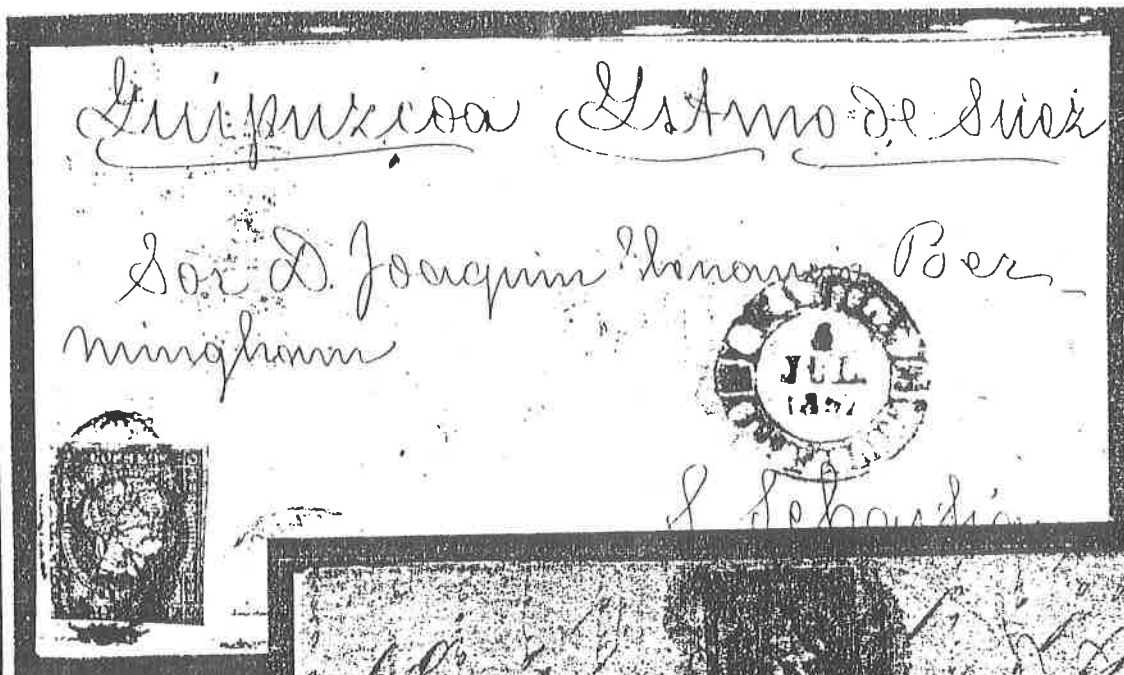


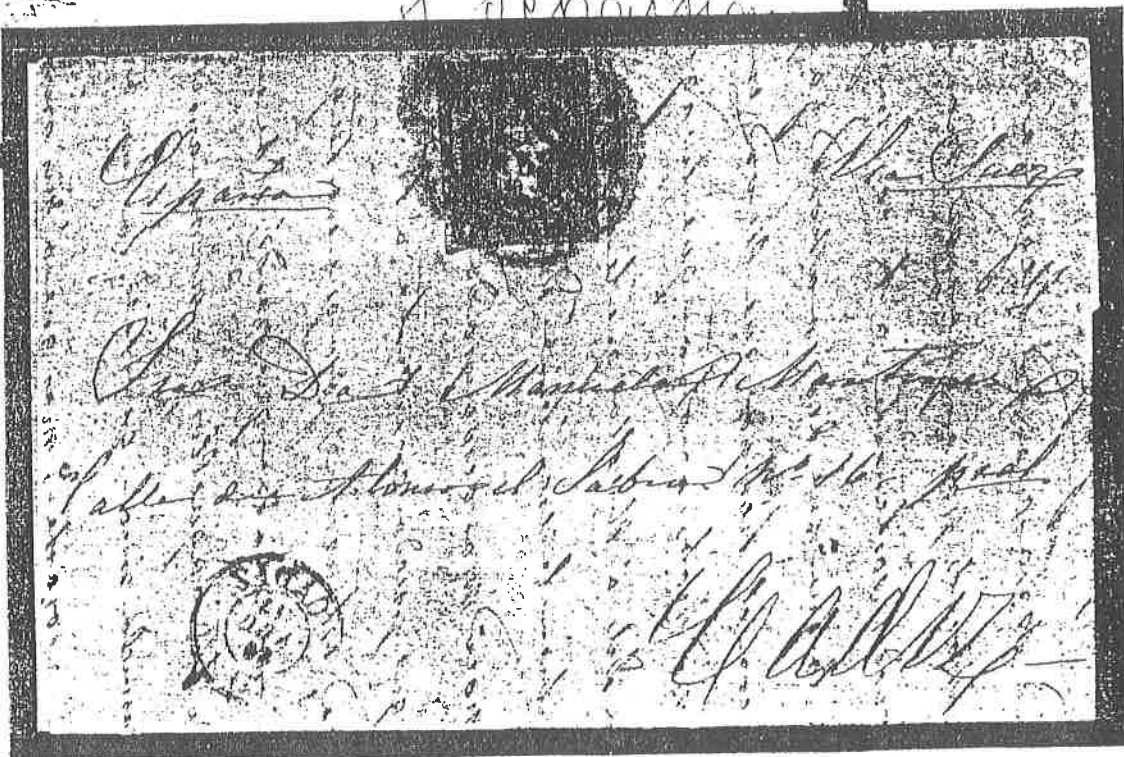
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In the Philippines, these were the only stamps authorized to be used on foreign mails from January 1856 to 1864. There were four Manila circular date stamps (cds) used during this time. Normally, these cds were not used to cancel the stamps since an oval network cancel was also supplied by Spain to all its colonies to cancel the stamps. The cds were to show proof of posting and origin of letters. However, some post offices did away with the oval network cancel and used the cds as both for obliteration and proof of posting and origin.



1857, July 6,
Manila - San
Sebastian
via Isthmus
de Suez sho-
wing the 1R
overseas
single letter
rate to Spain,
tied with
oval network
cancel and a
Manila cds.

1858, June 14,
Manila - Cadiz
via Isthmus de
Suez, showing
the 1R over-
seas single
letter rate to
Spain, tied
with a Manila
cds.



Both shows the first type of Philippine cds: "Manila-31-ISs. FilIPs". The "31" stands for the postal district number assigned to Philippines by Spain. This cds measures 27 mm. in diameter.