

History of Mail Tran



THE BOTTLE POST
The Ascension 'bottle' became an established in the 17th century. The procedure was recorded in 1673 by a visiting Friar Domingo Navarrete. The bottle was still in use when Bougainville, captain Boudeuse, called in.



CHANCE CALLING
Until 1857 communication was through calling ships such as the century English 36-masted ship shown. The scene is Bay (then called San Francisco Bay) in the ground.

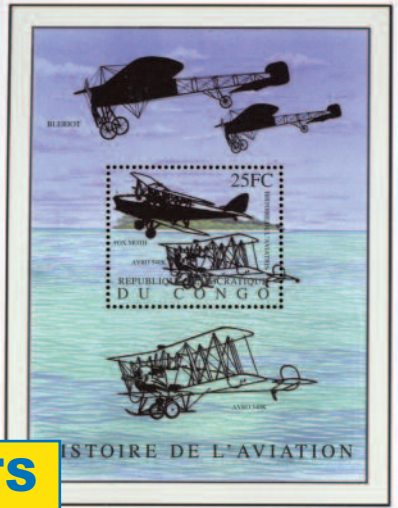


REGULAR MAIL SERVICE
A regular mail service was established in 1857 when the Union-Castle Mail Co Ltd contracted to deliver mail. In 1911 the company amalgamated with the Castle Mail Packets to form the Union-Castle Steamship Co Ltd.



MAIL SERVICE
Surface mail is carried by the RMS St Helena against the coast. Ascension Air Mail is carried by the aircraft of the Royal Air Force Command of the island.

ASCENSION ISLAND



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MAURITIUS 'Flora'



20c. Hugonia tomentosa (Liane à Crochet) – Linaceae
A woody endemic climber with beautiful hairy leaves. The opposite hook-shaped woody tendrils are very characteristic of this plant. Its golden yellow flowers appear usually in September-October.

Re. 1. Ochna mauritiana (Bois Jasmin) – Ochnaceae
An endemic deciduous shrub which flowers copiously in December/January. The white flowers, which usually appear below the leaves, give a very attractive perfume to the forest of the island.

Re. 1.50 Stenculi
A rare and beautiful cycad.

Rs. 5. Tre d'oreille
A tree with the plate-like sport strips pendulous.

