

Silam Post Office



A station and a government experimental garden was established at Silam in 1881 due to the superior volcanic soil in its vicinity. Soon, tobacco was cultivated on 20,000 acres nearby. With Europeans working and living in the area, a post office was started around 1888 using an intricate intaglio seal for cancelling mail. It was undated and a datestamp would be applied as it passed through Sandakan. This post office was moved to nearby Lahad Datu in 1895. The Silam cancellation was also used at Lahad Datu until 1897.



Orange-red early use around 1888 and then used at Lahad Datu in 1895.
Bright blue and deep blue seals used in between at Silam and also later at Lahad Datu.



1886 2c and 8c stamps. The 1894 18c has a manuscript date 1/9/95 used at Lahad Datu.



Pair of 1886 2c stamps and 1894 6c (deep blue) 1897 8c and 1895 10c (bright blue)



SILAM
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Rare red Silam registration etiquette

Fiscal Residency of Sillam cancellation