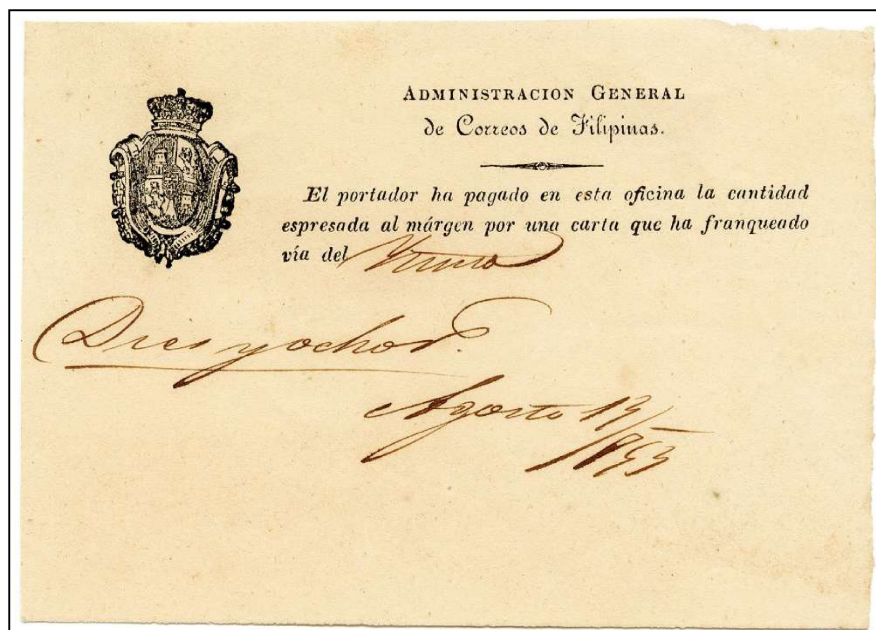




Letter posted at Manila post office August 14, 1852, endorsed to go by the overland route across Egypt to Cadiz. It was carried by British shipping. On reverse receiving cancels from Algeciras three month after posting and Cadiz dated November 16.

The “FRANCO” and the diagonal crossed lines in manuscript stating that the cover was prepaid. Numeral on back indicating that 9 Reales de Plata Fuerte were paid by the sender for the 2nd weight progression up to half an ounce. The rates for mail via Suez were decreed by Royal Decree of November 14, 1845.



This receipt was issued by the post office in Manila on August 13, 1853. It documents the payment of postage of 18 Reales de Plata Fuerte for a cover weighing up to one ounce that was to be transported via the overland route via Suez.