

King Alfonso XIII, 1890s Mail to UPU

1894, Manila to London, United Kingdom
1896, Manila to Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom



Single weight cover sent from Manila to London, United Kingdom. The stamp was cancelled on January 24, 1894 by the "CORREOS / MANILA" date stamp.

A day later, the cover left Manila for Singapore on the Spanish steamer *San Ignacio de Loyola*. The cover was handstamped "PER FIRST MAIL" by the business Ker & Co. It arrived in London on February 23, 1894.



Triple weight cover sent in Manila December 19, 1896 to Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom. It was cancelled by the "CORREOS / MANILA" cancel. The cover was carried by the Spanish steamer *Leon XIII* to Singapore. The cover arrived in Southend-on-Sea on January 21, 1897.

Both covers franked with stamps at 8 Centavos de Peso, issued from 1894 onwards. The stamps were issued for postage of mail to UPU member nations (inscription on sheet "UNION GENERAL POSTAL").