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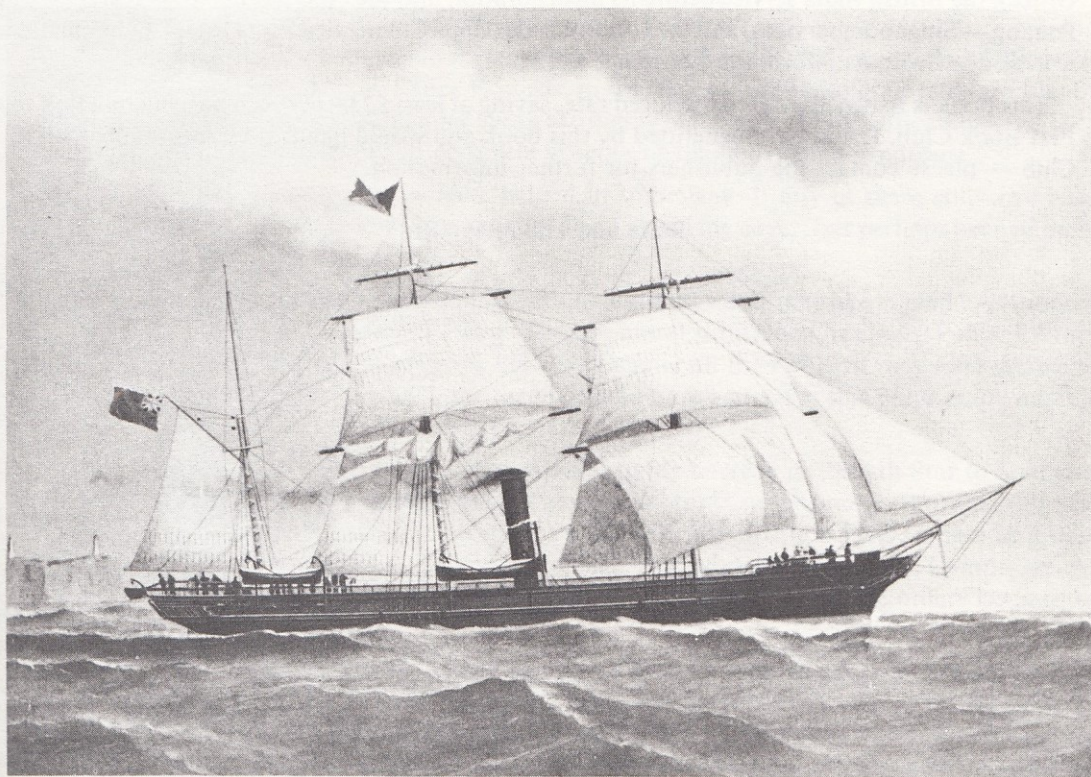
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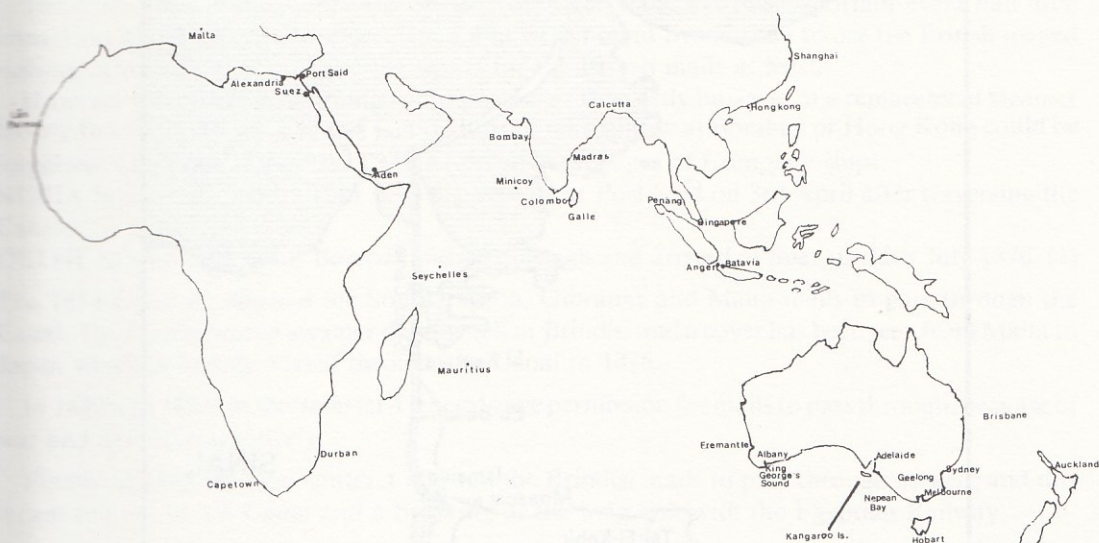
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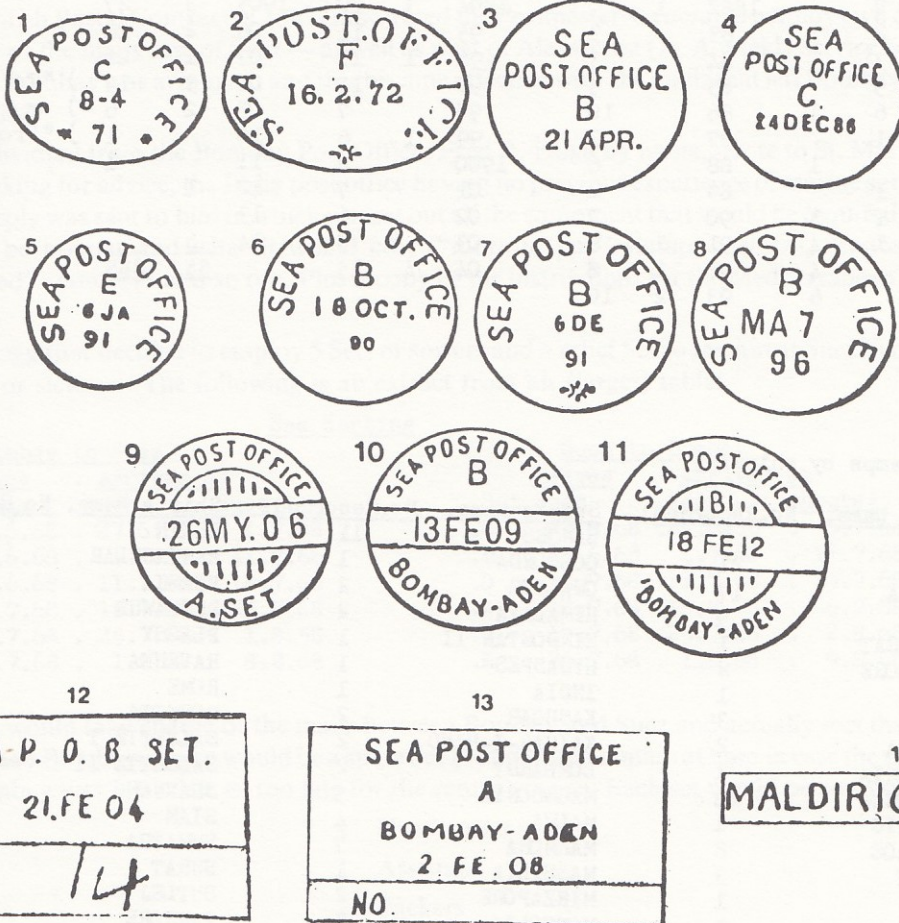
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	OLIA	.PEKIN	.NIZAM	.ETIA	.MALWA	.OSTAN	.HARA	.LONG	.KHIVA	.RALIA	.AWUR	.PEKIN	.OLIA								
So'ton	15/ 1	.12/ 2	.12/ 3	.9/ 4	.7/ 5	.4/ 6	.2/ 7	.30/ 7	.27/ 8	.24/ 9	.22/10	.19/11	.17/12								
Gib	20	.17	.17-18	.15	.12	.9	.7	.4	.1	.29	.27	.24	.21-22								
Malta	24	.21	.22	.19	.16	.13	.11	.8	.6	.3	.31	.28	.25								
Alex	27	.25	.26	.22	.20	.16	.15	.12	-	-	-	-	-								
Suez									.11/ 9	.8/10	.5/11	.4/12	.30/ 1								
	SUM				SUM				BANG												
	SIMLA	.MALTA	.ATRA	.SIMLA	.CEYLON	.ATRA	.MALTA	.SIMLA	.ALORE	.MALTA	.MALTA	.MALTA	.MALTA								
Brind	26	.23	.23	.20	.18	.15	.13	.10	.7	.5	.2	.30	.28								
Alex	29	.27	.27	.23	.21	.18	.16	.13	.10	.8	.5	.3	.1								
	MONG				AUST				PESH				MONG								
	OLIA	.DIVE	.ASPES	.JORE	.RALIA	.AWUR	.GAR	.LONG	.KHIVA	.RALIA	.AWUR	.PEKIN	.OLIA								
Suez	2/ 2	.28	.28	.24	.22	.19	.17	.14	.11	.9/10	.6/11	.5/12	.2/ 1								
Aden	7	.5	.2-3	.30	.27-28	.24	.22	.20	.16-17	.14-15	.11	.10	.7								
Galle	16/ 2	.15/ 3	.12/ 4	.10/ 5	.6/ 6	.2/ 7	.30/ 7	.28/ 8	.25/ 9	.23/10	.20/11	.19/12	.16/ 1								
	NUBIA				NUBIA				NUBIA				NUBIA								
	.BARODA	.PERA	.NUBIA	.BARODA	.PERA	.NUBIA	.CONDA	.PERA	.NUBIA	.CEYLON	.PERA	.NUBIA									
Galle	18	.16	.12	.11	.6	.3	.31	.29	.25	.24	.21	.19	.17								
KGS	4-5	.31-1	.27-28	.25-26	.20-21	.17	.14-15	.14-15	.8-9	.8-9	.5-6	.3-4	.2-3								
Adel	10	.5	.2	.30-31	.25	.21	.19	.19	.12-13	.13-14	.11	.8	.7-8								
Mel	12 (1)	.7	.4 (1)	.2 (1)	.27 (1)	.23	.21 (1)	.21 (1)	.15	.15 (1)	.12 (1)	.10 (1)	.10 (1)								
	ELLORA				ELLORA				ELLORA				ELLORA								
Mel	12	.8	.5	.2	.28	.23	.21	.22	.15	.16	.13	.11	.10								
Sydney	15/ 3	.10/ 4	.8/ 5	.5/ 6	.30/ 6	.26/ 7	.24/ 8	.24/ 9	.18/10	.19/11	.16/12	.13/ 1	.13/ 1								
	NUBIA				ELLORA				ELLORA				ELLORA								
Sydney	30/12	.26/ 1	.23/ 2	.23/ 3	.17/ 4	.15/ 5	.12/ 6	.10/ 7	.7/ 8	.4/ 9	.4/10	.1/11	.29/11								
Mel	1/ 1	.29	.26	.20	.19	.15	.13	.10	.8	.7	.4	.2									
	BANGA								GOL												
	NUBIA	.PERA	.LORE	.NUBIA	.BARODA	.PERA	.NUBIA	.BARODA	.PERA	.NUBIA	.CONDA	.PERA	.NUBIA								
Mel	2 (1)	.29	.26	.26	.21 (1)	.19 (1)	.16 (1)	.14 (1)	.11 (1)	.8 (1)	.7	.6	.3								
Kdel	-	.31	.28-1	.28	.23-24	.21-22	.18-19	.16	.13	.11	.10-11	.8	.5								
KGS	8	.4-5	.5	.1-2	.28	.26	.24	.21	.18-19	.16	.15-16	.13	.10-11								
Galle	20/ 1	.19/ 2	.19/ 3	.15/ 4	.12/ 5	.9/ 6	.8/ 7	.3/ 8	.1/ 9	.1/10	.30/10	.26/11	.24/12								
	MONG				HYD				TAN				ZAM				TEH				
	POONAH	.CATHAY	.OLIA	.DIVE	.ASPES	.JORE	.BESI	.CATHAY	.ERAN	.APORE	.KHIVA	.RALIA	.HAWUR								
Galle	24	.21	.20	.17	.13	.10	.8 (3)	.5 (3)	.3 (3)	.1 (3)	.1	.27	.25								
Aden	1	.28-1	.28	.25-26	.22-23	.25-26	.19-20	.16	.14	.10	.8-9	.5-6	.2-3								
Suez	7/ 2	.6/ 3	.3/ 4	.1/ 5	.29/ 5	.2/ 7	.26/ 7	.22/ 8	.20/ 9	.16/10	.14/11	.11/12	.9/ 1								
	SUM				SUM				BANGA												
	MALTA	.ATRA	.SIMLA	.CEYLON	.ATRA	.SIMLA	.SIMLA	.LORE	.MALTA	.MALTA	.MALTA	.MALTA	.MALTA								
Alex	9	.9	.7	.5	.2	.6	.28	.24	.21	.19	.16	.13	.10								
Brind	13	.12	.10	.8	.5	.9	.31	.27	.25	.22	.21	.16	.13								
	VEN				MONG				KHE				HYD				TAN				
	SUNDA	.ETIA	.OLIA	.DIVE	.ASPES	.JORE	.BESI	.CATHAY	.ERAN	.APORE	.KHIVA	.RALIA	.HAWUR								
Suez																					
Alex	9	.9	.7	.5	.2	.6	.28	.25	-	-	-	-	-								
Malta	14	.13	.10-11	.8	.5	.10	.1	.28	.26	.23	.23	.19	.15								
Gib	18-19	.18	.16	.13	.9	.15	.5	.1	.30-1	.27	.28	.24-25	.20								
So'ton	24/ 2	.23/ 3	.21/ 4	.17/ 5	.15/ 6	.21/ 7	.10/ 8	.6/ 9	.6/10	.1/11	.3/12	.30/12	.26/ 1								

(1) Geelong town mails discharged or received at Queenscliffe.

(2) Southampton mails ("heavy mails") now pass through Canal.No calls at Alexandria by the Southampton steamer.Regular calls at London and Port Said,which are approximately one day away from Southampton and Suez respectively.Heavy mails discharged or received at Southampton.Brindisi or "first class mails" still overland between Alexandria and Suez.

(3) Homeward (only) mails received at Galle by China,instead of Calcutta steamer in tea season.

The Sea Post Office Handstamps

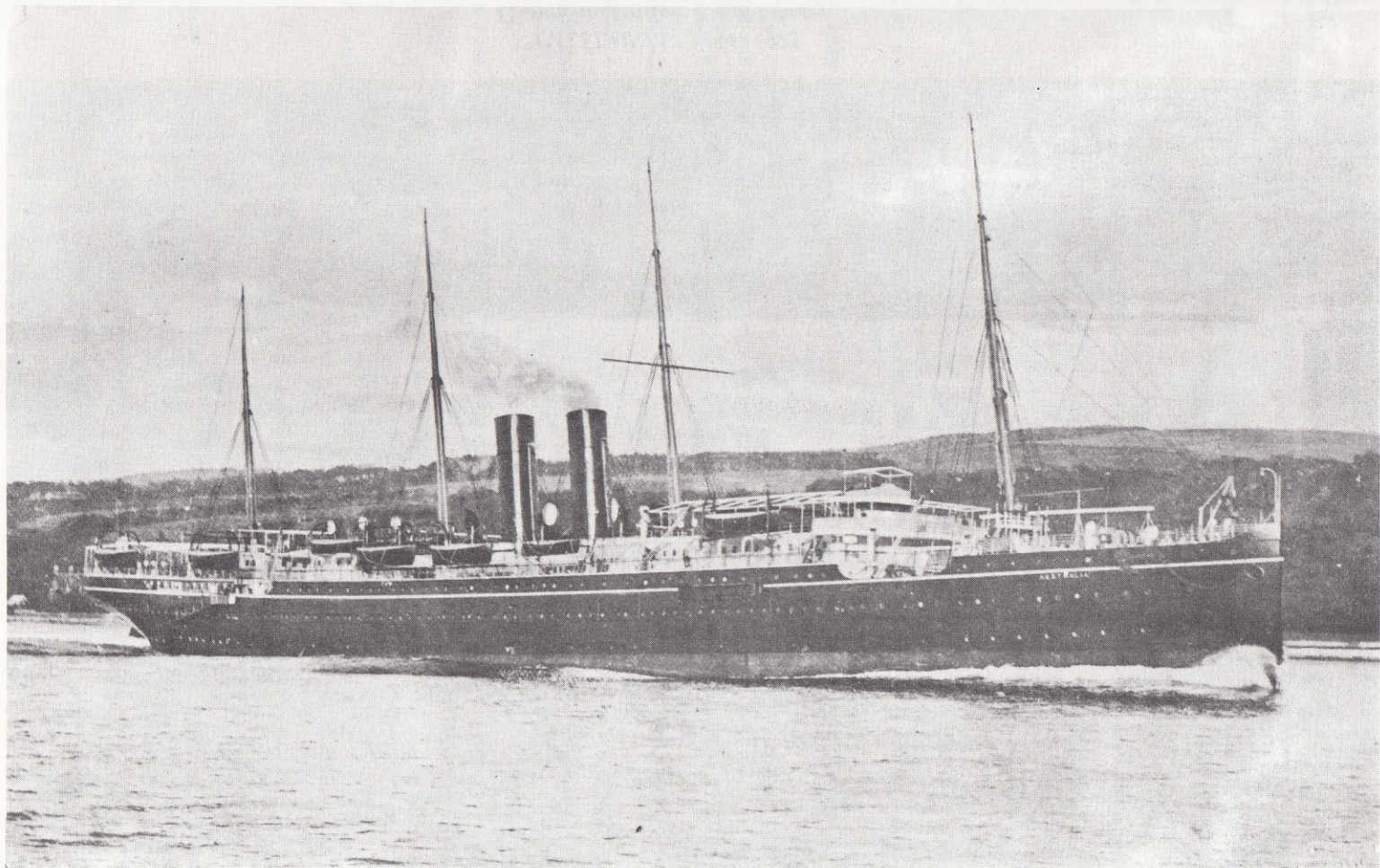


As recorded in the yearly tables:

By Type

<u>Type.</u>	<u>Dates Recorded</u>		<u>Recorded</u> <u>Index Letters</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Earliest</u>	<u>Latest</u>		
1	30. 7.68	24.12.71	ABCDEF	11
2	18. 8.71	2. 5.73	ABCDEF	9
3	17. 5.75	30.11.88	ABCDEF	29
4	27. 5.84	11. 4.91	ABCDEF	26
5	14. 5.86	18. 4.91	A DE	10
6	18.10.90	-	B	1
7	10.10.91	13. 5.05	ABC	84
8	14. 8.96	25. 1.08	ABC	134
9	31. 3.06	3. 5.13	ABC	6
10	16.11.07	5. 4.14	ABC	24
11	19. 8.11	26. 7.14	A C	6
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OUTWARD		1882			
SHIP	INDEX	SUEZ	ADEN	BOMBAY	
ASSAM	.6.	1.82.10	.16.	1.82.	
BANGALORE	.10.	1.82.15	.22.	1.82.	
POONAH	.14.	1.82.19	.26.	1.82.	
HYDASPES	.20.	1.82.25	.31.	1.82.	
DECCAN	.27.	1.82.1	.7.	2.82.	
MALWA	.3.	3.82.7-	8.13.	2.82.	
KHIVA	.13.	2.82.17	.24.	2.82.	
KASHGAR	.17.	2.82.22	.28.	2.82.	
INDUS	.24.	2.82.1	.7.	3.82.	
BOKHARA	.3.	3.82.8	.14.	3.82.	
GWALIOR	.10.	3.82.16	.22.	3.82.	
VERONA	.17.	3.82.22	.28.	3.82.	
ROME	.24.	3.82.29	.4.	4.82.	
HYDASPES	.31.	3.82.4-	5.11.	4.82.	
ANCONA	.7.	4.82.12	.18.	4.82.	
VENETIA	.15.	4.82.19	.25.	4.82.	
BRINDISI	.21.	4.82.25	.1.	5.82.	
MALWA	.28.	4.82.2-3	.9.	5.82.	
KIH	.5.	5.82.9	.15.	5.82.	
BOKHARA	.12.	5.82.16-17	.23.	5.82.	
KHEDIVE	.19.	5.82.23-24	.29.	5.82.	
CATHAY	.26.	5.82.30	.5.	6.82.	
ROSETTA	.2.	6.82.6	.11.	6.82.	
THIBET	.9.	6.82.13	.19.	6.82.	
RAVENNA	.15.	6.82.20	.25.	6.82.	
VENETIA	.23.	6.82.27	.3.	7.82.	
SHANNON	.30.	6.82.4	.9.	7.82.	
KHIVA	.7.	7.82.12	.18.	7.82.	
PEKIN	.15.	7.82.20	.25.	7.82.	
BOKHARA	.22.	7.82.27	.2.	8.82.	
GANGES	.29.	7.82.3	.8.	8.82.	
KASHGAR	.5.	8.82.10	.16.	8.82.	
ROHILLA	.13.	8.82.17-18	.23.	8.82.	
CATHAY	.20.	8.82.25	.31.	8.82.	
VERONA	.26.	8.82.31	.5.	9.82.	
VENETIA	.3.	9.82.7	.13.	9.82.	
ANCONA	.9.	9.82.13-14	.19.	9.82.	
MALWA	.16.	9.82.21	.27.	9.82.	
LOMBARDY	.23.	9.82.28	.4.	10.82.	
POONAH	.2.	10.82.7	.13.	10.82.	
BRINDISI	.7.	10.82.12	.18.	10.82.	
SURAT	.15.	10.82.19	.25.	10.82.	
SUTLEJ	.21.	10.82.26	.31.	10.82.	
CATHAY	.29.	10.82.3	.9.	11.82.	
MIRZAPORE	.6.	11.82.11	.17.	11.82.	
VENETIA	.13.	11.82.17-18	.24.	11.82.	
ROME	.19.	11.82.23-24	.30.	11.82.	
MALWA (I)	.	.	.	.	
THAMES	.1.	12.82.5	.11.	12.82.	
POONAH	.10.	12.82.15-16	.22.	12.82.	
GANGES	.18.	12.82.22-23	.28.	12.82.	
SURAT	.24.	12.82.29	.5.	1.83.	
PEKIN	.30.	12.82.4	.10.	1.83.	

(I) MALWA no record.

SHIP		HOMEWARD			
SHIP	INDEX	BOMBAY	ADEN	SUEZ	
AUSTRALIA	.5.	1.82.11	.16.	1.82.	
BOKHARA	.12.	1.82.18	.23.	1.82.	
ROME	.19.	1.82.25	.30.	1.82.	
VERONA	.26.	1.82.1	.6.	2.82.	
PESHAWUR	.2.	2.82.8	.13.	2.82.	
HYDASPES	.9.	2.82.15	.20.	2.82.	
SIAM	.16.	2.82.22	.27.	2.82.	
VENETIA	.23.	2.82.1	.6.	3.82.	
KIH	.2.	3.82.7-	8.13.	3.82.	
MALWA	.10.	3.82.16	.21.	3.82.	
ROSETTA	.17.	3.82.23	.28.	3.82.	
BOKHARA	.24.	3.82.30	.4.	4.82.	
POONAH	.31.	3.82.6-	7.11.	4.82.	
CATHAY	.7.	4.82.13	.18.	4.82.	
ROME	.14.	4.82.20	.24.	4.82.	
THIBET	.21.	4.82.27-28	.3.	5.82.	
DECCAN	.28.	4.82.4	.9.	5.82.	
VENETIA	.5.	5.82.11	.16.	5.82.	
CLYDE	.12.	5.82.18	.23.	5.82.	
KHIVA	.19.	5.82.26	.31.	5.82.	
INDUS	.26.	5.82.1	.6.	6.82.	
BOKHARA	.30.	5.82.6	.12.	6.82.	
ROHILLA	.6.	6.82.14	.19.	6.82.	
KASHGAR	.13.	6.82.21	.26.	6.82.	
VERONA	.20.	6.82.27	.2.	7.82.	
SURAT	.27.	6.82.5-	6.10.	7.82.	
NEPAUL	.4.	7.82.13	.18.	7.82.	
CATHAY	.11.	7.82.20	.25.	7.82.	
PESHAWUR	.19.	7.82.27-28	.1.	8.82.	
VENETIA	.25.	7.82.2	.7.	8.82.	
NIZAM	.1.	8.82.9	.14.	8.82.	
MALWA	.8.	8.82.15	.20.	8.82.	
SUTLEJ	.15.	8.82.22	.27.	8.82.	
AUSTRALIA	.22.	8.82.29	.3.	9.82.	
MIRZAPORE	.29.	8.82.5	.10.	9.82.	
ASSAM	.5.	9.82.12	.17.	9.82.	
RAVENNA	.13.	9.82.19-20	.24.	9.82.	
CATHAY	.19.	9.82.25-26	.1.	10.82.	
THIBET	.29.	9.82.6	.11.	10.82.	
VENETIA	.6.	10.82.12	.17.	10.82.	
GANGES	.13.	10.82.19	.24.	10.82.	
MALWA	.20.	10.82.(1)	.30.	10.82.	
PEKIN	.27.	10.82.2-	3.	11.82.	
POONAH	.3.	11.82.9	.14.	11.82.	
BOKHARA	.10.	11.82.16	.21.	11.82.	
SURAT	.17.	11.82.23	.28.	11.82.	
CATHAY	.24.	11.82.30	.5.	12.82.	
KASHGAR	.1.	12.82.7	.12.	12.82.	
GWALIOR	.8.	12.82.14	.19.	12.82.	
VENETIA	.15.	12.82.21	.26.	12.82.	
DECCAN	.22.	12.82.28	.2.	1.83.	
LOMBARDY	.29.	12.82.4	.9.	1.83.	
BRINDISI	.5.	1.83.11	.16.	1.83.	