

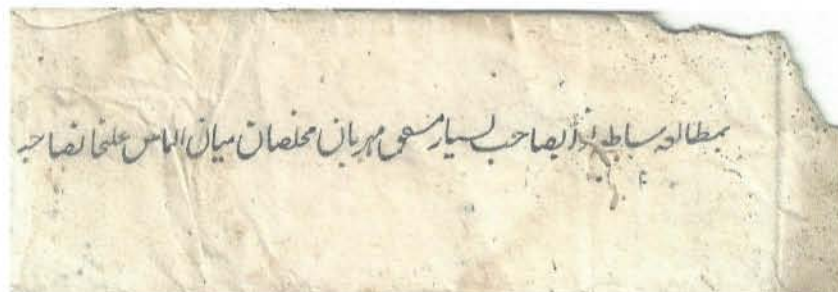
Royal Mail



His Majesty Rana Bahadur Shah reigned as the King of Nepal from 1777 to 1799. In 1777, he succeeded to the throne after the death of his father, Pratap Singh Shah. He ruled under the regencies of his mother, Queen Rajendra Rajya Laxmi Devi (died on 13 July 1785), and then of his uncle, Bahadur Shah. During this time, the kingdom expanded by conquest to include the Garhwal and Kumaon regions, now part of India.



circa 1795 cover with the red **Royal Seal of the King HM Rana Bahadur Shah** (1779-1799)
cover is addressed in Persian to Almash Ali Khan Saheb (?)



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Royal Mail

His Majesty Rajendra Bikram Shah was King of Nepal from 1816 to 1847. His reign saw the rise of the Ranas. In 1846, Jung Bahadur Rana came to power and the next year, Rajendra was forced to abdicate in favor of his son, Surendra.



circa 1840 cover with the red **Royal Seal of the King Rajendra Bikram Shah** (1816-1847)
cover is addressed to Maharajahiraj Prince Naunihal Singh



25 March 1847 cover with the red **Royal Seal of the King Rajendra Bikram Shah** sent in exile from Govind Gunji, India
cover is addressed to his son, King Surendra Bikram Shah at Dhoka Palace in Kathmandu
message on cover reads: 'I have not given my personal Red Seal to Dadhi Ram who has cheated the P(ri)me M(inister)'

Anglo-Nepalese War, 1814 - 1816

The Anglo-Nepalese War was fought between the Kingdom of Nepal and the British as a result of border disputes. The war ended with the signing of the Treaty of Sugauli in 1816, which ceded around a third of Nepal's territory to the British.



26 December 1815 letter of Achai Thapa at Dhangari to General Bhimsen Thapa (shown above) in Kathmandu letter describes the battle against British troops at Pan Post



23 May 1815 cover with seal of Shah, Governor of Almora to King Girvana Bikram Shah at Kathmandu cover contained a letter describing the battle at Bhadauli and the Nepalese retreat across the Kali River



Bhim Sen Thapa served as Prime Minister served from 1806 to 1837.

Although Nepal had reached its greatest expanse before the war, it lost one-third of its land at the end. It also led to the establishment of a permanent British Residency.

26 August 1817 letter, after the peace treaty, from Patna to General Bhim Sen Thapa at Kathmandu letter relates details of King Jasingh Bay of Navalwala's battle with the British



स्वस्ति श्रीमन्महाराजाधिराजकस्य रुका
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December 1835 document regarding appointment of regular and fast mail runners in Nepal (Dang, Salyan, etc) red Royal Seal of the King HM Rajendra Shah Dev



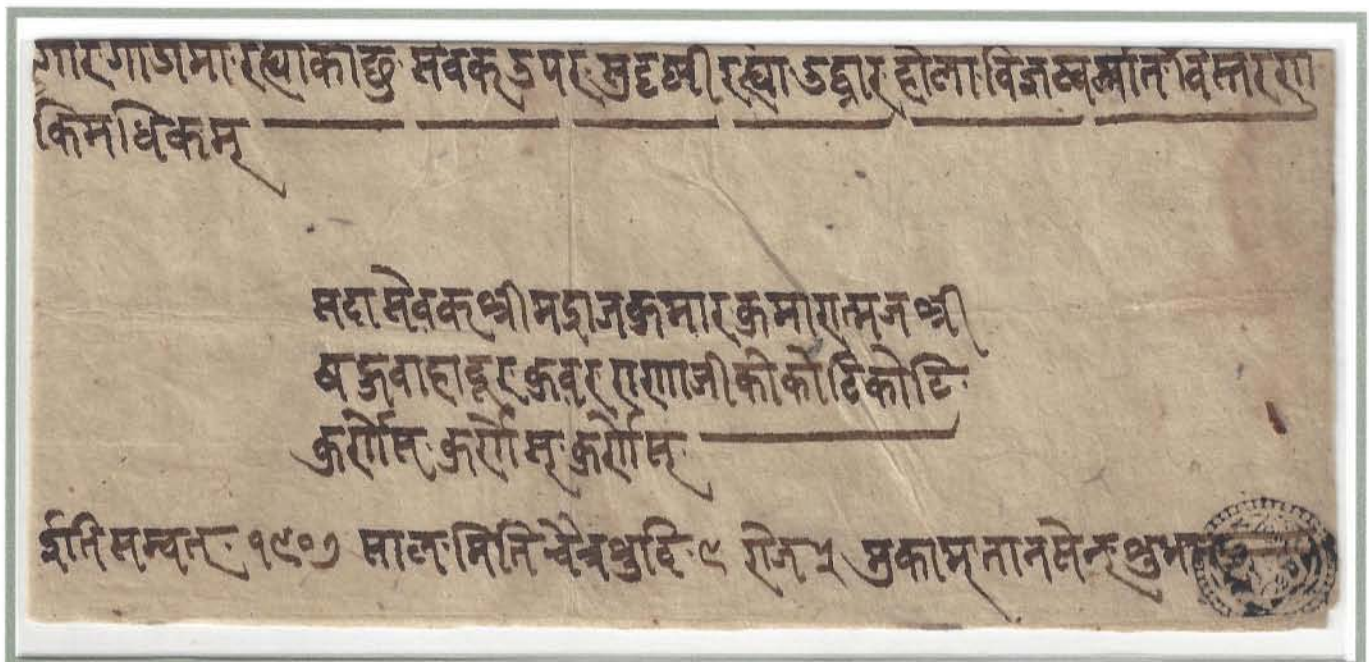
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26 December 1835 document regarding appointment of regular and fast mail runners between Pyuthan and Kathmandu red Royal Seal of the King HM Rajendra Shah Dev

Inbound Royal Mail



22 March 1851 cover and letter from Palpa to Hanuman Dhoka, bears large seal of Khadaga Badahaur Kunwar addressed to His Majesty the King of Nepal, Surendra Bikram Shah (ruled 1847 to 1881)



the original letter enclosed in above cover bearing small personal seal of sender the writer, Khadaga Badahaur Kunwar, was a commander and relative of the King

Official Mail Document



ति श्रीमद् राजकुमारकुमारसमन्वय
 कम्पान्डर इन चिफ् जनरल जय बहादुर कुवर
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 हि चार वर्ग छिने सै जात क सै का भारि विना ल
 स्वत नदी छि न को कनु यो भारि द वार को हो भनि
 ले दो का यो भन्या ना हा ना धि पठा उनु ज वा प
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 फ्रा ग उ चा उनि प घा उनि नो गि सं न्या छि
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16 January 1851 document regarding the carriage of official mail from Pyuthan to Kathmandu seals (from top) of Prime Minister Jung Bahadur, Commander in Chief Bom Badadur and General Jay Bahadur

Official Mail
Bilingual Sender's Seal



31 January 1886 Kathmandu to Palpa, with seal of Commanding Chief Hudga Samsher Jung Badahur Rana
addressed to Lt. Colonel Sher Bahadur Thapa Chetri
5 February 1886 Palpa arrival

GENERAL HUDGA SAMSHER JUNG RANA

this large seal is one of very few known that includes English text
at top it reads "General Hudga Samsher Jung Rana" in capital letters without spaces
at foot it reads "Commander In Chief Nepal" in capital letters

COMMANDER IN CHIEF NEPAL

**Official Mail
Hanumannagar**

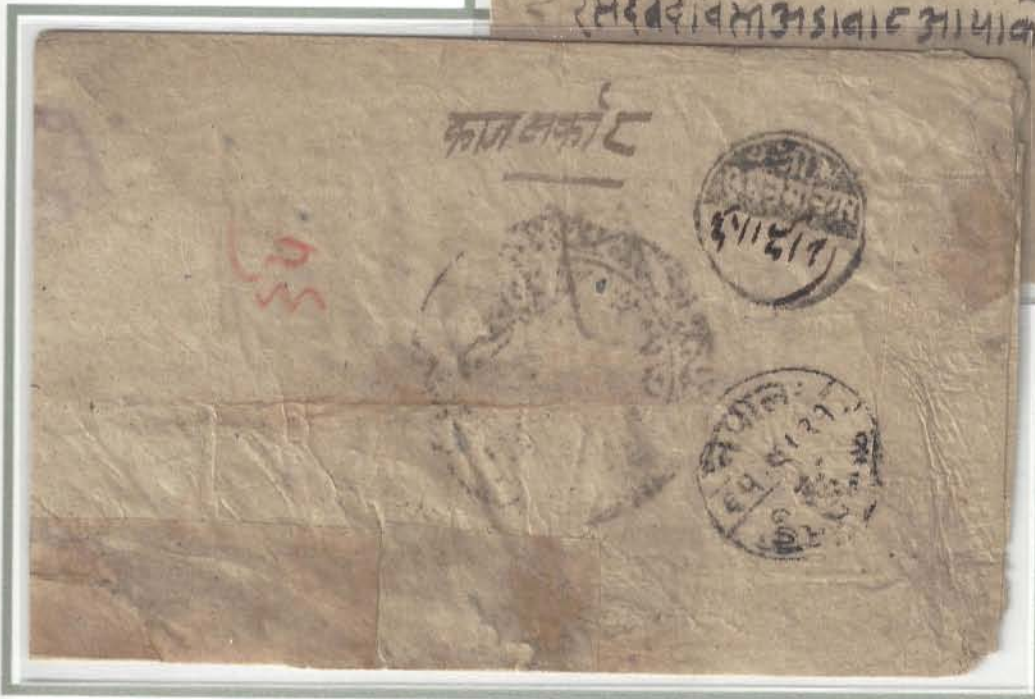
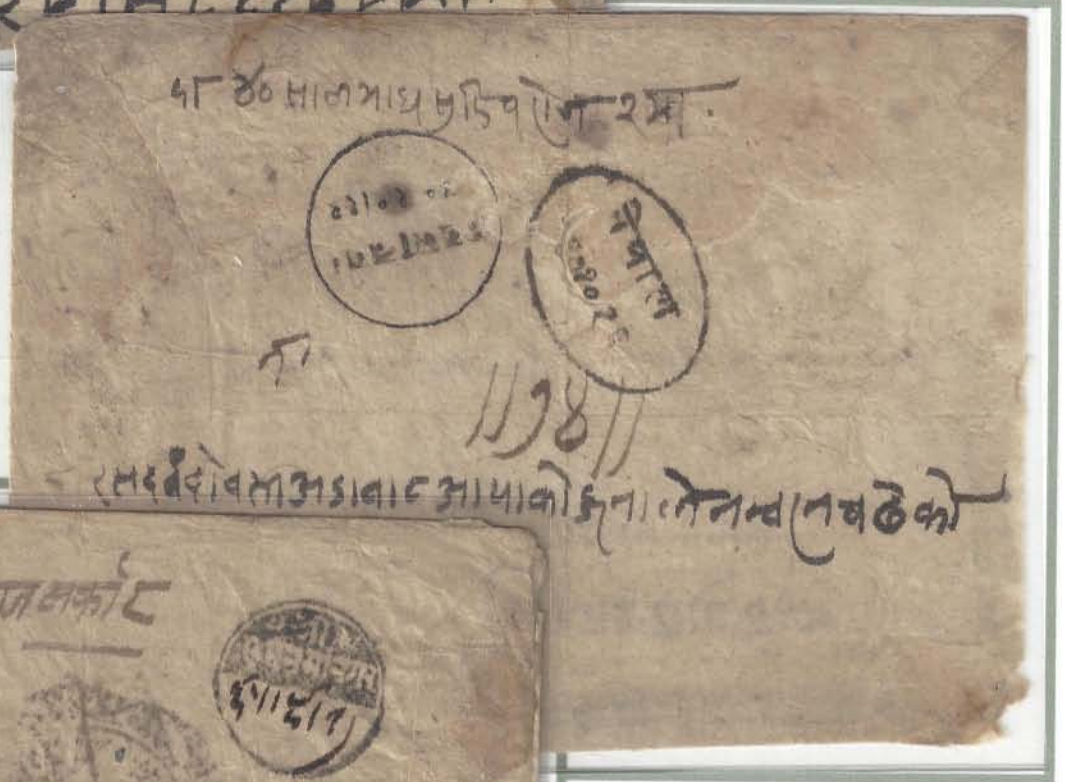
Office in operation from 1879



11 April 1880 Hanumannagar
to Maharaja Rana Udip S. R.
Bahadur in Kathmandu



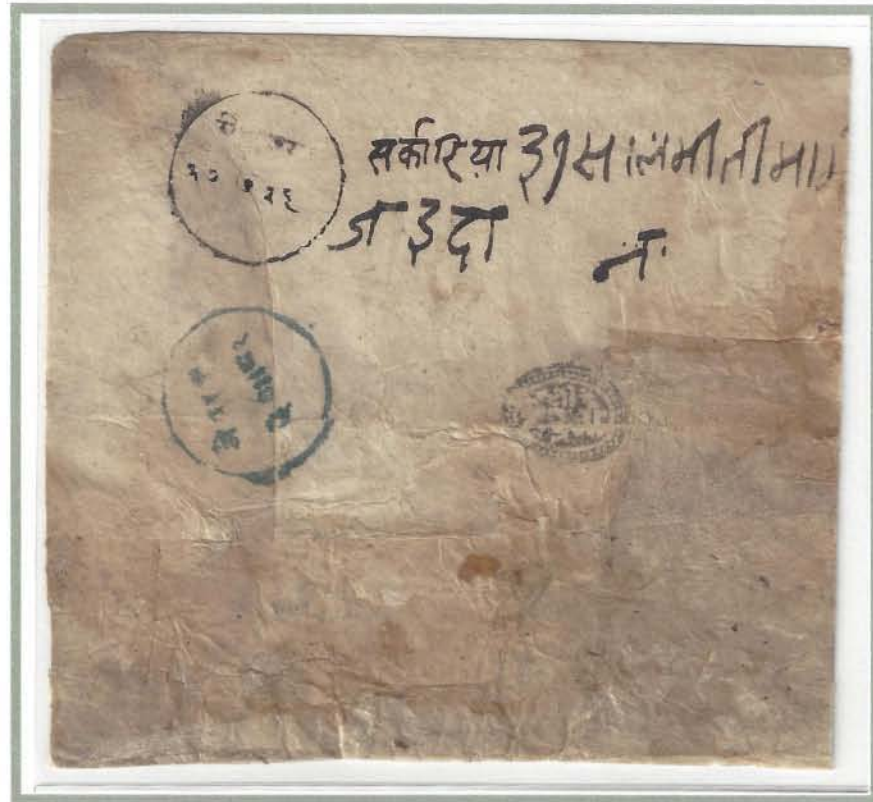
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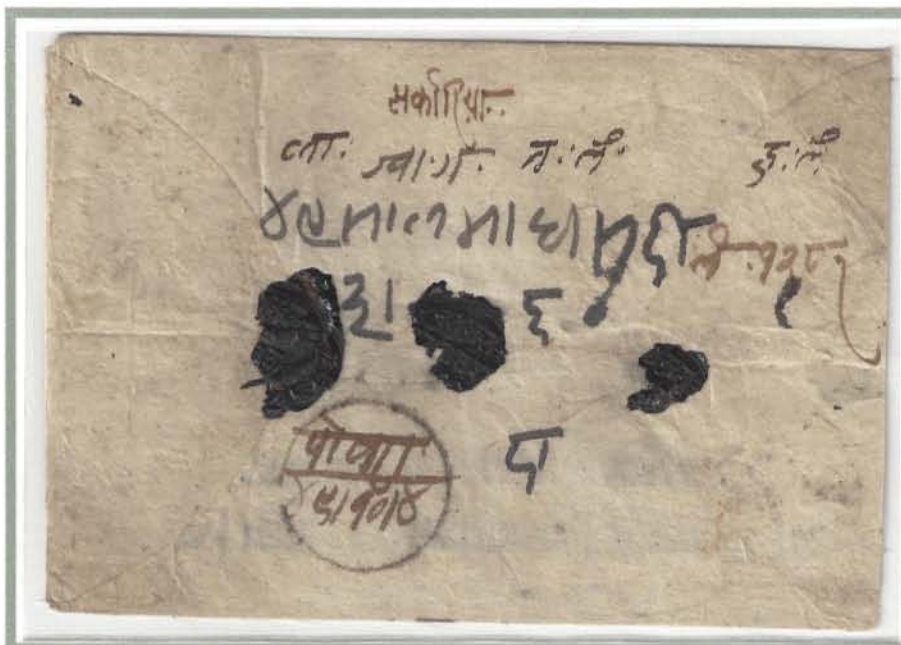
31 December 1909
Hanumannagar to Kathmandu

Official Mail Pokhara

Office in operation from 1879



12 November 1880 Pokhara dispatch postmark, oval sender's seal
14 November 1880 greenish blue Kathmandu arrival (lower tracing)



17 January 1893 Pokhara manuscript dispatch postmark in handstamped circle, wax sender's seals
to Kathmandu but without an arrival postmark

Official Mail Chisapani

Office in operation from 1879



25 November 1880 Chisapani dispatch postmark without date, oval seal of sender
25 November 1880 blue Kathmandu arrival



7 June 1896 Chisapani dispatch postmark and separate datestamp, oval seal of sender
9 June 1896 Kathmandu arrival

Official Mail Kalaiya

Office in operation from 1879



कलेया
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28 February 1883 blue Kalaiya dispatch postmark, shield seal of sender
1 March 1883 Kathmandu oval arrival

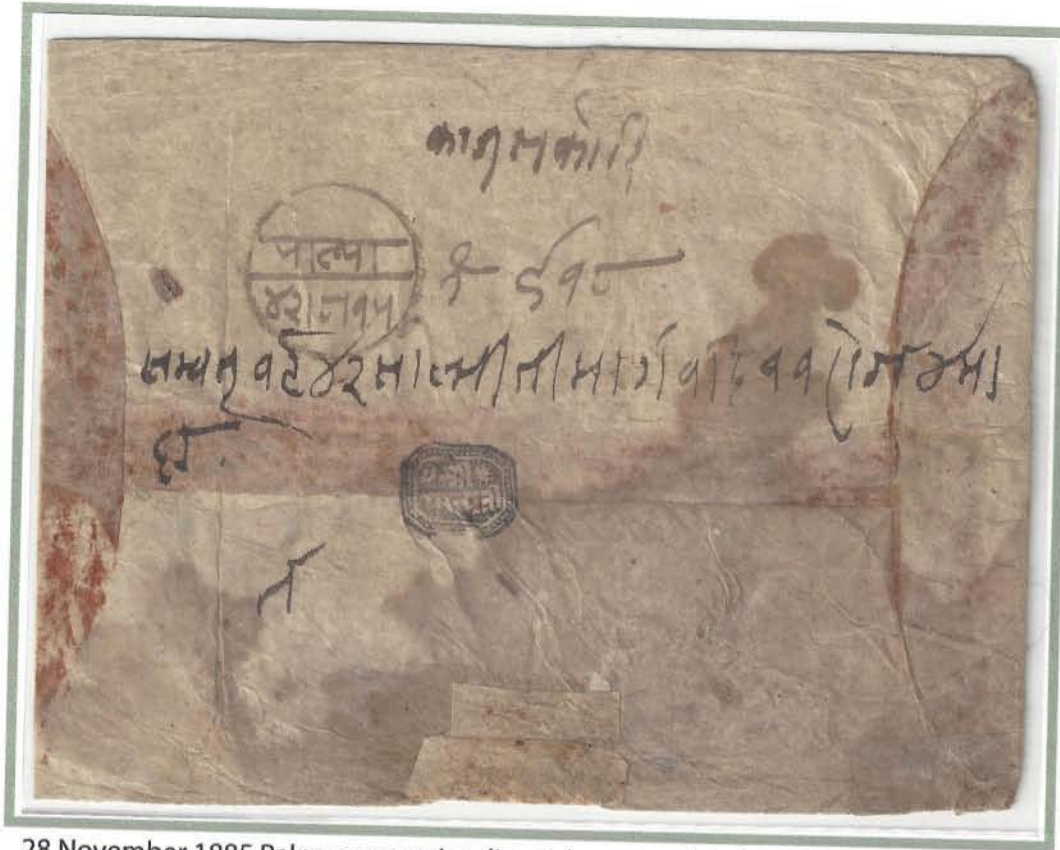


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18 January 1884 Kalaiya dispatch postmark, oval seal of sender
19 January 1884 Kathmandu oval arrival

Official Mail Palpa

Office in operation from 1879



28 November 1885 Palpa manuscript dispatch postmark in handstamped circle, octagonal sender's seal addressed to Kathmandu




6 June 1910 Palpa negative, hand-dated dispatch postmark used to Kathmandu
large Palpa District Headquarter's Official seal and smaller personal seal of the postmaster
11 June 1910 Kathmandu split-ring arrival postmark

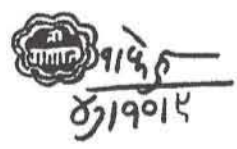
Official Mail

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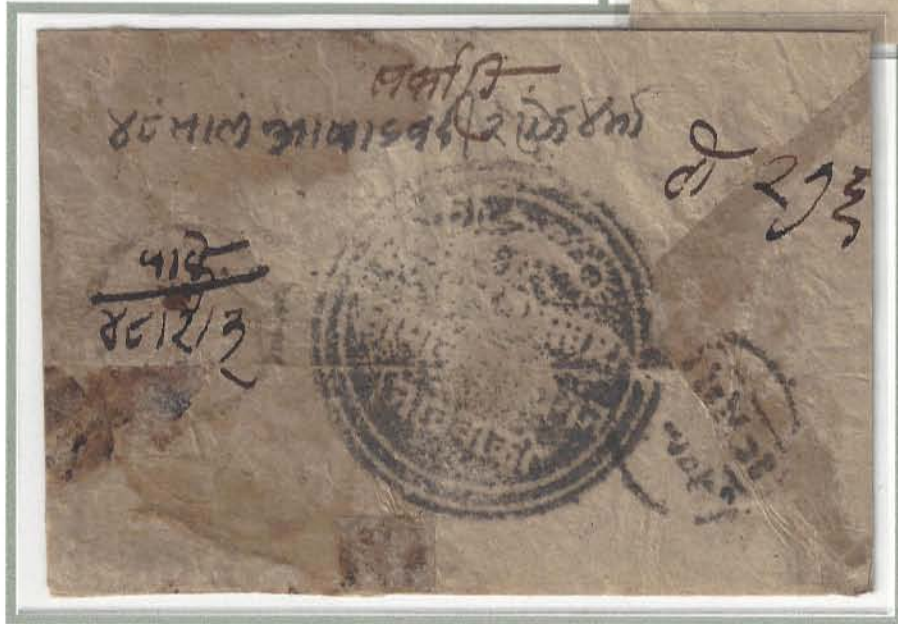
Office in operation from 1879




11 May 1890 Banke to Kathmandu combined with Postmaster seal



22 January 1891 to Kathmandu combined with Postmaster seal addressed to P.M. Bir Shansher



16 June 1891 Banke to Kathmandu manuscript postmark large Banke official seal

**Official Mail
Kadarban**

Office in operation from 1879



9 April 1897 Kadarban manuscript dispatch postmark in handstamped circle addressed to Kalaiya with their negative arrival postmark



5 February 1908 Kadarban negative boxed postmark with manuscript date, used to Kathmandu

Official Mail Dolakha

Office in operation from 1881



Lamabagar Custom Office seals (a tiny village post close to Tibet border)



dispatch postmark of Dolaha, transit postmark of Lyanglyang, arrival postmark of Kathmandu



10 August 1902 from Lamabagar custom house and posted at Dolakha addressed to Kathmandu
24 August Lyanglyand transit, 26 August Kathmandu arrival