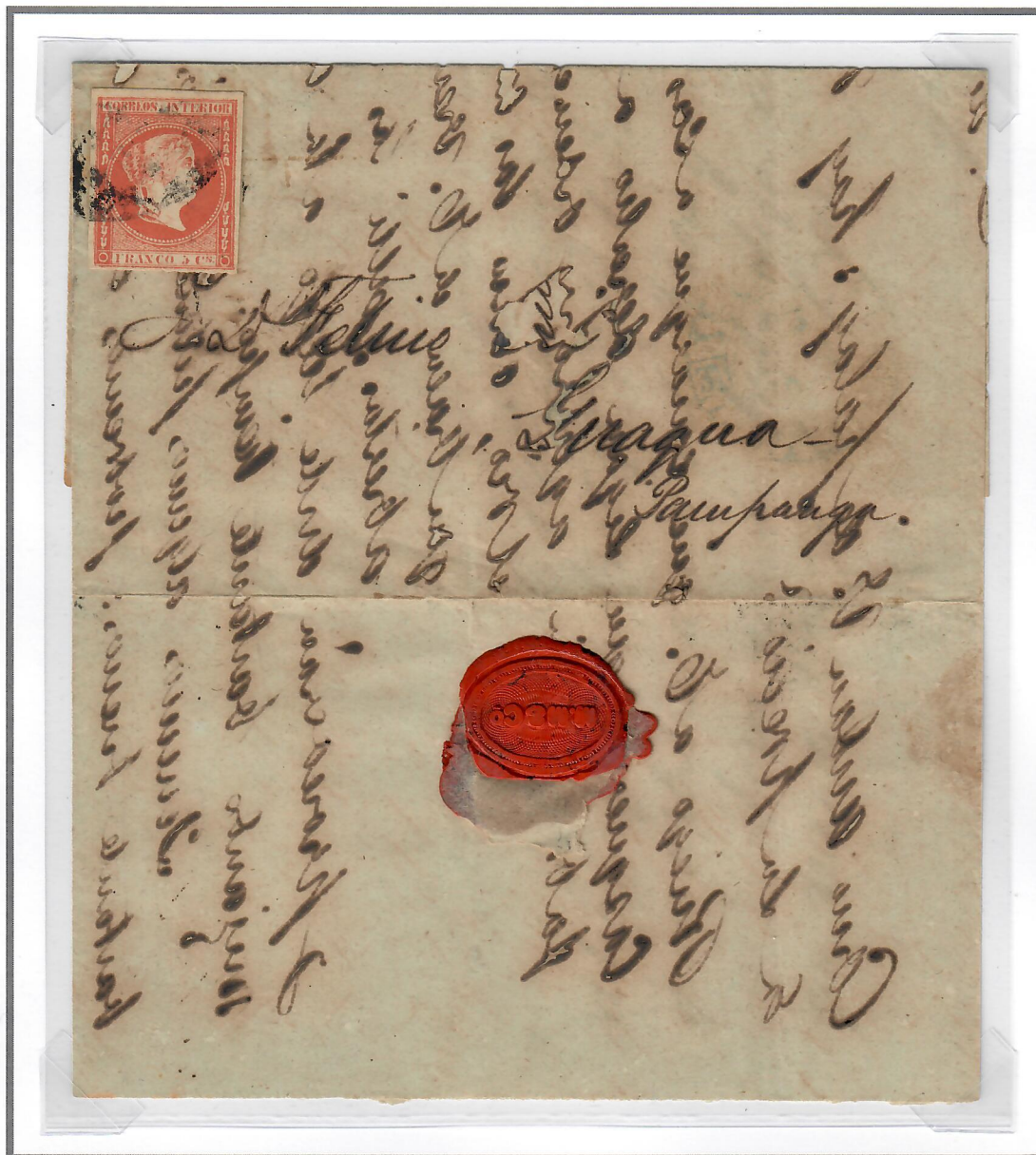


**JANUARY 1863**

**5-CUARTOS**

**SINGLE WEIGHT DOMESTIC COVER**



**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

Large Blue (indistinct) Baeza departing Circular Date Stamp on front

*Don Fernando de 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 engaged in maritime commerce. Don Felino 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 later converted his land into lucrative sugar cane plantations.*