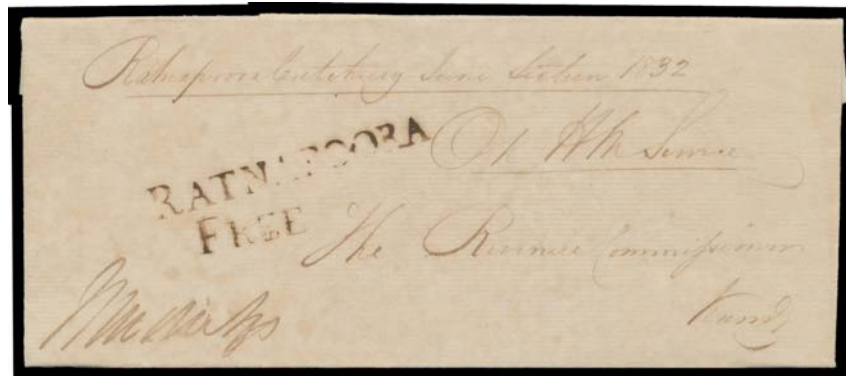


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**1832** large-part OHMS entire endorsed "Ratnapoora Catchery June Sixteen 1832" & signed at lower-left, to Kandy with largely very fine strikes of the previously unrecorded 'RATNAPOORA' & 'FREE' handstamps, overall damp-spotting that is not unattractive. **An exciting new discovery of a significant rarity.** *Ted Proud* states Ratnapura opened only in 1861, while *Geoff Oxley's* ERD for any Ratnapura marking is 1858. Here is proof that there was a post office at Ratnapura as early as 1832. [The strikes are superior to those on a similar outer only of three months later that sold in our auction of 6.3.2015 for \$1228]

Four similar covers were found. On one, the strikes are poor. The finder has retained the fourth example.

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**1908** *Arthur Mills* PPC "Native Canoe" (an outrigger with sail) to Melbourne with KEVII 1d red tied by **straight-line** 'RAKI RAKI' brass handstamp & Suva cds, minor blemishes on the view side. The message states "Trying to find where is a Macaroni Plantation" !

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