

1863 QUEEN ISABELLA II ISSUE

By early 1863, the 1856 1 Real stamp for outbound mail was nearly exhausted. The Philippine Governor-General petitioned the government officials of Spain to allow a locally printed 1 Real stamp to be used instead, since supplies from Spain were either delayed or were not coming. However, a reply can no longer be awaited, when the supplies of the 1856 1 Real issue was finally exhausted. A provisional locally printed 1 Real stamp was therefore issued. Lithographed by M. Perez y Hijos of Manila, on white thick paper. The word "CORREOS" was inscribed in Roman letters, measuring $10\frac{1}{2}$ mm. long.

March 2, 1863



1 Real
Gray Green
(7,000)



1864, September 24 - Manila-San Sebastian, via Isthmus de Suez to Marseilles, showing the March 2, 1863 1 Real stamp for single letter rate to Spain.