

FEBRUARY 1, 1854

FIRST ISSUE

Stamps intended for interior use only. Hand-engraved in Manila on copper plates in sheets of 40 subjects (5 x 8), each sheet producing 40 different types. Paper used for the First Issue is extremely brittle. Oxidation expected due to the quality of the ink used and the local conditions to which the stamps have been exposed.

5-CUARTOS

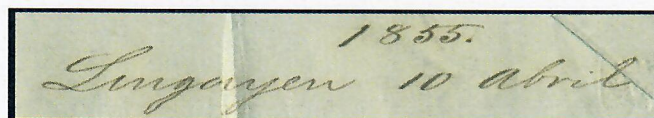
Only One Plate Used. Issued in Shades of Orange



SINGLE WEIGHT DOMESTIC COVER



DATELINE: APRIL 10, 1855 - LINGAYEN TO BINONDO (MANILA)



Originating Circular Dotted Cancel with Large Baeza (April 27, 1855) Manila Receiving Postmark