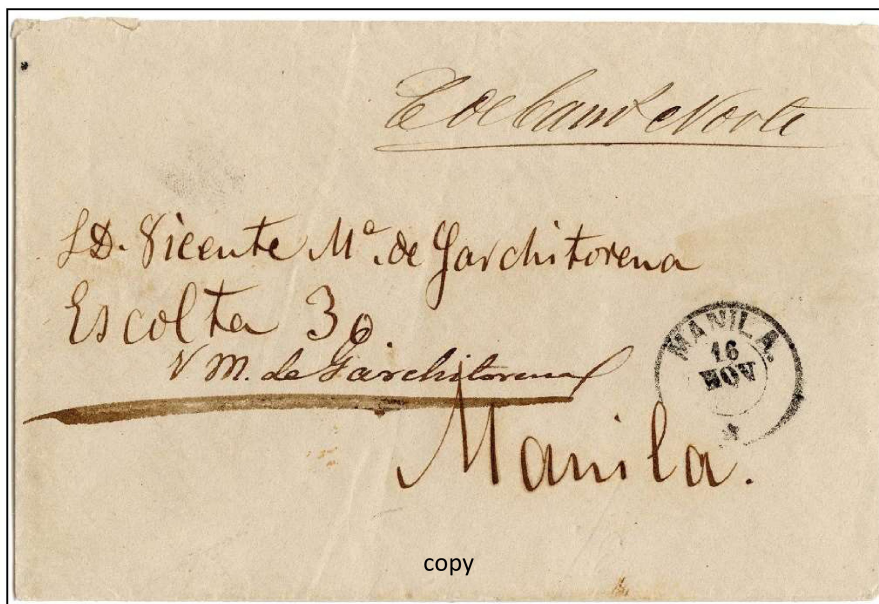




Registered cover sent from Camarines Norte November 1870 to Manila. It was franked with a 25 Centavos de Peso stamp issued 1864 as well as a overprinted $3\frac{1}{8}$ Centavos de Peso stamp issued first in 1868. The cover was endorsed "C[ertificado] de Cam^s Norte". **Five registered covers are known with stamps of the 1864 and 1868 issue, all from the same correspondence.**



The cover was signed on the front by the addressee "V M. de Garchitorena" and sent back to the sender's post office. The sender then exchanged this cover for the registered mail receipt - otherwise the cover would have been destroyed after a storage period. This results in the rarity of domestic registered covers.

Franked with the equivalent of 2 Reales and 5 Cuartos de Plata Fuerte, $28\frac{1}{8}$ Centavos de Peso. While $3\frac{1}{8}$ Centavos de Peso corresponded to the rate of a cover weighing up to 8 Adarmes, valid to February 17, 1871, the registration fee was set at 25 Centavos de Peso and was applied until April 22, 1891. Provenance: Geoffrey Lewis