

After King Alfonso XII was proclaimed King on 29 December 1874, this was also marked on stamps and corresponding stamps were also issued for the Philippines. From 1875 onwards, stamps were issued with the new regent. The first series of the new issue consisted of seven postage stamps. The stamps were designed by Jose Garcia Moreno. They were typographed by the Fabrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre, Madrid.



Registered cover sent from Surigao November 21, 1877 to Manila. The cover was franked with one 2 Centavos and a 12 Centavos de Peso pair of the first series of King Alfonso XII, issued from 1875 onwards. While not indicated, the stamp's exact equivalent is 12.5 Centavos de Peso.

The stamps were tied by Parilla cancels. Couple strikes of framed registration marking "CERTIF". Received in Manila on December 14, 1877. **Unique usage of the Surigao cancel on cover.**

The cover was signed on the inside by the addressee 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. Domestic registered mail is rare as a result of this procedure. Three of the six known domestic registered covers from the period of King Alfonso XII, franked with stamps, are shown in this collection.

In accordance with the rates in effect since February 18, 1871 (Decree of February 7), the cover was franked with the equivalent of 2 Reales de Plata Fuerte (equals the two stamps with a nominal value of 12.5 Centavos) for the registration fee and 4 Cuartos (equals 2 Centavos) de Plata Fuerte for a domestic cover weighing less than four Adarmes.

Only recorded domestic registered cover with stamps of the first series of King Alfonso XII.