 1 As Empire rate, and airmail supplement of 36 As (per half ounce). Canadian National Revenue datestamp at Montreal.



Remnant of red AR card at top.

Registered P.O.
By Air Mail

R.L. New

Stamped

AD

To,
The Deputy Immigration
Officer,

From
S.M. Kadar
Sbvanisa
South Street
Tirupalakkudi P.O.
Ramanad Dt.

* PENANG
(Malaya)

11-5-49

AP

Section 100A stamps

Avis de paiement (AP)

2326 20/5/24

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POSTAL ADMINISTRATION
ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES
OF BRITISH INDIA
DE L'INDE BRITANNIQUE

ADVICE OF PAYMENT
AVIS DE PAYEMENT

of a money order,
d'un mandat.

The undersigned declares that the sum of Rs 400/-
Le soussigné déclare que la somme de

the amount of money order No. 26811
'montant du mandat n°.

issued by the office of Singapore on the
émis par le bureau de le

to the address of Mr. Gonnamalai Achei
à l'adresse de M.

has been duly paid to the payee on the 20/5/24
a été dûment payée le

Stamp of the office of payment.
Tambour du bureau payeur.

(Signature)

Le Postmaster.
des postes.

E. P.—24-3-19.



AP form, for a money order issued in Singapore, and paid in India, 1924. Returned under cover to Singapore; arrived there about three weeks later.

Avis de paiement

F.M.O. II.
S. F.
Old F.M.O. II.

7520

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DE L'INDE
BRITANNIQUE
POST OFFICE OF BRITISH INDIA.

AVIS DE PAYEMENT
ADVICE OF PAYMENT

Timbre du Bureau expéditeur
Stamp of Office of origin

Mandat No. 12755-
Money Order No. 12755-
Montant du mandat 10/-
Amount of Order 10/-

Émis par le bureau de
issued by the Post Office of

le 12/5 1936
on the 12/5 1936

au profit de
payable to

S. A. Annamalai
S. A. Annamalai

To Raman Chettiar
Raman Chettiar

47 Malabar
(Lieu de destination)
(Place of destination)

26
(Pays de destination)
(Country of destination)

SINGAPORE

SERVICE DES POSTES
ON POSTAL SERVICE

AP card, for a money order issued in Singapore, and paid in Madras, 1936. Returned as a post card; very strongly resembles an AR card.

Timbre du bureau payeur
Stamp of paying office

*Cet avis doit être signé par le bénéficiaire ou
This advice must be signed by the payee or,
par l'agent du bureau payeur, et renvoyé
by the paying officer and returned by the
mandat.

Burma AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

BURMA (it currently calls itself Myanmar, but this is not universally recognized) is a largish country in southeast Asia, bordering India, Bangladesh, Thailand, Laos, and China. Over the period 1826–1885, it was gradually annexed by Britain. Burma became independent in 1948.

As with all the other British colonies in or near the Indian subcontinent, AR fee was paid on the registered cover, not on the form or card; in addition, the term for AR often seen is a variation on *acknowledgment due*, abbreviated *AD*.

Burma AR service

AR card

British India card used in Burma

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES
POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF
d'Inde Britannique
British India

(A remplir par le bureau d'origine.)
(To be filled up by the office of origin.)

Envoi recommandé
Registered article

Lettre—Boîte-Colis
Letter—Box-Parcel

avec valeur déclarée de Rs 100/- Rupees—
insured for One hundred only.

enregistré au bureau de poste de
entered at the post office of

le 9/8/37 sous le No. 181
on the 9/8/37 under No.

expédié par M. P. S. Swalingam Chettiar
sent by Mr.

et adressé à M. K. R. P. Pethapermal Chettiar
and addressed to Mr.

à Pulan Kurechi (Ramnad)
at

1) Indiquer dans la parenthèse la nature de l'envoi (Coffre,
Indicate within the parenthesis the nature of the article
(Coffer, printed paper, etc.)

G.B.C.P.O.—No. 16, D.G. of P. & T.—10-6-37—1,00,000.

AVIS DE RECEPTION
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

Timbre du bureau expéditeur de l'avis
Stamp of the office of origin of the acknowledgment

To
P. S. C.
Swalingam Chettiar
No 127 Nagul St.
Rangoon

(Lieu de destination)
(Place of destination)

(Rue et numéro)
(Street and No.)

SERVICE DES POSTES (Pays de destination)
ON POSTAL SERVICE (Country of destination)

Valeur déclarée, Rangoon—Pulan Kurechi (Ramnad, India), 1937. VD (extra indemnity on registered matter)—in this case, for 100 Rupees. Signed in the wrong place. Part of the Chettiar correspondence

R.P.-54 (a).
Old R. & P.-4 (a).

Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi mentionné d'autre part
The undersigned declares that the article mentioned on the reverse

a été dûment livré le 16/7/37
has been duly delivered on the 16/7/37

Timbre du bureau destinataire
Stamp of the office of destination

Signature 1)

de l'agent du bureau destinataire :
of the officer of the office of destination.

de la destinataire :
of the addressee.

1) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent par l'agent du bureau destinataire, et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur.
1) This acknowledgment should be signed by the addressee or, if the regulations of the country of delivery permit it, by the officer of the office of destination, and returned by the first mail direct to the sender.

AR cover



Rangoon–London, 1925. Pencilled **AD**. **Rated** 8 Annas: 3 As for each of registration and AR, and 2 As Empire rate.



Ceylon AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

A VERY large island off the southeast coast of India, Ceylon was a British crown colony 1815–1948. It became the republic of Sri Lanka in 1972. AR fee is paid on the registered cover.

Ceylon AR service

AR card

Post Office J 9
(White Card 4½ x 5½ in.) 10/28

Administration des Postes de Ceylan. (1)
Postal administration of Ceylan. (1)

Envoi Recommandé (.....) (2)
Registered Article

Colis
Parcel

Lettre—Boîte—Colis
Letter—Box—Parcel

avec valeur déclarée de
insured for

enregistré au bureau de poste de
registered at the post office of

le sous le No.
on the under No.

expédié par
sent by

et adressé à
and addressed to

à
at

(1) Le recto est à remplir par l'Office d'origine
This side to be filled up by the Office of origin

(2) Nature de l'envoi (lettre, imprimé, etc.).
Nature of article (letter, printed matter, etc.).

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY.

Timbre du bureau
expéditeur de l'avis
Stamp of the Office of
despatch of the Advice

To
(Full name and address of **RECEIVER** of
article to be written
here.)

(Lieu de destination.)
(Place of destination.)

(Pays de destination.)
(Country of destination.)

**SERVICE DES POSTES
ON POSTAL SERVICE**

(1) À remplir par l'expéditeur.
To be filled up by the sender.

COLOMBO REGISTERED
1928

RECEIVED
1928

Colombo to Tondi (south India), 1928. Not signed; likely registered item returned to sender. Accent on the wrong letter, r in *réception*. Part of the enormous Chettiar correspondence.

AR covers



Colombo to England, 1911. [front] Rounded rectangle **A.R. Rated** 10¢ for each of registration (embossed on reverse) & AR, and double Empire rate at 6¢ per ounce.

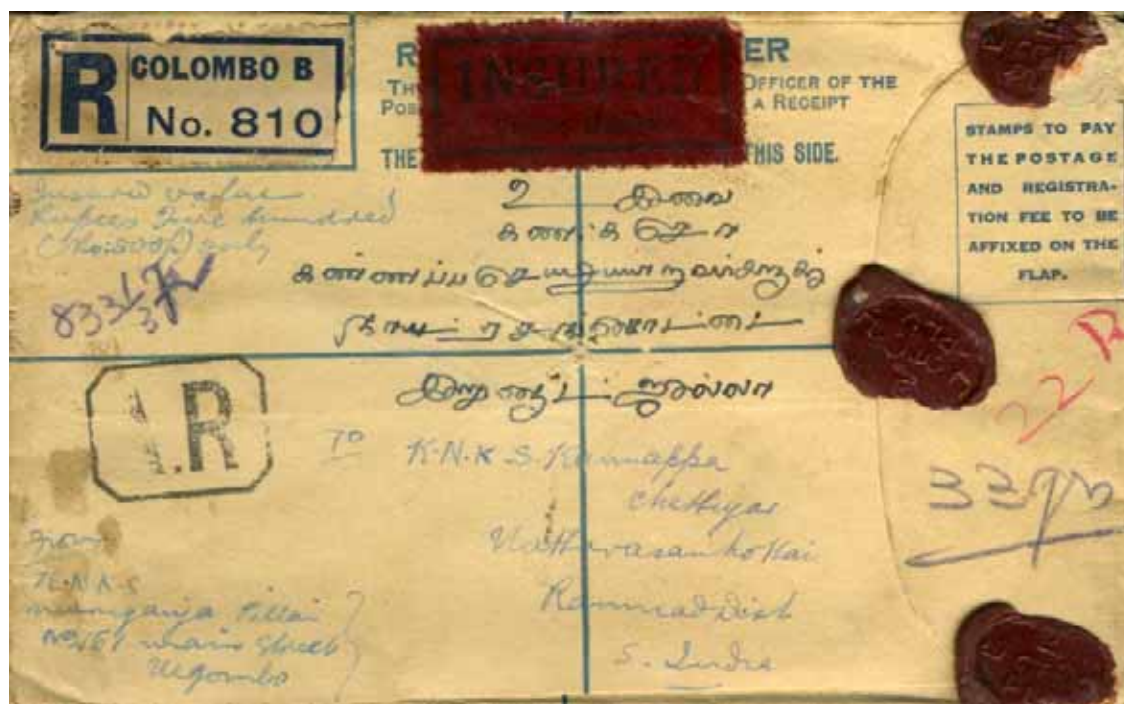
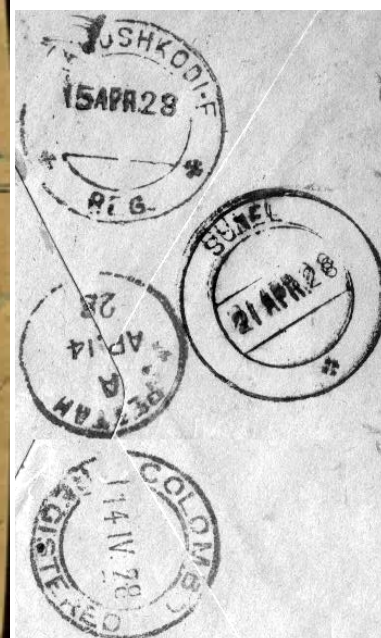


Bandarawela to Singapore, 1925. Ms **AR**. Rated 20¢ for each of registration and AR fees; 9¢ Empire rate to Singapore.

AR covers



Pettah to India, 1928. Blue ms *AR*. Rated 26¢ (no stamps missing); difficult to reconcile with 20¢ for each of registration and AR, plus rate to India.



Colombo to Ramnad (south India), valeur déclarée, 1932. Octagonal *AR* handstamp. Rated 1 Rupee and 1¢ (100¢ = 1R); registration with extra indemnity.



AR cover



Havelock Town to Calcutta, 1941. Blue typescript [Acknowledgment due](#). Rated 21¢, inconsistent with literature. Indian censorship



AR cover



Madampe to Ramnad (south India), 1942. Octagonal AR handstamp. Rated 35¢, inconsistent with literature.



Avis de paiement

CEYLON. Post Office—C 57

ADVICE OF PAYMENT OF A MONEY ORDER.

Office of Issue Devakathi No. of Order 2209/68327

Date of Issue 19/11 Amount 25/-

Name of Payee K. Thiragana Subender

The undersigned certifies that the amount of the above-described Money Order was duly paid on 1/12, 1934

Date Stamp of Paying Office JAFFNA Signature of Payee or Postmaster [Signature]

NOTE.—This advice will be signed either by the Payee or the Postmaster, and will be posted to the Remitter. It is not a receipt for money paid, but notification that the order has been paid sent for the satisfaction of the Remitter.

J. N. 27230

Advice of postal money order issued in India, paid in Jaffna, 1934. Unilingual card; part of Chettiar correspondence.

On Postal Service.

ADVICE OF PAYMENT OF A MONEY ORDER.

Name of Remitter { Rm A.R.A.R. Rm Annapalan
Sam Chettiar

Full Address { Devakathi
[Blank]
[Blank]

INDIA

JAFFNA
IDE.
84

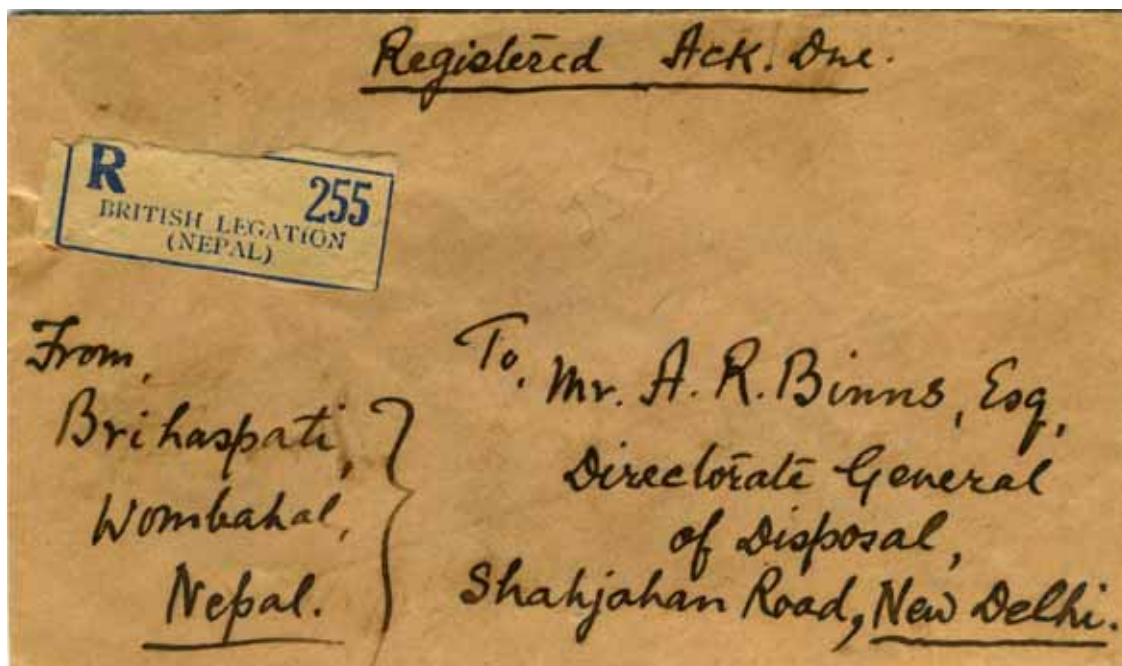
Nepal AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

NEPAL is a small country on the northeast edge of India. As a result of the Anglo-Nepali war (1815–16), Nepal was allied to the British Empire (and heavily influenced by India). It was never colonized.

The AR fee was paid on the registered cover, not on the form or card; in addition, the term for AR often seen is a variation on *acknowledgment due*, abbreviated *AD*.

Nepal AR service

AR cover



Nepal to India, 1946. Ms Ack. Due. Rated $5\frac{1}{2}$ Annas: 2 As for each of registration and AR; $1\frac{1}{2}$ As to India. From the British Legation.



Straits Settlements, Federated & unfederated Malay States AR: mini-exhibit synopsis

CONSTITUENTS of what is now Malaysia include Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States (FMS), and various others. AR material from this area is not particularly rare, as there was a great deal of Chettiar mail. The AR practises of the Indian subcontinent were in effect: AR fee paid on the registered cover, and frequent use of *AD* or its equivalent forms to indicate AR.

Straits Settlements, a group of British territories in southeast Asia, was controlled by the British East India Company (1826–67), then was a British crown colony 1867–1946 (except during its occupation by Japan, 1941–45. Originally, it consisted Malacca, Penang, Dinding, and Singapore. Labuan belonged 1907–12, and subsequently became a separate colony.

FMS was a federation of four states in the Malay Peninsula, Selangor, Perak, Negeri Sembilan, and Pahang, as a British protectorate 1895–1946.

Unfederated Malay states include Kedah, Kelantan, Johore, and Terengganu. Some of these had their own AR cards.

The term (British) Malaya is sometimes used to refer to all of Straits Settlements, FMS, and the unfederated Malay States. A 1939 AR card from the area uses the term.

AR service

FMS AR form

Pig 10D/10

(P. 10 D. 10)

F. M. S. GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION DES ETATS MALAIS FÉDÉRÉS

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de }
of an insured letter }
d'un objet recommandé }
for a registered article } (1) enregistré au bureau
registered at the office

de } le } 3. 10. 22 } sous le No. } (2)
of } on the } under the No. }

expédié par } Anna Malaya Chetty
sent by }
et adressé à } H. K. Singh, 100, 21, 92m
and addressed to } H. V. P. M. & Co. 100, 21, 92m

Bureau de bureau
The undersigned certifies that } an insured letter } to the address mentioned above
a registered article }
et provenant de }
and originating from } has been duly
dûment livré le }
delivered on the, }

KARAUKUDI
1300

distributeur
of delivery.

Signature (3) *[Signature]*
du chef du bureau distributeur.
of the head of the delivering office.

When this acknowledgment is applied for after the article has been despatched, place the fee in postage stamps here.

[Signature]
de destinataire
of the addressee

13/10/22

(1) Nature de l'objet (lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.)
Nature of the article (letter, pattern, printed paper, etc.)

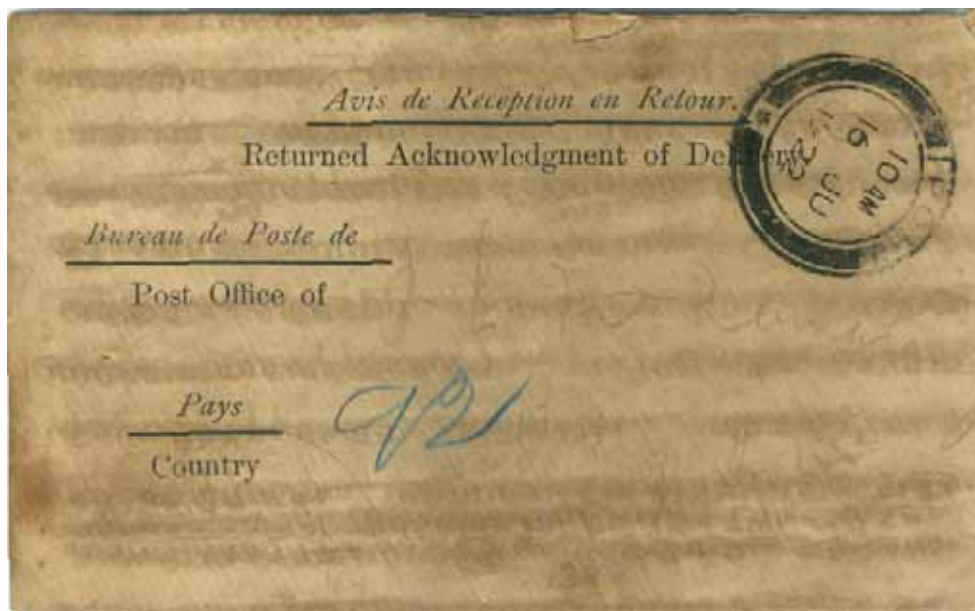
(2) Bureau d'origine, date de dépôt à ce bureau; n° d'enregistrement au même bureau.
Office of origin, date of posting at that office, registration No. at the same office.

(3) Note—Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par le chef du bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et envoyé, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.
Note—This intimation should be signed by the addressee or, if the regulations of the country of delivery permit it, by the head of the office of delivery, and it should then be placed in an envelope and returned, by the first mail, to the office of origin of the article to which it relates.

Ipoh (FMS)—Karaikudi (India), October 1922. Part of Chettiar correspondence. Relatively late form; AR cards had been in use by most entities from late 1921.

- AR fee paid on cover, not form
- Returned under cover.

FMS AR covering envelope



Ipoh (FMS)–??, June 1922. Generic Empire covering envelope with no colony identification or form number.

AR cards

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**POSTAL ADMINISTRATION
OF THE
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.**

(1) Envoi recommandé
Registered Article { *Letter* } (2)

(Colis
Parcel.....)

Lettre-Colis
Letter-Parcel
avec valeur déclarée de
insured for *200*

enregistré au bureau de poste de
posted at the Post Office at *Penang*

le *30.8.28* sous le No. *A 6605*
on the under No.

expédié par M. *N. M. S. Subramani*
sent by.....

et adressé à M. *N. M. S. Subramani*
and addressed to.....

à *Karaikudi*
at.....

(1) Le recto est à remplir par l'office d'origine
This side to be filled in by the office of origin

(2) Nature de l'envoi (lettre, imprimé etc.)
Nature of the article (letter, printed paper etc.)

(Posts 17)

**AVIS DE RECEPTION.
ADVICE OF RECEIPT.**

Timbre du bureau expéditeur de l'avis.
Date stamp of office sending this advice

(1) A
To *N. M. S. Subramani*
Chett
No. 144, Penang St.

**Service
Des Postes.
Postal Service**

Straits Settlements, returned from Karaikudi (India) to Penang, 1928.

LE SOUSSIGNÉ DÉCLARE QUE L'ENVOI MENTIONNÉ D'AUTRE PART
THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARES THAT THE ARTICLE MENTIONED ON THE OTHER SIDE

A ÉTÉ DÉMENT LIVRÉ LE
HAS BEEN DULY DELIVERED ON THE

(1) Signature
Signature

TIMBRE DU BUREAU DESTINATAIRE.
DATE STAMP OF OFFICE
OF DESTINATION

du destinataire: de l'agent du bureau destinataire.
of addressee: Post Office Official at
the office of destination

1928

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LE SOUSSIGNÉ DÉCLARE QUE L'ENVOI MENTIONNÉ D'AUTRE PART
THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARES THAT THE ARTICLE MENTIONED ON THE OTHER SIDE

A ÉTÉ DÉMENT LIVRÉ LE
HAS BEEN DULY DELIVERED ON THE

(1) Signature
Signature

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DATE STAMP OF OFFICE
OF DESTINATION

du destinataire: de l'agent du bureau destinataire.
of addressee: Post Office Official at
the office of destination

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A ÉTÉ DÉMENT LIVRÉ LE
HAS BEEN DULY DELIVERED ON THE

(1) Signature
Signature

TIMBRE DU BUREAU DESTINATAIRE.
DATE STAMP OF OFFICE
OF DESTINATION

du destinataire: de l'agent du bureau destinataire.
of addressee: Post Office Official at
the office of destination

1928

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1928

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**ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS
ÉTATS MALAIS FÉDÉRÉS**

(1) Envoi recommandé
Registered Article { *letter* } (2)

(Colis
Parcel.....)

Lettre-Colis
Letter-Parcel
avec valeur déclarée de
insured for

enregistré au
bureau de poste de
posted at the
Post Office at *Singapore*

le sous le No. *F 20530*
on the under No.

expédié par M. *A. R. A. R. M. Choekalingam Chettiar*
sent by.....

et adressé à M. *S. T. S. Choekalingam Chettiar*
and addressed to.....

à *Ramachandrapuram*
at.....

(1) This side to be filled in by the office of origin

(2) Nature of the article (letter, printed paper etc.)
(Lettre, imprimé, etc.)

C

**ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS
ÉTATS MALAIS FÉDÉRÉS**

(1) Envoi recommandé
Registered Article { *letter* } (2)

(Colis
Parcel.....)

Lettre-Colis
Letter-Parcel
avec valeur déclarée de
insured for

enregistré au
bureau de poste de
posted at the
Post Office at *Singapore*

le sous le No. *F 20530*
on the under No.

expédié par M. *A. R. A. R. M. Choekalingam Chettiar*
sent by.....

et adressé à M. *S. T. S. Choekalingam Chettiar*
and addressed to.....

à *Ramachandrapuram*
at.....

(1) This side to be filled in by the office of origin

(2) Nature of the article (letter, printed paper etc.)
(Lettre, imprimé, etc.)

P. & T. R. & P. 10

**AVIS DE RECEPTION
ADVICE OF RECEIPT**

(1) A
To *A. R. A. R. M.*
Choekalingam Chettiar
84, Market St.

**Service Des Postes
Postal Service**

Straits Settlements & FMS card, returned from south India to Singapore, 1928. Part of the Chettiar correspondence.

LE SOUSSIGNÉ DÉCLARE QUE L'ENVOI MENTIONNÉ D'AUTRE PART
THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARES THAT THE ARTICLE MENTIONED ON THE OTHER SIDE

A ÉTÉ DÉMENT LIVRÉ LE
HAS BEEN DULY DELIVERED ON THE

(1) Signature
Signature

TIMBRE DU BUREAU DESTINATAIRE.
DATE STAMP OF OFFICE
OF DESTINATION

du destinataire: de l'agent du bureau destinataire.
of addressee: of the Post Office Official at the destination

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LE SOUSSIGNÉ DÉCLARE QUE L'ENVOI MENTIONNÉ D'AUTRE PART
THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARES THAT THE ARTICLE MENTIONED ON THE OTHER SIDE

A ÉTÉ DÉMENT LIVRÉ LE
HAS BEEN DULY DELIVERED ON THE

(1) Signature
Signature

TIMBRE DU BUREAU DESTINATAIRE.
DATE STAMP OF OFFICE
OF DESTINATION

du destinataire: de l'agent du bureau destinataire.
of addressee: of the Post Office Official at the destination

1928

7/41

1928

LE SOUSSIGNÉ DÉCLARE QUE L'ENVOI MENTIONNÉ D'AUTRE PART
THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARES THAT THE ARTICLE MENTIONED ON THE OTHER SIDE

A ÉTÉ DÉMENT LIVRÉ LE
HAS BEEN DULY DELIVERED ON THE

(1) Signature
Signature

TIMBRE DU BUREAU DESTINATAIRE.
DATE STAMP OF OFFICE
OF DESTINATION

du destinataire: de l'agent du bureau destinataire.
of addressee: of the Post Office Official at the destination

1928

7/41

1928

AR cards

S C P. & T. R. & P. 10

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS
ETATS MALAIS FEDERES (1)

(Envoi recommandé { Letter (2)
Registered Article {
Colis
Parcel

Lettre-Colis
Letter-Parcel
avec valeur déclarée de
insured for } A R

enregistré au
bureau de poste de
posted at the
Post Office at Penang

le 23-7-37 sous le No. 426161
on the 23-7-37 under No.

expédié par M. K. V. A. L. A. L.
sent by Lakshmanan Chettiar

et adressé à M. K. Annalammayyanga
and addressed to

A Karaikudi

(1) This side to be filled in by the office of origin
(2) Nature of the article (letter, printed paper etc.)
(Lettre, imprimé, etc.)

AVIS DE RECEPTION
ADVICE OF RECEIPT

RECEIVED
20 JUL 32
9 5 AM

EXPEDITEUR
1932

To K. V. A. L. A. L.
Lakshmanan Chettiar
No 140 Penang St
of sender to be written here
Penang.

SERVICE DES POSTES
ON POSTAL SERVICE

(1) A remplir par l'expéditeur
To be filled in by the sender

Straits Settlements & FMS
card, returned from Karaikudi
(India) to Penang, 1932.

Pig 604/50. P. & T. R. & P. 10

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS
ETATS MALAIS FEDERES (1)

(Envoi recommandé {
Registered Article { (2)
Colis
Parcel

Lettre-Boite-Colis
Letter-Box-Parcel
avec valeur déclarée de
insured for } Penang

enregistré au
bureau de poste de
registered at the
Post Office at

le 19-9-33 sous le No. B. 12642
on the 19-9-33 under No.

expédié par M. S. P. S. P. Subramanyam
sent by Chettiar

et adressé à M. The Income-tax Office,
and addressed to

A III Circle, Karaikudi
at S. India

(1) This side to be filled in by the office of origin
(2) Nature of the article (letter, printed paper, etc.)
(Lettre, imprimé, etc.)

AVIS DE RECEPTION
ADVICE OF RECEIPT

RECEIVED
19 SEP 33
5 AM

To P. S. P. S. P. Subramanyam Chettiar
24 Bras Bas Road
+ S. India
Perak

SERVICE DES POSTES
ON POSTAL SERVICE

(1) A remplir par l'expéditeur
To be filled in by the sender

Straits Settlements & FMS
card, returned from Karaikudi
(India) to Penang, 1933.

AR cards

Johore and Kedah were part of the unfederated Malay states

**AVIS DE RECEPTION
ADVICE OF DELIVERY**

Kannappa Chettiar

Alorstar

KEDAH

Pays de destination
Country of destination

NOTE: The name and address of the sender of the article to be written here.

10,000—12-52

P. & T. 35. ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DE KEDAH
KEDAH POSTAL ADMINISTRATION
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Stamp of the Office of Delivery

Le sousigné déclare que l'objet recommandé est une lettre avec valeur déclarée.

The undersigned certifies that an insured letter value—

Stamp of the Office of Delivery.

du destinataire de l'adresse

Kedah returned from Vethiyur (Ramnad, India) to Alorstar, 1935. Odd vertical format on reverse.

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT, JOHORE.

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DE JOHORE
POST OFFICE OF JOHORE

(A remplir par le bureau d'origine)
(To be filled in by the office of origin)

(Envoi recommandé)
(Registered Article)

(Lettre-Boîte-Coin)
(Letter-Box-Parcel)

(avec valeur déclarée de)
(insured for)

depose au bureau de poste de
posted at the Office of

(le sous le No. 4606)
(on the 19... under No. 4606)

(expédie par M. S. S. Ramam Chettiar)
(sent by S. S. Ramam Chettiar)

(et adressé à M. M. N. Madhavan Chettiar)
(and addressed to M. N. Madhavan Chettiar)

(à Karaikudi, INDIA)
(at Karaikudi, INDIA)

(1) Indicate in parentheses the nature of the article (letter, printed paper, etc.)

(2) Strike out indications not required.

Postal 15.

**AVIS DE RECEPTION
ADVICE OF DELIVERY**

A remplir par l'expéditeur qui mentionnera ci-dessous son adresse complète.

To be filled in by the sender who will indicate below his full address.

M. S. S. Ramam Chettiar
Mr. S. S. Ramam Chettiar
6, Jalan Penggaram
Batu Pahat

(Lieu de destination, en gros caractères;
Place of destination in block letters.)

Karaikudi, INDIA
(Rue et numéro: Street and number)

(Pays de destination: Country of destination)

SERVICE DES POSTES
POSTAL SERVICE

Johore, returned from Karaikudi (India) to Batu Pahat, 1941.

Card designated Malaya, used from **Perak**; perhaps a uniform style was adopted for all jurisdictions in (British) Malaya.

Malaya returned from Veguppatty (Tamil Nadu, India) to Kuala Kangsar (Perak), 1939. Perak was an unfederated Malay state.

Malaya returned from south India to Kuala Lumpur, 1954.

AR card, wrong country

Printed *POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF GREAT BRITAIN*, an error for Malaya.

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DE LA GRANDE BRETAGNE.
POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF GREAT BRITAIN.

(A remplir par le bureau d'origine)
(To be filled in by the office of origin)

Envoi recommandé }
Registered article } (.....) 1

Lettre }
Letter }
Boîte } avec valeur déclarée de
Box } insured for
Colis }
Parcel }

déposé au bureau de poste de }
posted at the office of }

le } 19. sous le No. } 1653
on } under No. }

expédié par M }
sent by M }
et adressé à M }
and addressed to M } Jeffer bin semin
à } Parit, Penang Srib
at } Jalan Abdul Rahman, Muar

1 Indiquer dans la parenthèse la nature de l'envoi (lettre, imprimé, etc.)
Indicate in parenthesis the nature of the article (letter, printed paper, etc.)
2 Effacer les indications inutiles.
Strike out indications not required.

(Poste—R. & P. 10)
Timbre du bureau renvoyant l'avis
Stamp of office forwarding the advice

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ADVICE OF DELIVERY

(A remplir par l'expéditeur)
(To be filled in by the sender with the address to which the form should be returned on completion)

MUAR
9 JUN 50

A K.N. Narayana Chettiar.
To No. 31, Jalan Maharani,

Rue et Numéro
Street and Number Muar

Lieu de destination
(en gros caractères)
Place of destination
(in block letters)

Service des postes
Postal service, (Pays de destination)
(Country of destination)

Returned from ? to Muar (Johore), 1950. Registered letter returned to sender. Bottom of reverse reads M.U. Govt Press K.L., the last referring to Kuala Lumpur.

Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi mentionné d'autre part
The undersigned states that the article mentioned overleaf

a été dûment livré le 19.
was duly delivered on

Timbre du bureau destinataire
(Signature 1)
du destinataire : de l'agent du bureau destinataire :
of the addressee : of the official of the office of destination :

Stamp of Delivering Office.

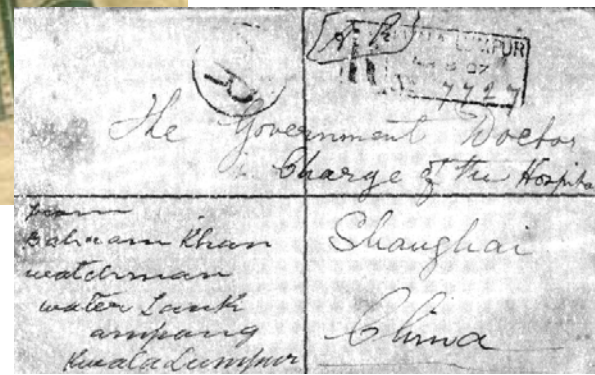
1 Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du bureau destinataire, et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur.
This advice must be signed by the addressee or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the official of the delivering office, and then sent by first mail directly to the sender.

7107—200,000—4-9-47—R 36/8—M.U. Govt. Press, K.L.

AR covers



Kuala Lumpur **FMS** to Shanghai via Singapore and Hong Kong, 1907. Encircled AR handstamp. **Rated** 10¢ registration fee (embossed), 8¢ AR, and 4¢ to China.



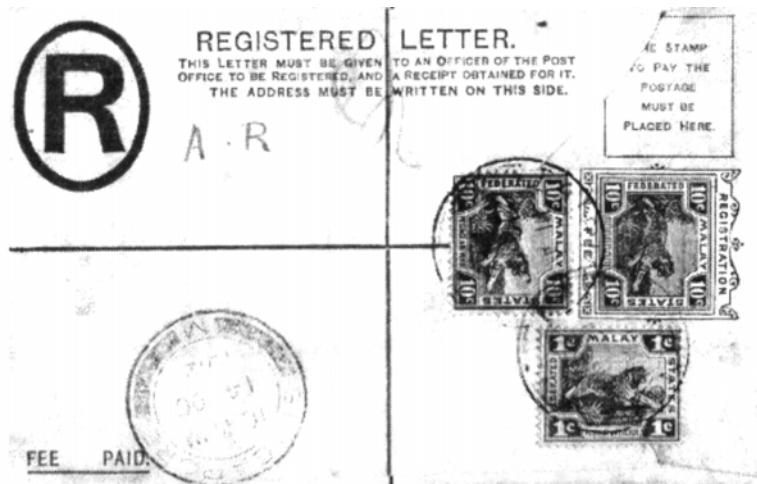
Singapore **Straits Settlements** to Germany, 1912. Unframed A.R. handstamp. **Rated** 10¢ registration fee (embossed on reverse), and 8¢ for each of UPU and AR fees.

AR cover

From Perak (unfederated Malay state) to Straits Settlements



Taiping *Perak* to Singapore *Straits Settlements*, 1912. Unframed heavy A.R handstamp. **Rated** 10¢ registration (embossed), 8¢ AR fee, and 3¢ within the Malayan area.



AR covers



Seremban *FMS* to Rangoon, 1919. Ms *A.R.* upper right. **Rated** 10¢ for each of registration and AR, and 4¢ Empire rate to Burma. Part of Chettiar correspondence.



Singapore *Straits Settlements* to Karaikudi (India), 1919. **Rated** as above (24¢).



AR covers, Straits Settlements



Singapore *Straits Settlements* to US, 1920. Unframed A.R. handstamp. **Rated** 10¢ for each of registration (embossed on reverse), AR, and UPU rates.



Penang *Straits Settlements* to US, 1922. Faint small encircled AR at bottom, and typescript **A.R. REGISTER.** at top. **Rated** 12¢ for each of registration, AR, and UPU rates.

AR covers, FMS

Between the wars (1929) Indian censorship, owing to civil unrest in Madras.



Seremban **FMS** to south India, 1929. Encircled heavy A.R. **Rated** 15¢ registration, 12¢ AR, and 6¢ Empire rate to India. Part of moneylender (Chettiar) correspondence.



Kuala Lumpur **FMS** to south India, 1928. Large circle AR. **Rated** as above.

AR cover, FMS



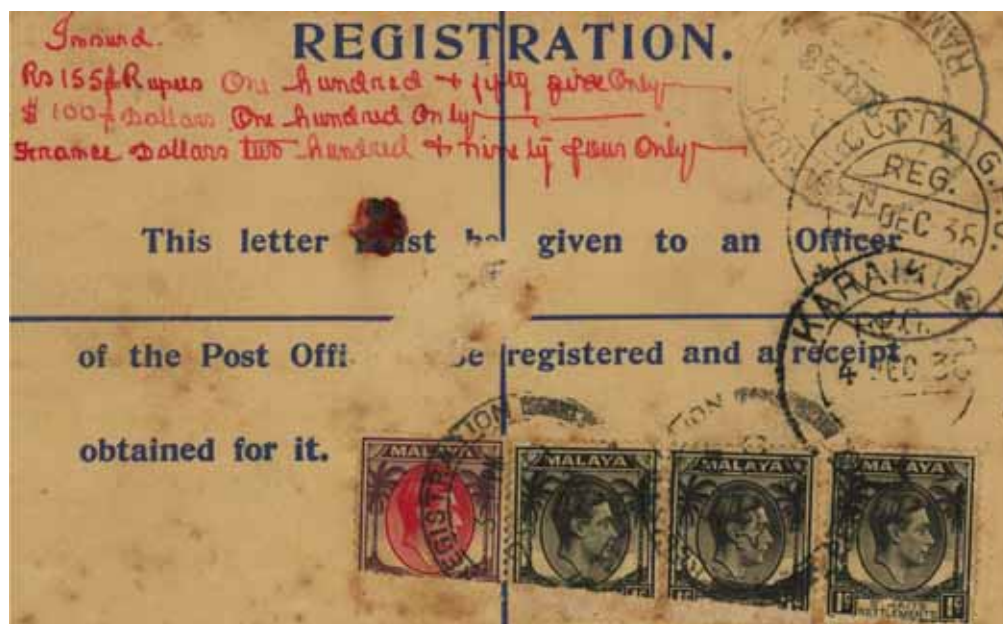
Kuala Lumpur **FMS** to south India, double, 1935. Large circle AR. **Rated** 39¢: 15¢ registration, 12¢ AR, and double Empire rate at 6¢ per weight.



AR covers, Malaya/Straits Settlements



Penang to south India, with VD, 1938. Small circle AR. **Rated** 39¢: 15¢ registration (embossed), 12¢ AR, and Empire rate 6¢; the total postage is 58¢, leaving 25¢ for VD (\$100)?



AR cover

Japanese occupation



Teluk Anson *Perak* to Penang *Straits Settlements*, 1945. Unframed heavy A.R. handstamp. Japanese censorship. **Rated** 30¢; rates unknown.





Malacca to south India, 1958. Large nonserif A.R (only one period) and ms *A.R. registered*. Rated 88¢: registration was 20¢, but I don't know what the rest of the rates are.



Mauritius AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

MAURITIUS consists of several islands in the Indian Ocean, 2000 kilometers east of Africa. It was ceded to Britain by France in 1814. It became independent in 1968, and a republic in 1992. AR fee is paid on the registered covers, as with all British colonies relatively near India.

Mauritius AR service

AR covers



Curepipe to Berlin, 1902. Heavy encircled AR, similar to Indian hs. **Rated** 12¢ registration, 15¢ AR (one of the few entities for which AR fee exceeds that of registration), and double UPU rate, at 15¢ for the first weight and 6¢ for the second.



Berlin

Seychelles AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

SEYCHELLES (a remote group of islands off the east coast of Africa), part of the territory of Mauritius, surrendered to Britain by France in 1810; it became a separate colony in 1903, becoming independent in 1976. I know of just the one AR item (next page).

Seychelles AR form

Prepared in 1880 (early Vienna period), but never used. Generic form for use in the colonies (no country name), modelled on French book style, but unilingual English; similar to contemporary British and Canadian AR forms. *No other nineteenth century Seychelles AR material has been reported.* Unlisted in Farmer. • To be returned as folded letter sheet.

Application to the Office of Delivery for information as to the disposal of a Registered Letter.

The Postmaster
of

Acknowledgment of receipt of a Registered article.

TABLE I., to be filled up at the Office of origin.

A Registered article addressed to

is forwarded by this despatch, entered at No. . The Sender, whose name and address appear on the third page, requests to know if it has been delivered, and to whom, or how otherwise disposed of.

Registering Officer

Date Stamp of office of origin.

TABLE II., to be filled up at the Office of destination, and if the letter has not been duly delivered it should be stated how disposed of.

Postmaster

Date Stamp of Delivery Office

SEYCHELLES
B 175
P.U.I.T.S.
30

Egypt AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

EGYPT was a founding member of the G P U. Occupied by the British in 1882, it remained a British protectorate until 1952, at which time power was seized by a military cabal. AR fee is paid on the registered covers.

Egypt AR service

AR card

Des. Chapman

(P. No. 13, Q.) **C (Recto)** (بريد رقم ١٣٠٠)

<p>مصلحة عموم البريد المصري (١)</p> <p>ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES D'EGYPTE (٢)</p> <p>Envoi recommandé (٣) _____ مرسلة مسجلة (٢)</p> <p>Colis _____ طرد</p> <p>Lettre _____ Boîte _____ Colis _____ طرد _____ خطاب _____</p> <p>avec valeur déclarée de _____ مؤمنا عليه ببلغ _____</p> <p>Mandat de poste de _____ حوالة ببلغ _____</p> <p>enregistré au bureau de poste de _____ مقيدة بمكتب بريد _____</p> <p>la _____ في _____ sous le No. _____ رقم _____</p> <p>expédié par M. _____ مرسل من جناب _____</p> <p>et adressé à M. _____ برسم جناب _____</p> <p>à _____ في _____</p> <p>(١) تملأ هذه البيانات بمعرفة مكتب التصدير</p> <p>(٢) Le recto est à remplir par l'office d'origine.</p> <p>(٣) نوع المراسلة (خطاب أو مطبوعات الخ...)</p> <p>(٤) Nature de l'envoi (Lettre, imprimé, etc...)</p>	<p>علم استلام أو دفع</p> <p>AVIS DE RÉCEPTION OU DE PAYEMENT</p> <p>ختم المكتب المصدري Timbre du bureau d'origine de l'avis</p> <p>[٥٨ رقم وعنوان المرسل منه] [Adresse de l'expéditeur]</p> <p>A (١) _____ جناب (١) _____</p> <p>Lieu de destination _____ الجهة المرسل اليها</p> <p>Pays de destination _____ الغلطة المرسل اليها</p> <p>Service des Postes مصلحي</p> <p>(١) تملأ بمعرفة المرسل منه وعنوانه بالكامل.</p> <p>(٢) A remplir par l'expéditeur son adresse complète.</p>
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Govt. Press 2659 A, 1923-181.800 ex.

Cairo to Damascus (Syria), 1929. Print-order data, 181 800, 1928. Properly signed and returned to sender.

المرسل اليه
المكتب المرسلي اليه

Timbre du bureau destinataire, du destinat

١٩٢٩

(١) Cet avis doit être signé par le destina-
taire ou, si les règlements du pays de destina-
tion le comporte, par l'agent du bureau
destinataire et renvoyé par le premier cour-
rier directement à l'expéditeur.

Handwritten Arabic text (top):
 هذه الخزانة من اموال دار
 الخزانة العامة في القاهرة
 رقم ١٢٣٤٥٦٧٨٩٠
 تاريخ ١٢٣٤٥٦٧٨٩٠
 رقم ١٢٣٤٥٦٧٨٩٠

Postmarks and stamps:
 - Circular postmark: CAIRO
 - Rectangular postmark: CAIRO
 - Six red postage stamps (2x3 grid) featuring a portrait of a man.

Handwritten Arabic text (bottom):
 قدس الشريف
 ١٢٣٤٥٦٧٨٩٠



(Hafse Haniz) Abou. Kebiri
Le 22 juil 1980

Monsieur Natistkova
Zurich

Esi ne referant a ma pre-
cedente, depuis 14/5/80 selon
mon resultat, je vien par ma
presente y, renouvellee ma pi-
re, de vouloir m'envoyer la
Certificat Demande, parcequ au-
tremenat je ne pourrai postier
vaille, et j'ai perdu beaucoup de
temps. Dans l'esperon y, Esi je vien
par la Bagren mis hier-matin de
la situation. *Moukide*

RECEVU
JAN 201 11
CIVIL

Abu Kibir to Zürich, postcard, 1920. Boxed AR handstamp. **Rated** 24 millièmes (includes embossed 3 mils stamp); this slightly under pays the published rates (10 mils for each of registration and AR fees, and 6 mils post card rate).

AR covers

One of five reported international pre-1950 AR **wreck** covers (worldwide). Most likely carried on the British ship *Kingstonian* (Leyland & Co), torpedoed by German sub U-68 on 18 April 1918 in the Mediterranean, en route from Alexandria to Marseilles; towed to Sardinia, it was torpedoed again 29 April and sank.



Cairo to London, April 1918. Egyptian AVIS DE RECEPTION, and purple boxed outline A.R. The two remaining stamps have been put back in the wrong places, if they belong at all. London purple boxed DAMAGED BY IMMERSION IN SEA WATER. What little is left of the back has been water-damaged, so there are no backstamps.



Cairo to Jerusalem, double rate, 1937. Rated 73 mils, made up of 20 mils for each of registration, AR fee, and UPU rate (first weight), plus 13 mils second weight.



AR cover

This letter (from the Egypt branch of the Sun Life Assurance Co of Canada) was forwarded from France to Israel; there was no direct mail between Egypt and Israel at the time.

On 26 July 1952 (nine days after this letter was sent), King Farouk was forced to abdicate, and fled to Naples.



Cairo to Paris to Haifa (Israel), 18 July 1952. Egyptian boxed AR and typescript. **Rated** 152 mils; probably made up as 45 mils for each of registration and AR, 32 mils surface UPU rate (first weight), and 30 mils supplementary air mail fee.



Egyptian and Israeli censorship. The former was in place because of general unrest in Egypt. The Egyptian datestamp is from Farouk Airport (soon to be renamed).

Occupied Iraq AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

IRAQ was occupied by Britain 1918–1921 and May 1941–1947. It followed the procedures in place in British India at the time, using *AD* (*Acknowledgment of delivery*) to indicate AR, and the AR fee was paid on the cover.

For unoccupied Iraq, see the Middle East section, which will be prepared eventually.

Occupied Iraq AR covers

One for each period of occupation



Baghdad to Bombay, 1920. Ms Registered A/D. **Rated** 5½ Annas, made up as 2As for each of registration and AR (paid on the cover) and 1½As Empire rate to India.

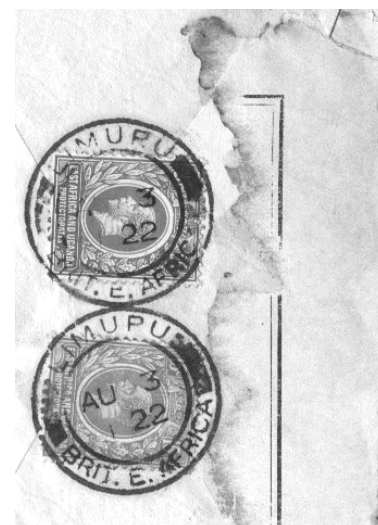


Basrah to Bombay, airmail, July 1941. Ms Air mail A.D. **Rated** 115 fils: 20 fils for registration, 15 fils AR (paid on cover), 20 fils surface Empire rate (up to 20 g), and double 30 fils per 5g airmail supplement to India. Indian censorship.

Kenya/BEA AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

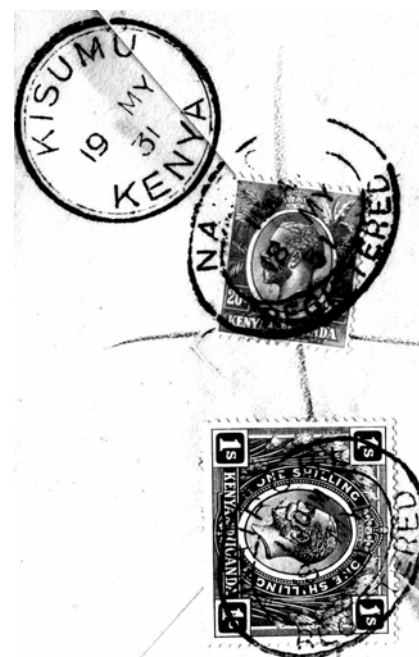
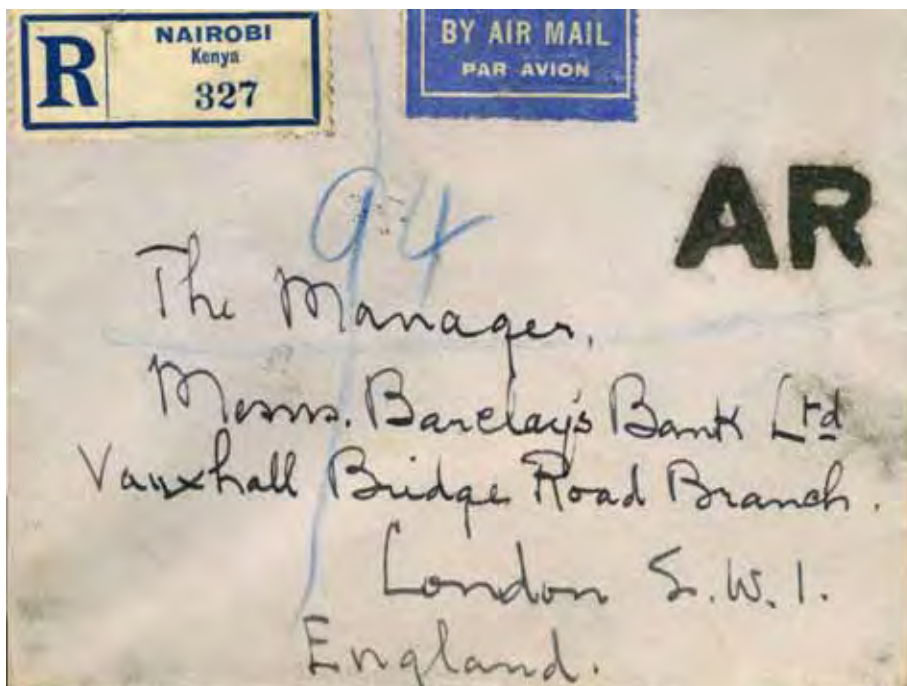
BRITISH East Africa was a British protectorate; most of it became part of Kenya in 1920. As with other British colonies on the eastern side of Africa, it followed postal practises of the Indian subcontinent; in particular, the AR fee was paid on the cover.

Kenya/BEA AR covers



Limuru (British East Africa/Kenya) to South Africa, 1922. Crude AR hs. Portion of AR form still attached to reverse. **Rated** 40¢: 12¢ (of a rupee) registration, 12¢ AR fee, and 16¢ Empire rate to South Africa.

Registration etiquette and cds of Limuru (a small town in central Kenya) show BEA; stamps are those of East Africa & Uganda Protectorate.



Kisumu (Kenya) to London, early airmail 1931. Heavy AR hs. **Rated** 1.20 Rupees: 30¢ (of a rupee) for each of registration and AR fee; 60¢ airmail to London, via Nairobi, where the stamps may have been applied.

Stamps are those of Kenya & Uganda. Kisumu is a major port city in western Kenya.

Aden AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

ADEN (Settlement) was centred on the port city of the same name, now part of Yemen; it was under British control 1839–1967. Until 1937, it was administered from British India; in that year, it became a crown colony.

As with almost all British colonies west of eastern Africa, the AR fee was paid on the AR form or card, not the registered cover. Usual notation is *AD* (for *acknowledgment due* or *advice of delivery*).

Aden AR service

AR form (pre-Vienna)

A^{bis}.

ADMINISTRATION DE L'INDE BRITANNIQUE.
ADMINISTRATION OF BRITISH INDIA.

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

d'un objet recommandé enregistré sous le No., et adressé à
For a registered article entered under No. 651, and addressed to

M. le 188...
Mr. Poratje Dinkas Adoualla Bombay on the 10-1- 1888.

Timbre du bureau
Stamp of the despatching

Le soussigné déclare qu'un objet recommandé à l'adresse susmentionnée et pro-
The undersigned certifies that a registered article to the address mentioned above

venant de ADEN a été dûment
and originating from has been duly

livré le 188...
delivered on the 17/1 1888.

Signature (*)
Signature (*) Poratje Dinkas

de destination:
of the addressee.

du chef du bureau distributeur:
of the head of the delivering office.

Timbre du bureau
Stamp of the delivering

d'origine.
office.

distributeur
office.

(*) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le chef du bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et renvoyé, sous recommandation, par le premier courrier.
(*) This intimation should be signed by the addressee or, if the regulations of the country of delivery permit it, by the head of the office of delivery, and it should then be placed in an envelope and returned registered by the first mail.

Aden to Bombay, 1888. Received back in Aden 15 days after mailing. On heavy laid paper with large crown watermark.

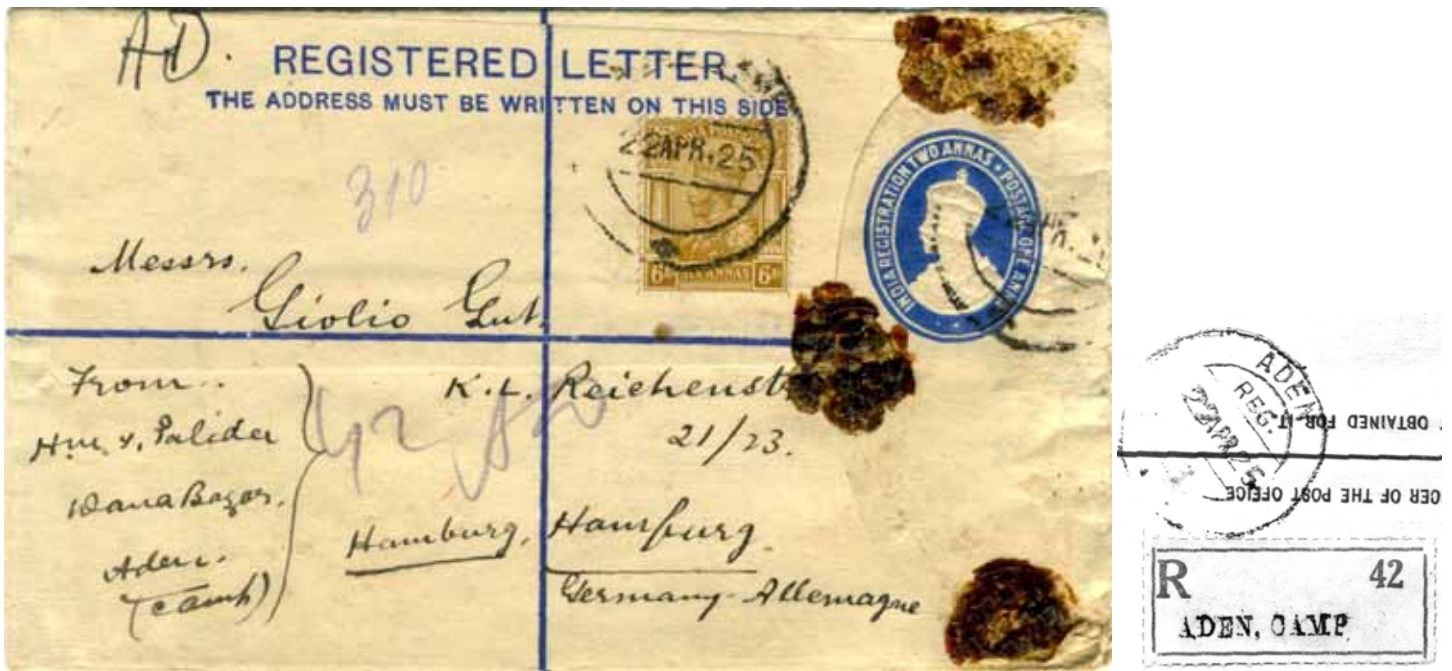
- AR fee to have been paid on registered letter
- Returned under cover.



Only postmark on reverse.

AR covers

A/D: *acknowledgment due* or *advice of delivery* (used in Indian subcontinent).



Aden to Hamburg, 1925. Ms AD. **Rated** 9 Annas: 2 As for each of registration and AR; double UPU rate (2½ As first weight, 1½ As next).



Aden to Cairo, 1934. Ms blue *A.D.* **Rated** 12½ Annas: 3 As for each of registration and AR; UPU rate (2½ As first weight).



South Africa & states AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

SOUTH Africa consisted in the nineteenth century of several British colonies. Cape Colony was occupied by the British 1795–1803 and from 1806, with extensive British immigration to Natal, Orange Free State, and Transvaal. In 1910, the nominally independent Union of South Africa was formed. Natal joined the UPU in 1892, Transvaal in 1893, Cape Colony in 1895, and Orange Free State in 1898.

As with British India, the AR fee was paid on the registered cover, not on the cards or forms.

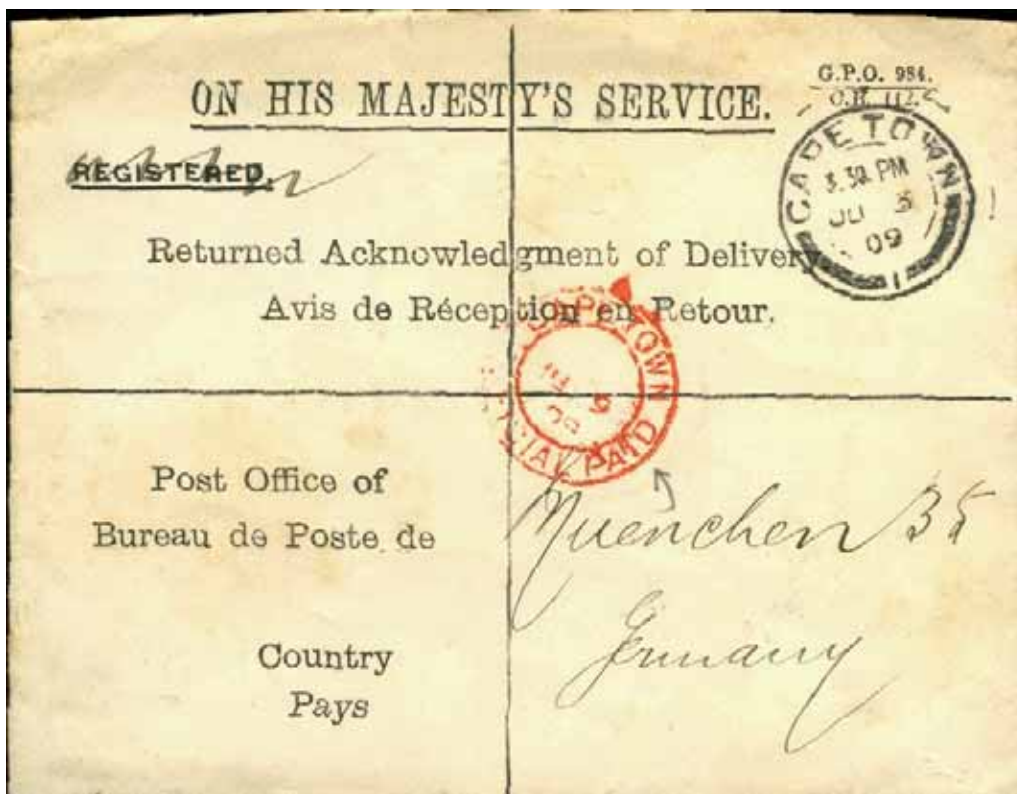
South Africa and states AR service

AR covering envelopes

Cape Colony (Vienna and post-Vienna periods)



Cape Town—St Louis, 1895. Embossed seal of the colony on reverse (the only indication that this was intended for use in Cape Colony). Returned as registered letter.



Capetown to Munich, 1909. REGISTERED struck through; registration of returned AR forms had ceased for Cape Colony by 1909 Generic—no country name—and quite different from earlier Capetown covering envelopes.

Cape Colony covering envelope with enclosed AR form (1902)

One of a handful of such pairs worldwide.

US AR form originally attached to registered letter addressed to Capetown where enclosed in covering envelope for return to Dayton PO (for subsequent pickup by sender). All US AR forms required covering envelopes.

W. A. R. & Sons. A2068.2000.7 1900. G.P.O. 184. C.B. 112.

R 347 Returned Acknowledgment of Delivery.
Avis de Réception en Retour.

Post Office of
Bureau de Poste de *Dayton*
65119 *Ohio*

Country
Pays *usa.*

For Cape Colony

Capetown AR covering envelope, May 1902, New York receiver dated 5 July 1902. Returned as registered letter enclosing the AR form below. No country name, but embossed seal of the colony on reverse. Printed in 1900.



Enclosed US AR form, mailed 30 April 1897, signed 27 May (oval Cape reg'n hs, as on covering envelope). Both refer to 347. ✓✓

347 (3870.)

Administration of the United States. B.

RETURN RECEIPT.
AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.

for a registered article (*L. 4559*) (1) entered at the office of
d'un objet recommandé (*L. 4559*) (1) enregistré au bureau de
Dayton Ohio Apr 30 under No. *3747* (2),
le sous le No. (2),
and addressed to M *Hon Vander Hoek* at *Capetown*
et adressé à M *so. afr.*

The undersigned certifies that a registered letter to the above address and originating at
Le soussigné déclare qu'un objet recommandé à l'adresse susmentionnée et provenant de
has been duly delivered *27th May 1902*
a été dûment livré le 1902

SIGNATURE (3)
per A. C. van der Hoek
of the address of the destination
du chef du bureau destinataire

Stamp of the office of delivery.
Timbre du bureau distributeur.
DAYTON OHIO MAY 27 1902

(1) Nature of the article (letter, sample, print, etc.)
(1) Nature de l'objet (lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.)
(2) Office of origin; date of mailing at that office; No. of entry at said office.
(2) Bureau d'origine; date de dépôt à ce bureau; No. d'enregistrement au même bureau.
(3) This return receipt must be signed by the addressee; or, if the regulations of the country of destination permit it, by the chief of the office of delivery; then placed in an envelope and transmitted, under registration, by the first mail to the office of origin of the article to which it relates.
(3) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par le chef du bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et envoyé, sous recommandation, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

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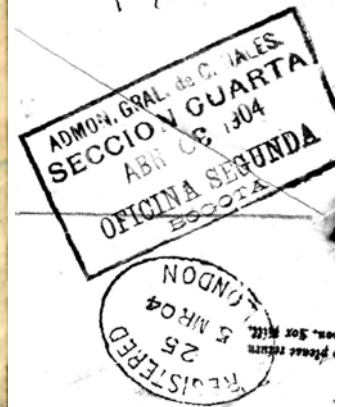
Natal provisional covering envelope (1908)



Provisional covering envelope, Mooi River to Massachussetts, 1908. On Money Order Advice form envelope, with ms A.R. Form. Not registered.

AR covers

Natal & Transvaal



Fox Hill (Natal)—Bogota (Colombia), 1904. Handmade handstamp. **Rated** 4d reg'n, 2½d AR fee paid on cover, and 2½d UPU.



Transvaal—Canada, 1909. Ms AR. **Rated** as above, but ½d underpaid.

South Africa



South Africa to Netherlands, 1925. Ms pencil AR. **Rated** 4d reg'n (embossed) & 3d UPU rate and 3d AR fee. Boxed purple hs
QUEEN STREET PORT ELIZABETH

Zanzibar AR: micro-exhibit synopsis

ZANZIBAR consisted of small islands off the southeast African coast, later becoming part of Tanzania. In 1890, Zanzibar became a British protectorate (not a colony); that is, a protected dependency. During the protectorate period (to 1963), it was basically autonomous. In 1964, it merged with Tanganyika, becoming Tanzania shortly thereafter.

Zanzibar AR service

AR cover



Zanzibar to London, 1908. Oval hs AR. Rated .12 Rupee for each of reg'n (embossed) and AR, and .06 Rp Empire rate (equivalent to 1d).

