

1776 – 1853 POSTAL MARKINGS

Encircled Red "MA / NILA"

1776 AUGUST 2: MANILA to ROME

Via ACAPULCO - MEXICO CITY - VERA CRUZ - CADIZ

Belletti lettersheet carried by the annual Manila Galleon.

Rated in Manila with manuscript "3" Reales de Plata, the monetary unit for Spanish Colonies and upon arrival in Cadiz with "4.U." Reales de Vellon, the monetary unit for Spain.

ONE OF ONLY TWO KNOWN

**THE EARLIEST USAGE IN ASIA
OF A POSTMARK THAT CLEARLY IDENTIFIES
THE ORIGIN OF THE LETTER**

Also exist in black. Only one cover known.



Straight Line Red "**FILIPINAS**" in Red
Used Between 1787 - 1800. Measuring 48 mm

Black "**FRANCA / AZAS**" and Signature
in Fancy Circle
Used Between 1787 - 1797

1787 NOVEMBER 24: MANILA to ROME

Belletti letter sheet.



**EARLIEST RECORDED USAGE
FOR BOTH POSTAL MARKINGS**