

Inward Mail



One outcome of Britain's treaty with Tibet as a result of the Younghusband expedition was the establishment of British Indian Postal Agencies at the major trading towns of Pharijong, Gyantse, and Yatung. These markings were used for about forty years starting in the early 1900s. The stamps of India had to be used on mail going out of Tibet. Inbound mail often received the British Indian Post Office markings in transit or on arrival.

This cover originated in Calcutta August 30, 1915 and went to Gyantse, receiving a Siliguri Base marking on September 5. Siliguri is in northern India and was the most frequently used route for mail into Tibet. Siliguri and Gyantse are both practically due north of Calcutta.

Col. Bailey



The correspondence of F.M. Bailey is one of the more important areas of Tibet postal history. He was involved with the country from before the Frontier Commission until 1930. This cover was sent to Col. Bailey from Gyantse in 1925.

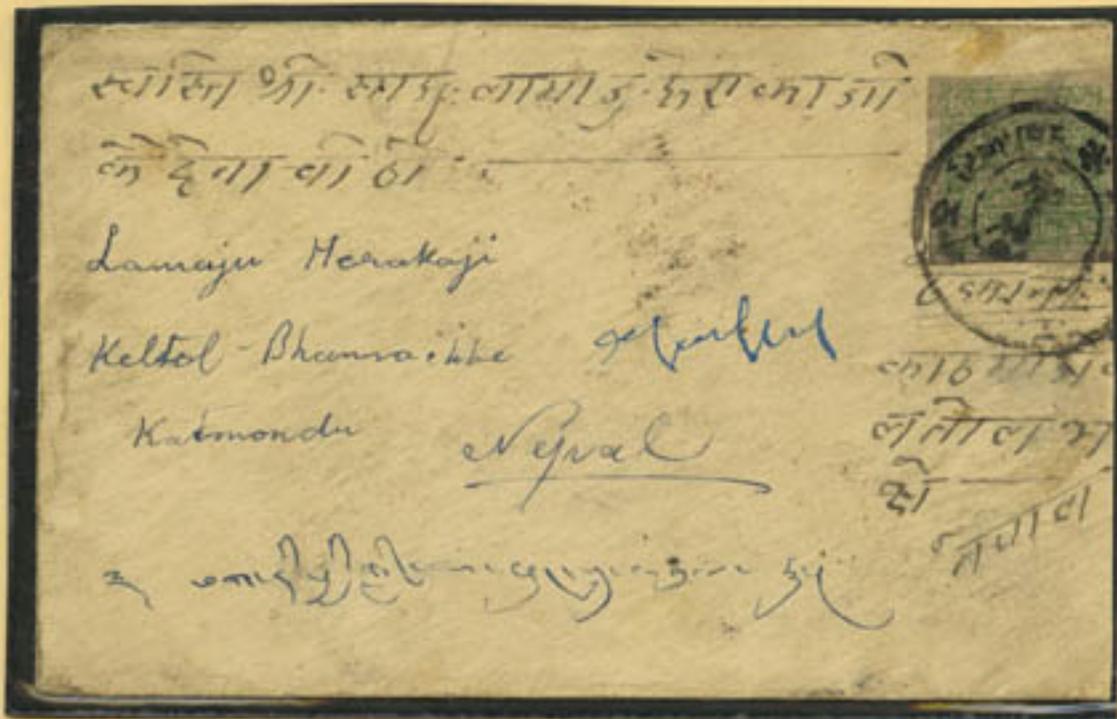


1931, Sep 1 Pharyong (Tibet) cancel
on King George I 1/2 a postal card
to Calcutta, received Para-Paras. 4 Sep 31
Ex Bornmann \$50-
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Tibet Nepal
An underpaid cover from Gyantse to Kathmandu
bearing a 1-anna stamp on reverse and showing
the ONE ANNA postage-due handstamp.

1937 / "unpaid" arrival mark Nepal,
Nepal no mark one anna on front



1939 cover from Tibet to Kathmandu, Nepal. Tibetan 4 tr. stamp in extremely rare sage green shade. 1 anna 3 pies Indian stamp on reverse, added at Pharijong.



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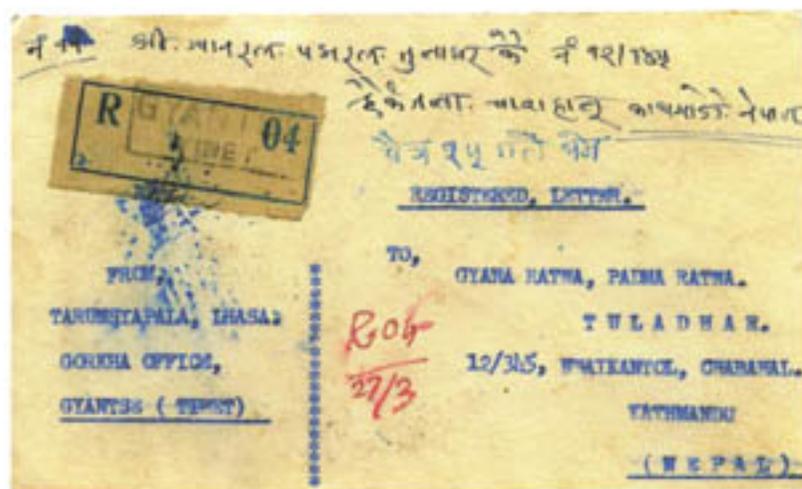
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1949 (Aug. 8) Printed Matter rate cover bearing India 1 1/2a stamp tied by clear "Yatung-Tibet Via-Siliguri" cancel (B51, 80 points, **earliest recorded date**), to U.S. (no recv. pmk.). Scarce cancel and very scarce overseas rate from Tibet. F

In 1950 when India became a republic, the British Indian post offices in Tibet became known as Indian post offices.



Dispatched from the office of the Indian Mission in Lhasa and taken by courier to Gyantse where it entered the mails December 21, 1951.



Registered letter taken by courier from Nepal ministry office in Lhasa to Gyantse where it was posted to Katmandu.