

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Dundee Art Society Gallery, Roseangle, Dundee
on 26 March 2015**

Iain Dyce – ‘Letters from Eastern Seas’

Welcome: The President welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

Apologies for absence: Charles Lloyd, George Lewthwaite, David Cree, Alan Roy, Doug Howkins, Len Stoneman.

Attendance: 16 members and 2 visitors (Visiting speaker Iain Dyce and the Presidents’ wife Lynn) were present.

Minutes: The Minutes of 12 March were approved on the proposal by David Easson and seconded by Harry Jackson.

Display: At the society meeting on Thursday night members welcomed Iain Dyce from the Caledonian Philatelic Society who displayed a collection of Postal History from South East Asia during the 19th Century. Iain gave a fascinating background to how the mail routes in the South East Indies were started covering companies such as the East India Company and the Dutch East India Company up until P&O set up the overland mail routes in 1840 when mail was then transported via Suez. His display consisted of a series of letters which included a letter from Penang to Scotland which included one of the first postmarks of Penang. The letters included commercial ones with one listing the opium prices from Calcutta during the Indo-China wars, and a letter with a quarantine mark. Iain also displayed some letters where Indian stamps had been used for a short period in the Straits Settlements, and then a letter from Bangkok to the USA which used stamps from the Singapore office as it went via Singapore. There was also a scarce cover using a Straits Settlement 8c overprint, which in fact was double overprinted. Iain finished with a series of French Mail C1864 sent between France and Singapore which also included some military mail.

Business:

Secretary: In the absence of the secy. requests were made for topics for next years session. Visit to Aberdeen was very well received.

Treasurer: Accounts in for Auditing.

Packet Secy: Nothing to report.

Librarian: David informed members that he has copies of a book entitled ‘Conflict in the Colonies’ ‘East Africa and the First World War’ available for purchase at a price of £9.95.

Webmaster: Website now up to date.

ASPS Rep: Nothing to report. Norrie will e-mail out info re Scottish Congress Dinner to members.

AOCB: Dennis Collins advertised his book which will also be available at the society table at Congress.

Vote of Thanks: The vote of thanks was given by Sandy Forbes who complimented all Iain Dyce on his wonderful display.

Date of Next Meeting: Morning meeting - 2nd April 10am to noon.
Evening Meeting - 9th April

George Lewthwaite – ‘British Postal Stationery’