



Unpaid duplicate letter, dated Manila November 17, 1847 to Chalon-sur-Saône, France. Sent by courier from Manila to Singapore. The letter was forwarded by the Singapore branch of the Peterson company and handed to the British post office. In Singapore it was marked as unpaid "SINGAPORE / 1848 January / Bearing" on the back.

The letter was sent by P&O steamer to Suez where it was carried overland to Alexandria. The further voyage at sea crossed the Mediterranean Sea and passed the Iberian Peninsula to Southampton. It arrived in London on February 28, 1848 where it was marked at the front with a red "COLONIES / & ART. 13" handstamp and on the back with a date stamp.

The letter was transported to the Channel Port Boulogne, France where it arrived on March 1, 1847 and it was marked with a red date stamp indicating its origin "ANGL. / BOULOGNE". It arrived in Chalon-sur-Saône on March 3, 1848.

The cover was carried by the British postal service under the Anglo-French Conventions of 1843. The original convention, which came into effect on June 1, 1843, was revised multiple times. Beginning in January 1846, the British introduced new letter bills for the exchange of mails with France. Covers from "countries beyond sea" were included under Article 13 of the letter bill, and a "COLONIES / & ART. 13" handstamp was applied on such mail, like this cover. **Less than ten covers emanating from the Philippines with this marking are recorded.**

The cover weighed under $7\frac{1}{2}$ Grams or $\frac{1}{4}$ Ounce. The charge for the British transit was therefore under the Anglo-French Conventions 10 Pence. At that time, the exchange rate was 1 Penny equal to 1 Décime.

The French internal rate measured between January 1, 1828 and July 31, 1949 by the straight-line distance between the place of posting (in this case the entry into France, Boulogne) and the place of delivery.

As the straight-line distance is just over 500 km, 9 Décimes were due for French internal transport. French postal authorities wrote on the cover the amount due from the receiver in Décimes, in this case a total of "19" (1.90 Francs).