

## AGUIRRE & COMPANY

Fernando Aguirre, through the firm Aguirre & Company, was engaged in the transportation of bulk leaf tobacco from Ilocos to Manila for the government monopoly and also in maritime commerce with places like Aparri, Taal, Negros, Misamis and Palau. They operated a steam-driven sugar refinery in the city, exported semi-refined sugar, and imported coal.

Various letters addressed to Aguirre & Company during the 1850s and 1860s showed the firm located in del Comercio, Plaza de San Gabriel, Manila. In 1851, Fernando Aguirre, along with Jose Maria Tuason, were the original co-managers of El Banco Español Filipino de Isabel II (later named Bank of the Philippine Islands), who each took turns serving as managing director in alternate years. Records also show Fernando Aguirre as Consul for Chile between 1864 and 1868.

TABLE 4.1. Major Participants in the Pangasinan-Manila Rice Trade, 1862

Merchant / consignee	Cargoes from Pangasinan	Cavans from Pangasinan	Average size of shipment	Cavans from other provinces	Total consignment cavans
Don Francisco Mortera	13	14,656	1,127	5,882 LU	20,538
Don Narciso Padilla	14	13,963	997	2,526 P	16,489
J. M. Tuason y Cia. <sup>a</sup>	24	13,690	570	—	13,690
Señores Aguirre y Cia.	13	12,085	930	1,400 LU	13,485
Da. Cornelia Laochanco	13	10,610	816	—	10,610

SOURCE: Calculated from the daily record of arrivals in the *Gaceta de Manila*.

Aguirre & Company was one of the major participating companies in the Pangasinan-Manila rice trade of 1862. Records in 1865 show Aguirre & Company as sugar refiners and chocolate manufacturers. In 1868, it shows the company as general merchants and distillers with the following staff: F de Aguirre (Europe), Antonio Hidalgo, Valentin Teus and S M Gonzalez. 1872-1874 records refer to Aguirre & Company as merchants, with the following staff: F de Aguirre (Spain), Antonio Hidalgo, Valentin Teus, and J M Ylrisarry. No further records have been found after 1874.

### BUSINESS HANDSTAMP

#### BH1: TWO SINGLE LINED OVAL HANDSTAMP



**AGUIRRE & Co. on Top  
MANILA on Bottom**

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### DOMESTIC COVER FROM FERNANDO AGUIRRE



#### **CIRCA 1863 – MANILA TO GUAGUA (PAMPANGA)**

Letter from Don Fernando de Aguirre to Don Felino Gil

5c stamp paying single weight domestic rate tied with Parrilla Cancel

Indistinct blue Large Baeza departing Circular Date Stamp on Front

*Don Felino Gil was a well-known Spanish soldier who paved the way for Spanish missionaries to come to the region, earning himself vast tracts of land as a reward for his service. He was proprietor of Hacienda Mamada de Pio, located in Porac, Pampanga; where he converted 532 hectares of land into lucrative sugar cane plantations.*

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**INBOUND COVER FROM ENGLAND**



31 December 1869 - Cover from England to Manila, via Marseille

Charged with 3-Reales Due Rate per weight of 12 Adarmes

Manila (17 February 1870) Receiving Circular Date Backstamp

*Robert Tan Collection*



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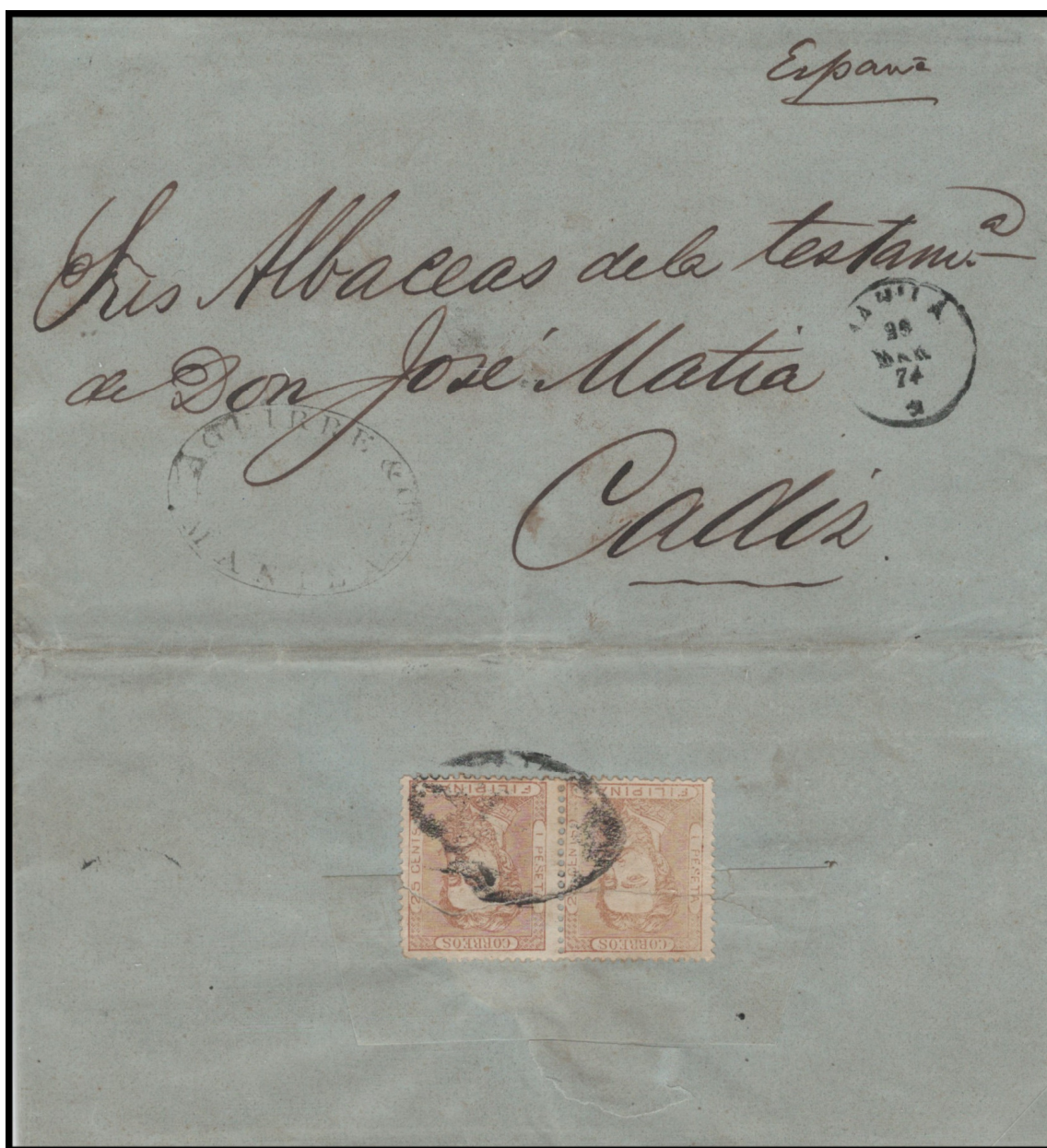
Cover from Manila to Cadiz, Spain

Aguirre & Co Handstamp and 15 November 1873 'Manila - ★' Departure CDS on Front  
25c Double Weight Overseas Rate, Stamps affixed to reverse and tied with Parrilla Cancellers



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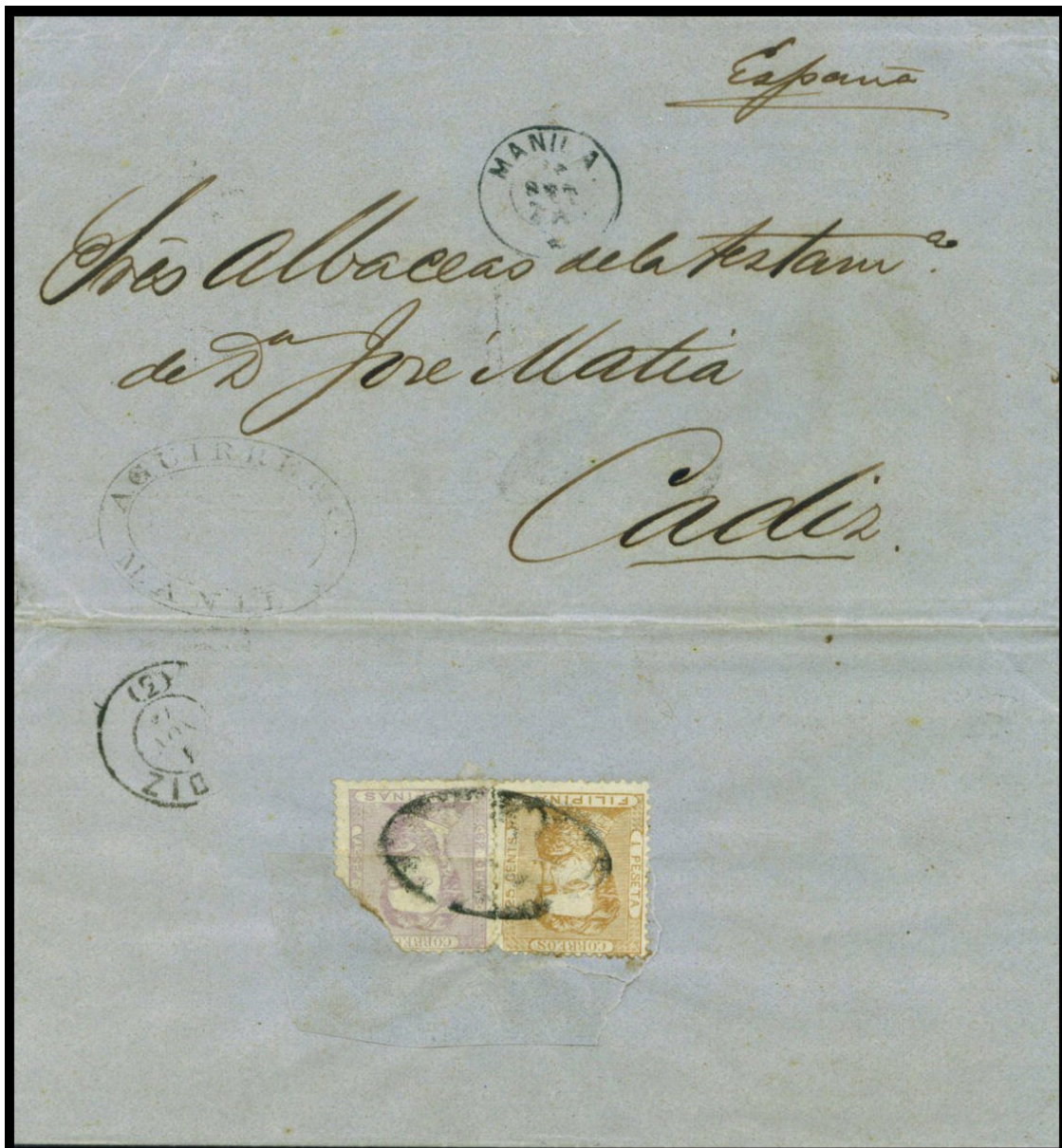


Cover from Manila to Cadiz, Spain

Aguirre & Co Handstamp and 26 March 1874 'Manila - ★' Departure CDS on Front  
Quadruple Weight Overseas Rate, Stamps affixed to reverse and tied with Parrilla Cancel

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Cover from Manila to Cadiz, Spain

Aguirre & Co Handstamp and 17 September 1874 'Manila - ★' Departure CDS on Front  
Triple Weight Overseas Rate, Stamps affixed to reverse and tied with Parrilla Cnacíel  
Cadiz (1 November 1874) Receiving Circular Date Backstamp



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### DOMESTIC COVERS ADDRESSED TO AGUIRRE & COMPANY



Cover from Lingayen (Pangasinan) to Manila

Single Weight Domestic Rate, with 12 January 1859 Manuscript Dateline

Circle of Dots Departure Cancel and Large Baeza (14 January 1859) Receiving CDS  
(Scott #10)



Cover to Manila

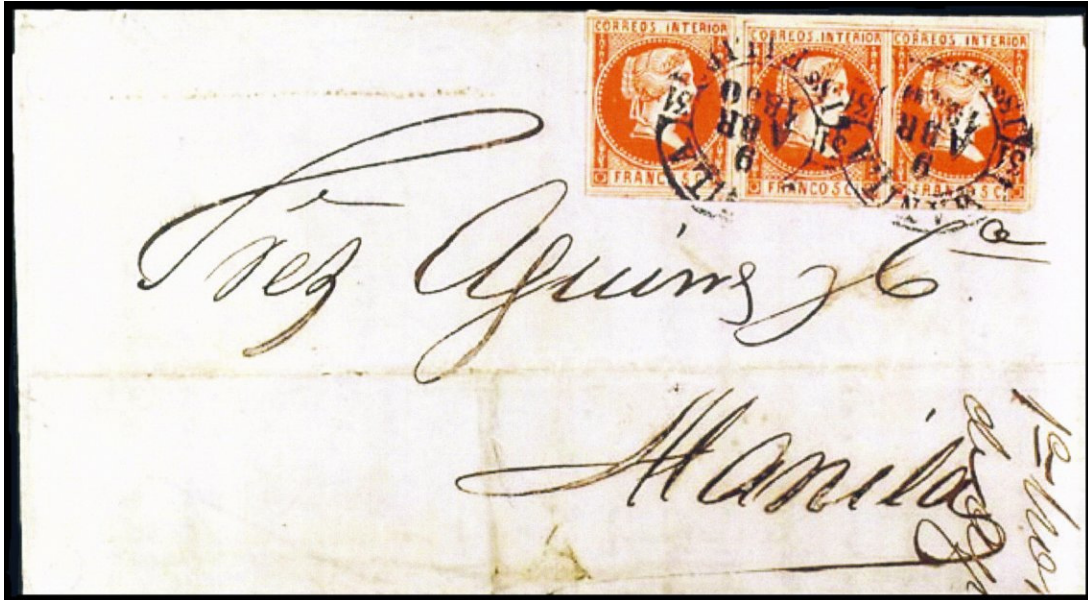
Double Weight Domestic Rate with Circle of Dots Departure Cancels

Large Baeza (13 July 1860) Receiving CDS  
(Scott #10)



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### DOMESTIC COVERS ADDRESSED TO AGUIRRE & COMPANY



Cover to Manila

Triple Weight Domestic Rate

Large Baeza (9 April 1860) Receiving CDS  
(Scott #10)



Cover from Legazpi to San Gabriel, Manila

Single Weight Domestic Rate, with 20 May 1863 Manuscript Dateline

Large Baeza (26 May 1863) Receiving CDS  
(Scott #12)



**AGUIRRE & COMPANY****DOMESTIC COVERS ADDRESSED TO AGUIRRE & COMPANY**

Cover from Lallo (Cagayan) to Binondo, Manila  
 Single Weight Domestic Rate, with 28 October 1863 Manuscript Dateline  
 'Manila - \*' (27 November 1863) Receiving CDS  
 (Scott #13)

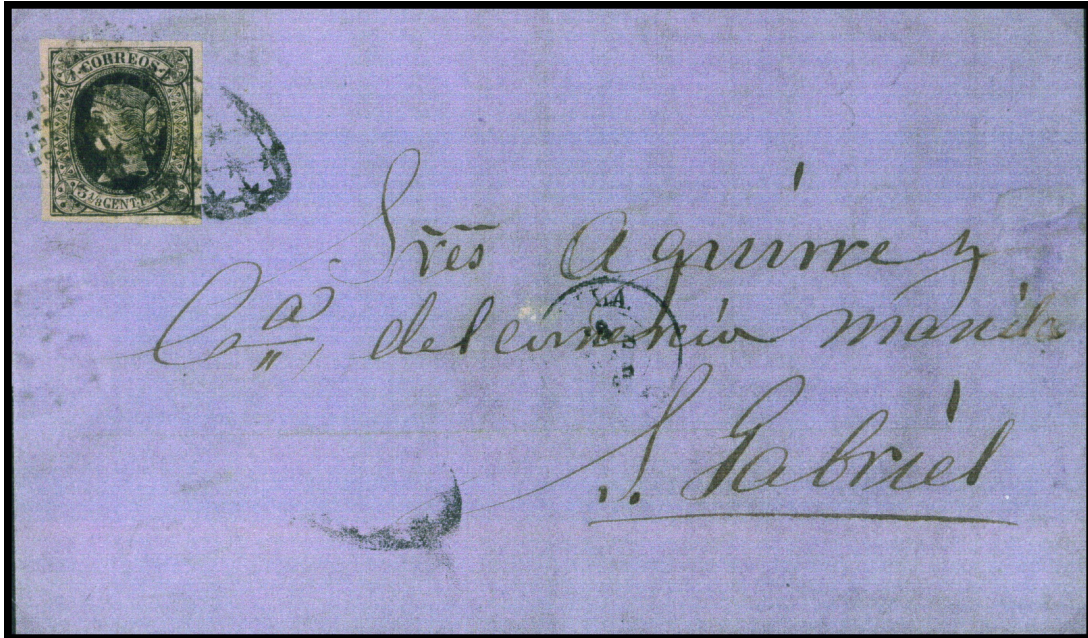


Cover from Lallo (Cagayan) to Binondo, Manila  
 Double Weight Domestic Rate, with 5 August 1863 Manuscript Dateline  
 Parrilla Departure Cancels and 'Manila - \*' (13 August 1863) Receiving CDS  
 (Scott #13)



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### DOMESTIC COVERS ADDRESSED TO AGUIRRE & COMPANY



Cover from San Fernando (Pampanga) to San Gabriel, Manila

Single Weight Domestic Rate, with 8 August 1865 Manuscript Date

Circle of Dots & Parrilla Departure Cencels and 'Manila - ★' (12 August 1865) Receiving CDS  
(Scott #21)



Cover from Cavite (Luzon) to Manila

Single Weight Domestic Rate, with 25 July 1872 Manuscript Dateline

Parrilla and 'Cavite - Luzon' (25 July 1872) Departure CDS  
(Scott #43)



## AGUIRRE & COMPANY

### FOREIGN INBOUND COVER ADDRESSED TO AGUIRRE & COMPANY

#### SPAIN ORIGINATING



Cover Addressed to Aguirre y Ca from Madrid to Manila  
Cancelled with 22 January 1861 Madrid Circular Date Stamp



Cover Addressed to Aguirre y Ca from Cadiz to Manila  
Cancelled with 4 October 1864 Cadiz Circular Date Stamp  
With 26 November 1864 'Manila - \*' Receiving Backstamp



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### FOREIGN INBOUND COVER ADDRESSED TO AGUIRRE & COMPANY

#### SPAIN ORIGINATING



Cover Addressed to Aguirre y Ca from Bilbao, via England to Manila  
Cancelled with 23 January 1871 Bilbao CDS and London Transit Handstamp on Front



Cover Addressed to Aguirre y Ca from Bilbao to Manila  
Cancelled with 5 April 1873 Bilbao Circular Date Stamp  
(Iberphil Auction – 24 July 2019)



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### FOREIGN INBOUND COVER ADDRESSED TO AGUIRRE & COMPANY

### GIBRALTAR ORIGINATING



9 December 1859 - Cover Addressed to Aguirre y Ca Mailed from Gibraltar to Manila  
Cover Originating from Malaga, with Hijos de M. A Herdia / Malaga Business Handstamp on front  
Stamps Cancelled with A26 Gibraltar Obliterator and Gibraltar (9 December 1859) Departure Cancel  
HongKong (30 January 1860) Transit Circular Date Stamps  
Manila (3 February 1869) Large Baeza Receiving Circular Date Stamp on Reverse

(Corinphila - Auction 250-256, 7 September 2020)



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### FOREIGN INBOUND COVER ADDRESSED TO AGUIRRE & COMPANY

#### ENGLAND ORIGINATING



Cover Addressed to Aguirre y Ca from London to Manila via Brindisi  
Cancelled with 14 June 1872 London Duplex Cancels

#### BELGIUM ORIGINATING



Cover Addressed to Aguirre y Ca from Anvers, Belgium to Manila  
Cancelled with Square Dotted Cancel and 16 May 1871 Circular Date Stamp Alongside