

POSTAL HISTORY OF THE SPANISH PHILIPPINES, 1854 - 1898

This exhibit shows examples of the postal history of representative postage stamp issues of the Spanish Philippines from 1854 through 1898, the end of the Spanish era. The exhibit primarily focuses on postal rates, but also addresses postal routes, and other uses, such as postal cancels and private markings. Also refer to the exhibit outline.

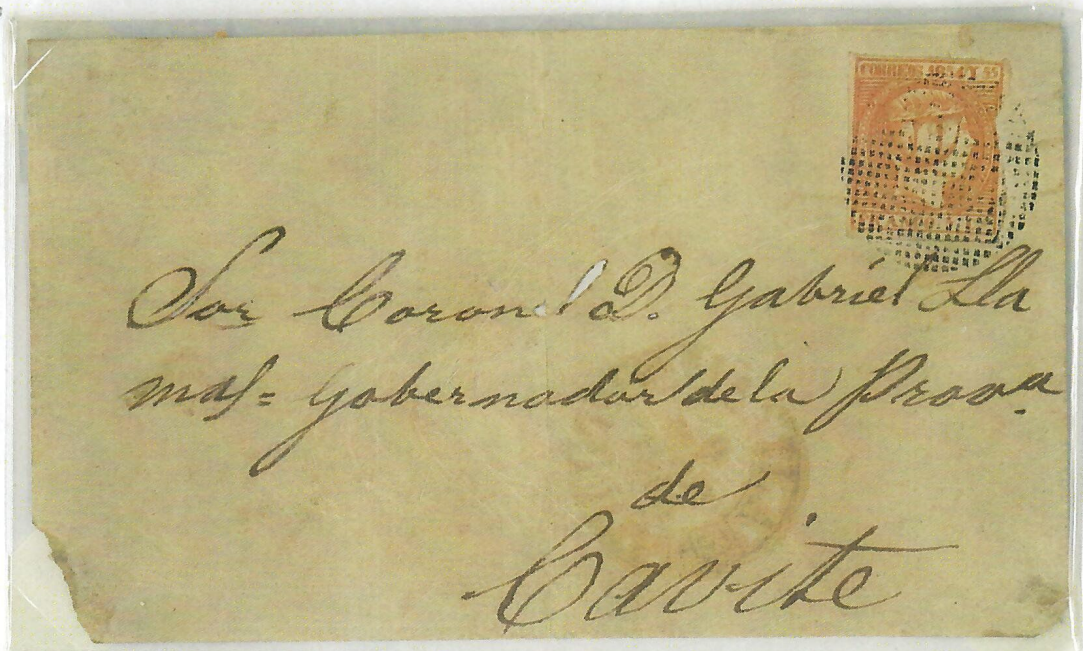
1854-1855 ISSUES

A royal order of January 12, 1853, authorized the issuance of the first Philippine postal stamps. The stamps, showing the portrait of Spain's Queen Isabella II, were only applicable for interior use. Overseas rates did not come into effect for Spain and colonies until January 1, 1856. Printed in Manila. Overseas procedures for non-Spanish countries were not adopted until the 1860s, and specific rates to non-Spanish countries were not promulgated until the late 1870s.

Exhibit Outline

- I. First Imperforate Issues, 1854-1874
- II. Pre-UPU Perforated Issues, 1871-1879
- III. First UPU Issues, 1879-1889
- IV. King Alfonso XIII Issues, 1890-1897
- V. King Alfonso XIII Issues, 1898
- VI. Registered Mail
- VII. Circular/Newspaper Mail
- VIII. Consulate Mail
- IX. Military Mail
- X. Official Mail

SINGLE-WEIGHT INTERIOR RATE = 5 CUARTOS



1855 Manila to Cavite.