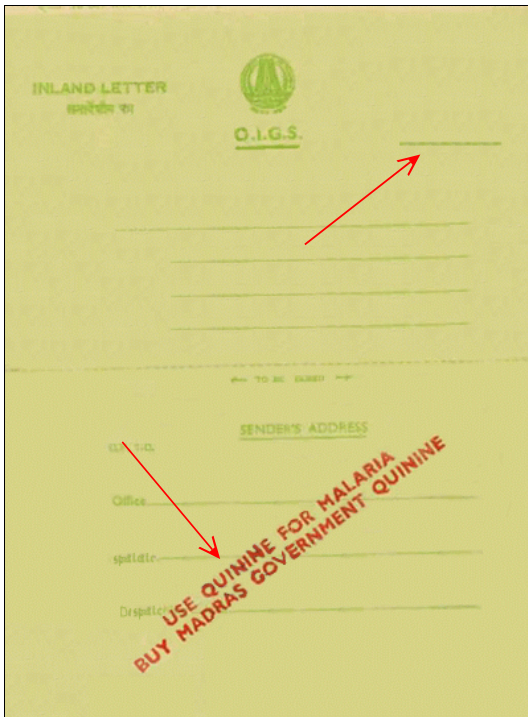


# FORERUNNERS

Even prior to independence in 1947, India used the inland letter sheet as an economical format for in-country correspondence. These sheets exist with and without pre-printed postal indicia.

Sheets with the printed notation O.I.G.S. – On Indian Government Service – were typically produced without postal indicia because official mail was sent post free. At least as early as 1965, however, malaria messages were pre-printed on a number of sheets produced for official use. These sheets, then, are forerunners to the later sheets with pre-printed postal indicia and malaria-related messages.

The following are examples of such sheets with messages urging people to take chloroquine tablets to cure and prevent malaria, a serious problem in the country.



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Notes: single line to indicate postage position  
Price: D

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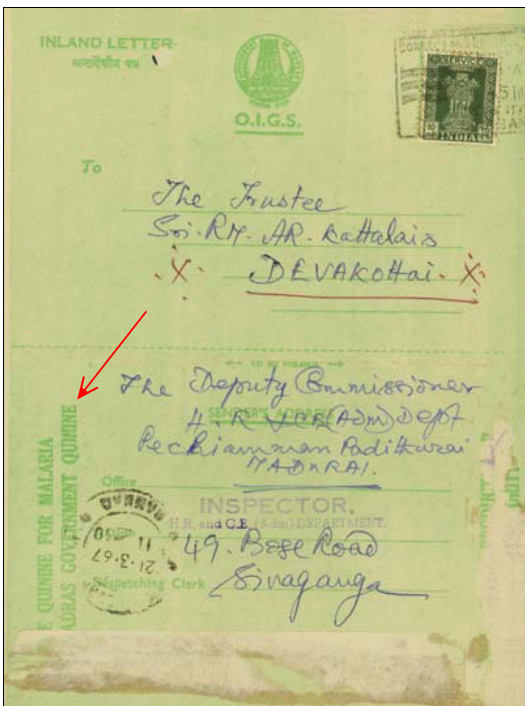
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Type: B  
 Notes: two lines to indicate postage position; unused example not available  
 Price: D

LS-F2

Checklist:  unused  used



Type: C  
 Notes: unused example not available  
 Price: D

TAKE QUININE FOR MALARIA  
 BUY MADRAS GOVERNMENT QUININE

LS-F3

Checklist:  unused  used

# USAGE

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Cancel: Devakottai: April 9, 1963  
 Sheet: LS-F2  
 Notes:  
 Price: D

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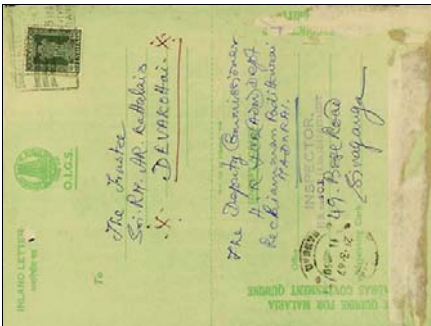
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Cancel: Sivaganga June 10, 1965  
 Sheet: LS-F2  
 Notes:  
 Price: D

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Checklist: \_\_



Cancel: Sivaganga: March 1967  
 Sheet: LS-F3  
 Notes:  
 Price: D

3

Checklist: \_\_

