

1856 QUEEN ISABELLA II ISSUE

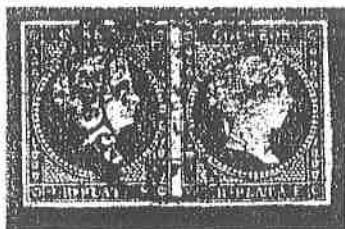
Issued on January 1, 1856, these stamps were originally intended for use in Cuba and Porto Rico in 1855. However, in order to implement the Royal Decree of September 1, 1854, these stamps were also made available for use in the Philippines. The only way these stamps can be distinguished is when it shows a Philippine town cancel. Engraved by Jose Perez Varela and typographed by Fabrica Nacional de Timbre of Madrid, it comes in sheets of 56 (7 x 8) on bluish paper with loops watermark. Issued imperforate.



Cavite cancel

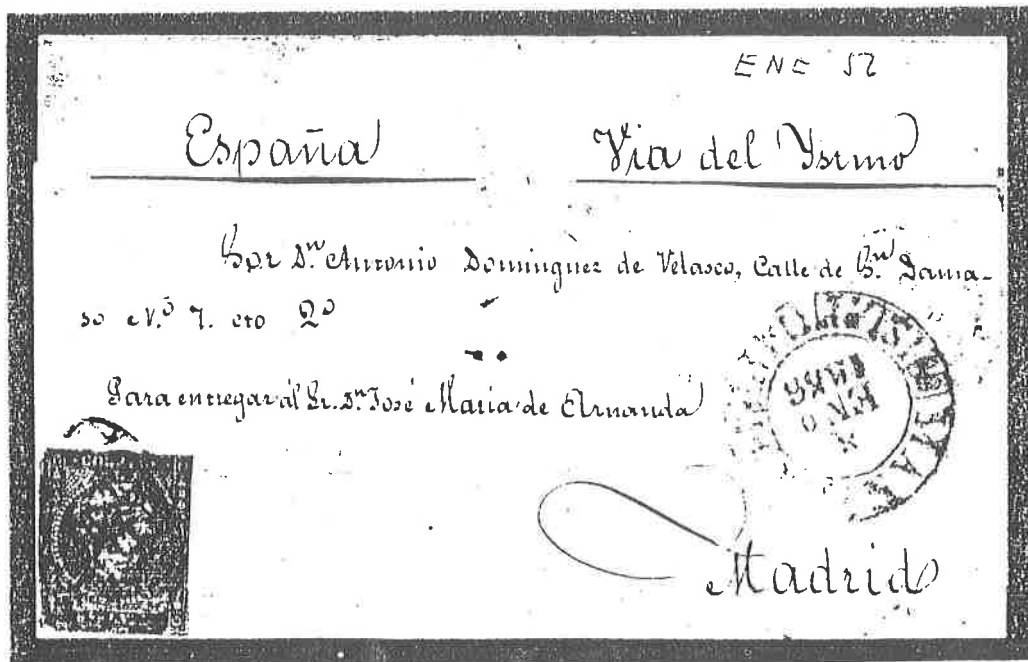
1R - Green  
For single letter rate,  
Overseas Mail

Royal Decree of December 18, 1854, ordered that after June 1, 1855, the rate of single letter to Spain be One Real and Two Reales for Registry Fee.



Manila cancel

2R - Carmine  
Registry Fee,  
Overseas Mail



1856, January 8 - Manila-Madrid (Spain) via Isthmus de Suez, through the seaport of San Roque (Cadiz, Spain) showing the 1R overseas single letter rate.