

1880-82 KING ALFONSO XII ISSUES

CORREOS 1^A, 2^A, 3^ACORREOS 1^A

1881 Scott No. 97

CORREOS 2^A

1880 Scott No. 90



1882 Scott No. 102

CORREOS 3^A

1880 Scott No. 90



1882 Scott No. 102



1882 Scott No. 103

The CORREOS 1^A, 2^A, and 3^A cancellations were applied to indicate whether the item would be dispatched with the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd mail of the day. These cancellations were used during the years 1880 to 1882. Two types of lettering were used in the word "CORREOS". In all of the CORREOS 1^A cancellations reported, the letters of "CORREOS" have no serifs and are grouped close together forming a slight arch. In all of the CORREOS 2^A and 3^A cancellations reported, the letters in the word "CORREOS" have serifs and are spaced farther apart forming a more pronounced arch. There are also differences in the letters "A" of 1^A, 2^A, and 3^A of these cancellations. All of the letters "A" of 1^A and 2^A have serifs whereas those of 3^A don't have them.

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Black "CORREOS 1A"



Black "CORREOS 1A" enclosed in an oval indicating that the cover was dispatched with the first mail of the day. The cover is franked with an 1880 gray 12½ c. de peseta stamp paying the single weight letter rate for a letter mailed internally within the city of La Habana. The back of the cover bears a black oval "CORREOS * HABANA *" 13 NOV 80 datestamp.

1881 & 1882 KING ALFONSO XII ISSUES

Blue and purple "CORREOS 1A"



Blue and purple "CORREOS 1A" enclosed in an oval indicating that the items were dispatched with the first mail of the day. The blue mark appears on two items: a single 1881 gray blue 5 c. de peso stamp and an 1881 cover front bearing an 1881 olive bistre 2½ c. de peso stamp. The purple mark is on a cover from La Habana to Trinidad franked with an 1882 gray blue 5 c. stamp tied by a partial purple oval "CARTERIA MAYOR * HABANA *" datestamp.

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CORREOS 2^A on cover



Cover from La Habana to New York franked by a 5 cent gray blue, Scott No. 103 stamp. The stamp is tied to the cover by a rare "CORREOS 2^A" blue oval cancellation to indicate the letter would be dispatched with the 2nd mail of the day. The cover also shows a magenta oval "CORREOS HABANA" cancellation dated January 5, 1882, and bears a New York receipt backstamp of January 9, 1882.

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CORREOS 3A on cover



Cover from La Habana to Cárdenas in Matanzas province franked with a 5 c. gray blue 1882 stamp. The stamp is tied to the cover by a blue double oval CORREOS HABANA cancellation with illegible date in the center. The cover bears a rare blue "CORREOS 3A" cancellation to indicate it was dispatched with the 3rd mail of the day. The cover is dated at La Habana on 14 July 1882 and has a Cárdenas 15 July 1882 cds on the back.