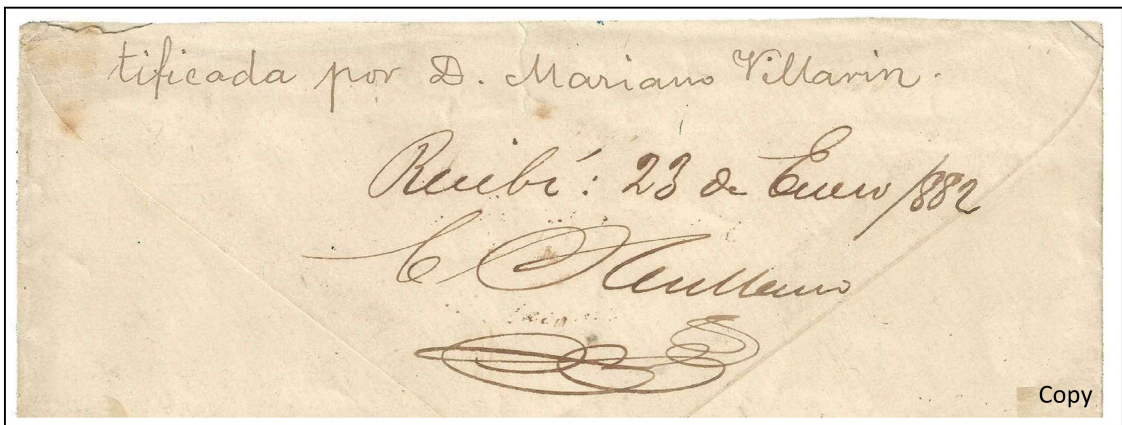




Registered cover sent from Capiz January 1882 to Manila. The cover was franked with a stamp at 250 Milesimas de Peso of the second series of King Alfonso XII, issued from 1879 onwards as well as a 2<sup>1/2</sup> Centavos de Peso pair of the third series of King Alfonso XII, issued from 1880 onwards. **Only recorded cover with the 250 Milesimas de Peso stamp.**

The stamps were tied by boxed negative "CAPIZ". **Two covers with this rare marking are recorded.** A strike of framed registration marking "CERTIF" and a date cancel were applied in Manila.



The cover was signed on the back by the addressee on January 23, 1882 "Recibi 23 de Enero 1882 / C. Arellano" 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.

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 for the registration fee and 5 Centavos de Peso for a domestic cover weighing less than eight Adarmes.