

King Alfonso XII, 1880s

1882, Manila to Tudela, Spain  
1880s, to Málaga, Spain



Envelope sent in Manila March 31, 1882 to Tudela. Carried by the steamer *Valencia* operated by the firm Olano, Larrinaga y Compañía. The stamp, 12<sup>4</sup>/<sub>8</sub> Centavos de Peso of the third series of King Alfonso XII, was tied by Parilla cancel. Batlle Hermanos business handstamp and Tudela receiving cancel on reverse.

The main purpose of this stamp was to cover the single weight rate to Spain. Literature states that it was issued in summer 1882, however it seems to be issued earlier, as this cover is the **earliest known usage**.

Proper postage of 12<sup>4</sup>/<sub>8</sub> Centavos de Peso for a cover weighing less than 4 Adarmes, applicable until November 18, 1884. At that day the weight unit for covers to Spain was changed to 15 Grams..



Front, sent to Málaga, Spain. The three stamps at 12<sup>4</sup>/<sub>8</sub> Centavos de Peso were cancelled by a Parilla cancel.

Due to the high postage and the handwritten note of a number "Num. 7". It can be assumed that this item was sent as a registered letter.

**Highest recorded number of this stamp on a cover.**

One 12<sup>4</sup>/<sub>8</sub> Centavos de Peso franking was paying single letter rate to Spain. However, due to the missing date it cannot be determined if it was paying for 4 Adarmes or 15 Grams. The registration fee of 25 Centavos de Peso to Spain was applied until April 22, 1891.