

The Position of Postmaster General

From 1783 to 1877, the Governors-General of the Philippine Islands occupied the position of Subdelegate of Posts, representing the Spanish Delegate of Posts who was based in Spain. However, a Royal Decree appointing a permanent Administrator of Posts to the Philippine Islands was issued in December 1837, which was supposedly implemented upon his arrival in Manila in October 1838.

In this regard, here is a list of Governors-General between 1783 and 1838, and the names of persons who subsequently occupied the position of Administrator of Posts in the Philippine Islands up to 1877.

“The Subdelegate of Posts”

1.	Jose de Basco y Vargas	October 1783 – 1787
2.	Pedro de Sario	November 1787 – 1788
3.	Felix Berenguer y Marquina	July 1788 – 1793
4.	Rafael Maria de Aguilar	September 1793 – 1806
5.	Mariano Fernandez de Folgueras	August 1806 – 1810
6.	Manuel Gonzalez de Aguilar	March 1810 – 1813
7.	Jose Gardoqui de Garaveitia	September 1813 – 1816
8.	Mariano Fernandez de Folgueras	December 1816 – 1822
9.	Juan Antonio Martinez	October 1822 – 1824
10.	Mariano Ricafort	October 1824 – 1830
11.	Pascual Enrile	December 1830 – 1835
12.	Gabriel de Torres	March 1835
13.	Joaquin de Crame	April – August 1835
14.	Pedro Antonio de Salazar	September 1835 – 1837
15.	Andres Garcia Camba	August 1837 – 1838

“The Administrator of Posts”

(Years served are based on meager data available)

16.	Francisco Maria de Marcaida	October 1838 – 1842
17.	Gregorio de Borjas y Tarrius	1844 – 1849
18.	Miguel Jimenez	1850
19.	Manuel Gomez de la Serna	1852 – 1855
20.	Antonio Gomez y Lopez	1857 – 1858
21.	Sebastian de Hazañas y Cedillo	1859 – 1865
22.	Jose A. Guillen	1877