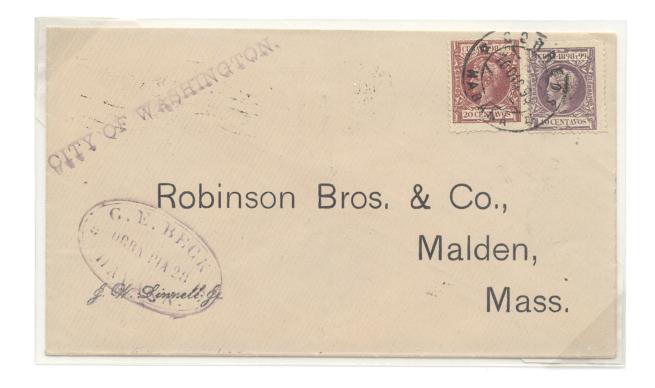
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20 centavos maroon Quadruple weight letter to Barcelona



Commercial cover front from La Habana to Barcelona with a pair of 20c stamps paying four times the single weight letter rate to Spain. The reason for an additional 2c. stamp is unknown. The cover front has a cloth backing typical of a multiple weight letter and is dated 15 April 1898 within the Spanish administration period.

20c. maroon & 40c. dark lilac



Cover sent via the steamship "City of Washington" by G. E. Beck of Havana to Robinson Bros. & Co. of Malden, Massachusetts, franked with one 20c. and one 40c. stamp. The stamps are tied by a black 10 Dec 1898 Habana datestamp. The cover has a Malden receipt flag cancel of 19 Dec 1898 on the back.

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40c. dark lilac Secretaría de Obras Públicas y Comunicaciones de la Isla de Cuba-- SALIDA





40c dark lilac stamp on cover from Santiago de Cuba to the Department of Public Works and Communications of the Island of Cuba in Habana. Extremely rare black rectangular "SALIDA" handstamp of "19 ABR 98" apparently used as a receipt datestamp. "Salida" markings were intended to mark outgoing mail.

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