

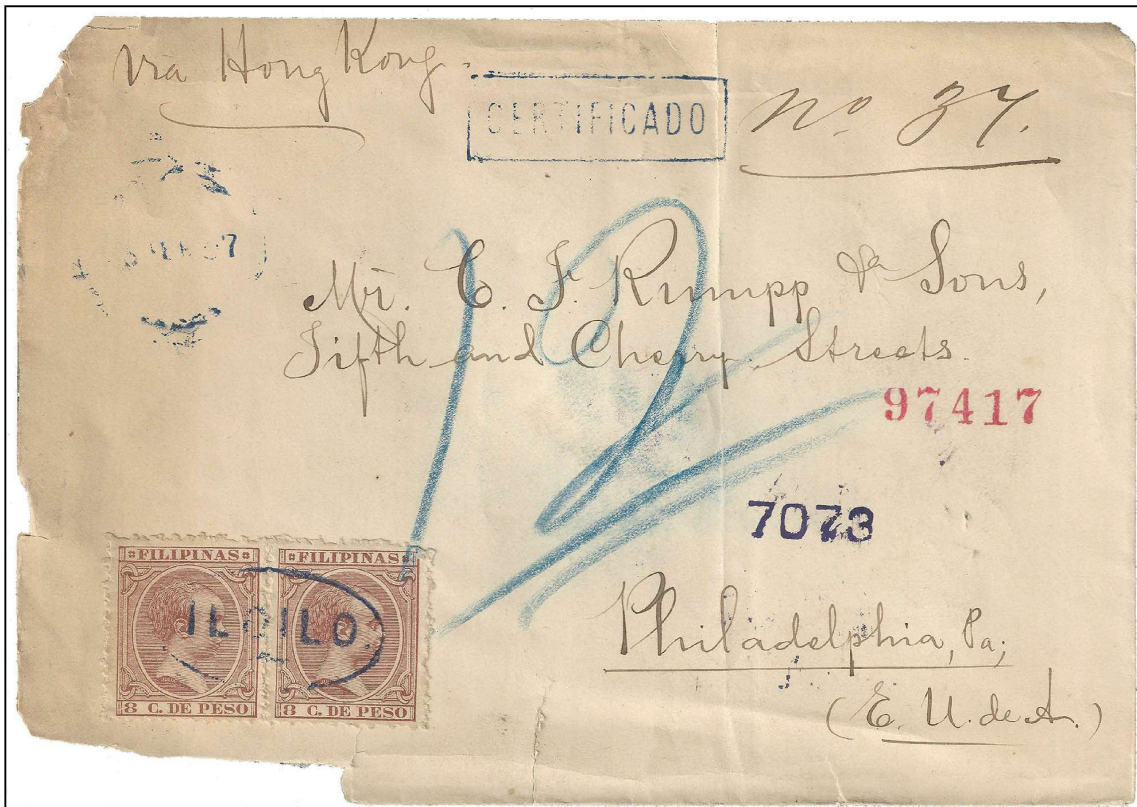
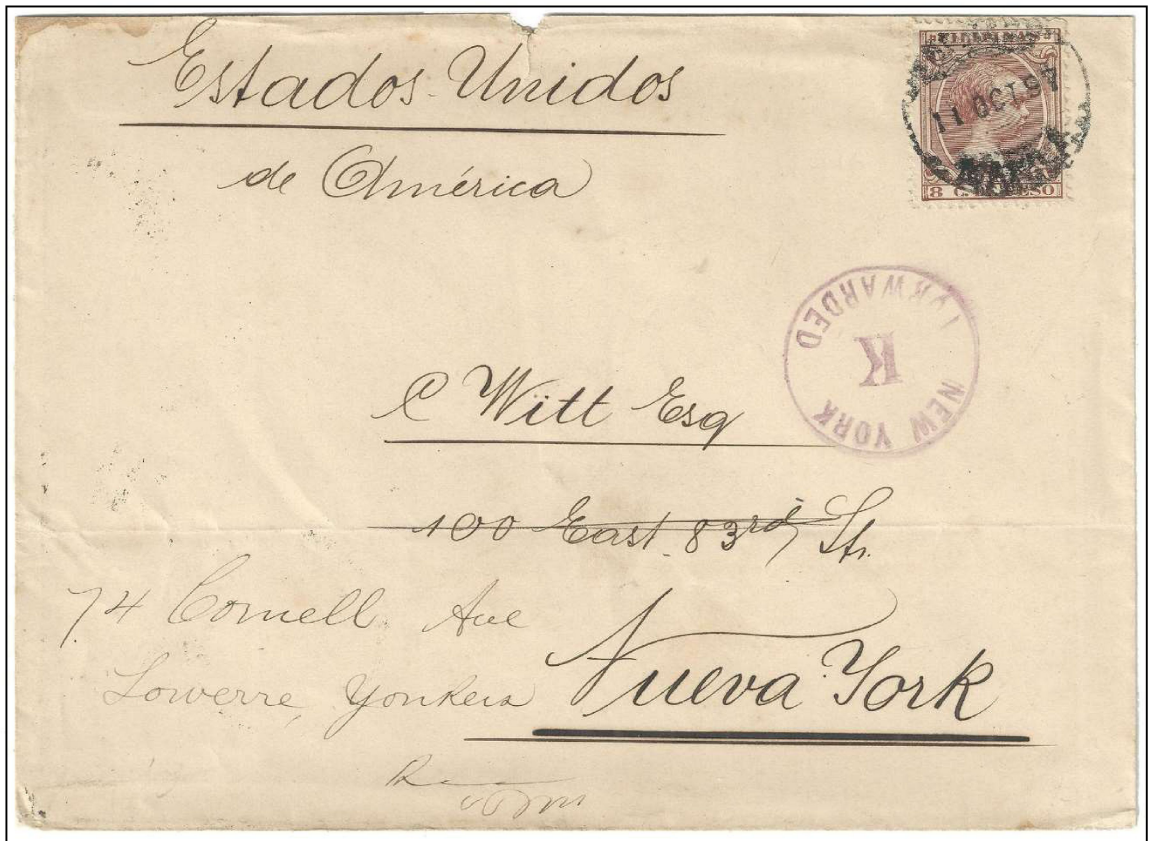
King Alfonso XIII, 1890s

1897, Manila to New York, United States  
 1897, Iloilo to Philadelphia, United States

Cover sent from Manila to New York, United States. The stamp was cancelled on October 11, 1897.

The cover was backstamped in San Francisco on November 21, 1897 and New York nine days later.

Within New York, the letter was re-directed to a new address.



Registered cover sent from Iloilo January 1897 to Philadelphia, United States. The cover was franked with two stamps at 8 C. The stamps were tied by a single-lined oblong cancel. A boxed cancel "CERTIFICADO" and a worn date cancel "COMUNICACIONES / ILOILO" were also applied on the front.

As requested, the cover was sent via Hong Kong and was marked there on February 2, 1897. It was carried by *Matterhorn* and arrived in San Francisco on March 21 and in Philadelphia on March 27, 1897.

Both covers franked with stamps at 8 Centavos de Peso, issued 1894 (first printing) as well as 1896 (second printing). The stamp was issued for postage of mail to UPU member nations. The rate to nearly all UPU members was 8 Centavos for 15 grams or fraction thereof. Also the registry fee was 8 Centavos.