

Habilitado Por La Nacion, 1868 – 1870s

1869, Manila to Bilbao, Spain
1870, Manila to San Sebastian, Spain



Envelope sent from Manila September 23, 1869 to Bilbao, Spain. It was routed via Marseille and arrived on November 24, 1869 in Bilbao.

Two pairs of the provisional stamp at $12^{4/8}$ Centavos de Peso, tied by Parilla cancel, paying for quadruple cover rate, up to 16 Adarmes, to Spain. **Highest recorded number of this stamp on a cover.**

Towards the end of the first quarter of 1870, no new issues of postage stamps had yet been received from Spain. To help overcome this shortage, it was decided to overprint stocks of the 1 Real de Plata Fuerte stamps of 1863, replacing the now-exhausted $12^{4/8}$ Centavos de Peso value of 1868.



Letter sent from Manila March 29, 1870 to San Sebastian, Spain. The cover reached the destination on May 18.

2 Real de Plata Fuerte equals 25 Centavos de Peso, paying double cover rate, up to 8 Adarmes, to Spain.

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