

King Alfonso XII, 1880s

1883, Manila to Boucau, France
1887, Manila to Vienna, Austria-Hungary



Cover sent from Manila to Boucau, France. The four 2 Centavos de Peso stamps of the third series of King Alfonso XII were cancelled in January 1883 with a dated town cancel.

The cover was transported to Marseilles on the French ship *Oxus*. According to the postmarks on the back, it was then transported Cette to Bordeaux on March 5 and reached Bayonne one day later on March 6, 1883.



Envelope stamped Manila March 19, 1887 to Vienna, Austria-Hungary.

The cover was carried by Spanish liner to Singapore.

Afterwards it was transported by the French ship *Oxus* and the transportation was documented by the red Paquebot cancel.

The envelope arrived at the addressee on April 24.

Since joining the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1877 the overseas rates to other UPU members were limited to rules of this organization. Therefore, single weight postage rate for overseas covers was limited to 8 Centavos de Peso to nearly any other member state. This fee remained unchanged until the Philippines was taken over by the USA.