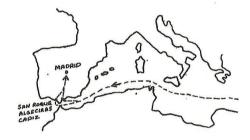
EARLY OVERSEAS MAIL ROUTES TO SPAIN

Between the 1850s and 1870s, there were three major routes for Philippine mail entering Spain. Most of the mail was carried by Spanish ships, and to a lesser extent, by French and British ships. The three routes were:

- 1. Mail by Spanish ship via the Spanish port of San Roque, Algeciras, or Cadiz.
- 2. Mail by French ship via the French port of Marseilles.
- 3. Mail by British ship via the British port of Gibraltar.

1. MAIL BY SPANISH SHIP VIA THE SPANISH PORT OF SAN ROQUE, ALGECIRAS, OR CADIZ





1859 Manila to Madrid, Spain by Spanish ship via the Spanish port of San Roque.



San Roque receiving cancel on the reverse side.