

1890 KING ALFONSO XIII (BABY) ISSUE

After the death of King Alfonso XII on November 25, 1885, his wife, Ma. Christina of Austria, was appointed regent, pending the decision as to the successor to the throne, which continued during the minority of King Alfonso XIII, born May 17, 1886.



2 4/8c. de Peso
Blue
(6,000,000)



5c. de Peso
Slate Green
(120,000)

A new series of stamps intended for domestic use was issued on January 1, 1890, bearing the baby head of King Alfonso XIII. Typographed by the Sociedad del Timbre of Madrid, perforated $12 \frac{3}{4} \times 14 \frac{1}{2}$, in sheets of 100 (10 x 10). The die used was engraved by E. Julia.



10c. de Peso
Blue Green
(80,000)



12 4/8c. de Peso
Pale Green
(525,000)

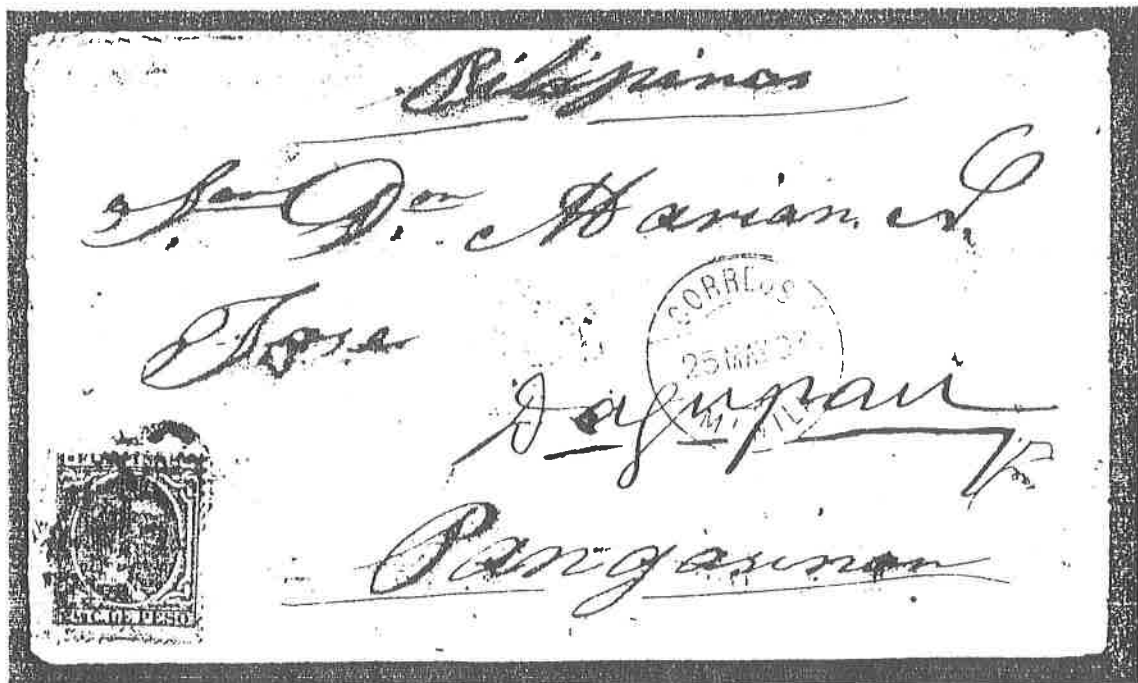


20c. de Peso
Rose
(30,000)



25c. de Peso
Brown
(80,000)

The issues of 1890-1897 Baby Heads bore an inscription at the top margin stating for what purpose each particular stamp was issued for (i.e., domestic use, postal union use, for sending medical samples, etc...). However, this was not followed as stamps were used indiscriminately to meet postal demands.



1891, May 25 - Manila-Dagupan (Pangasinan), franked with 2 4/8c. Baby Head stamp, for single interior letter rate outside Manila.