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The cover from RANGOON 10 JUN 49 with 15 JUN 49 to Nattarasankottai delivery mark. Franked 6a (4a + 4x6p) Burma Postage. At the bottom of this page is the image of the same cachet from my website. (Number JCW: IND-M-5.5). This is the unboxed large X mark with BY SURFACE below it in black and used as a Jusqu'a mark indicating completion of air journey. The combined rate from India to Burma was 6a appearing in the July 1948 Postal Guide. This rate was in effect on 10 June 1949 when this letter was posted. It is possible that the same rate applied from Burma to India as well since generally the postal charges were reciprocal. So, it is fair to say this was applied at Calcutta. Reason why the cachet was applied there may have been the absence of any air service beyond Calcutta which would get the letter to its destination faster than the rail route.