

# Cape of Good Hope

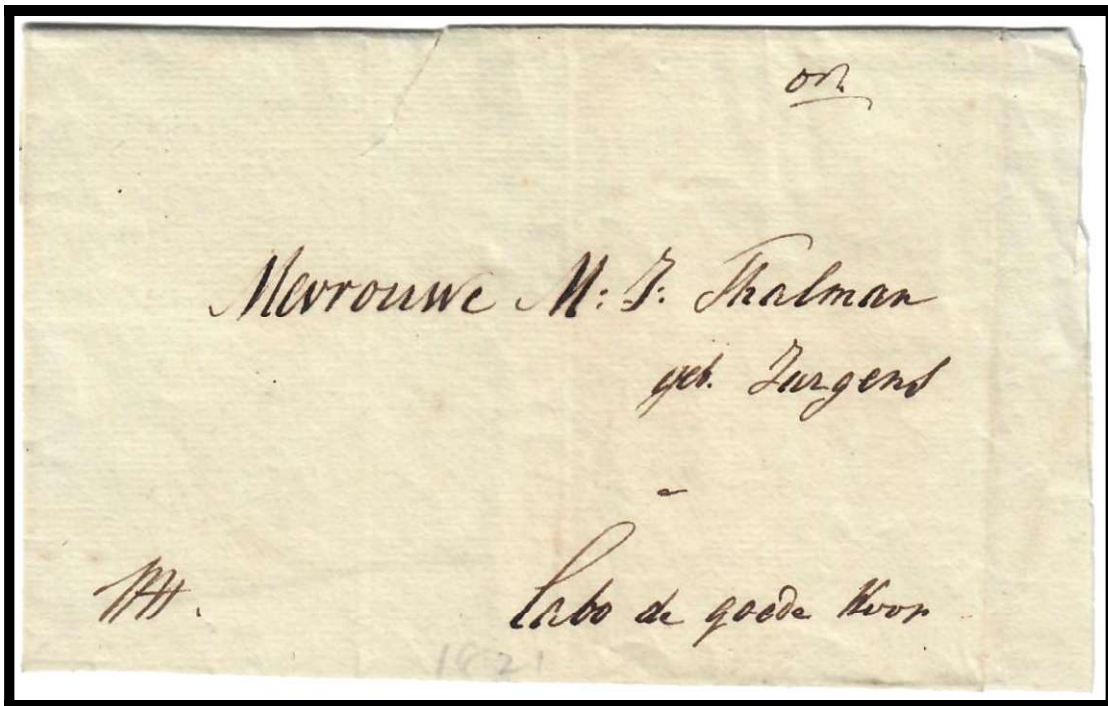
## DEVELOPMENT OF POSTAL SERVICES SECOND BRITISH OCCUPATION

CAPE TOWN  
LOCAL MAIL

Local letters addressed to women were normally addressed without mentioning their first name. They are addressed in Dutch, French or English, with the latter being uncommon. They do not bear any postal markings and they must have been delivered by messenger. Most of these letters found their way into the collectors market, when Jurgens convinced the then archivist Botha to separate them from their contents and sell the covers. This is the first time these letters have been researched and exhibited.

1821

MARIA JOHANNA JURGENS-THALMAN



c1821 Cover addressed to Mevrouw M: J: Thalman nee Jurgens, Cabo de Goede Koop. The letter is addressed in Dutch as was the custom.

*Maria Johannes Jurgens, passed away on 27 November 1824 and records of her estate can be found in the Cape Archives (MOOC8/40.24). She was married twice. First married to Mr. Carel Jacob Brugman and then to Mr. Carel Wilhem Thalman. Carel Jacob Brugman was a captain at sea in the service of the East India Company (MOOC8/21.17). Her mother was of humble origins as can be ascertained from the records and died on 21 Dec 1795. Her second husband Thalman was a financier. At his death he was owed money from as far as Batavia.*