

Netherlands East Indies

1655 - 1870

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES 1655 - 1870

INTRODUCTION

This is a specialized collection of the stamps and postal history of the Netherlands East Indies, from the pre-philately era to the birth of her first two issues in 1864 & 1868 respectively, including an important study of the "HALFROUND FRANCO" postmarks used from the 51 main Post Offices.

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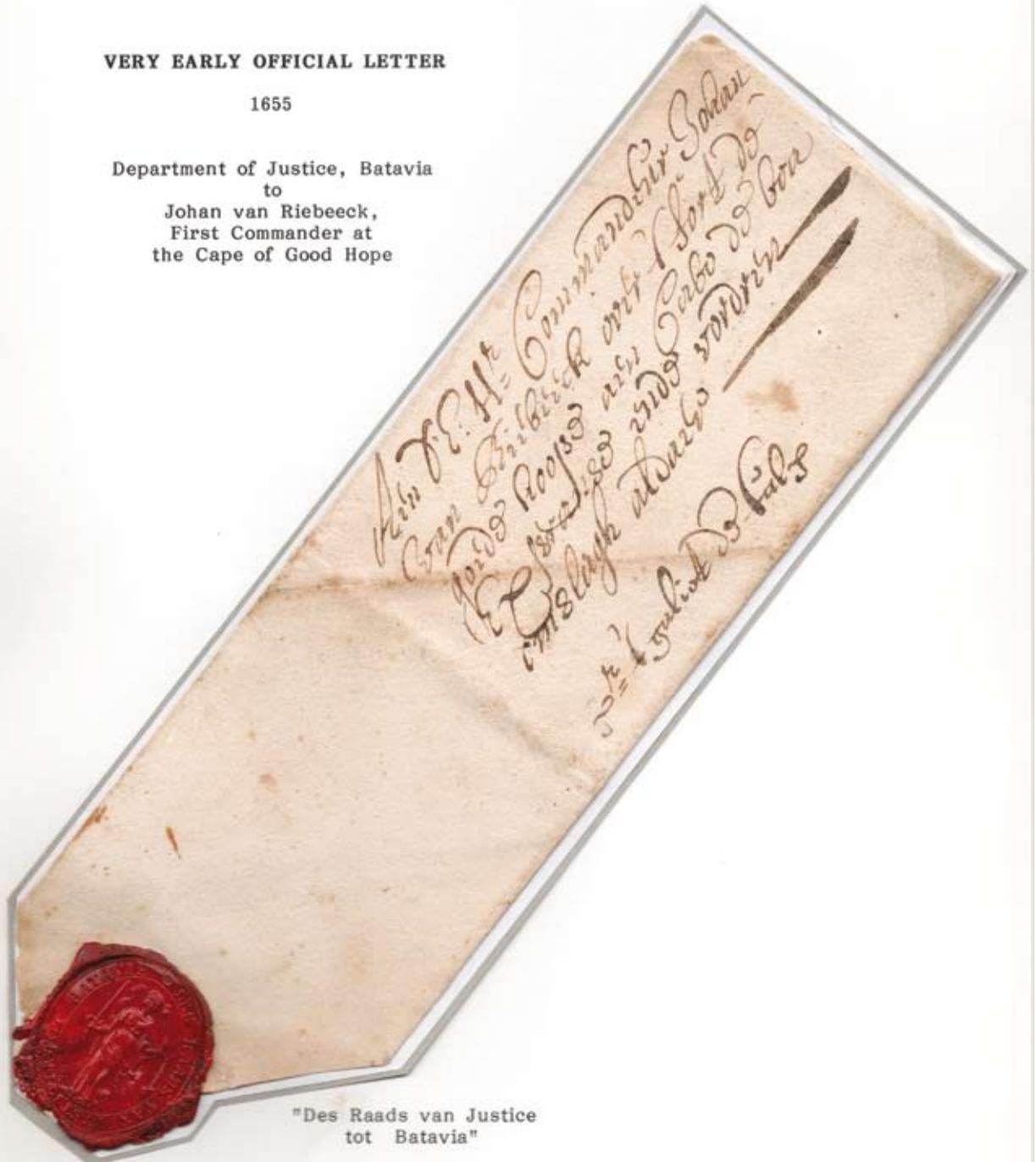
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VERY EARLY OFFICIAL LETTER

1655

Department of Justice, Batavia
to
Johan van Riebeeck,
First Commander at
the Cape of Good Hope

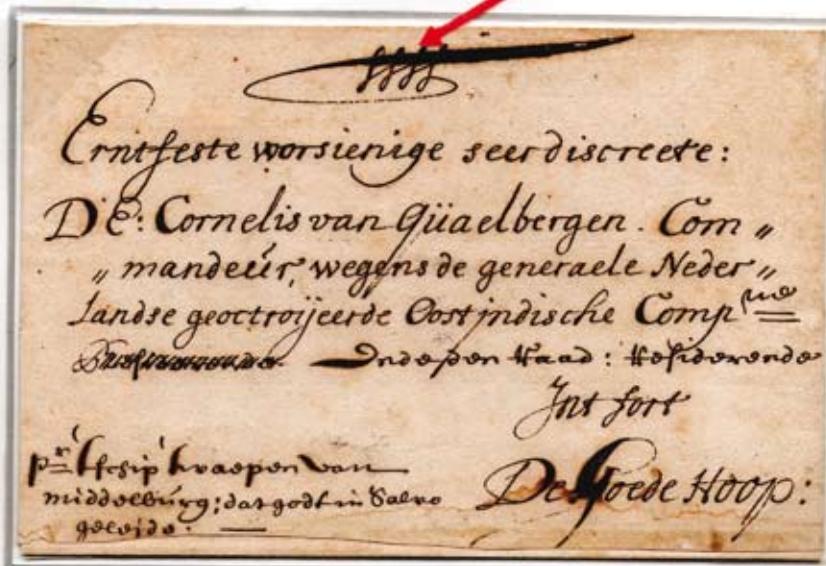


"Des Raads van Justice
tot Batavia"

VERY EARLY ARRIVAL MAIL
TO BATAVIA

October 17, 1667

"Post Paid" & "Official Free"



Dat Godt in Calme Geleide: May God accompany or grace in calmness.

Because of war with England, this letter (from Rotterdam) to **Cornelis van Quallenbergen, 3rd Commander at the Cape of Good Hope**, went on to Batavia, then returned to the Cape on the "Wapen van Middelburg", arrived on February 23, 1668.



EARLY LETTER

December 10, 1727

Prez Brone Colmo.

Banculo 10. Octbr. 1727

M. Brone. Prez Brone Colmo.
M. Br. Proposito Generale
de. Clerici Regolari

Roma

S. Silvestro M.
-Cavalo

nya, con cui gl'Emi. Cardinali di cod' t. s' propagandea fide. Si sono degnati di incatata di queste noz. Missioni, vacata per l. D. gl. Gaetano Comini, ma da bastante e da U. C. B. in benigno compatisimento i prego di omigliarmi con questa a cui devo la prima opportuna occasione, che in questi incolti deserti di Sumatra di U. C. B. se. proteste, più sincere della mia obbedienza, e se a caso cobi già in re. di preferirle qualche dipendenza, nridenutamente procedere: si desiderio, alla mia obsequiosa rivotta, e docuta ore della parigiale, conta del Preuer suo consenire, che la sua curia si gloriosa alle spalle, più siacche di quanti suoi in queste Indie sotto il peso di questo ro, e se non mi giouare sperare dalla ira di U. C. B. il rimedio, sarebbe inutile fondato nella sperimentale cognizione, che mi rende incapace di intre corrispondere alla aspettativa, e ione, e del Em. Card. Cardinali. Non schiarire a U. C. B. i motivi, che mi obbligano da questi la deputazione di un uso di quei talenti, che sono precisi a servir minor vita molte si potra (procuratore) Delciare Liedanashi

Missionary Letter from Desert of Banculo, Sumatra to Rome



THE V.O.C. HANDSTRUCK STAMP
Republic Of The Seven Provinces Period
(1789 - 1798)

1 Gulden V.O.C. Handstamp

December 1, 1789

First Year Of Usage In Batavia



* Per de Paket Booth 'de Luchtbol' : Per packet boat 'the luchtbol' (built in the Netherlands for the Chamber Rotterdam in 1788)

* Batavia to Haarlem
(May 5, 1790)
on 3rd format letter

* 23 NEI Stuivers
= 20 Dutch Stuivers
= 1 Dutch Gulden

* V.O.C. : De Vereenigde Oost Indische Compagnie
(Dutch East Indies Company)





THE 2 GULDEN V.O.C.
HANDSTRUCK STAMP

October 20, 1791
Batavia via Amsterdam
to Leiden on 4th format
letter

- * 50 NEI Stuivers
- = 40 Dutch Stuivers
- = 2 Dutch Gulden

Ver
Luk
Storm
Vrouw D
Brother
Op Batavia
Ghelezen van
oek de binnde
by my dan dan
Afde daer niet te
noodig verder van
Dru te Zondent — Wk
had gelieve te hebben
mynen 2 Kinder op 1 Se

Leiden
Nederlandsche
Postkantoor
Leiden



THE DESHIMA LETTER

November 15, 1806

Deshima to Batavia

V.O.C.
5 Stuiver
Type I



* Earliest known foreign letter from Japan in private hands, emanated from Deshima, a small island off Nagasaki, during the Japanese isolation period: around 1640 to 1854.

THE V.O.C. HANDSTRUCK STAMPS

The 5 Stuivers (Type II)

1802



Surabaya to Batavia

The 10 Stuivers
1805



to Peccalongang

V.O.C. stamps 5, 10, 15 NEI Stuivers were made
in Batavia for domestic usage.



THE FRENCH MILITARY OCCUPATION

Disinfected Mail of 1801

A la mis toute à cette. Si France
nous que si tu avais pris l'autre
précédent édition je te déspouze pour
que tu tiennes ta m'patronne pour
la récompense que j'aurais obtenu
Tout ce que je pourrai faire de ma force

Pour France

à Monsieur Lefebvre
rue hommec entre alle des Boulangers
et la rue Poisson No 272 à Paris

à Paris

A Lieut. Couplet arrived Batavia on 10th of Frimaire
(Revolutionary month Nov/Dec) from Mauritius.....

Le 10 Frimaire
Arrivé à Batavia le 10 Frimaire
Envoyé à Paris
à Monsieur Lefebvre
à Paris
Par rapport à Monsieur Couplet officier
D'artillerie fait à Paris le 10 Frimaire 1799

When France conquered Holland during the Napoleonic Wars,
it performed acquired the Dutch Indies, and sent troops there
to establish control and protect against incursions by the British



After my last a little I found
and you'll now want to say I am not
previous letters for an telephone point
you the letter to the previous you
in particular you surprised most all
you to whom I wrote in late like

A Lieut. Couplet arrived Batavia on 10th of Frimaire (Revolutionary month Nov/Dec) from Mauritius.....

Pour ~~Provençal~~
Monsieur Laporte
me donnez entre autres des bonnes
et larges No 372 à Paris
à Paris

Dear Mr. Morris
Please excuse me with respect to dinner, but my table is
over filled
As Monday night we have
a full D. course
Please settle a Monday couplet officer
But may next D. like at dinner 1000. I'd rather D. not to Monday



THE JAVA EXPEDITION 1811 - 1814

October 5, 1811

Cantonment Weltervreden
3 miles from Batavia
Island of Java October 5th
1811

My dear Mother

I wrote you

we're
the
on
con
on
we
pro
grea
was
clim
the

(1811)
(1811)

arrived London
January 22, 1812

Ship Letter
Portsmouth

about 5^o
Caroline
now with
reduch-
for that
nabis
time,
are
we so
in the
at
never
ge

RFB
59th Regt

Mr. Badenach
Stonehaven
Scotland

R. Badenach
H.M. 59th Regiment
(2nd Battalion, East
Lancashire Regiment)

The British captured Batavia on August 26, 1811
and occupied Java on September 18, 1811

During the time I have been here, I have
enjoyed the perfect health in my life. —
With mind and body constantly employed there

From Camp Weltervreden (3 miles from Batavia) to Scotland.



THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION OF JAVA, 1811 - 1816
SAMARANG HANDSTRUCK STAMP



Samarang Post Office Handstruck Stamp recorded in use: 1812 - 1826

BATAVIA HANDSTRUCK STAMPS



Calcutta via Batavia to Surabaya
Java General Post Office Batavia Handstruck
Stamp recorded in use: 1811 - 1819



THE ROYAL DUTCH KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION
1816 - 1864

POST COMPTOIR SOURABAYA
HANDSTRUCK STAMP

November 11, 1817



Sourabaya to Batavia

- * Sourabaya handstamps are always accompanied by the FRANCO handstamp which shows that all letters were despatched franked and the Sourabaya handstamp was always an outgoing handstamp.
- * Date in use (Sourabaya handstamp with FRANCO) :
January 15, 1817 - June 24, 1819
FRANCO : Until November 25, 1826

SHIPLetter HANDSTRUCK STAMPS

ZEE BRIEVEN
ONGEFRANKEERD (UNPAID)
Handstruck Stamp

ZEE BRIEF
ONGEFRANKEERD
(Date in use: 1819-1838)

March 16, 1830

*Date in
use :
1818-1833

*always
struck on
Samarang
letters only



Samarang to Amsterdam

RESIDENT SOURACARTA
HANDSTRUCK STAMP

April 15, 1830



Soeracarta to Magelang



THE 1845 FIRST ISSUE OF LAND MAIL STAMP
IN "KOPER"

December 20, 1845

Amsterdam to Samarang

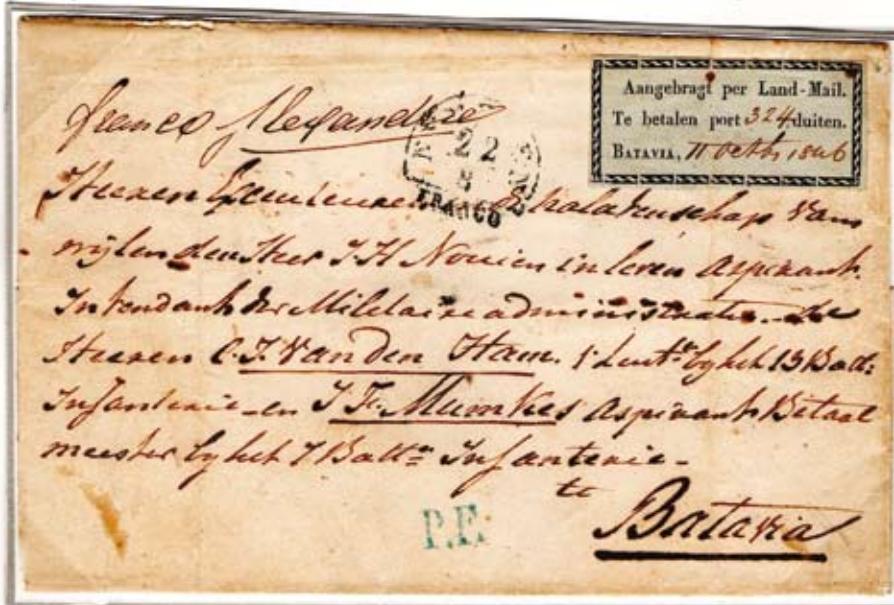


- * Date in use : March 20, 1845 to August 13, 1846
- * Measured 57 x 21mm
- * Land Mail Stamp dated February 12, 1846 and rated 2.16 Indies Guilders (for 1/2 oz Letter rate), was attached to this overland mail letter upon its arrival in Batavia
- * P.P. (Postage Paid) : Postage was fully paid to destination
- * Overland mail charges were always extra, payable in Batavia. Postage beyond Batavia was additional and had to be paid in the Dutch Indies.

THE 1846 SECOND ISSUE OF LAND MAIL STAMP
IN "DUITEN"

Nymegen to Batavia

August 22, 1846



*45 x 21mm
*Date in use:
September 11,
1846 to
January 16,
1847

*P.F. (Port
Français):
for letters paid
only to French
ports

Variety : 'T' of 'Te' nearer
to left margin

One of the 4 known examples



Amsterdam via Batavia to Samarang
September 22, 1846

ed 2.16 Indies
Guilders



THE 1845 FIRST ISSUE OF LAND MAIL STAMP
IN "KOPER"

April 12, 1846

Rotterdam via London to Djokjokarta (Djocjocarta)
per Overland Mail



Variety : 't' of 'Aangebragt' elevated
Rate : 2.16 Koper

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

THE FIRST ISSUE 1864

10 CENTS

DIE PROOF



Type 1C
Orange

- * King William III portrait
- * Design & steel-engraving by J.W. Kaiser
- * Recess by the Government Mint, Utrecht
- * Surrounded by diamondshaped scratches, on paperboarders with watermark Netherlands 1852-issue, without gum
- * classification is that of J.L. Van Dieten



10 CENTS

DIE PROOF



Type 2 - Black



THE ISSUED STAMPS

10 CENTS

April 1, 1864



Portrait of
King William III

Positions : 6 - 9
16 - 20
26 - 30
36 - 40
46 - 50

S.	T.	B.	R.
6	17	28	39
16	27	38	49
26	37	48	59
36	47	58	69
46	57	68	79

Largest mint multiple known in
private hands



10 CENTS

PLATE PROOFS

Imperforate
No gum



Type 3
Darkcarmine
from unretouched die Type 2, a working plate
was made, 10 x 10 stamps



Type 4a
Pale-wine-red
very thin paper



Type 4b
wine-red
thicker paper

Type 3 plate partly retouched (mostly in
the first 4 vertical rows)

PLATE PROOF

10 CENTS

Type 4a
(no gum, very thin paper)



**Positions : 81 - 85
91 - 95**



1	2	3	4	5
11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25
31	32	33	34	35
41	42	43	44	45

RECONSTRUCTED SHEET (1)



The Plate was made of steel, 100 impressions were laid down, 10 rows of 10, on white paper, Arabic gammed, without watermark and imperforate.

RECONSTRUCTED SHEET (2)

1	2	3	4	5
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35



PLATE RECONSTRUCTION

By the aid of the recut stamps and with the help of the marks & flaws in the margins, though somewhat difficult, reconstructing the plate of 100 stamps is eventually made possible.

For the first time, the Plate Reconstruction is on display in a world stamp exhibition.



PLATE PROOF

10 CENTS

Type 4a



Positions : 31 - 32
41 - 42

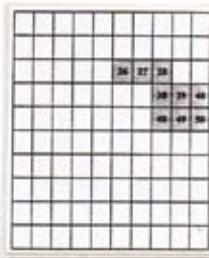


Positions : 89 - 90
99 - 100

THE PLATING

The 10 Cents stamps were printed in sheets of 100 stamps, 10 rows of 10, white paper, gummed, without watermark.

Positions:
26 - 28



Positions:
38 - 40
48 - 50



Reference : Eerste Emissie van
Netherlands Indie, by J.F. Cleij
in the Nederlandsch Maandblad
voor Philatelie, March 1966 to
December 1967 issues.



S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
S1	S2	S3	S4	S5

RECONSTRUCTED SHEET (3)



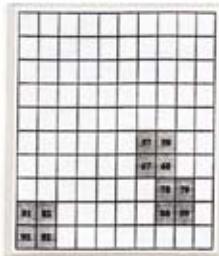
RECONSTRUCTED SHEET (4)

00	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09
10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24



THE PLATING

Positions:
81 - 82
91 - 92



Positions: 57 - 58
67 - 68



Positions: 78 - 79
88 - 89

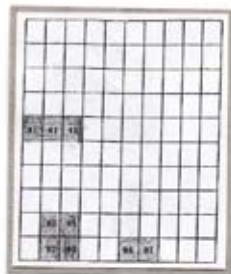
THE PLATING



Positions: 96-97



Positions: 41-43



Positions: 82-83
92-93



THE PLATING



Positions: 53-54



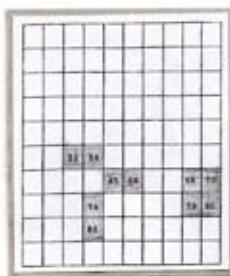
Positions:
74-84



Positions: 65-66



Positions: 69-70
79-80



THE PLATING

Positions:

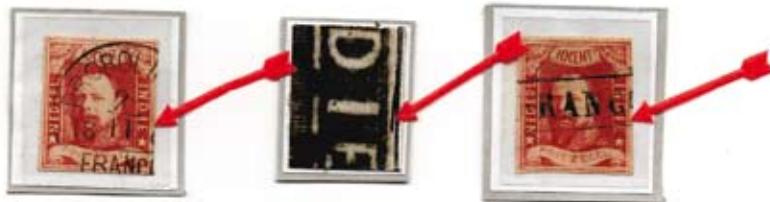


Positions:
8 - 10
18 - 20



PLATE VARIETIES

Redrawn Frameline



Retouch at centre of scroll



Retouch to right corner of scroll



THE FRAMED FRANCO HANDSTAMPS



Positions: 2 - 3
12 - 13
22 - 23



Positions
16 - 19
26 - 29

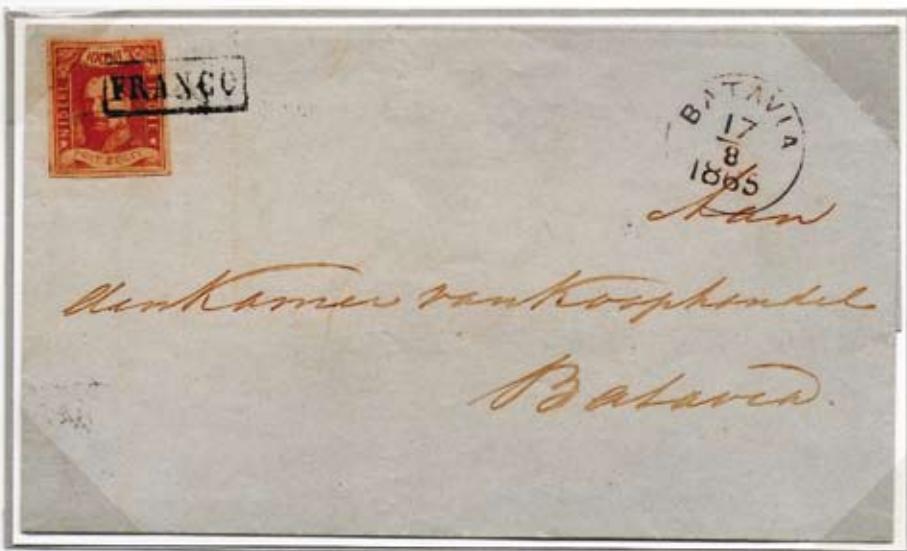
- * This is the **first handstamp** applied on the 1864 First Issue.
- * 21 out of 51 main Post Offices are recorded using this handstamp.
- * Earliest date of use : April 9, 1864 (Soerabaija)
Latest date of use : October 2, 1866 (Bezoekie)
In general : 1864 - 1866
- * The red circular datestamps (Rondstempel) were used as the despatch marks.



B A T A V I A

Single Domestic Rate

August 17, 1865



Double Domestic Rate

July 20, 1865



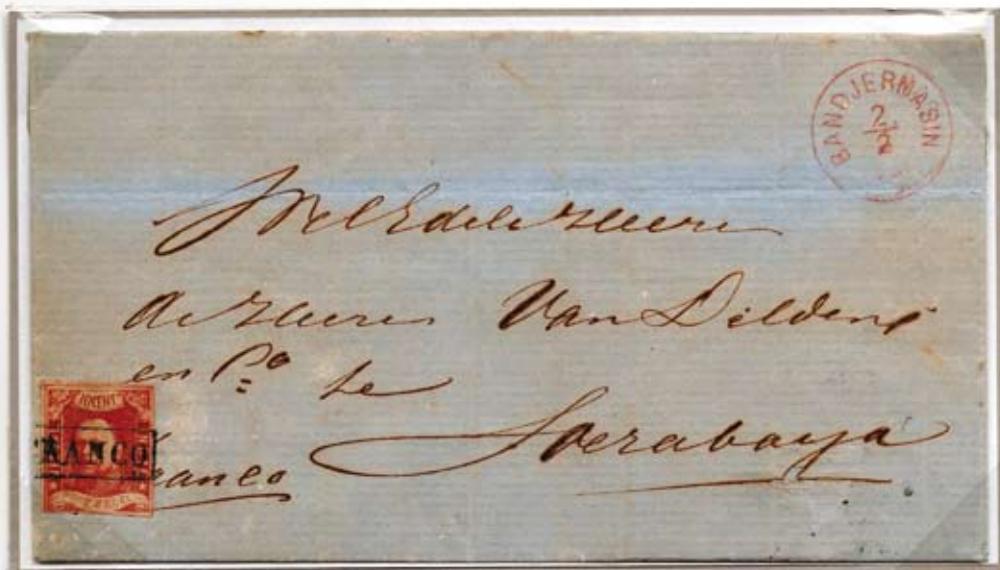
Batavia cds
(rond vertelstempel)
used as a
despatch mark

Two of the six "FRANCO" letters recorded from Batavia



BANDJERMASIN

February 2, 1866



Probably the only letter known from Bandjermasin with Framed Franco handstamp, and previously unrecorded

SAMARANG



June 10, 1864



D J O K J O K A R T A

January 23, 1865

To Samarang



B E Z O E K I E



October 2, 1866

To Soerabaya

Latest date of usage of
Framed Franco Handstamp

SOERABAIJA

August 2, 1866

Soerabaija Halfround
Postmark Type II

Sidho-Ardjo to
Soerabaija

SIDHO-ARDJO STRAIGHT-LINE
NAME CANCELLATION

OPGEVÖNDIS



Den Wenen Geb: Van Delden
to
Soerabaija.



SS



Neens,

Mr. J. A. van der Chys.

Lijzendam, les Alj. Secretaris

franco.

Batavia.



SOERABAIJA

April 9, 1864

- * Earliest date of use of Framed Franco Handstamp
- * First month of usage of the 1864 First Issue
- * Domestic double letter rate of 20 cents per 30 grams

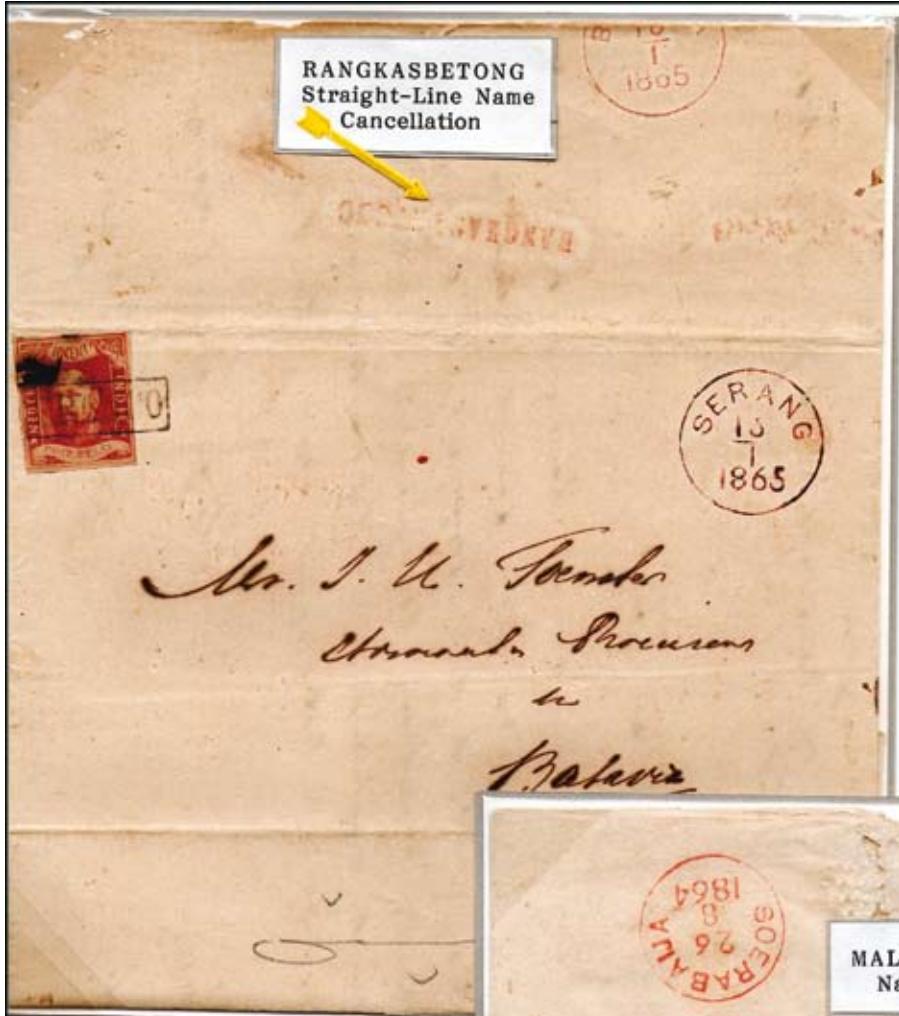


MEESTER CORNELIS

via Batavia to Menado

August 6, 1865

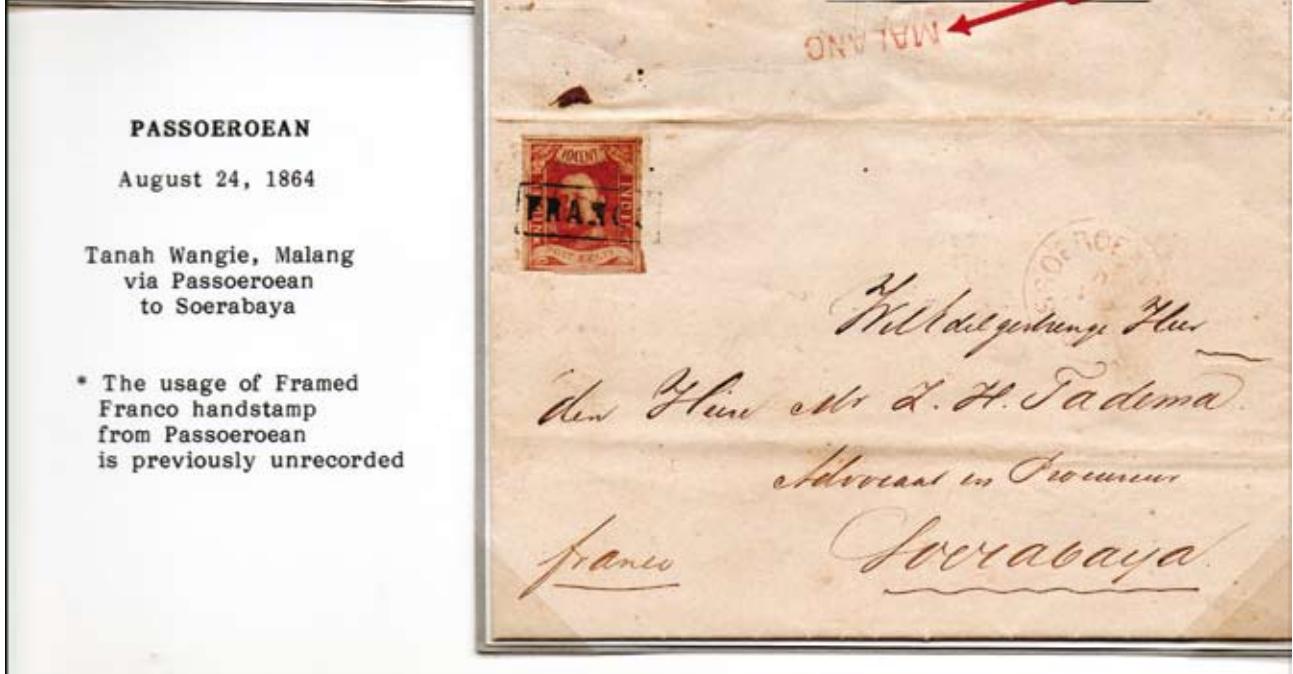




SERANG

January 16, 1865

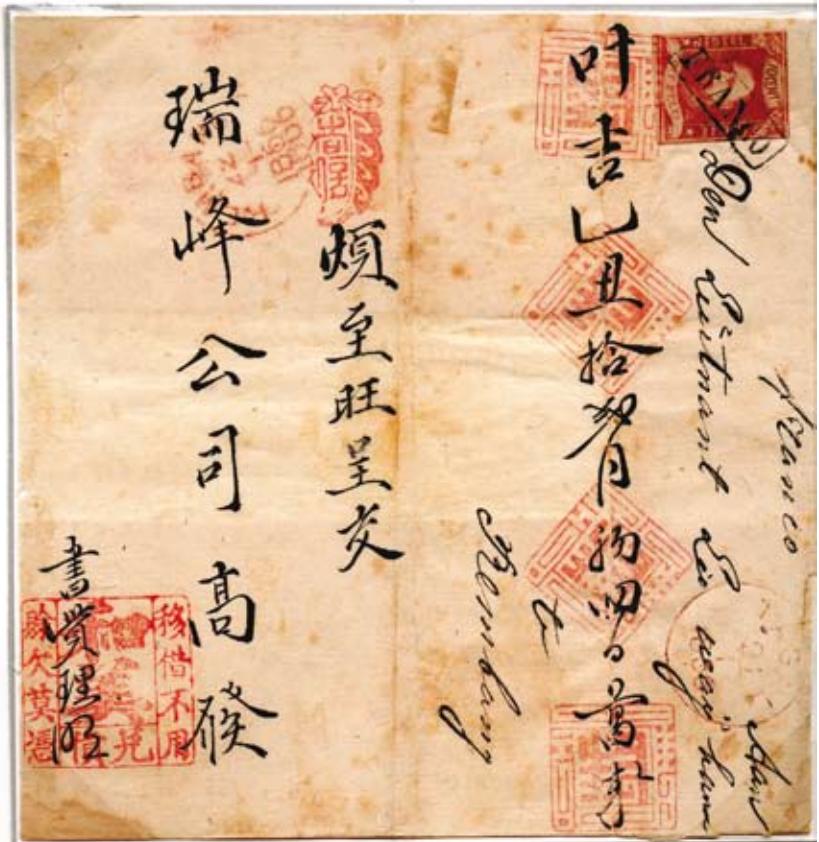
One of the two letters
known from Serang



TAGAL

January 21, 1866

1 of the 2 letters known
from Tagal



PAMAKASSAN

May 22, 1865

1 of the 2 letters
recorded from Pamakassa



ARRIVAL MAIL
FROM CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

January 29, 1856



Swellendam via Cape Town to Batavia

Due to active trading activities in the 1850s to 1860s, foreign letters constantly flew into the Netherlands East Indies. This and the next 7 sheets display some of these survived arrival mails, emanated from **Cape of Good Hope, Mauritius, Ceylon, France, Straits Settlements, Shanghai (China) and New South Wales**.



**ARRIVAL MAIL
FROM MAURITIUS**

October 1859



- * Mixed issue franking of 1859 Lapirot (2d, Pos. 8, worn impression) with 1859 Britannia (6d) issues.
- * 8d letter rated paid via Aden to Batavia.

ARRIVAL MAIL
FROM CEYLON

COLOMBO, July 6, 1857



Ceylon 1857
5 Pence Stamp

Earliest known letter bearing 5 Pence
Stamp which was issued on
July 2, 1857



ARRIVAL MAIL
FROM SINGAPORE

October 16, 1859

indian 1856
4 annas bisect
used in
Singapore
with "B172"
obliteration



Only 2 (out of 5 known) such
bisects on
covers are
addressed to
Netherlands
East Indies



September 6, 1867

Straits Settlements
1867
3 cents on lanna
cancelled with
Singapore "B172"
obliterator & "Behn
Meyer & Co" chop

Singapore via
Batavia to Samarang

First week of usage
of the Straits
Settlements First
Issue (September 1,
1867)

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ARRIVAL MAIL
FROM FRANCE

June 6, 1855



- * Nantes, France, via Singapore to Batavia.
- * Singapore Bearing Handstruck Stamp - very late used example (1846 - October 1, 1855).
- * Napoleon 20c & 80c Stamps.



**ARRIVAL MAIL
FROM FRENCH LEVANT**

February 3, 1862



- * Smyrna to Batavia
- * France 1862 80c Stamp struck with "3709" dotted numeral
- * Smyrna Turquie cds

ARRIVAL MAIL
FROM HONG KONG

December 8, 1865



Hong Kong
"B62"
Obliérations

Shanghae via Hong Kong, Batavia to Soerabaija



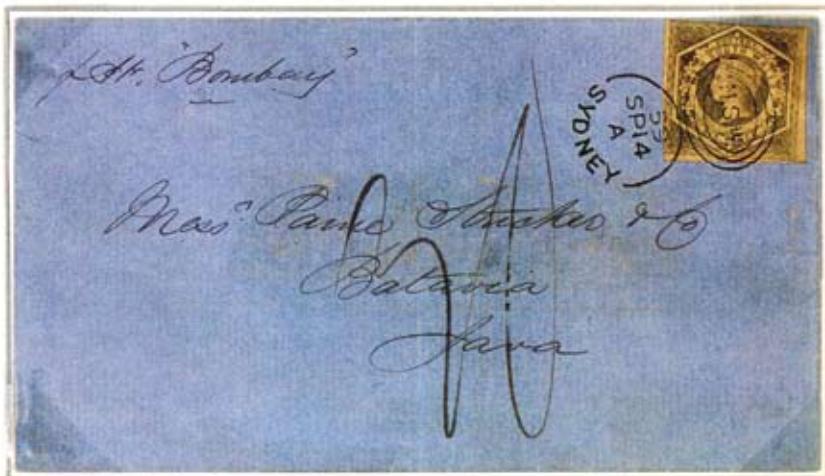
ARRIVAL MAIL
FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

July 10, 1850

The 1850 Three Pence Sydney
View with barred ovals
Cancellation of Sydney



3d for shipletter rate (with effect from
January 1, 1850)



September 14, 1859

The 1854 Six Pence Diadem
Issue with Sydney
Duplex Cancellation

6d shipletter rate, effected from October 20, 1853

**HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS
ON THE 1864 FIRST ISSUE
OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES**



Ternate
(Struck in blue)

July 25, 1867
Earliest use in Ternate

- * All the 51 main Post Offices were issued with the Halfround Franco (HRF) datestamps in 1866 (except Batavia which used HRF datestamps since 1861) to cancel the postage stamps and to be treated as despatch marks, replacing the earlier Framed Franco handstamps.
- * Earliest date of use : May 6, 1866 (Kedirie)
Latest date of use : December 30, 1870 (Amboina)
- * After extensive research I have found that:
 - 22 Post Offices - Letters are recorded, affixed with the 1864 First Issue (10 Cents) struck with HRF postmarks. All are on display.
 - 29 Post Offices - No letters are recorded, but stamps with HRF postmarks are known and are on display.



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS



Billiton
Only known copy



Banda
2 examples known



Sambas



Singkawang
3 examples of each (from these 4 Post Offices) are known



Benkoelen



Telok Betong



Anjer
November 6, 1868
Latest use



Ambarawa



Anjer
November 6, 1866
Earliest Seen



Amboina
February 2, 1867
Earliest Seen

No Letters are known from these 9 Post Offices

HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS



Menado



Patjitan
September 9, 1868
Late use



Serang
August 4, 1868
Latest Seen



Tjiandjoer



Tjilatjap
January 31, 1867
Earliest Seen
HRF in blue



Ternate
HRF in blue



Timor
December 25, 1868
Latest Seen

No Letters recorded from these 8 Post Offices



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS



Bandjermasin



Djokjokarta



Banjoewangie
Only recorded
copy in blue
June 23, 1866
Earliest Seen



Salatiga
June 21, 1866
3rd week of
usage of HRF



Poerwakata
October 2, 1868
Latest Seen



Madioen
November 10, 1868
Latest Seen



Ngawie
July 5, 1866
Earliest Seen



Ngawie
February 15, 1869
Latest Seen



Makassar



Palembang



Muntok



Banjoewangie



Pekalongan



Probolingo
'30' inverted
& reversed

No Letters are known from these 12 Post Offices

HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS



Bandong
August 15, 1868
Late use

Padang



Passoeroean



Magelang



Kedirie



BATAVIA

HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS TYPE VI



November 18, 1866

November 12, 1866



Positions: 71 - 75
81 - 85
91 - 95

April 15, 1867



Positions: 81 - 82
91 - 92

Type VI: baseline 20mm, letters (BATAVIA) shorter, closer and squad



BUITENZORG



February 21, 1867



September 18, 1868
(Latest date of usage)
Positions 26 - 27
36 - 37
46 - 47



to Menado

June 6, 1868



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS



July 18, 1869
Latest Seen
(later than the previous
record by 8 months)

Bandjermasin



Ternate



HRF in blue

Palembang



October 9, 1868
Late use

Pekalongan



BANDONG



Bandong to Batavia

September 24, 1867



August 15, 1868



"INDIA PAID BY
BATAVIA" = Steam
postage had been
paid at Batavia

Bandong via Singapore to Austria



BENZOEKIE



October 2, 1868



October 24, 1867



November 23, 1867

Framed Franco
Handstamps were
applied in Batavia

* Bondowoso via Bezokie, Batavia,
Marseille to Middleburg

*with effect from 1863, letters to Netherlands
& Nearby European countries, with an undesignated
route: 90 cents per 15 gms wt

*One of the 2 letters known



C H E R I B O N



LARGE MULTIPLE USAGE



Via Batavia to Haarlem

February 21, 1868

firstly struck with Cheribon, then
Batavia Halfround Postmarks Type VI



B A N J O E M A A S



LARGE MULTIPLE USAGE

September 25, 1866



With effect from
June, 1866, mail
to Netherlands via
Marseilles (on
French ships) :
70 cents per 15grams
weight

* Poerbolingo via Banjoemaas & Batavia
to Leiden on Southampton Route.

* Only letter with this stamp recorded
from Banjoemaas.

BATAVIA

Batavia Halfround Franco Postmark Type IV

to Nantes, Franco

June 12, 1867



- Type IV
1. base line
21mm
2. letters large,
well spaced

Batavia Halfround Franco Postmark Type VI

to Samarang

November 12, 1866



- Type VI
1. base line
20mm
2. letters shorter
closer &
squat

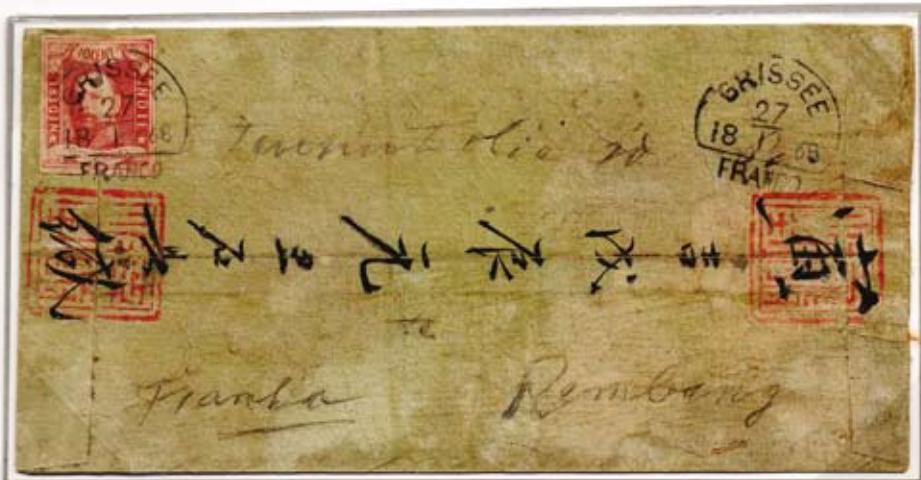
A uniform inland rate of 10 cents per 15 grams
was in effect from January 1, 1863



G R I S S E E



January 27, 1868



Only letter recorded from Grissee

Grissee to Rembang

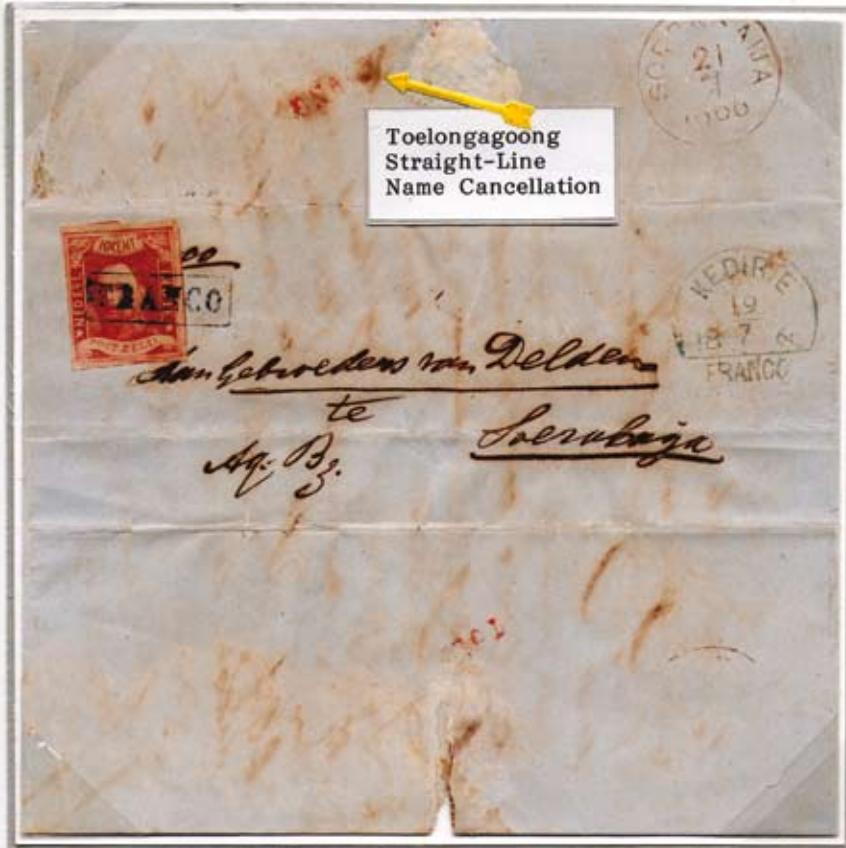


K E D I R I E



June 15, 1866
(blue)
early use

July 19, 1866



Kedirie
Halfround
Postmark
(in blue)

Toelongagoong via Kedirie to Soerabaija



M A G E L A N



Only known
copy struck
in red

February 3, 1868



Magelan to Samarang



P A D A N G



Sibogha
(in red)

October 16, 1868



Padang (Sumatra) to Batavia (Java)



BATAVIA

MIXED ISSUE FRANKING TO NETHERLANDS

October 27, 1870

60 Cents per 15 gms wt. rate to Netherlands via Marseilles
as from January 1870



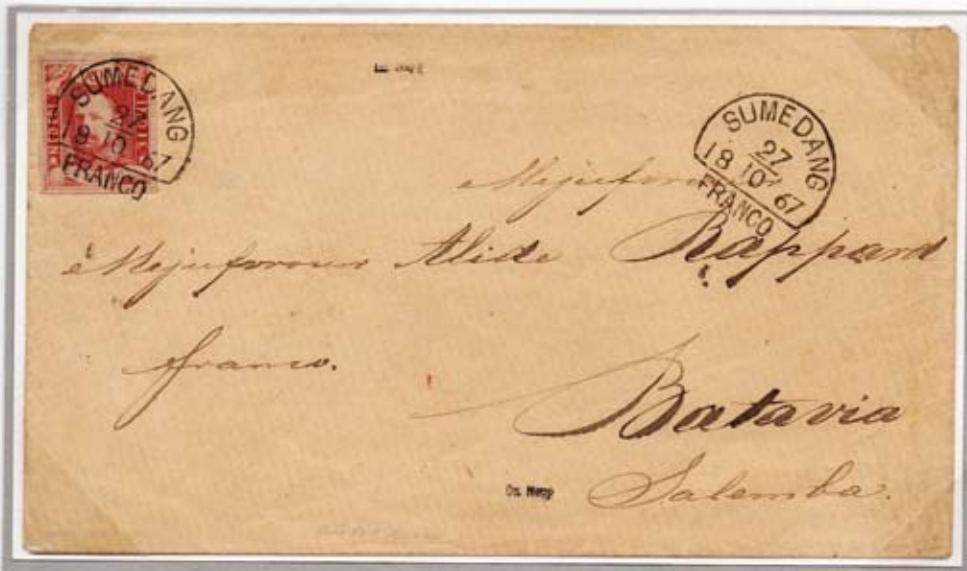
- * Only known mixed franking usage of the 1864 1st & 1870 3rd issues
- * Batavia Halfround Franco Postmarks Type V
 1. base line 22.5 mm
 2. letters large, well spaced
- * October 27, 1870 : latest date of use of Batavia HRF postmarks
- * 6 types of Batavia HRF postmarks were identified by E Veorman (in PHILATELIE, October 1994). Types I & II appeared on prephilatelic letters, whereas Types III to VI could be found on stamps

S U M E D A N G

June 9, 1867
earliest seen



One Of The 2 Letters Known



October 27, 1867

Sumedang to Batavia





REMBANG

March 9, 1868



POERWOREDJO

January 27, 1868



David Feldman SA

2011

Netherlands East Indies

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PASSOEROEAN



'3' inverted



Positions : 33 - 37



NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES CLASSIC

LARGEST USED BLOCK KNOWN OF THE 1864 FIRST ISSUE



The First Issue of the Netherlands East Indies (today's Indonesia) appeared on April 01, 1864. It consisted of one denomination of 10 cents stamp, imperforate, gummed, printed in a pane of 100 stamps, 10 rows x 10.

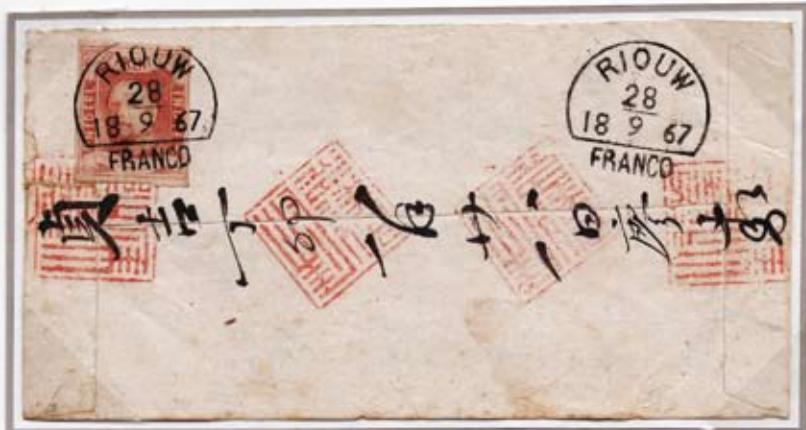
The display shows a used block of 50 stamps, being the largest known of the first issue. It was used from Ngawie on February 16, 1869. The next larger block is a used block of 15, from Batavia. Further down the line is a block of 6, used from Buitenzorg. Thus big multiple used blocks are very rare.



RIOUW



September 28, 1867



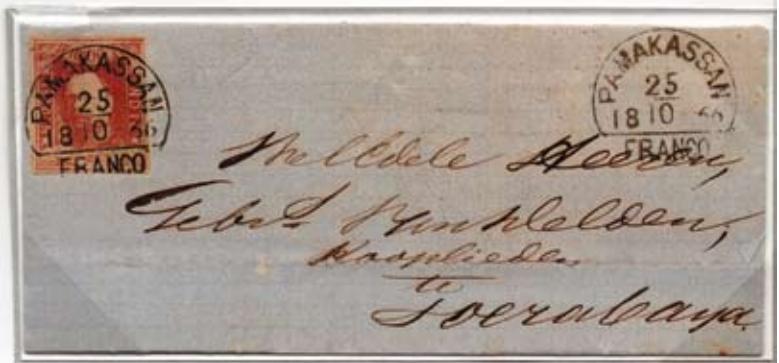
Domestic letter rate of 10 cents to Pekalongan



PAMAKASSAN

October 25, 1866

September 1, 1866
Earliest Seen



PATTIE

February 18, 1869

- * Latest used date (1 month later than previously recorded)
- * Probably the only letter known, so far



PASSOEROEAN

October 5, 1866

Early usage to Batavia



SOERAKARTA



June 12, 1866
earliest seen

February 16, 1869



Soerakarta to Samarang
One of the six letters known



SAMARANG

HALFROUND POSTMARKS
TYPE I



November 20, 1868

to Benkoelen



Triple Letter Rate 30 Cents

domestic letter rate :
10 cents per 15 grams wt



S A M A R A N G

HALFROUND POSTMARKS TYPE II



SAMARANG :
'M' slim & tall
letters are closer
to each other.

January 31, 1868



Samarang to Soerabaija



SAMARANG

HALFROUND POSTMARKS TYPE III

February 26, 1868

Samarang to Rembang



HR Postmark Type III is hitherto unrecorded,
it differs from the first 2 types in :

	Type I,II	Type III
1. base line	21mm	25mm
2. FRANCO (height)	3mm	4mm



Type I
1. 'M' wide
2. letters well spaced



Type II
1. 'M' slim & tall
2. letters closer



Type III

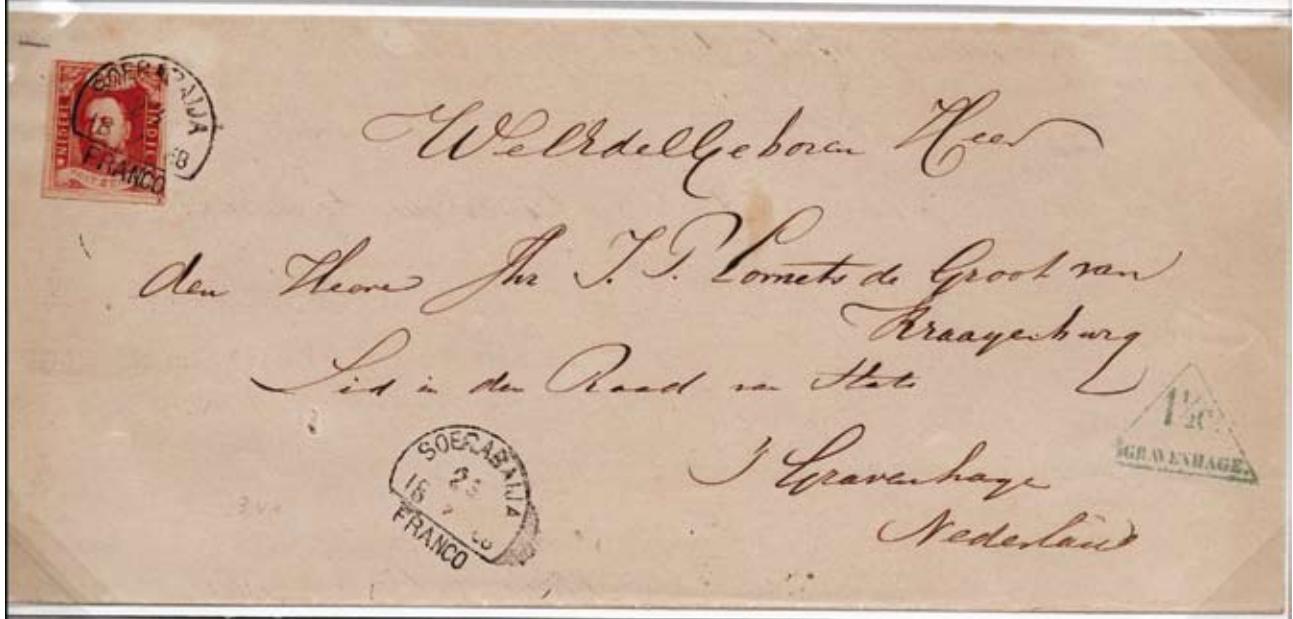
SOERABAIJA

HALFROUND POSTMARKS
TYPE I



('J' as small fish hook)

September 23, 1868



10 Cents Printed Matter Rate to S'Gravenhage
taxed 1 1/2C on arrival





WelrdelGeboren Heer

den Heere Mr. J. P. Lomets de Groot van
Kraayenburg

Lid in de Raad in State



The Hague
Nederland



SOERABAIJA
HALFROUND POSTMARKS
TYPE II



FRANCO
(in blue)



('J': wider &
square)

September 7, 1866

BANGKALANG STRAIGHT-LINE
NAME CANCELLATION



Bangkalang to Soerabaija



T A G A L



May 17, 1868



Tagal to Samarang



T O E B A N



July 25, 1866
very early use



'FRANCO'

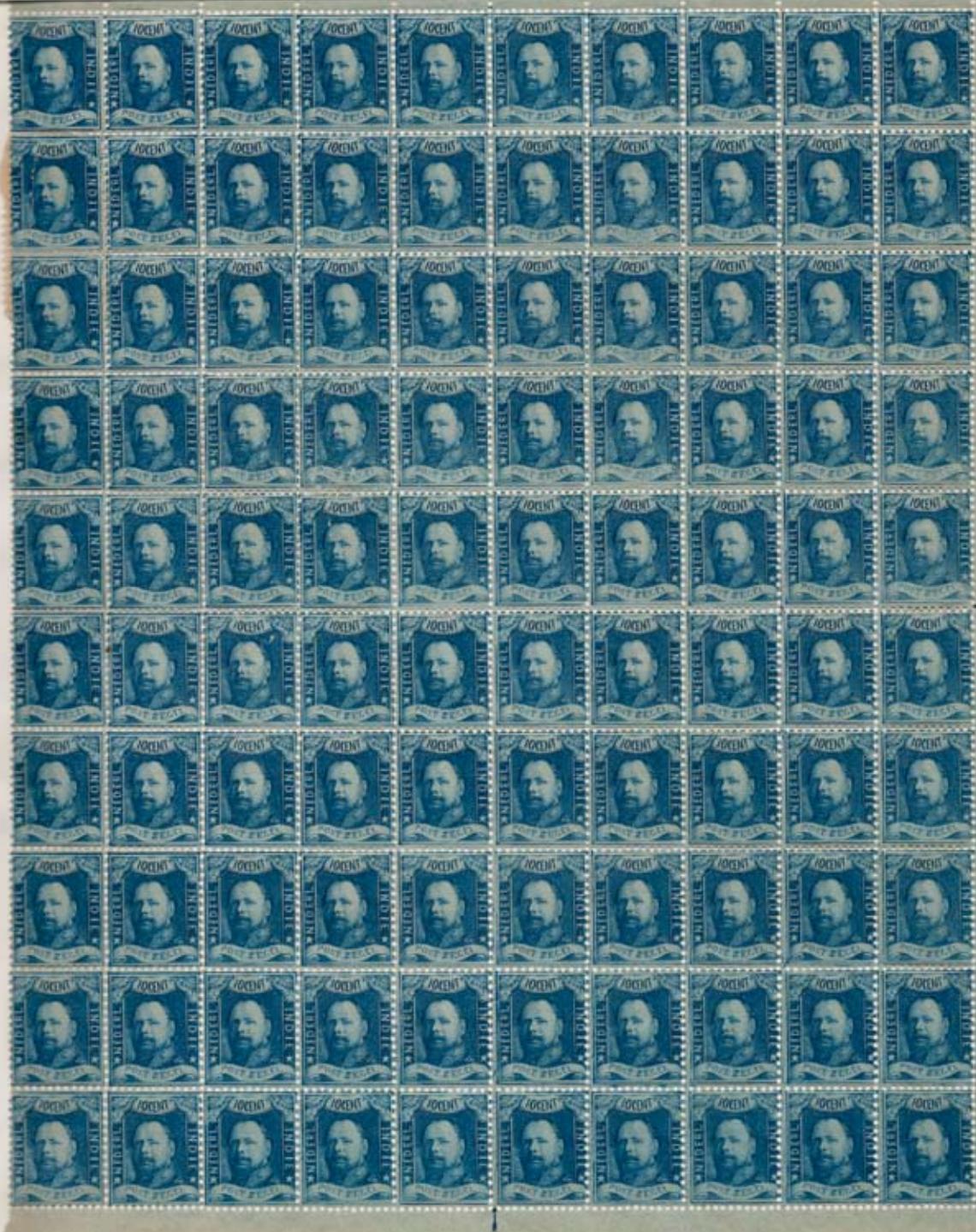
August 10, 1866



One of the 2 letters recorded



THE SECOND ISSUE 1868, PLATE PROOF (Blue) Type 5a
from the First Issue Type 3 plate partly retouched, and perforated 12 ½ x 12, with gum



One other full pane of 100 stamps is with the Netherlands PTT Museum.

PLATE PROOFS

Perf. 12 1/2 x 12
with gum



Type 5b
overprinted "SPECIMEN"



Positions :
29 - 30
39 - 40

Type 5a

THE SECOND ISSUE OF 1868

10 Cents



Perf. 12 3/4 x 11 3/4
brown gum, no watermark



**HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS
ON THE 1868 SECOND ISSUE
OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES**



**Batavia HRF Postmarks
Type VI**



**Mixed Issue Franking of the
2nd Issue 1868 (10 cents) &
the 3rd Issue 1870 (50 cents)**

- * The Halfround Franco (HRF) datestamps also applied on the 1868 Second Issue.
- * Earliest date of use : February 4, 1868 (Muntok)
- Latest date of use : September 9, 1872 (Timor)
- In General : 1868 - 1873
- * My study reveals that :
 - 2 Post Offices
 - neither stamps nor Letters (with the Second Issue struck with HRF postmarks) are known, namely Sambas, Serang.
 - 28 Post offices
 - no Letters are recorded, but stamps with HRF postmarks are known.
 - Letters are recorded.
 - 21 Post Offices
 - The Second Issue examples circulating in the market are much less available than that of the First Issue, thus making the study much more difficult.



BATAVIA



6 Types of Batavia Halfround
Franco Postmarks
(by E Voerman, Philatelie October 1994)

Type V
(base line 22.5mm, letters large & well spaced)



Type VI
(base line 20mm, letters shorter & squat)



Type IV
(base line 21mm, letters large & well spaced)

LARGE MULTIPLE USAGE TO BOMBAY



Double letter
rate 110 cents
per 30 gms wt.

August 5, 1870

HRF Type VI



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS

Only 1 Example of Each Are Recorded



Banda



Telok Betong
(previously unrecorded)

Only 2 Examples of Each Are Recorded



Benkoelen
October 14, 1870
Latest Seen
(Only 1 example was
recorded previously)



Billiton



Sumedang
(only 1 example was
recorded previously)



Patjitan

3 Examples of Each Are Recorded



Amboina



Anjer



Grissee



Pattie



Tjiandjoer

NO LETTERS ARE KNOWN FROM THESE 11 POST OFFICES



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS



Ambarawa



Menado

November 26, 1869
Latest Seen



Probolingo

June 11, 1870
Very late use



Palembang
October 28, 1869
Earliest Seen



Pontianak

HRF Postmarks
latest usage on
2nd Issue



Timor
September 9, 1872



Singkawang
February 13, 1870
Earliest Seen



Toeban

NO LETTERS ARE KNOWN FROM THESE 8 POST OFFICES



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS

NO LETTERS ARE RECORDED FROM THESE 3 POST OFFICES

Bandong



Muntok



Pekalongan



April 14, 1872
Very late usage



Bandong



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS



Cheribon



January 1869
Earliest Use
(9 months earlier than
previous record)

Makassar



Magelang



Madioen



Cheribon



Ngawie



Batavia

HRF Type IV
base line: 21mm
letters well spaced



HRF Type V
base line: 22.5mm
letters well spaced



B U I T E N Z O R G



Registered mail to Batavia

July 15, 1869

K E D I R I E

October 16, 1870
very late usage



June 9, 1869
first week usage



to Samarang

January 28, 1870



to Soerabaija

October 26, 1870



P A D A N G



May 22, 1869
earliest seen



July 1, 1870
very late use



March 31, 1870
Padang to Enschede



DJOKJOKARTA



September 13, 1869

to Samarang



July 3, 1868
Earliest Seen



August 22, 1869

to Batavia

Probably the only 2 letters known from Djokjokarta



BANDJERMASIN



November 30, 1869



Single domestic rate to Soerabaiya
Probably the only letter known from Bandjermasin

BANJOEWANGIE



August 20, 1870



The latest date known of Banjoewangie HRF Postmark



BEZOEKIE



May 30, 1870
The latest date known of Bezoekie HRF Postmark

Probably the only Letter known from Bezoekie

R E M B A N G



December 27, 1868

Earliest Date of Usage



Rembang to Cheribon



BATAVIA

Mixed Issue Franking

Onrust Island via Batavia to Brielle, Holland

Batavia HRF
Postmark Type V



January 25, 1871
Latest date of usage of Batavia HRF Postmark

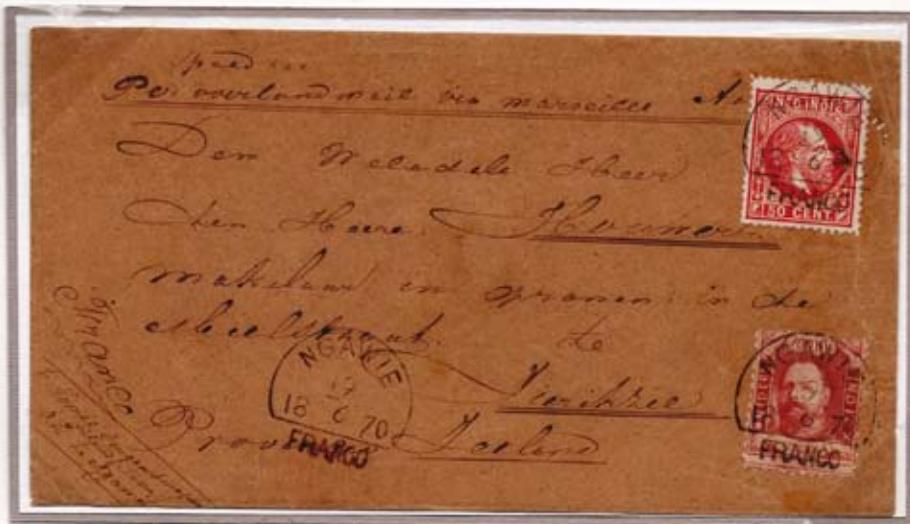


NGAWIE

MIXED ISSUE FRANKING

June 19, 1870

60 Cents Overland Mail Rate
via Marseille to Zierikzee, Holland



Although the first 4 values (5, 10, 20 & 50 cents) of the 3rd Issue were released on January 1, 1870, the 1868 2nd Issue (10 cents stamp) must be cleared first from the Post Offices, before selling the 10 cents stamps of the 3rd Issue. This resulted in a mixed usage of the 10 cents (2nd Issue) and 5, 20, 50 cents (3rd Issue) to cope up with the overseas postal rates. This also implies that the 10 cents stamps (3rd Issue) with HRF postmarks of 1870 dates are seldom seen, as also evidence from my exhibit on the 1870 3rd Issue.



PASSOEROEAN

MIXED ISSUE FRANKING

May 18, 1870



80 Cents Landmail Rate, via Marseille to England

S A M A R A N G



Type I



Type II

MIXED ISSUE FRANKING
TO NETHERLANDS



March 30, 1870

Samarang Halfround Postmark Type I



S O E R A B A I J A

MIXED ISSUE FRANKING TO SWITZERLAND

September 24, 1870



Double letter rate (55 cent x 2) via
Singapore & Trieste

S O E R A B A I J A



SOERABAIJA HALFROUND
POSTMARKS OF 2 TYPES

TYPE I : J as small
fish hook

10 CENTS PRINTED MATTER RATE TO GRAVENHAGE



Paid 1 Sheet Only

January 6, 1870

With effect from January 1870,
Printed Matter rate to the Netherlands
via any route was 10 cents per 50 gms wt.



10 CENTS PRINTED MATTER RATE TO GRAVENHAGE



Paid 1 Sheet Only

January 6, 1870



S O E R A B A I J A



HALFROUND POSTMARKS
TYPE II

'J' : wider and square



Domestic Mail To Batavia



February 16, 1870



P A S S O E R O E A N



April 17, 1869



November 13, 1870



Malang via Passoeroean to Samarang

RIOUW

February 4, 1869
Single Domestic Rate to Samarang



POERWAKARTA

October 18, 1870

April 2, 1869
Earliest Seen



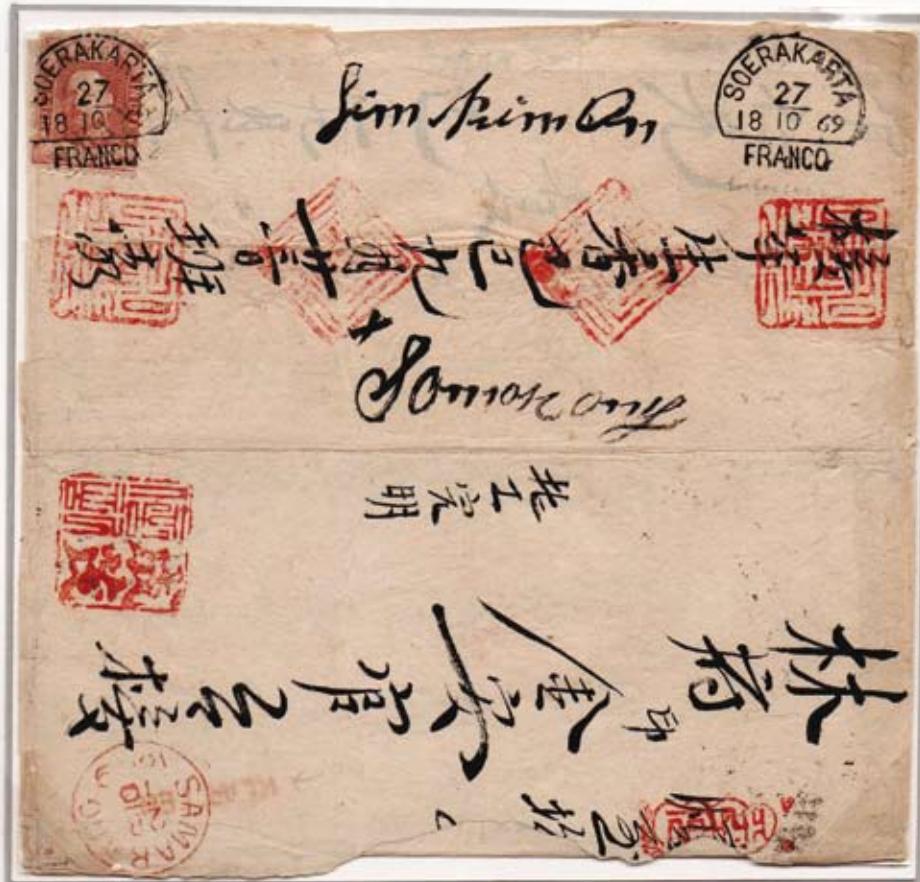
The only recorded letter



S O E R A K A R T A



Klatten via Soerakarta to Samarang



October 27, 1869

One of the four letters recorded



P A M A K A S S A N



Retouch at
Center of scroll



Sumanap via Pamakassan to Soerabaije
May 22, 1869
Earliest date of usage

Only letter recorded with Pamakassan HRF postmarks
On the 2nd Issue



P O E W O R E D J O

ONE OF THE ONLY THREE LETTERS KNOWN



December 20, 1870

S A L A T I G A



November 15, 1870
Latest Date Of Usage



Salatiga to Samarang



T A G A L



April 28, 1870
Latest Date Of Usage



Tagal to Batavia

Only 6 letters are recorded from
Tagal Post Office



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS ON THE 1870 THIRD ISSUE

Only One Example Of Each Is Recorded



Bezoekie



Pattie

Only Two Examples Of Each Are Recorded



Tjandjoer

Second copies of these 3 Post Offices are the new finds by me. No letters are known from these 5 Post Offices.



Banda



Palembang

- * The Halfround Franco (HRF) datestamps continued their use on the 1870 3rd Issue, namely 5, 10, 20 & 50 cents stamps, until they were replaced by the "Point" (Puntstempel) cancellers on January 1, 1874.
- * Earliest date of use : January 5, 1870 (Buitenzorg)
- Latest date of use : February 17, 1874 (Pekalongan)
- * Due to wear and tear of the HRF datestamps (used since mid June 1866), clear and quality examples on the 3rd Issue are more difficult to find than those of the first two issues.



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS

Only 3 Examples Of Each
Are Recorded



Poerworedjo



Menado



Pekalongan



Singkawang



Tjilatjap

No letters are recorded from these Post Offices



BUITENZORG



January 5, 1870
Earliest Known Date
of Halfround Postmark
on 1870 Issue



BANJOEWANGIE



DJOKJOKARTA



GRISSEE



HALFROUND FRANCO POSTMARKS

**Only 2 Examples Of Each
Are Recorded**



Serang



Toeban



Poerwakarta



Banjermasin

No letters are known from these Post Offices

AMBARAWA



21.6.1872
50c, 10c stamps
of 1870 3rd
Issue

Ambarawa to Holland



Ambarawa via
Soerabaija
to Apothecar

Latest date
seen :
22.10.1873

2 of the 3 letters recorded from Ambarawa



BATAVIA

Halfround Franco Postmark Type IV



Batavia to Deventer

April 6, 1871



120 Cents Double Letter Rate
Via Brindisi Route



C H E R I B O N



January 7, 1870

Cheribon to Haarlem



MAKASSAR



December 17, 1873
Late use of Makassar
HRF postmark



Makassar via Brindisi
to Amsterdam

March 5, 1873



KEDIRIE



Blitar via Kedirie to Dresden

July 28, 1872



Kedirie to Batavia

July 28, 1872

Domestic Double Letter Rate



SAMARANG

Halfround Franco Postmark
Type I (* "M" wide, * All letters well spaced)



December 2, 1873
late use of Samarang
HRF postmark



Samarang to Tagal

August 12, 1871



SAMARANG

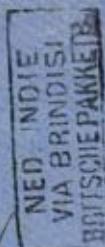
Halfround Franco Postmark Type II

(* "M" slim, tall
* letters closer)



December 2, 1873
Late use of
Samarang HRF
postmark

February 24, 1873
10 Cents Printed Matter
Rate To Amsterdam



July 4, 1871
Double Letter Rate
To Amsterdam



PASSOEROEAN



20 CENTS RATE TO HOLLAND ON SMN SHIPS

Malang via Passoeroean to Haarlem

October 10, 1872



Passoeroean to Batavia

May 22, 1873



Very late use of Passoeroean HRF Postmarks



PADANG



10 Cents Printed Matter Rate

October 1, 1871



Sumedang via Den Helder to Meppel

November 28, 1873



- per Stoomvaart Maatschappij Nederland (Netherlands Steamship Company (SMN), zeebrief (shipletter)
- Letters to Holland via SMN ships were 20 cents rate, with effect from October 1871

Only letter recorded with **Sumedang HRF Postmarks**
on this Issue



SOERABAJA

Halfround Franco Postmark Type I



* "J" liked a small
fish hook



July 1, 1871
55 cents letter
rate to Amsterdam
via Triest

March 15, 1872
60 cents letter rate
to Deventer via
Brindisi



SOERABAIJA

Halfround Franco Postmark Type II



Soerabaija to Amsterdam

May 7, 1871



TIMOR

December 21, 1873
Latest use of
Timor HRF
postmark



Koepan via Batavia, Brindisi to Edinburgh, Scotland



December 8, 1872



January 16, 1873
Salatiga to Holland
60 Cents Rate via Brindisi



KEDIRIE

Mixed Issue Franking

July 7, 1870

Toelong Agoeng via Kedirie to
S' Gravenhage, Holland



There are so far 13 letters with Mixed Issue Franking of the Second and Third issues, emanated from 7 Post Offices: Batavia(1), Kedirie(2), Makassar(1), Ngawie(1), Passoeroean(1), Samarang(6) and Soerabaija(1). 7 such Mixed Issue Frankings letters are displayed in this and the following pages, with representation from all the above-mentioned 7 Post Offices.



MAKASSAR

Mixed Issue Franking

April 10, 1870



120 Cents Double overseas rate to Amsterdam