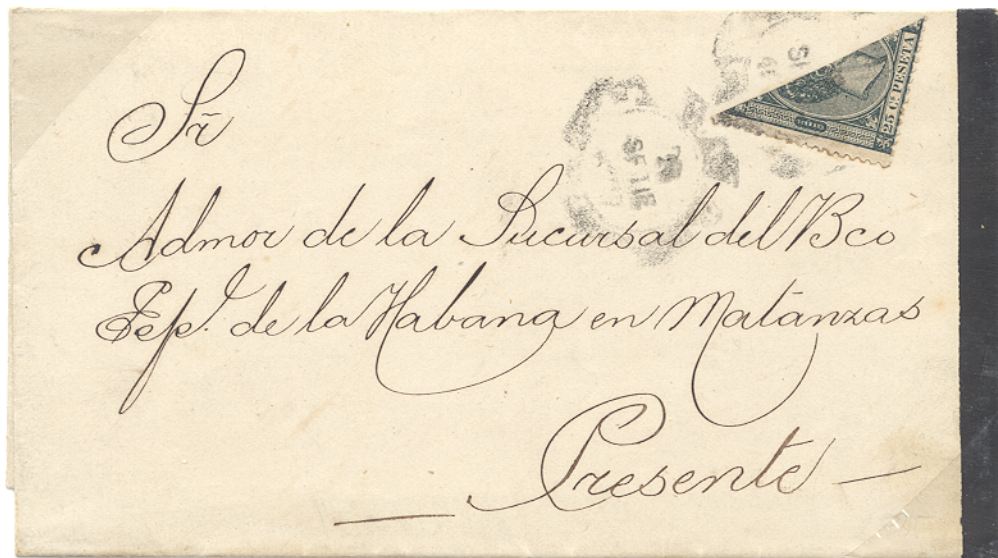


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Intra-city 25 c. dark green bisects



Circulars bearing 25 céntimos de peseta dark green bisected stamps used as 12 1/2 c. de pta. to pay the postage rate for circulars. Both circulars were posted in Matanzas and are addressed within the city. The top circular has a black border indicating it carried a mourning message inside which has since been removed. The circulars are dated ? September and 8 March 1877 respectively.

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Circulars franked with 25 céntimos de peseta dark green stamps used as 12 1/2 c. de pta. The top circular is dated at Matanzas 15 August 1877; the middle one at Habana 15 April 1877; and the bottom one at Baracoa ? November 1877. All circulars are addressed outside their city of origin. These circulars and the intra-city circulars previously shown indicate that the domestic postage rate for circulars was independent of destination.

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25 Cs. peseta green
Coastal Ship Line Mark "LM"

Extremely rare private coastal shipping mark "LM" on a folded letter mailed from La Habana on November 24, 1977, to Manzanillo in the southern coast of Cuba, Oriente Province, where it arrived on November 28. The same marking is also illustrated on single stamps of the same issue.

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N.Y. DUE 5 CTS. on 25c dark green



Covers from Santiago de Cuba and Matanzas to New York and Canada respectively, marked with a large "T" and DUE 5 CTS. in New York to indicate 5 cents were due to U.S. postal authorities for handling since both letters precede the Universal Postal Union agreement between Cuba and the U.S.