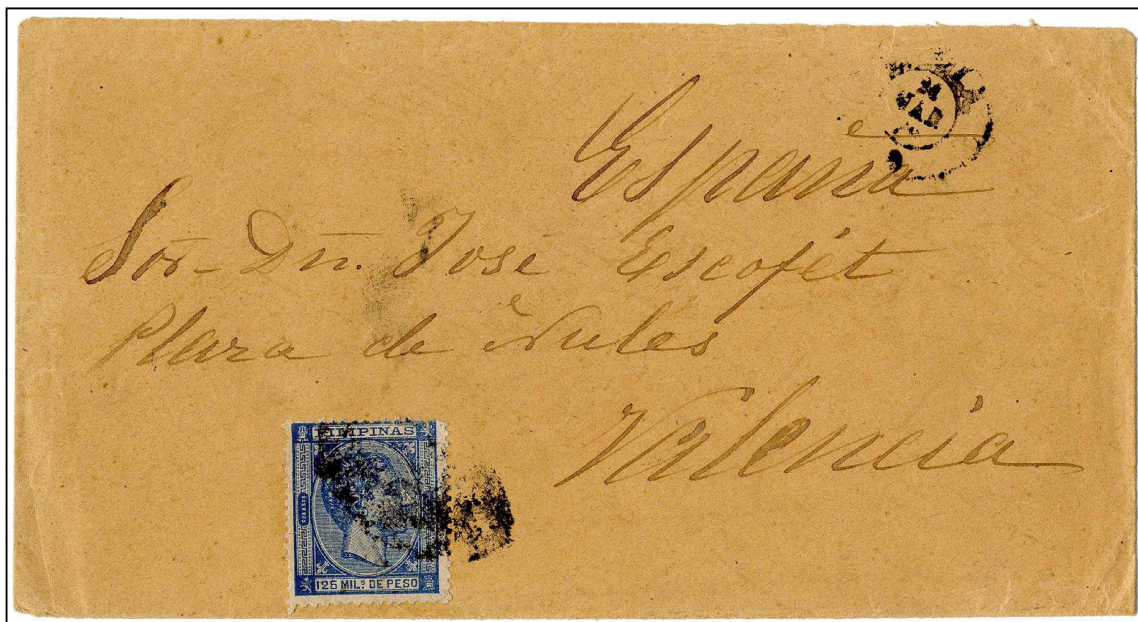


Envelope sent in Manila on August 7, 1877 to Havana, Captaincy General of Cuba. As endorsed, the cover was sent via Gibraltar. Afterwards it was carried to Cadiz, Spain from where it was sent to Havana. **Earliest known franked cover sent from the Philippines to one other Spanish colony.**

It was franked with a 12 Centavos de Peso stamp from the first series of King Alfonso XII, issued 1875. While not indicated, the stamp's exact equivalent is 12.5 Centavos de Peso. This equals one Real de Plata Fuerte.

The franking is paying for a cover weighting less than four Adarmes to Cuba. The postage to Spain or the colonies of Spain was the same and therefore applicable until November 18, 1884.

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Cover sent in Manila on March 24, 1878 to Valencia. It was franked with a 125 Milesimas de Peso stamp from the second series of King Alfonso XII, issued 1878. The stamp was tied by a Parilla cancel.

The second series indicates the value in Milesimas de Peso (ten Milesimas to the Centavos). **Earliest known usage of this stamp.**

The 125 Milesimas de Peso franking is paying the single letter rate to Spain, as it equals one Real de Plata Fuerte.