

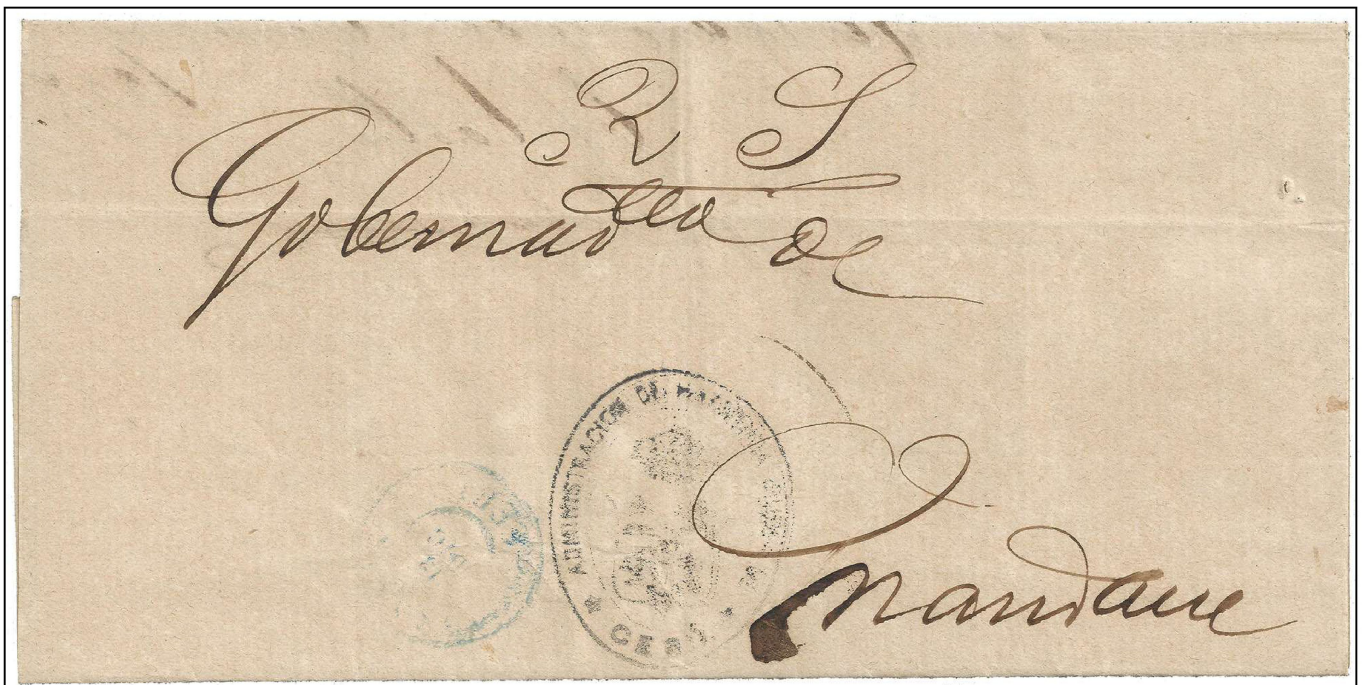
Official mail, 1870s – 1880s

1877, Manila to Bohol
1887, Cebu to Mandaue

Official mail, sent under free franking privilege, was usually marked, for example "R.S." (Real Servicio).



Envelope sent by the Royal Economic Society of Friends of the Country, stamped Manila June 17, 1877 to Bohol. At the way to the addressee a scarce "CEBU / VISAYAS" circular date stamp was applied on July 21.



Official letter datelined Cebu November 29, 1887 to Mandaue. The cover bears an official seal of the Tax Administration of Cebu and a blue "VISAYAS / CEBU" postal cancel.

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