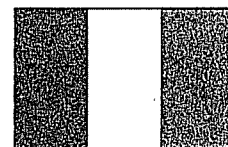


THE BRITISH AND FRENCH POST  
OFFICES IN CUBA



*\*THE BRITISH POST OFFICES*

The first British P.O. opened in Havana on February 14, 1842. A regularly schedule service was then initiated. The first steamer that entered the port of Havana was the "THAMES", on its way to Veracruz, in the "Mexican Packet Line." A few months later, in June of 1842, the second post office at Santiago de Cuba started its service. This was the "Jamaica Packet Line" with connections from Panama and Colombia.

*\*THE FRENCH POST OFFICES*

In April of 1862 the French opened their first post office in Santiago de Cuba. The "Mexican Ligne" with service between Veracruz and St. Nazaire inaugurated this line.

About three years later in 1865, the French opened their second post office in Havana. This was "Ligne B" with service between Veracruz and St. Nazaire, which altered and changed the service to "Ligne D" at Santiago de Cuba.

Cuba as a Spanish colony entered into the Universal Postal Union on June 15, 1877 and all foreign postal agencies were abolished.

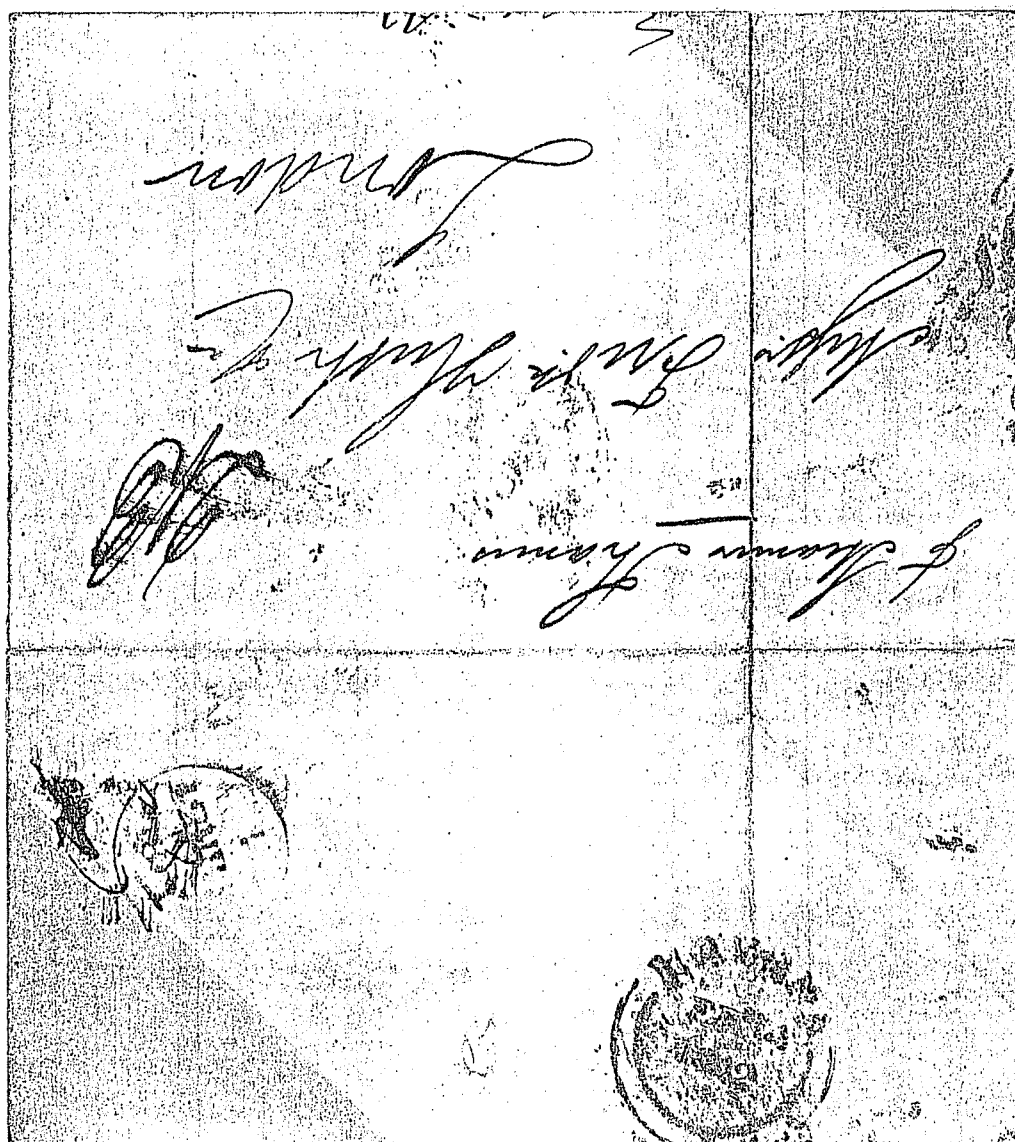
## THE BRITISH POST OFFICES IN CUBA

*In 1842 the British Postal Agencies were established in Cuba, both at Havana and Santatiago De Cuba.*

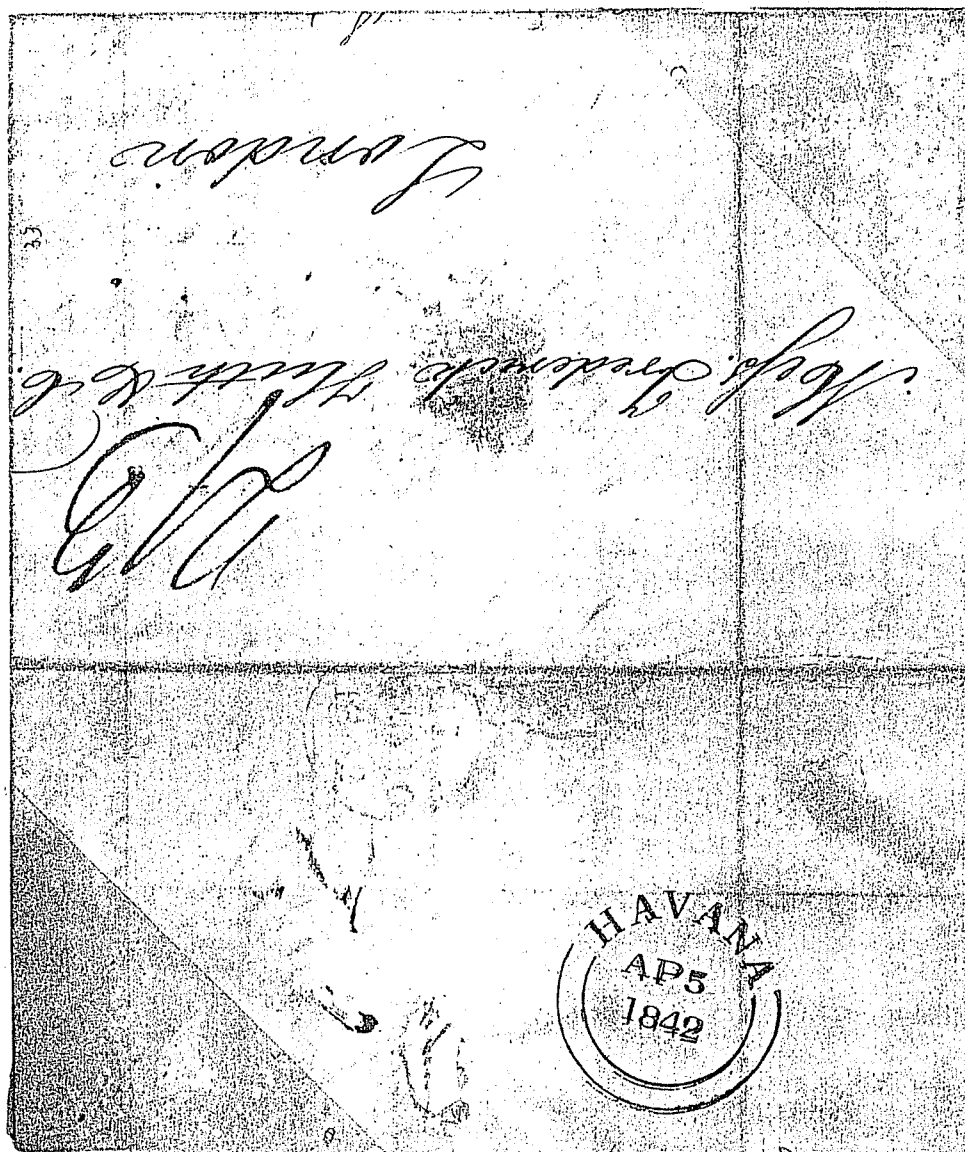
*"FIRST DAY OF SERVICE AT THE BRITISH P.O. IN HAVANA"*

*\* FEBRUARY 14th., 1842\**

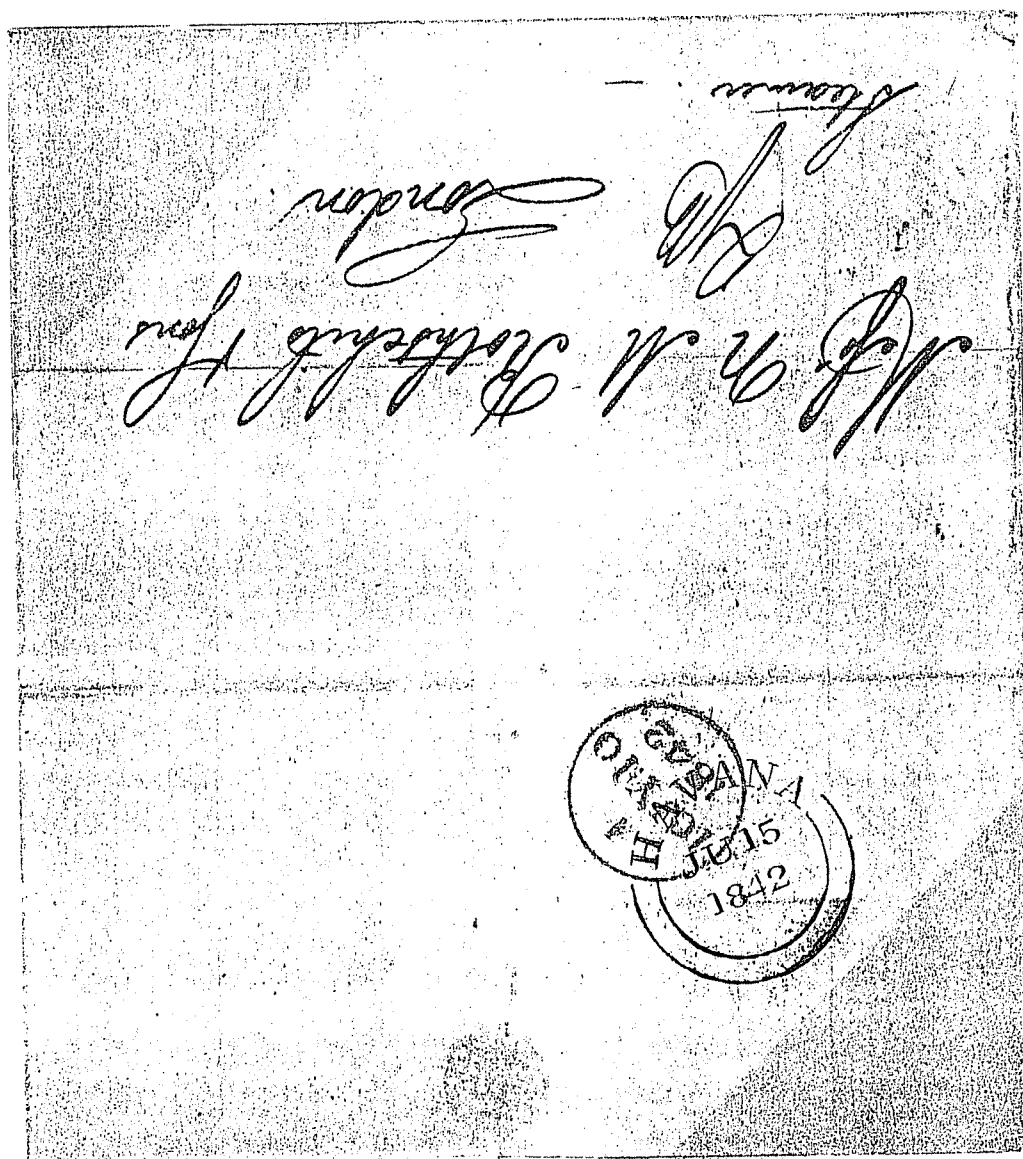
*This cover is dated THE FIRST DAY of services at the British Post Office in Havana. It was sent from there to London paying the SINGLE LETTER rate of Two Shillings and Three Pence. The double-ring c.d.s. "HAVANA-FE 14 - 1842" is of type I, in RED. This color was ONLY USED IN FEBRUARY, it was changed to BLUE in March. The THAMES was the FIRST steamer that entered Havana for the mail service, it went on from here to Veracruz, Mexico. Note that this cover bears manuscript: "POR STEAMER THAMES".*



1842, April 5th. - Havana to London. British post office double ring  
"HAVANA/AP 5/1842" c.d.s. IN BLUE: this color was in use for  
only FOUR MONTHS(March thru JUNE 1842.) After June of 1842  
up to 1848 black was used. The single letter rate of 2 Shillings/3 Pence'  
to London is manuscripted.

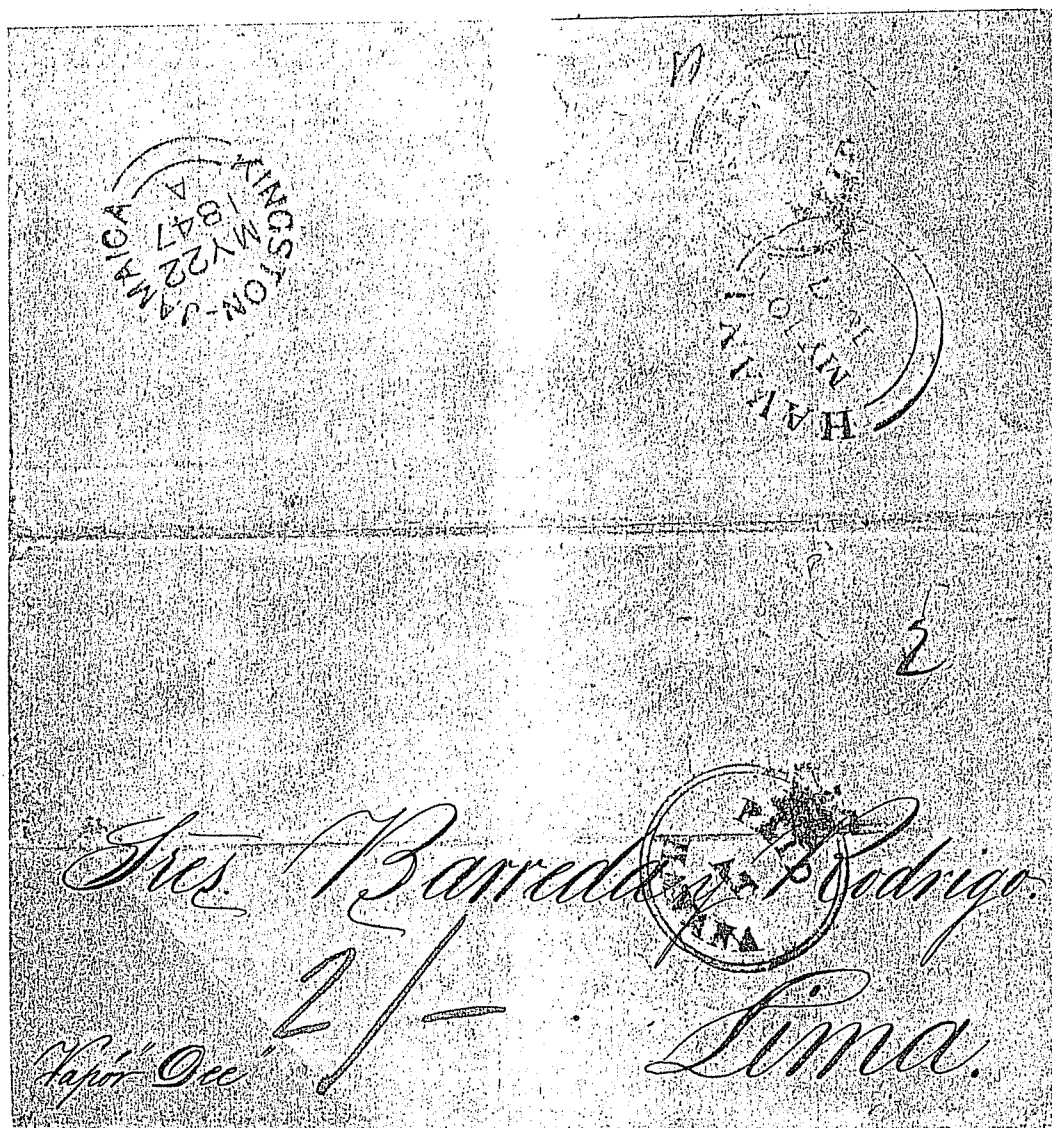


1842, June 15th. - Havana to London. British P.O. double ring  
"HAVANA/JU 15/1842" in BLACK. Probably the FIRST & EAR-  
LIEST RECORDED USAGE in the color black for this postmark.  
A single letter, rate of '2Shillings/3Pence' is manuscripted ( 2/3 )

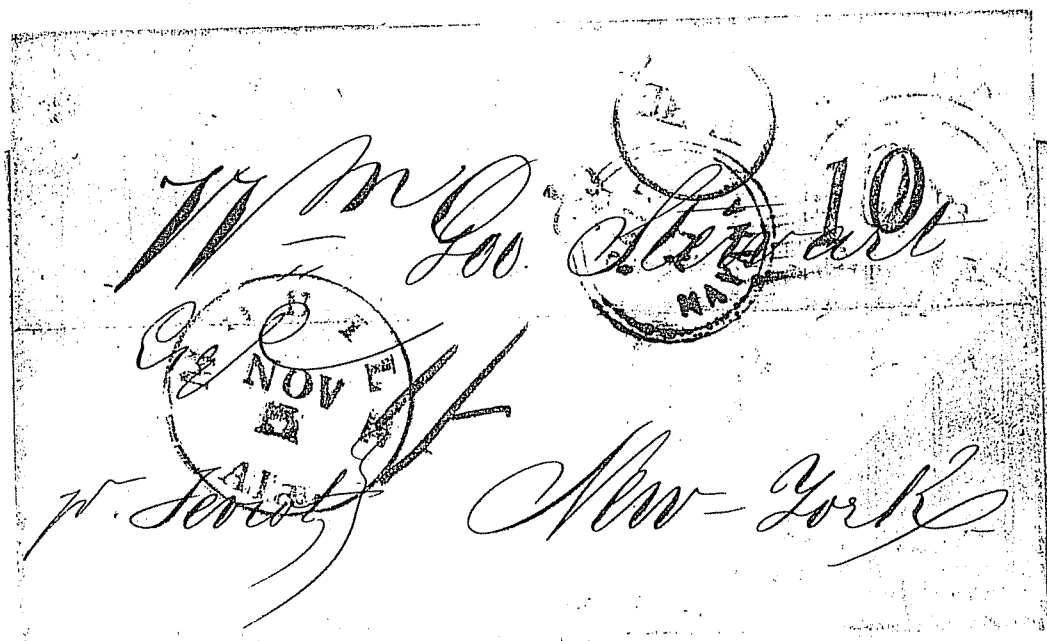




1847, May 22nd. - Havana to Lima, Peru via Kingston, Jamaica. On the front a Crowned Circle in Black "PAID AT HAVANA" type I, with a manuscript rate "2" Shillings in Black. This same "2/-" Shillings were again manuscripted in Red at Kingston. The back flap shows a doubled ring "HAVANA" c.d.s, alongside the "KINGSTON-JAMAICA" c.d.s.

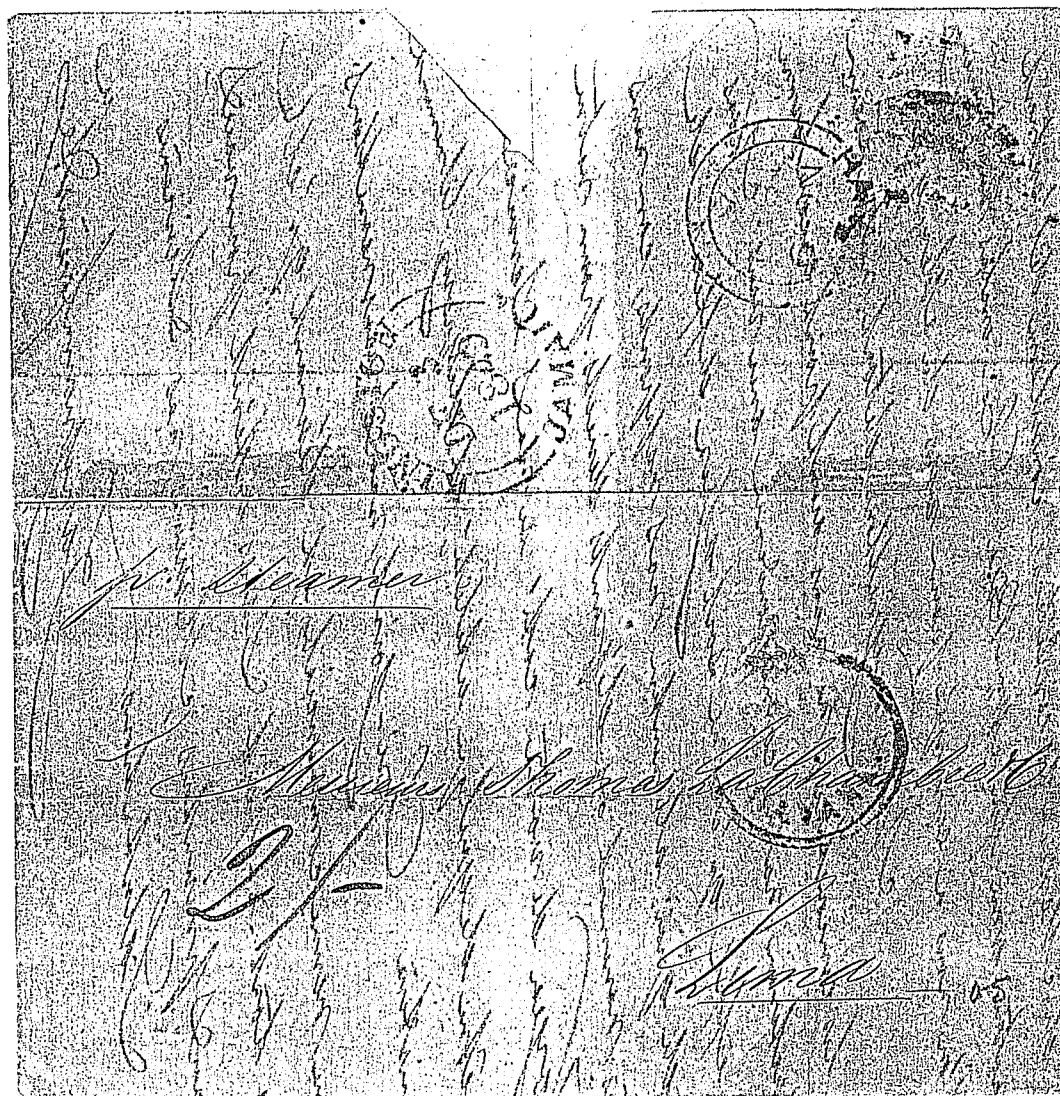


1849, December 27th. - Havana to New York, via Mobile, Alabama. British post office at Havana crowned circle "PAID AT HAVANA" type II, and a "1/-" Shilling rate in manuscripted purple ink. In BLUE are shown Mobile, Alabama c.d.s., circular "SHIP", "10" cents due.



## CROWNED CIRCLE TYPE II

1849, November 27th. - Havana to Lima, Peru. Crowned circle type II, and in red a manuscripted "2/-" Shillings rate for the SINGLE letter rate to South America. Backstamped with British "HAVANA" double ring c.d.s. "NO. 9-1849-A" and transit "KINGSTON-JAMAICA" c.d.s. "DE-3-1849."



1855, April 24th. - Havana to Veracruz. Showing crowned circle "PAID AT HAVANA" type III, and "HAVANA" double circled c.d.s. type II. SINGLE Letter Rate of "1/-" Shilling was charged.



*M. D. Prof. C. Chabas*

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*Veracruz.*

## COLONIES &amp; ARTICLE 13

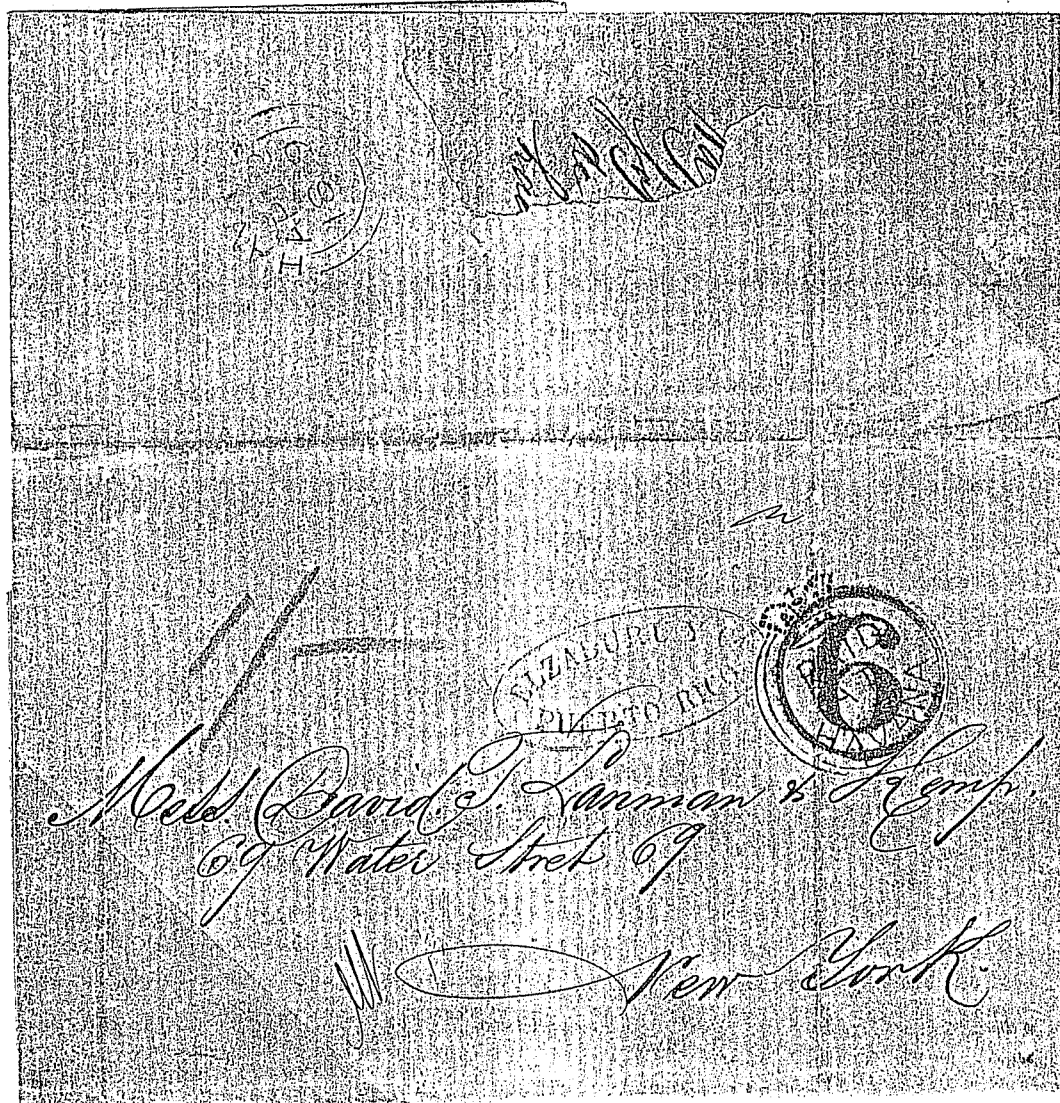
1852, June 14th.- Havana to Paris, showing the British P.O. double circled Havana c.d.s. type II. The mark "COLONIES & ART.13" was in use from January 1846 to December of 1855. A rate of "15" centimes due in France is for letters up to 40 grams.



1859, April 2nd. - San Juan, P.R. to New York, via Havana. Showing crowned circle "PAID AT HAVANA" type III, and "HAVANA" double circled c.d.s., type III, 23mm. diameter. A New York due circled "6" is over the crowned circle.

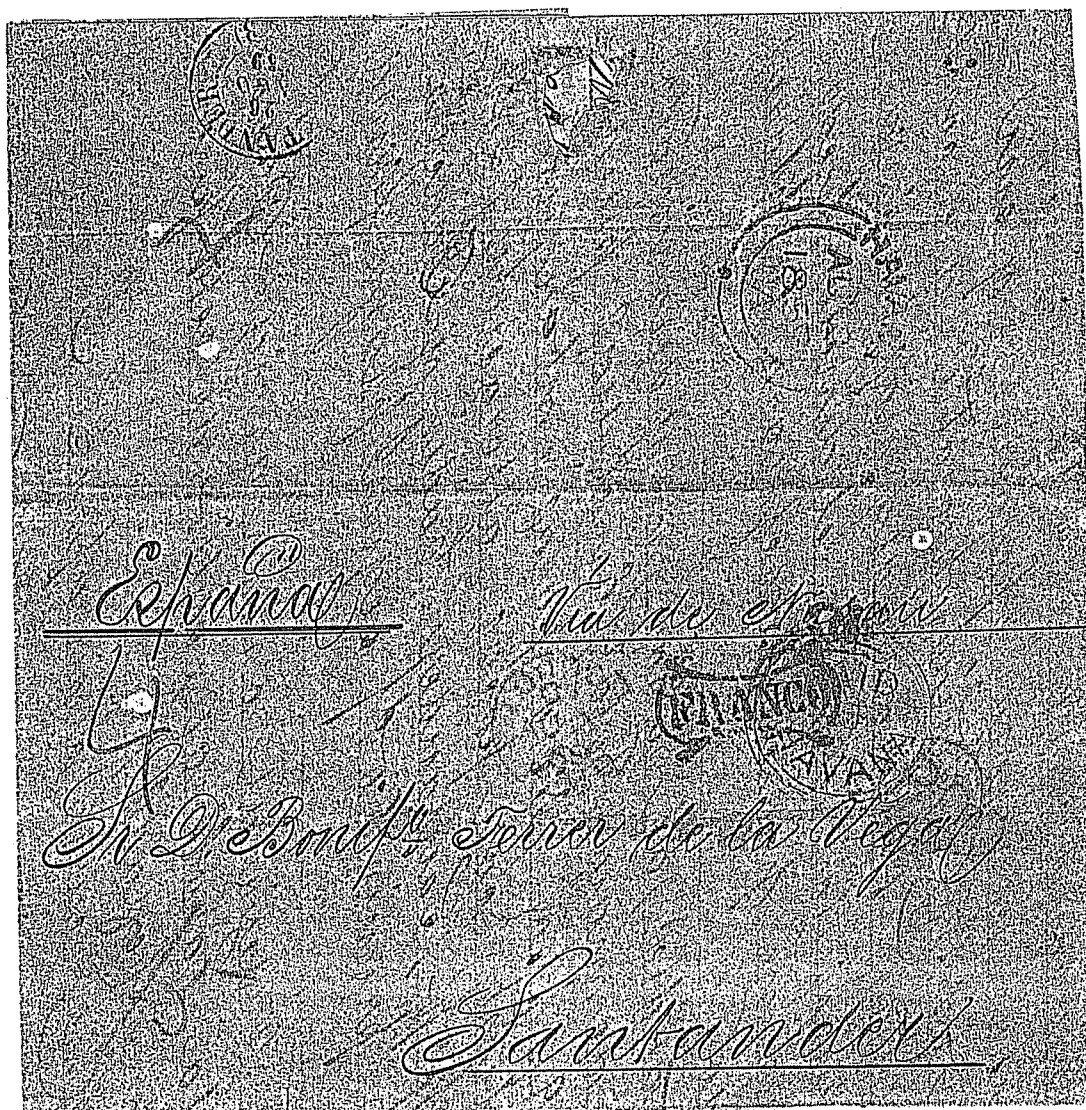


23mm.

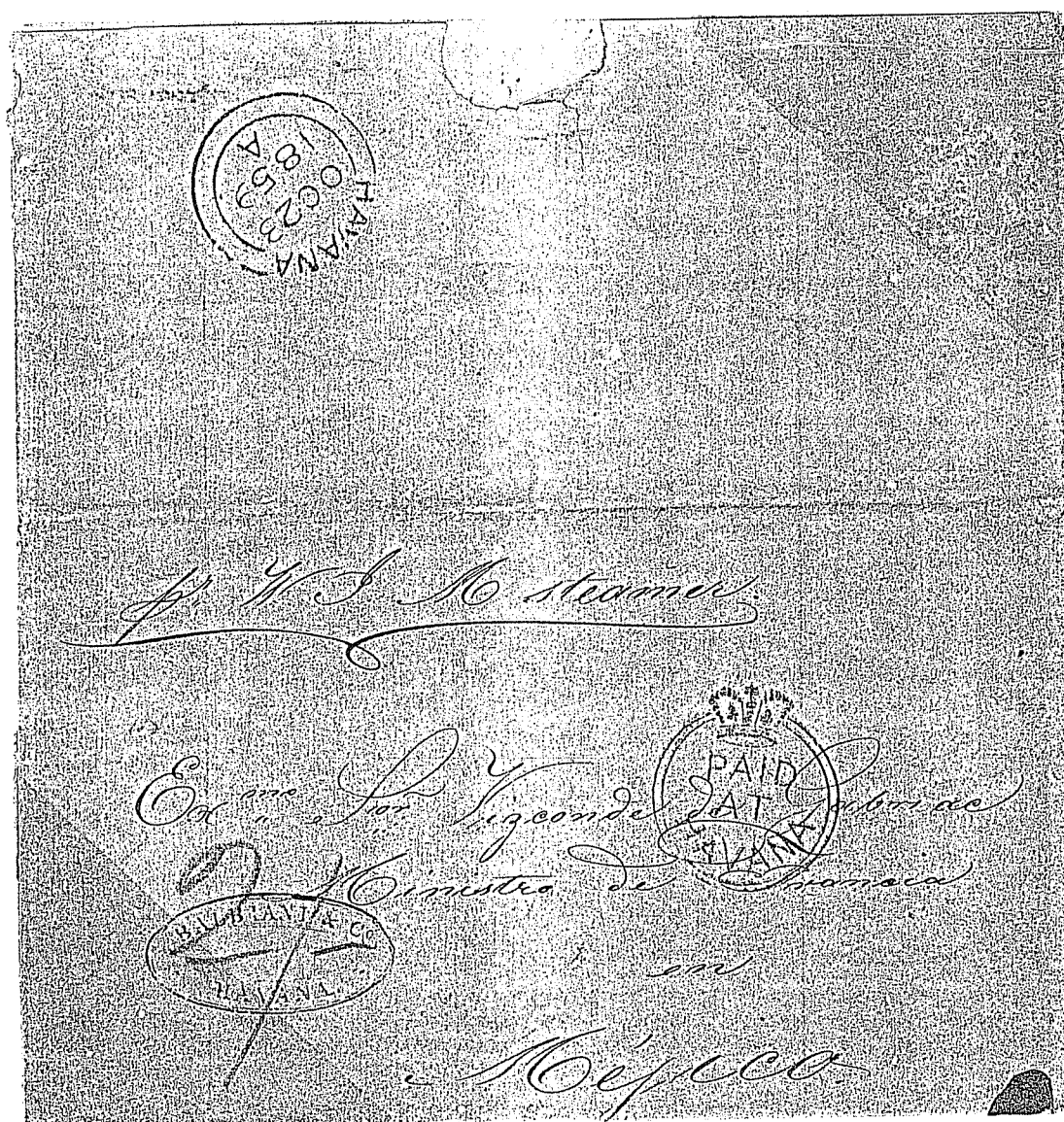




1859, July 12th. - Havana to Santander, Spain. Not a common usage to Spain via the British P.O. Crowned circle type III, and "HAVANA-AUG. 2-1859-A" double ring c.d.s. type II. A SINGLE letter rate to Spain of "2" Shillings "/5" Pence is manuscripted. London transit c.d.s. is in red. Spanish "FRANCO" and circled "PD". Manuscripted "4" is Spanish local due rate at Santander.



1859, October 23rd. - Havana to Mexico City, showing Crowned Circle "PAID AT HAVANA" type III, in Black, and "HAVANA-OC23-1859-A", doubled-ring c.d.s. type II. Cover paid a Double Letter Rate of "2/-" Shillings.

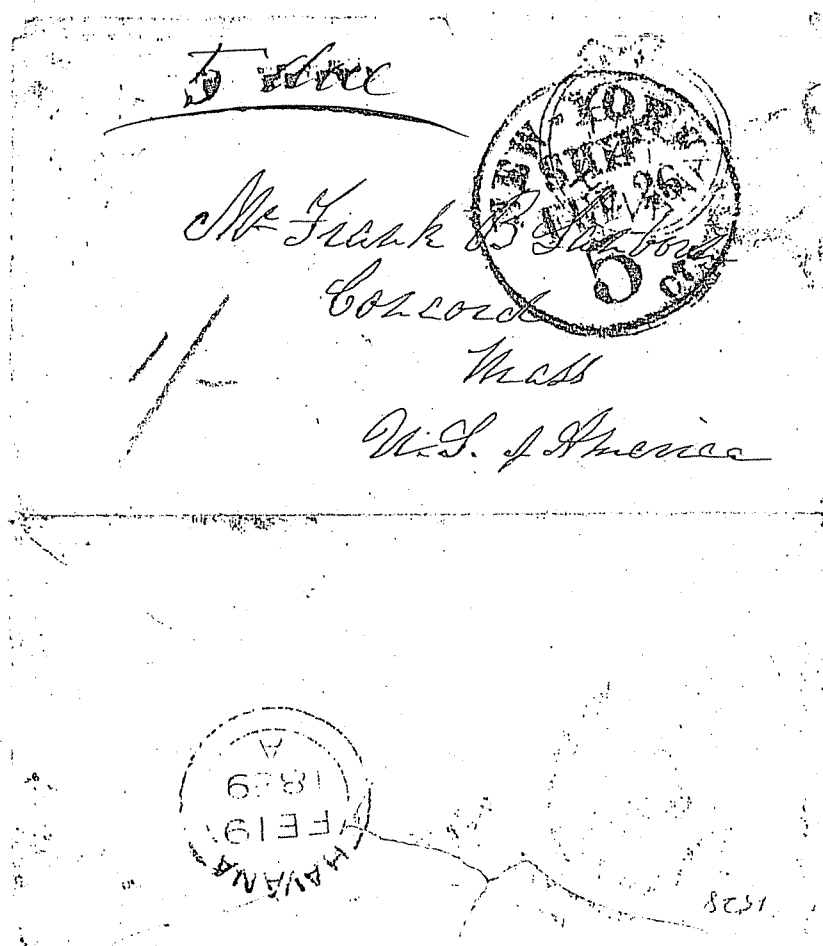




Crowned circle type IV, not recognized before as a different existing type. It is similar to type III, but the top sides of the "Crown" have angular sides instead of circular ones as in type III.

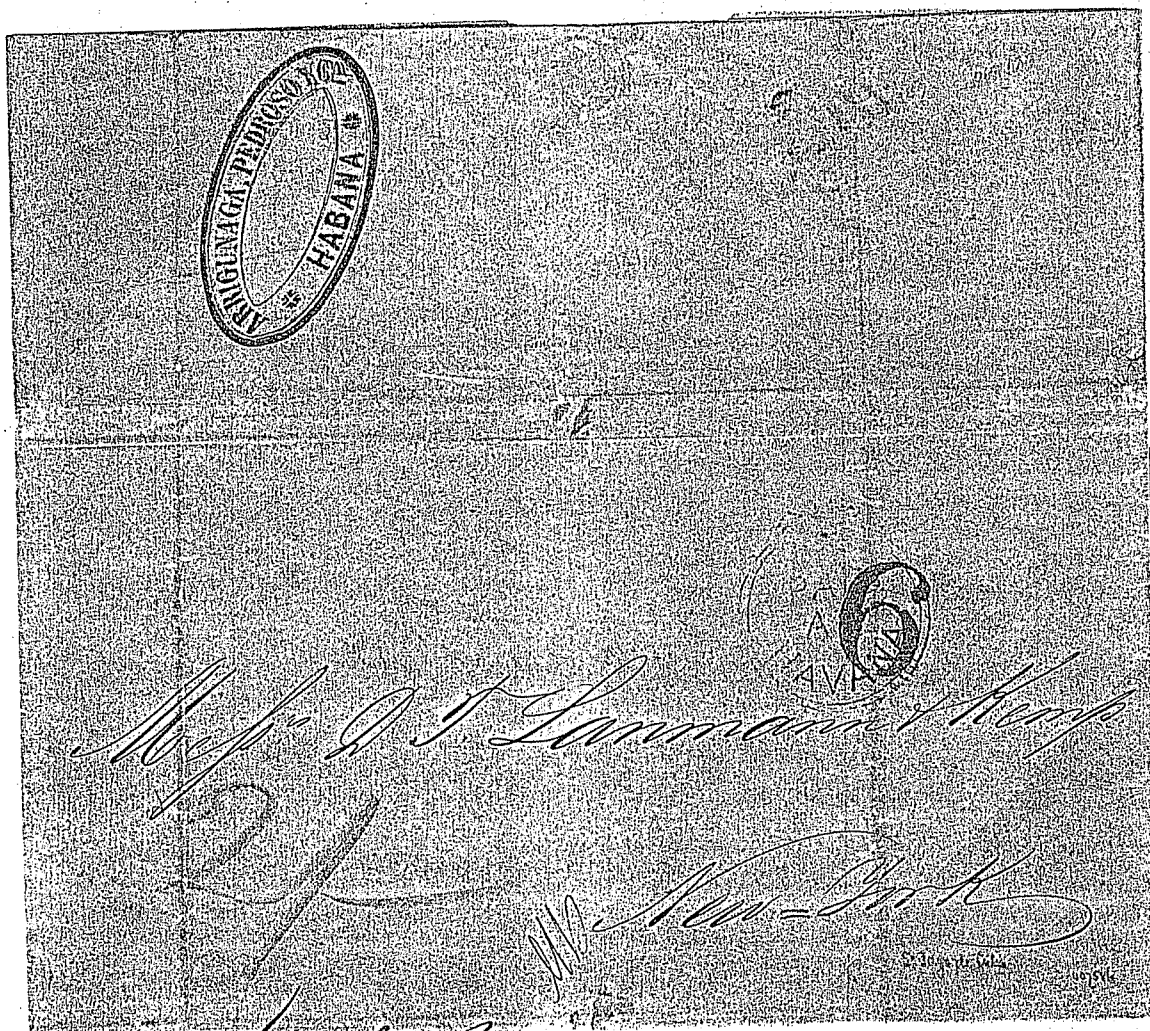


1859, February 19th.- Havana to New York. With a 1/- Shilling rate for a 1/2 ounce letter. Crown circle type IV, and "N.Y. SHIP/5 Cts./FEB 26" due.



## Crowned Circle type IV

1859, March 12th.- Santiago de Cuba to New York,  
via the British P.O. in Havana. Cover bears the  
double rate of 2/-Shillings, for letters of one  
ounce. A New York due of "6" cents is over the  
crowned circle.

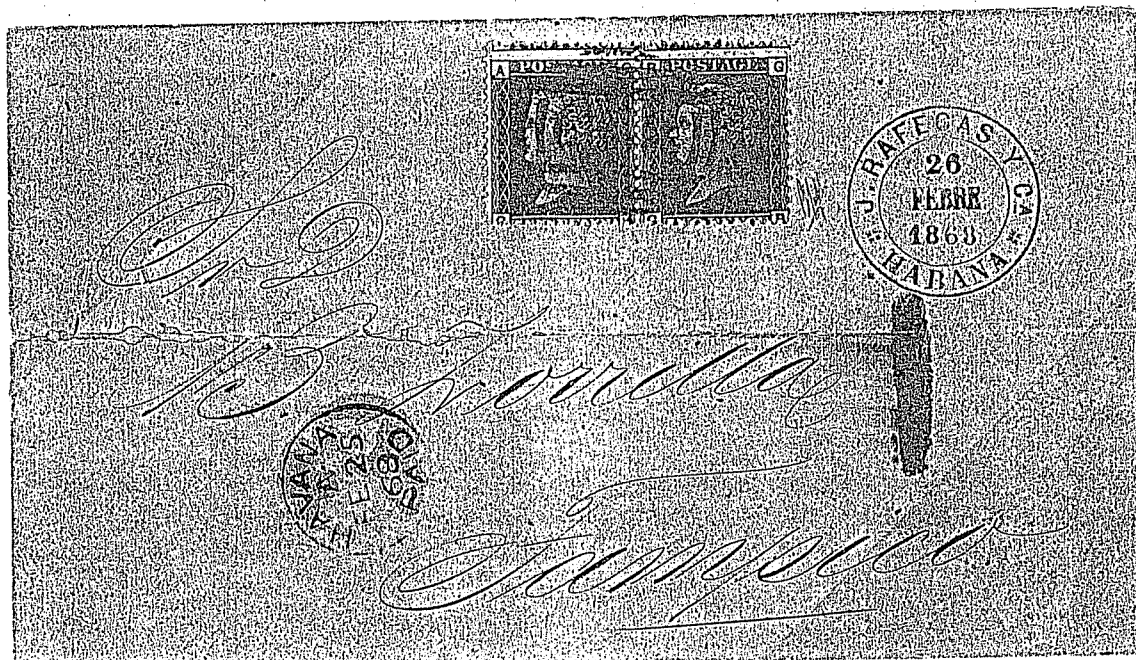


## BRITISH STAMPS BEGIN TO BE USED IN CUBA

*In 1865 the British Postal Agencies in Cuba start to begin to use British stamps for the payment of postage. Due to this, stamp cancelling devices had to be introduced. These were numbered, and Havana was assigned "C 58" (two types), and Santiago de Cuba "C 88" (only one type).*

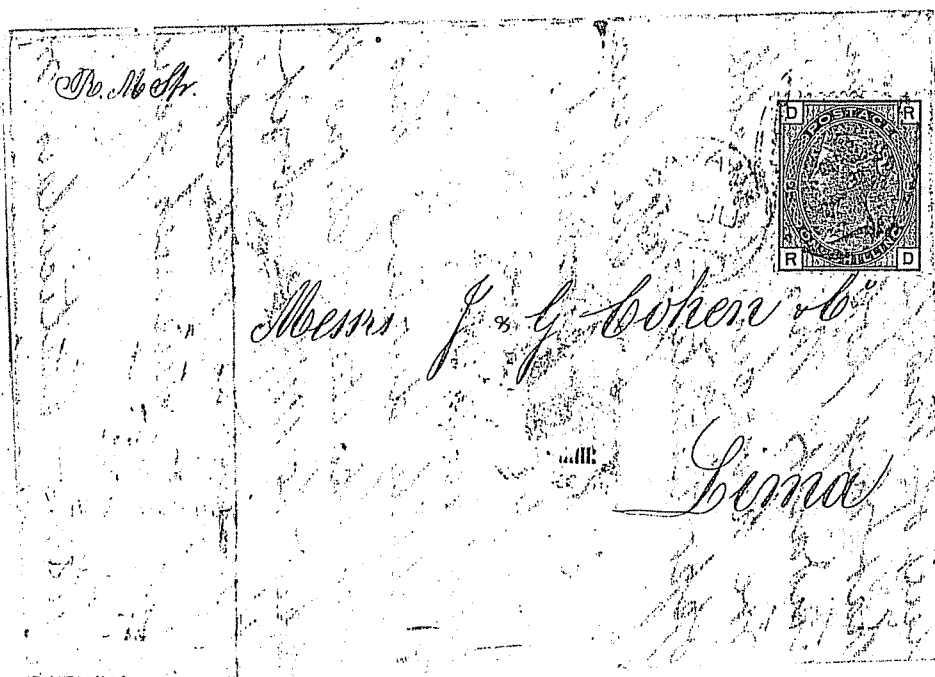
*Also from 1865 the rate for a single 1/2 Ounce letter was FOUR PENCE.*

*1868, February 25th. - Havana to Tampico, Mexico. Single letter rate of Four Pence accomplished with 2, Two Pence stamps. Type I of the "C 58" in Black, and type I of the "HAVANA-A-FE25-68-PAID" c.d.s. (25mm.)*



1876, June 7th. - Havana to Lima, Peru, via St. Thomas. This cover bears a rate of "1/-" Shilling for a Single Letter Rate to South America. It has been accomplished by the use of a One Shilling Stamp of the 1873 Issue, plate 12.

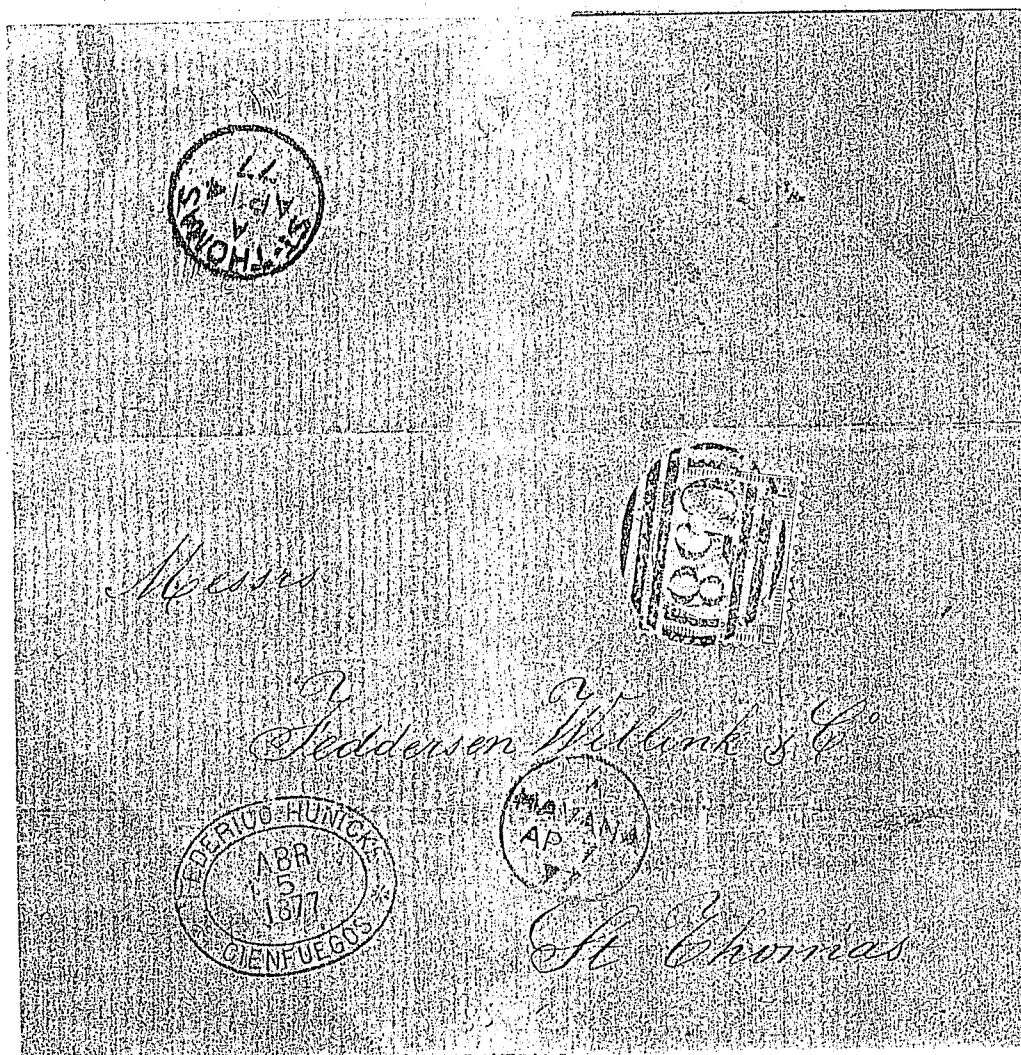
The c.d.s. "HAVANA-8 JU-76-PAID" is in RED. This is the FIRST REPORTED sample of this color used on this c.d.s. The oval type I, "C 58" is indistinct and in Black.



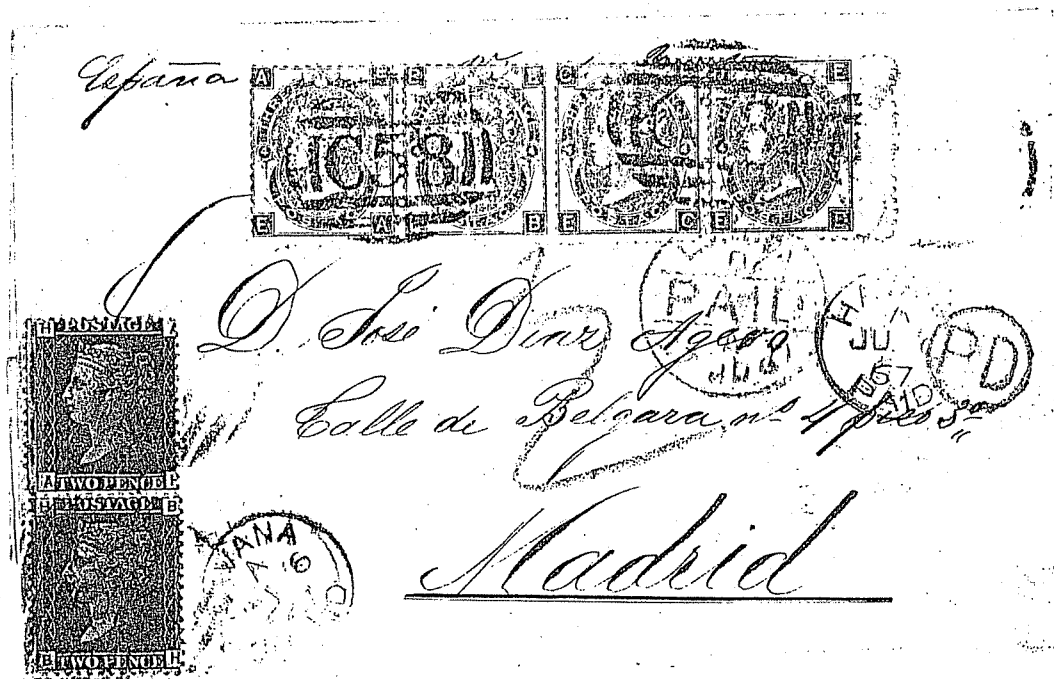
1870, January 23rd.-Havana to Tampico, with the single letter rate of 4 pence. The "C 58" barred cancell is accompanied with the "PAID" cds type I.



1877, April 7th.- Havana to St.Thomas, with the single letter rate of 4 pence. The "C 58" barred cancell is accompanied with Havana cds type II. This is an example of late usage as the British P.O. was closed in June of 1877 when Cuba was entered in the U.P.U.

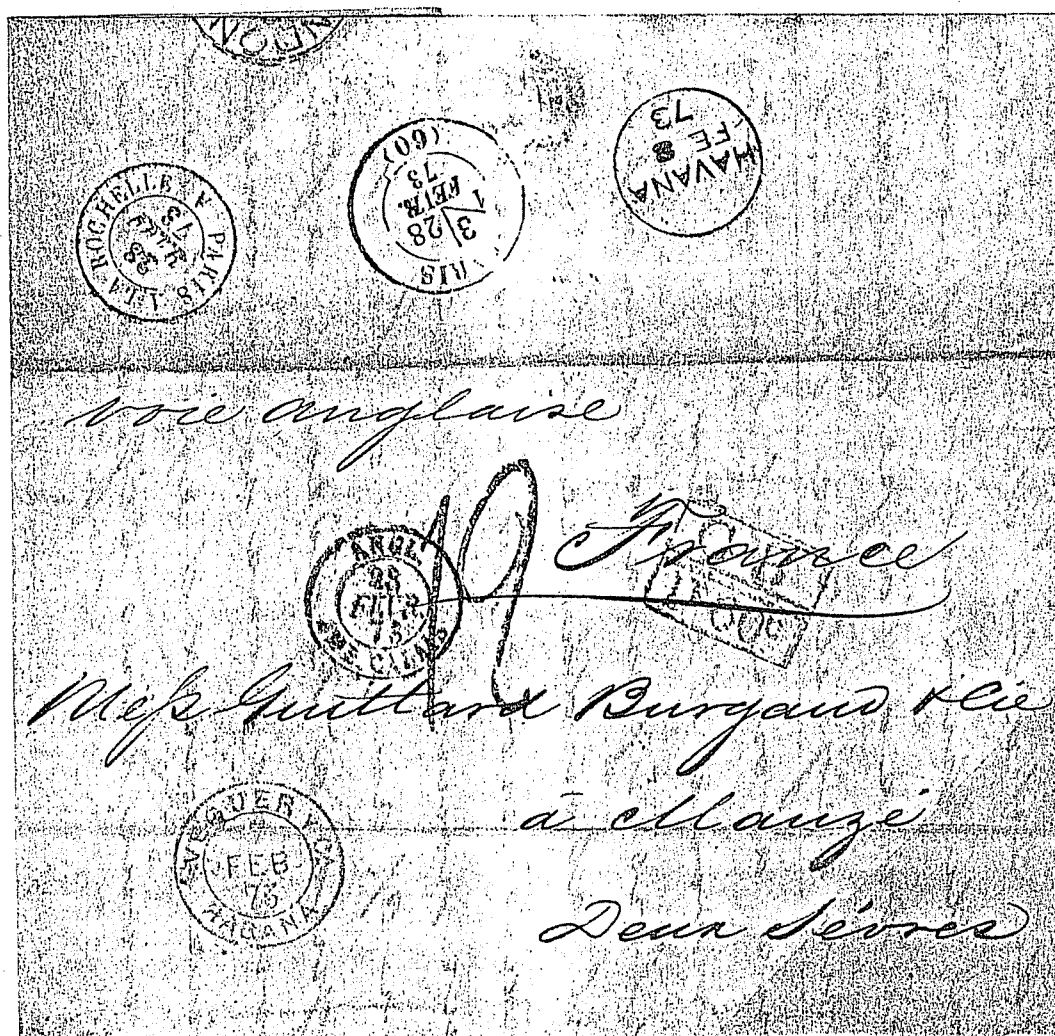


1867, June 6th. - Havana to Madrid via London. The cover bears the "C 58" barred cancell type II, and Havana c.d.s., type I. A QUADRUPLE rate was applied and accomplished with four 3Pence, and two 2Pence stamps.





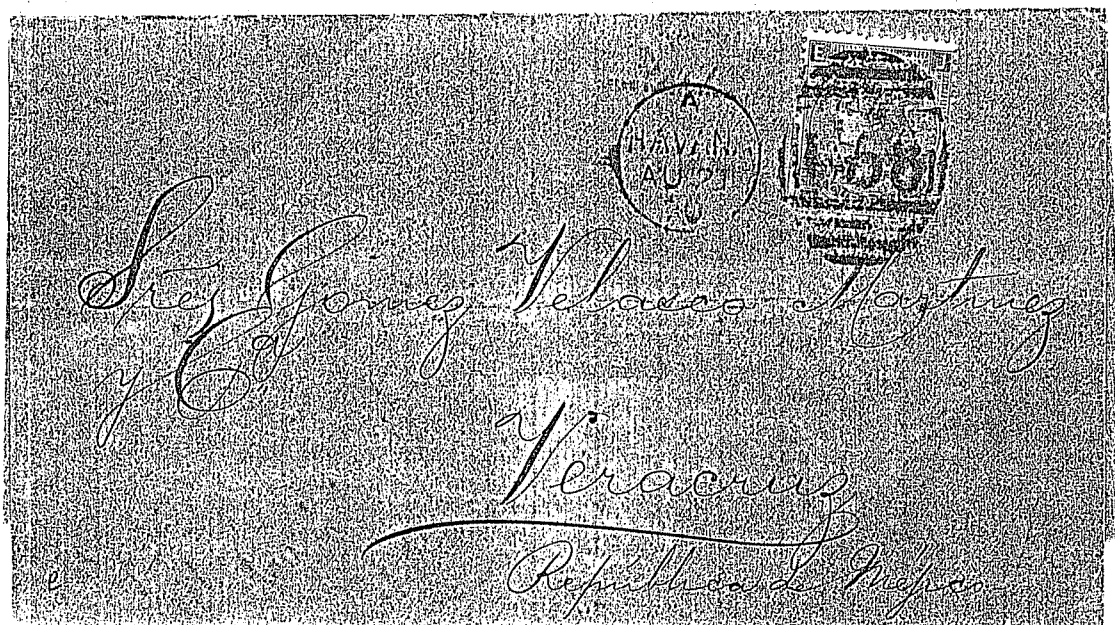
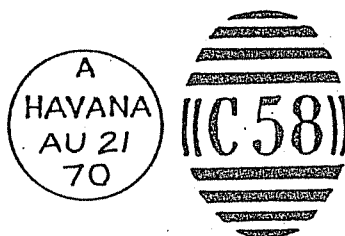
1873, February 7th.- Havana to France, via London.  
 Stampless cover showing the British P.O. c.d.s. of  
 type III, which is missing the "A" atop of the cir-  
 cle. A "1f.60c." rate is shown from the Anglo-French  
 pact, plus the French arrival due rate of "12" decimes.



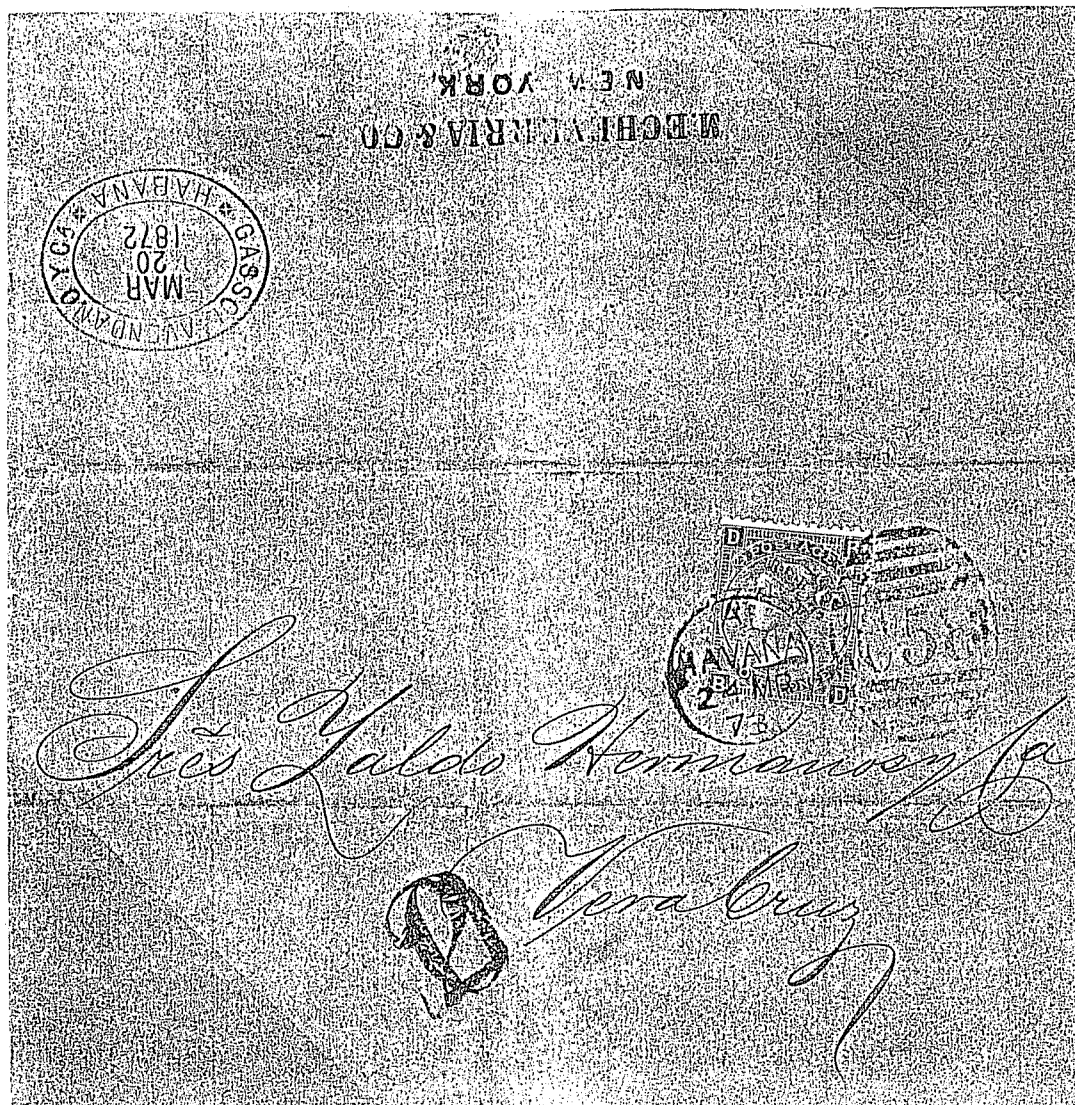


## HAVANA'S C-58 DUPLEX

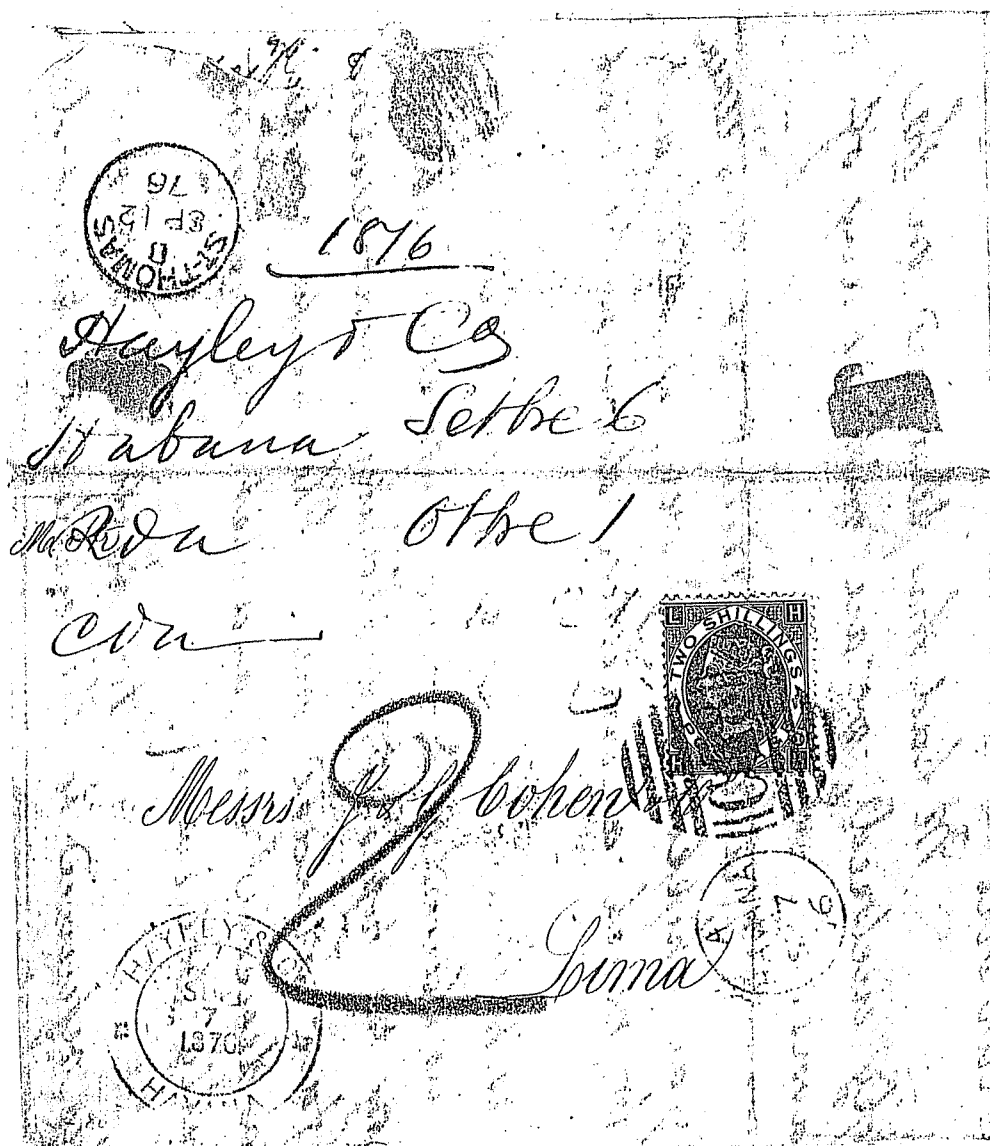
1870, August 9th. - Matanzas to Veracruz, via of Havana. This was the year this duplex was introduced. It consists of a c.d.s. along with the C-58 vertical oval cancell, in Black. The cover here shows first year of usage, and bears a Four Pence stamp to meet the single letter rate of 1/2 ounce to Mexico.



1873, March 24th. - New York to Veracruz, via the Havana British Post Office. Shown on the back flap, in black, is the company handstamp of the New York sender; in blue with a double lined oval is the dated mark of the Havana-fowarder: "GASSOL AVENDAÑO Y CA." On the front is the "C-58" duplex and a Mexican "2" Reales due which was cancelled with a "0". The normal rate for a 1/2 ounce letter was accomplished by using a Four Pence stamp.



1876, September 6th. - Havana to Lima, Peru, via of St. Thomas. The cover bears the "C 58" duplex that has cancelled the Two Shilling stamp, which meets the rate for a Double Letter to South America.

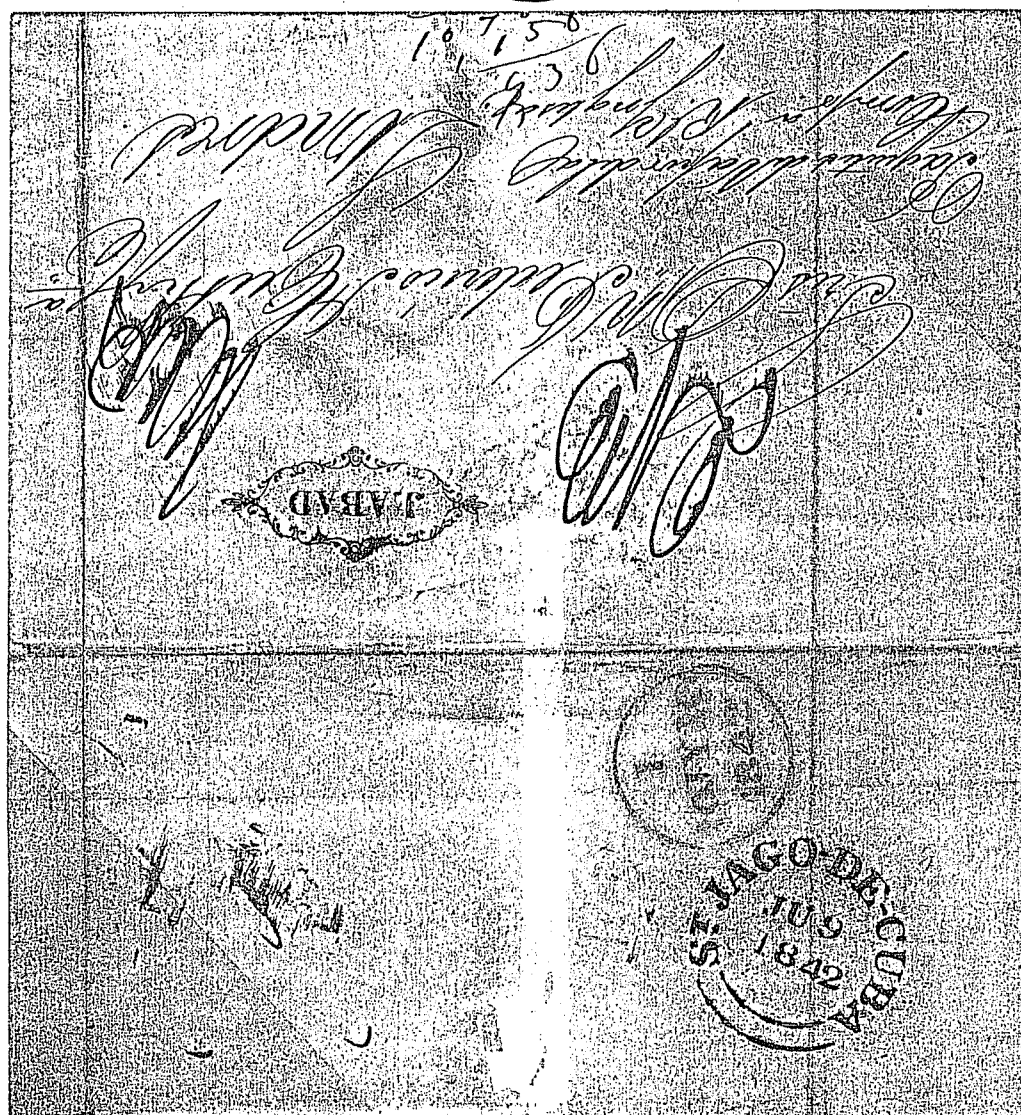


## THE BRITISH POST OFFICE IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA

In June of 1842 the service of the "JAMAICA PAQUET LINE"  
inagurated the opening of the Santiago post office.

"MAIDEN INAGURAL TRIP FOR THE "JAMAICA LINE" AT SANTIAGO."  
\* JUNE 9th., 1842 \*

Santiago to London. The cover is dated FIRST DAY of service  
at the Santiago post office. It bears a manuscripted "2 / 3"  
the SINLE letter rate of two Shillings-three pence. It also  
shows "BY PAQUET OF ROYAL ENGLISH STEAM COMP." The double  
ring c.d.s. "ST. JAGO/JU 9-1842" in black and Southampton re-  
ceiving c.d.s. "I-10JY10-1842" in red.



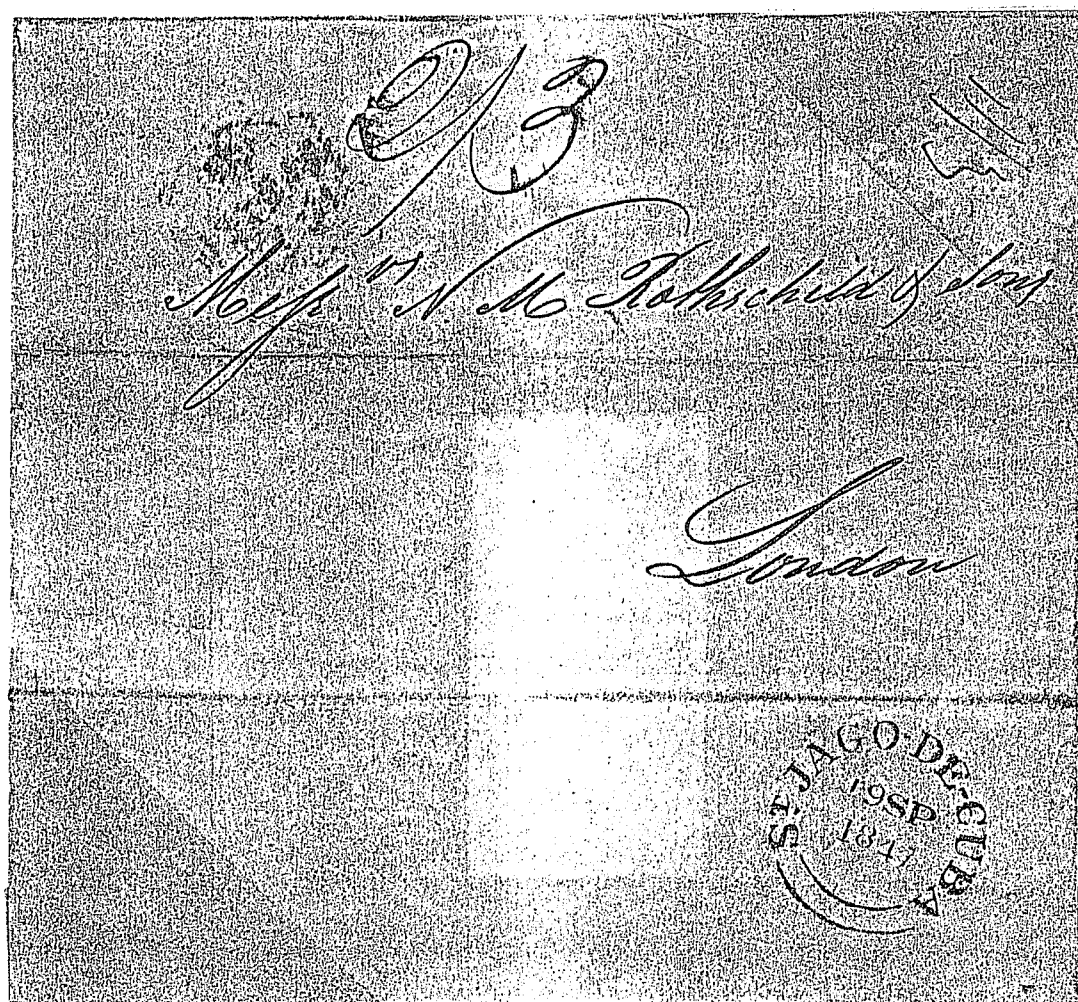
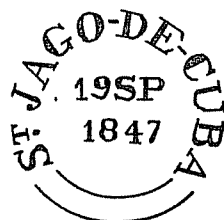
1849, March 7th. - Santiago de Cuba to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, via Kingston, Jamaica. Shown in black are the St. Jago c.d.s. and the Kingston transit c.d.s with a red "1/-" Shilling rate applied at Kingston. This cover bears the RED crowned circle "PAID AT ST. JAGO-DE-CUBA", this is one of the only four recorded examples known.







1847, September 19th. - Santiago de Cuba to London. Shown below is the only type of dated double circled postmark used at this Agency.



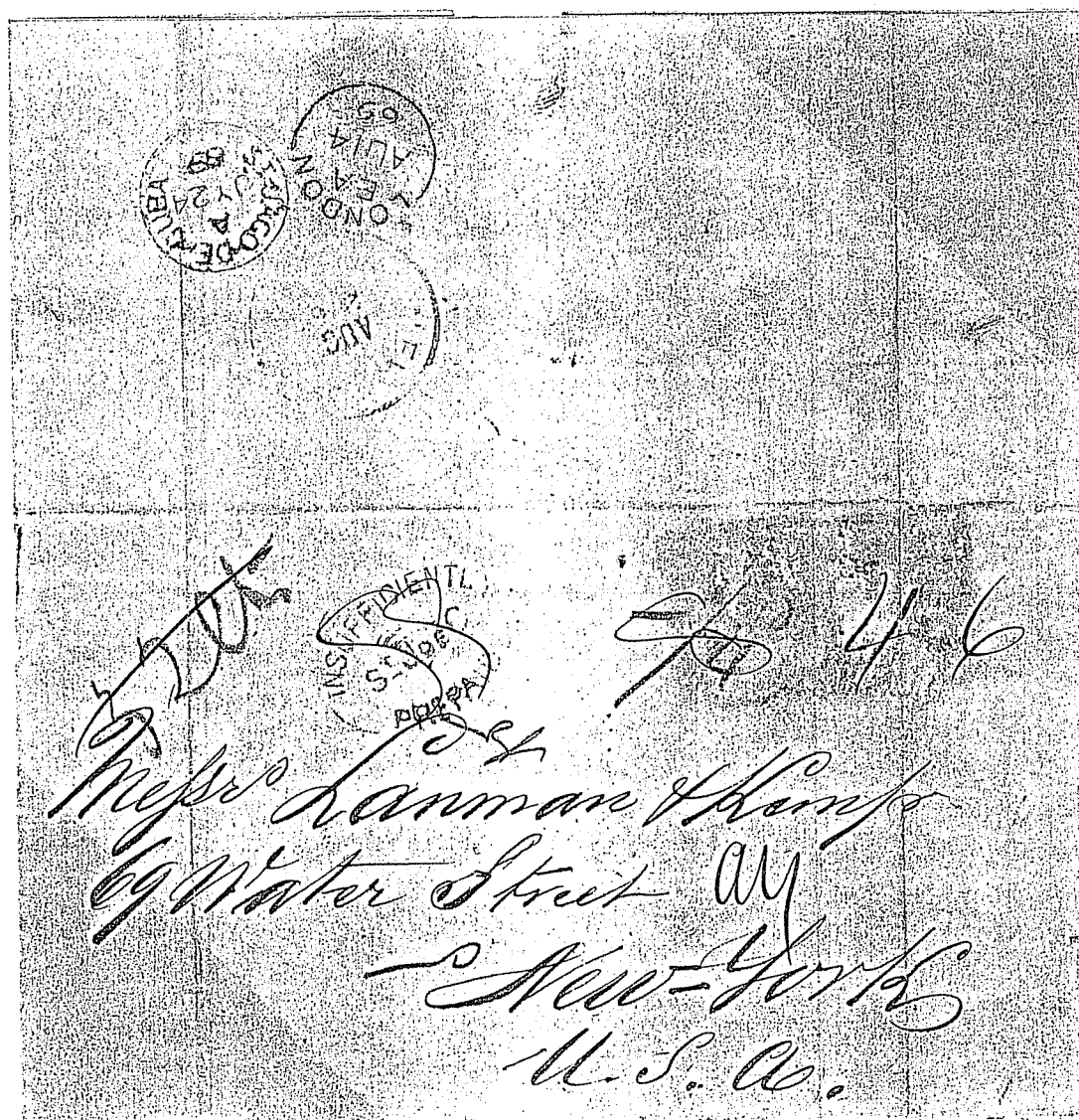
1868, September 23rd. - Santiago de Cuba to St. Thomas. Below is shown the only type of oval barrel cancell used for this Agency bearing the "C88".



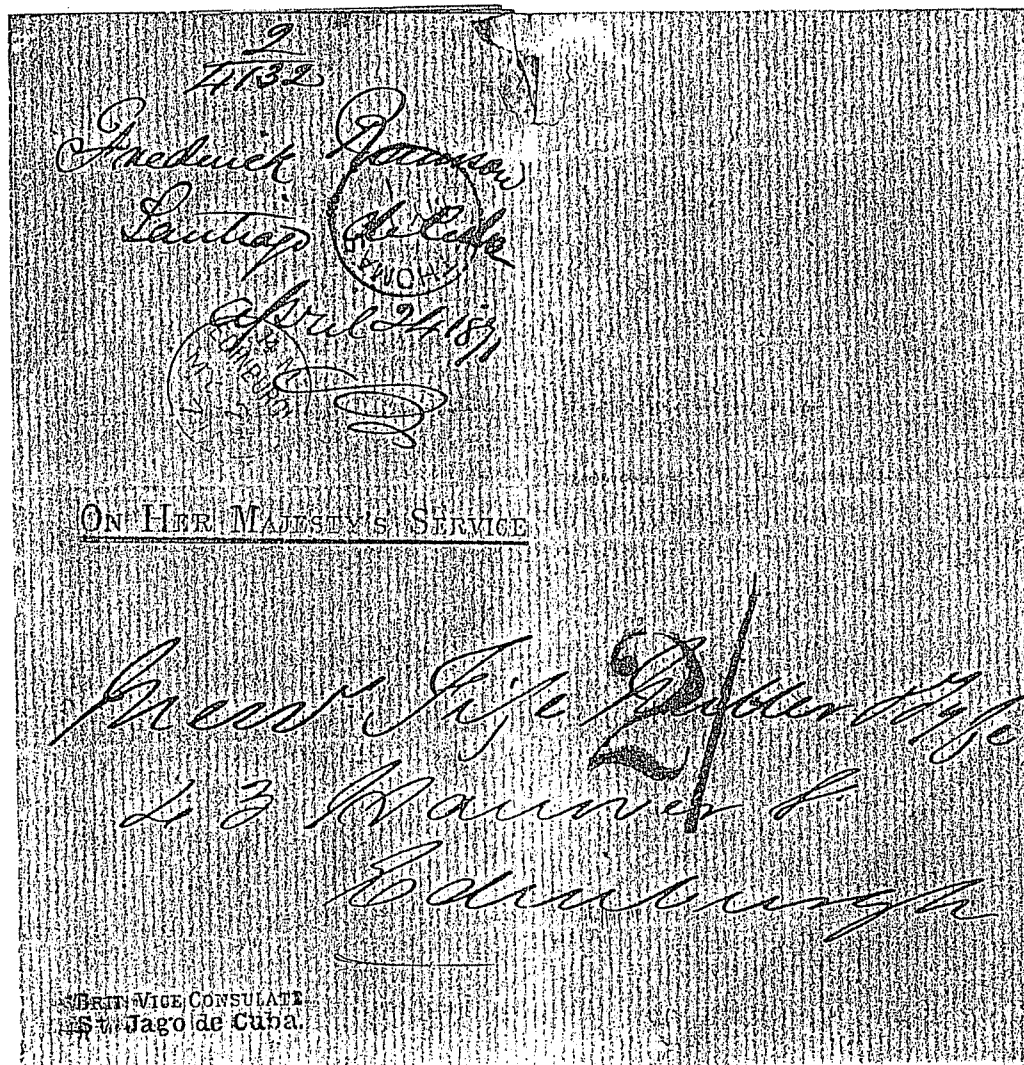


1869, July 24th. — Santiago de Cuba to New York, Via London. Showing an oval shaped "INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID - ST. J de C" in RED, and being reported for the FIRST time. This indicated postage due to the addressee, for on the top right corner of this cover are gum remains where stamps were applied but were for some unknown reason removed, creating an unprepaid situation. A type I, "ST. JAGO DE CUBA-JY 24-69" (20mm.) in Black is shown along with the New York and London c.d.s.

INSUFFICIENTLY  
ST. J de C  
PREPAID



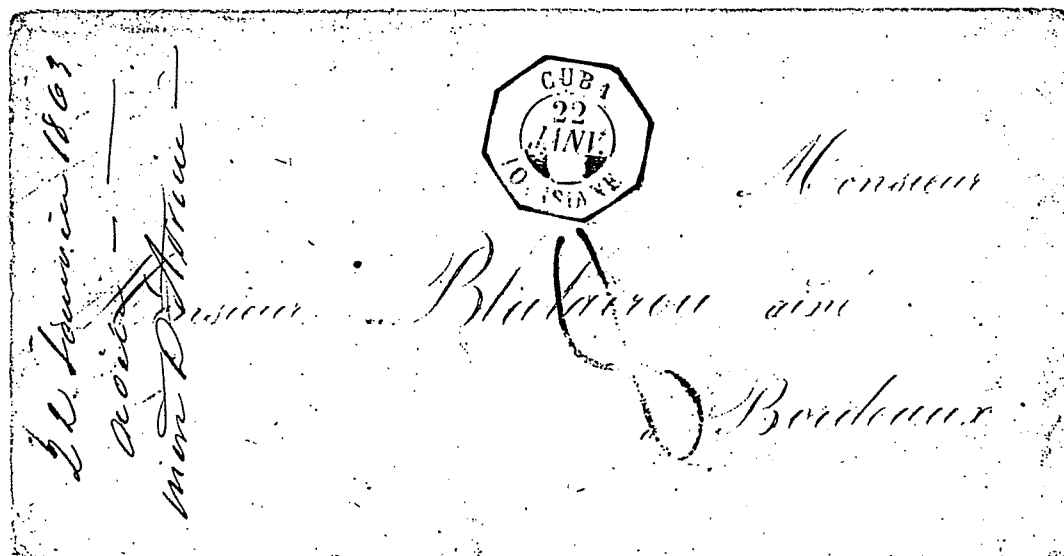
1871, May 14th. - Santiago de Cuba to Edinburgh, via St. Thomas. Official consular mail showing in BLACK "ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE" and "BRIT: VICE-CONSULATE/ST. JAGO DE CUBA". Also a "2/-" Shilling is noted.



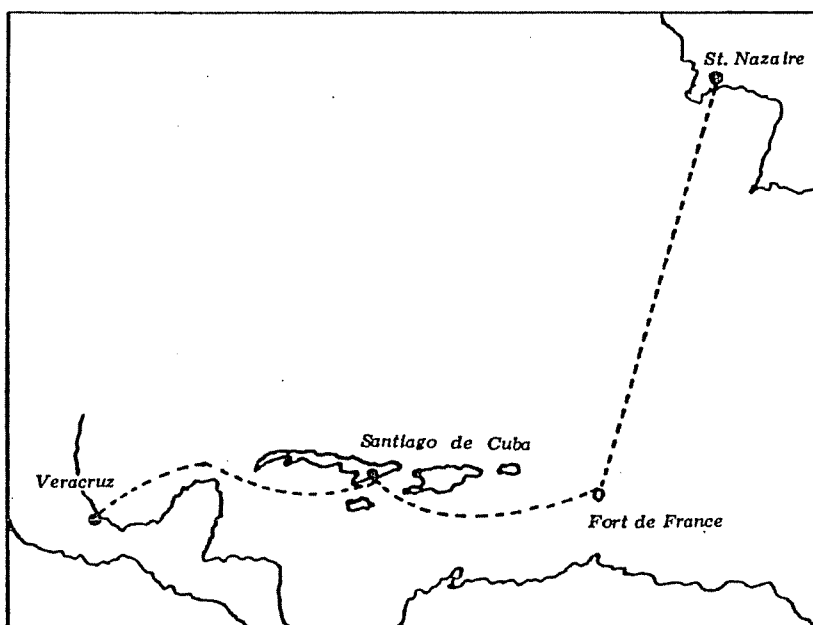
## FRENCH POST OFFICES IN CUBA

In April of 1862 the French opened their first post office in Santiago de Cuba. The steamer "LOUISIANE" inaugurated this service. This original route was the "LIGNE DU MEXIQUE" and ran for three years until it revised and expanded.

1863, January 22nd.- Santiago de Cuba to Bordeaux. Stampless showing the SINGLE letter postage due rate of "8" decemes. The octagonal dated mark "CUBA-22 JANV.-LOUISIANE" in black was applied on boardship at Santiago de Cuba.



"LIGNE DU MEXIQUE"



CUBA

1865, February 9th.- Santiago de Cuba to Veracruz, posted in the consular agency datestamp "CUBA/9 FEVR./65", and backstamped on boardship "CUBA/LOUISIANE" on the same date. Franked 'Empire' perf. 80C time cancelled 'anchor': apparently overpaid since the inter-antilles rate of 60C time would have sufficed. Boxed P.P. indicates paid to Mexican frontier.



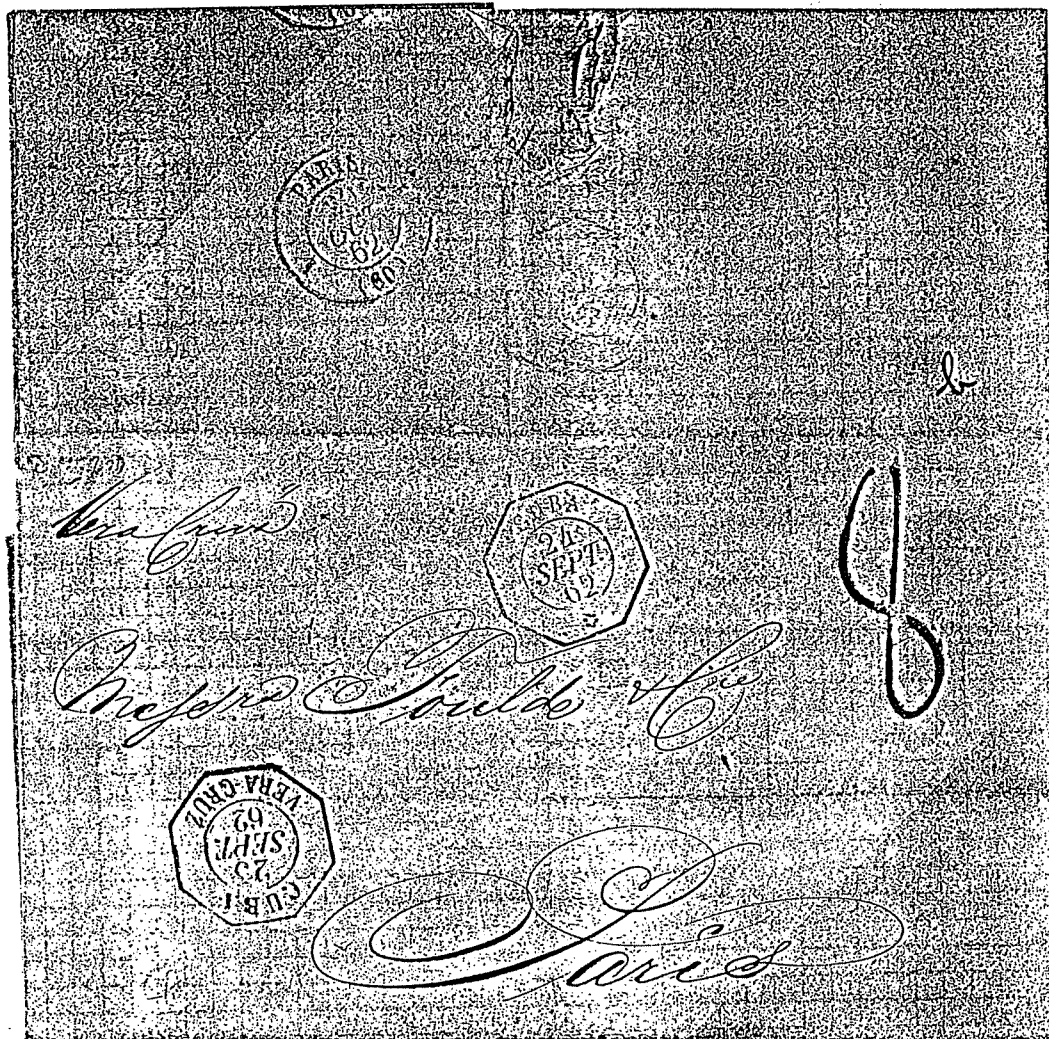
P.P.

Monsieur  
 Boucard, naturaliste français,  
 dans une des maisons de Commerce  
 a)  
 Vera-Cruz  
 par Paquet Français

CUBA

STEAMER "VERA-CRUZ"

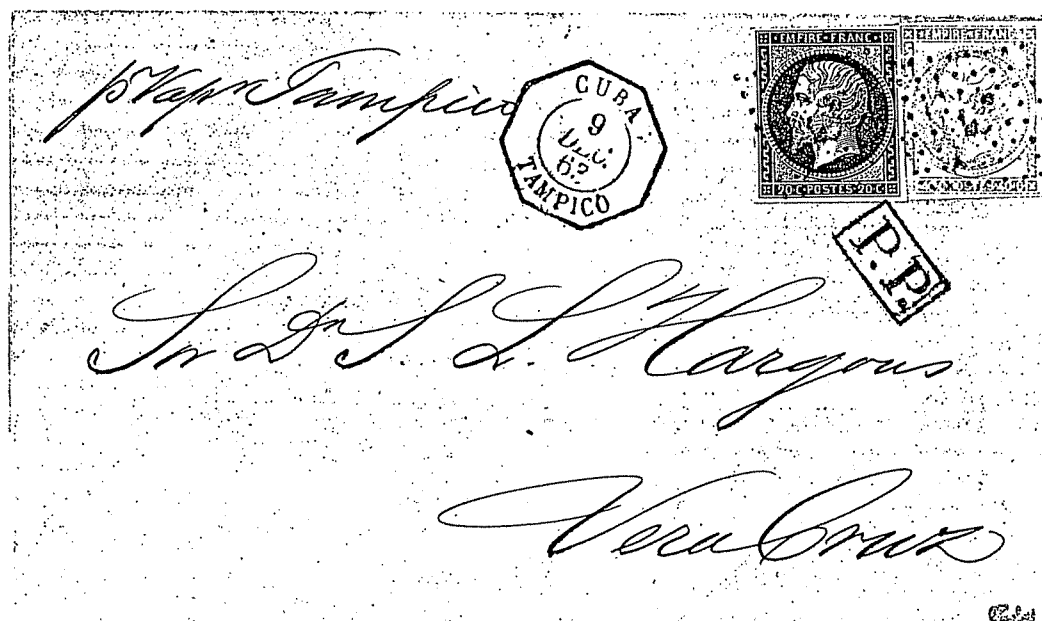
1862, September 25th.- Santiago de Cuba to Paris.  
Octagonal "CUBA/25-SEPT.-62/VERA-CRUZ" applied on  
ship. Single letter rate of "8" Decemes DUE.



CUBA

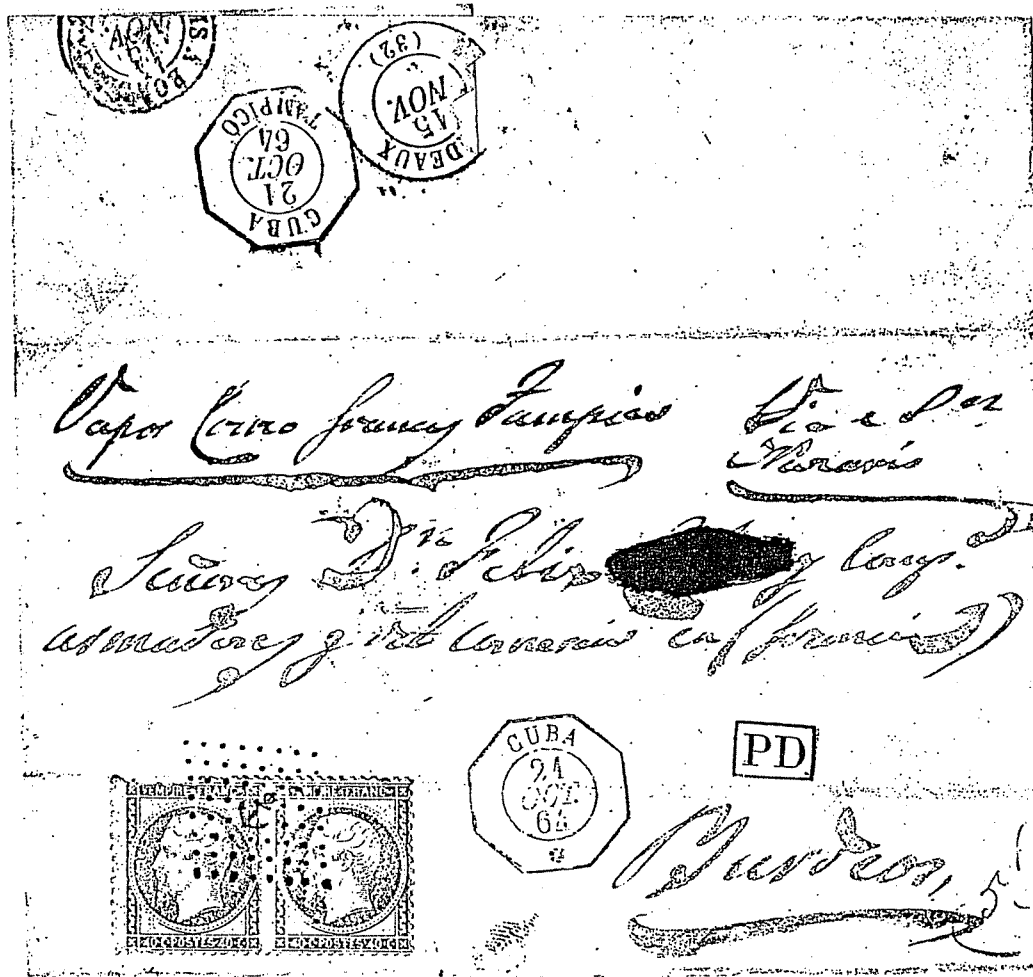
STEAMER "TAMPICO"

1863, December 9th.- Santiago de Cuba to Veracruz.  
Cover shows the octagonal "CUBA/9-DEC.-63/TAMPICO".  
Applied on boardship. An inter-antilles rate of 60  
Centimes for a single letter is accomplished with  
a 20 and a 40 Centime stamps.



## STEAMER "TAMPICO"

1864, October 21st. - Santiago de Cuba to Bordeaux.  
 Octagonal "CUBA/21-OCT.-64/TAMPICO" applied on ship.  
 Single letter rate to France of 80 Centimes is accom-  
 plished with two 40 Centime stamps.

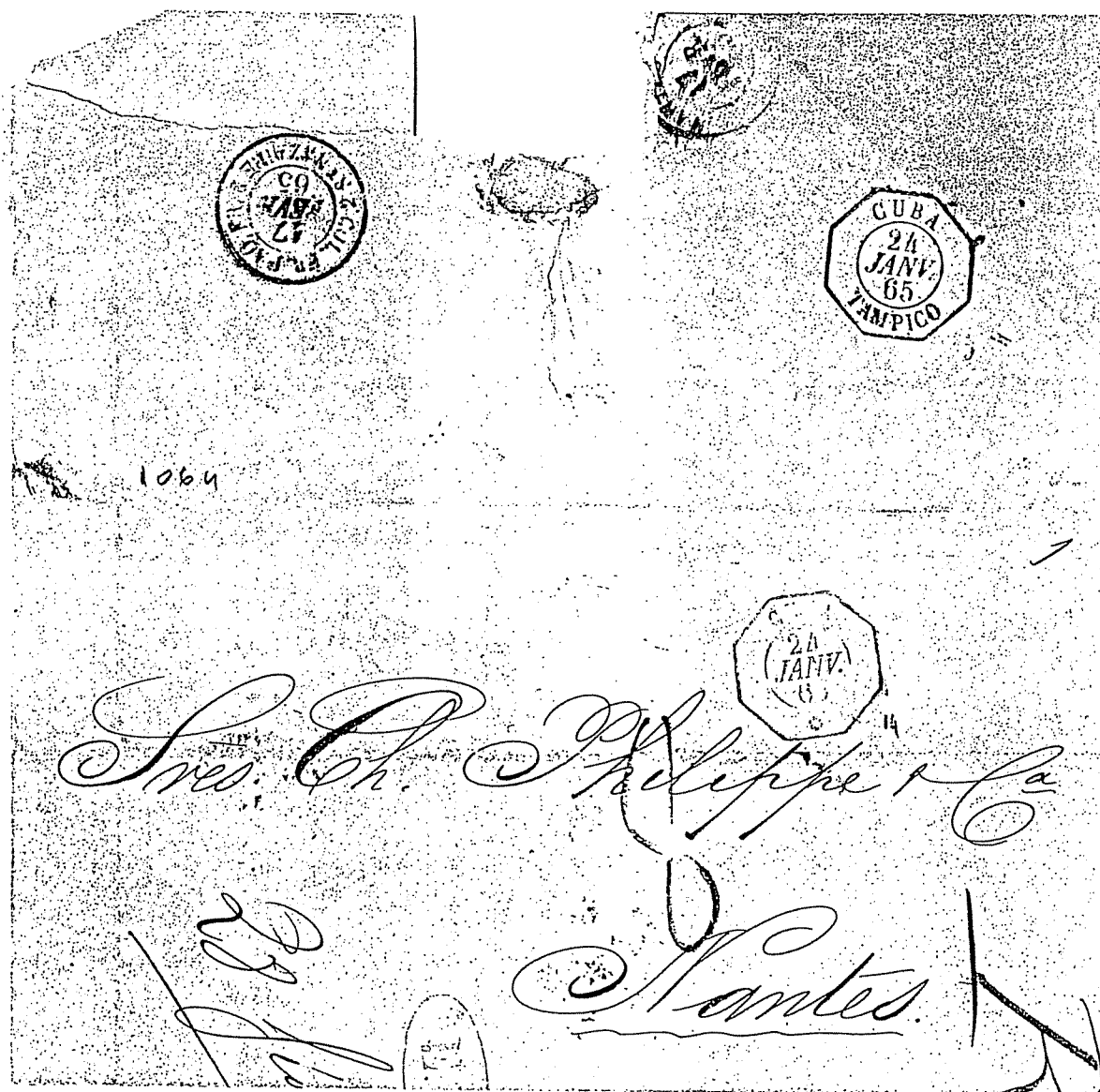


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STEAMER TAMPICO

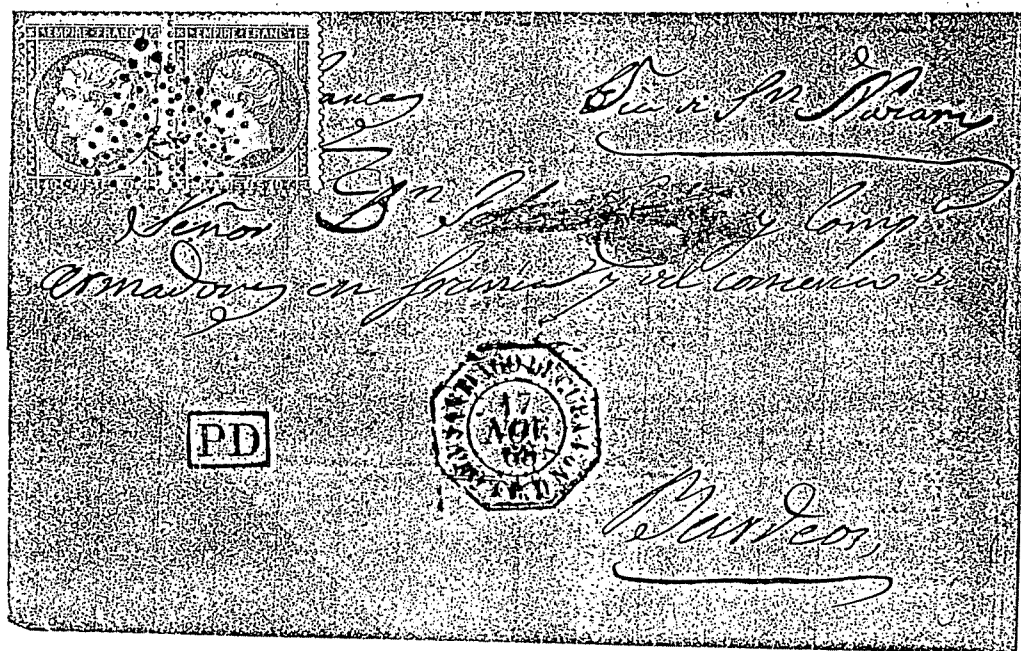
LAST TRIP OF THE "TAMPICO" ON THE "LIGNE POSTALE DU MEXIQUE."

1865, January 24th. - Santiago de Cuba to Nantes.  
Octagonal "CUBA/24-JANV-65/TAMPICO" steamer marking.  
Stampless showing French cosular "CUBA" with date. A  
SINGLE letter rate DUE in France of "8" decemes.





1866, November 17th. - Santiago to Bordeaux. Showing the SHIP's Octagonal "SANTIAGO-DE-CUBA-PAQ. FR. D No. 1" along with the traditional French "Anchor" cancelling the stamps. A boxed "PD" is also noted. A SINGLE letter rate of 80 Centemes is accomplished with two 40 Centime stamps.



1871, September 16th. - Santiago to Paris, stampless. Showing the Santiago Post Office Octagonal "CUBA-16-SEPT.-71" and also the Ship's Octagonal "SANTIAGO-DE-CUBA-PAQ. FR. No. 1", both in Black. The SINGLE letter rate of "12" Decemes is shown.



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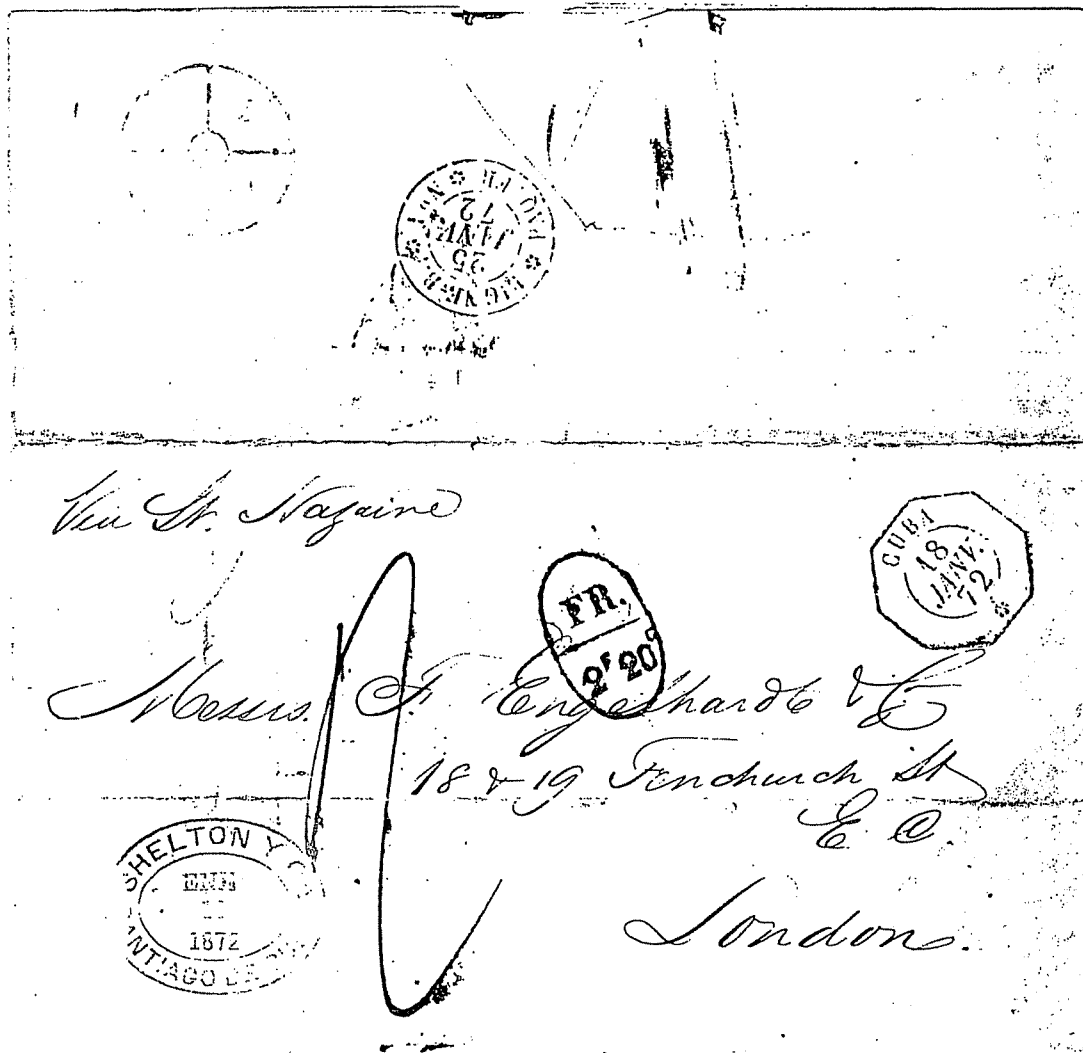
Messieurs Lefebvre & Lefebvre



Paris.

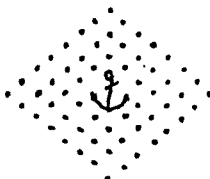
CUBA

1872, January 18th. - Santiago de Cuba to London, via St. Nazaire, and  
sent through the French P.O. in Santiago. A rate of 2Francs and 20Cen-  
times was charged as per the Anglo-French Pact.



CUBA

1873, April 23rd. - Santiago to Bordeaux. Post Office Octagonal of Santiago  
"CUBA-23-AVRIL-73" in Black. A rate of One Franc is accomplished with  
four 25 Centimes stamps. This piece also shows a boxed "PD".

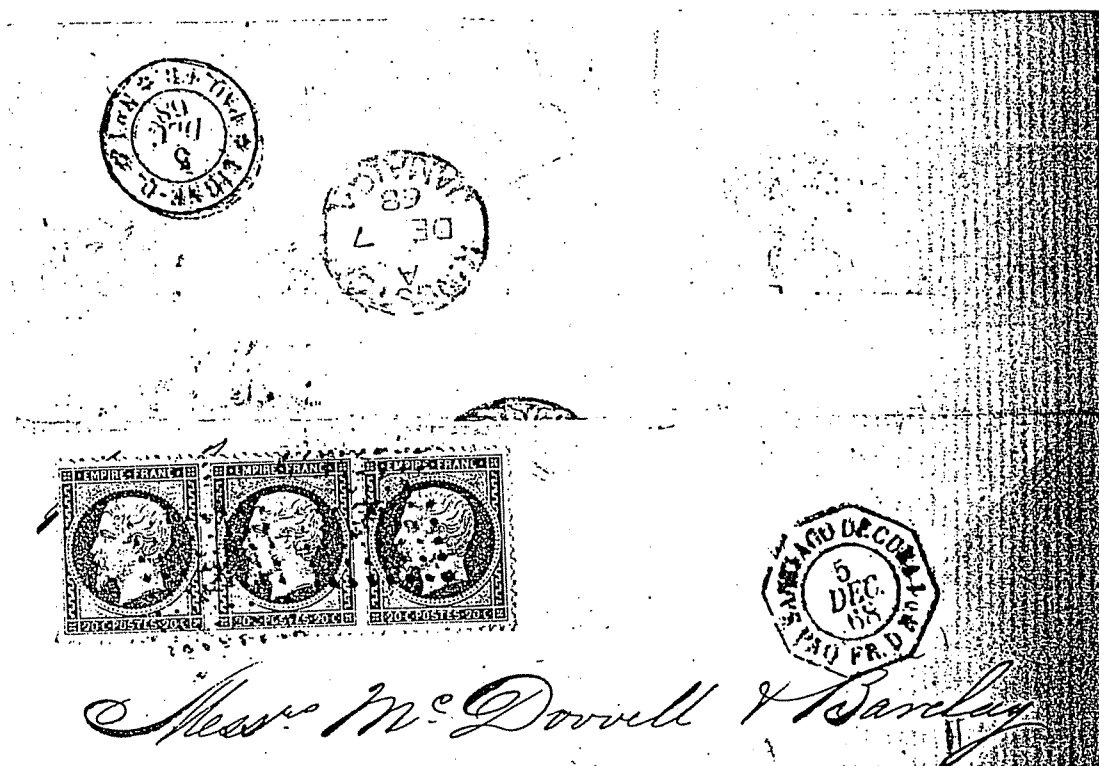


*Madame E. Pigie*  
*3 Rue de Natane*  
*Bordeaux*



## SPECIAL INTER-ANTILLIES RATE

1868, December 5th, - Santiago de Cuba to Kingston, Jamaica. Cover shows the Inter-Antillies rate with the use of a strip of three 20Centime stamps that complete the 60Centime rate for a single letter. Under the strip of stamps, the inscription "per Tampico" is present. The receiving c.d.s. "KINGS TON-A-DE-7-68-JAMAICA."

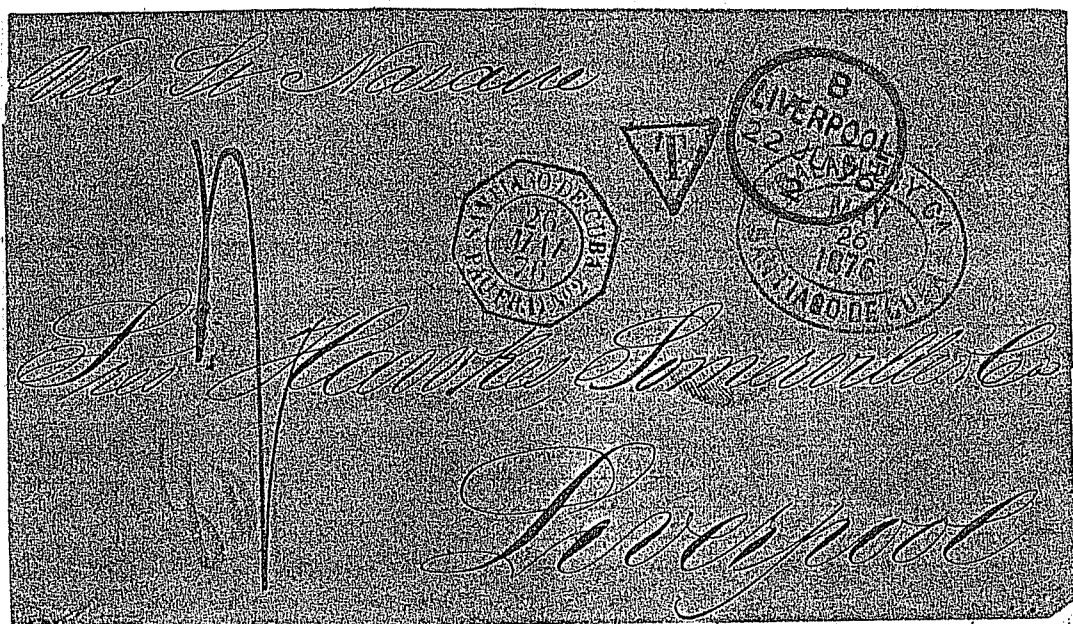


1877, February 14th. - Santiago de Cuba to Lima, Peru. Octagonal, type I,  
"SANTIAGO-DE-CUBA/PAQ. FR. D No. 2" with a rate of 90Centimes  
and a 10Centavos Lima postage due rate.



## LIGNE "D"

May 26, 1876 - Santiago de Cuba to Liverpool, via France. Cover shows octagonal "SANTIAGO-DE-CUBA / PAQ. FR. D No. 2" in **BLUE** ( FIRST TIME REPORTED IN THIS COLOR) and, also POSTAGE DUE triangulated "T" is in **BLUE**.  
 Manuscripted "80" Centimes and "4" Decemes (total of 1.20Franc) the single letter DUE rate.





LIGNE "D" FIRST VARIANT/BORDEAUX - COLON/MARCH 1875 - JANUARY 1879

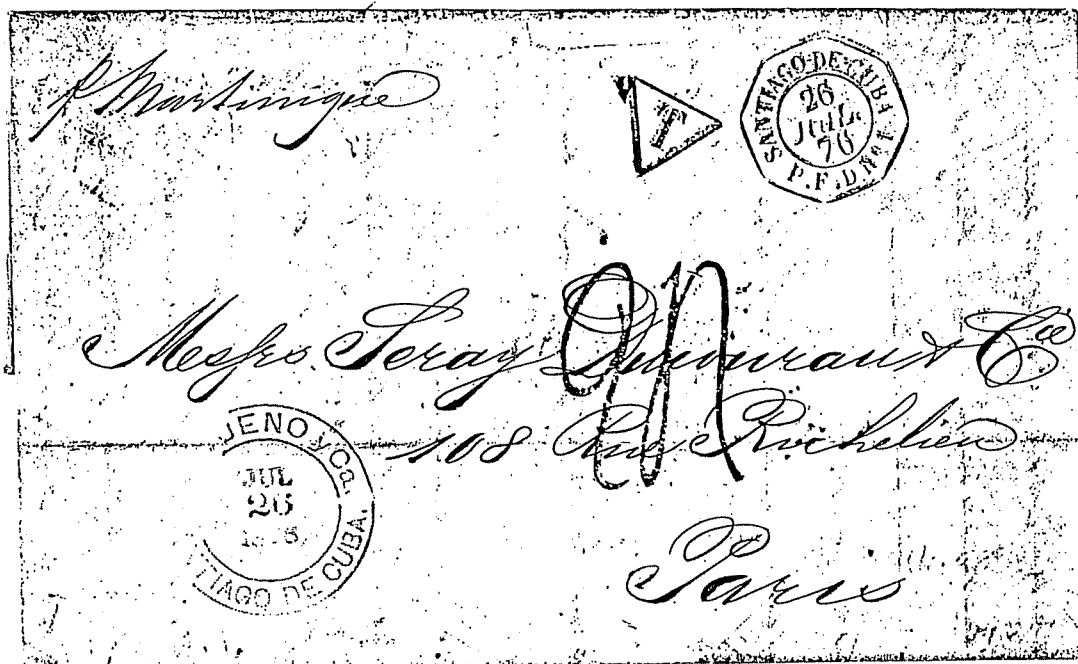
1876, July 26th.- Santiago to Paris. Stampless cover showing a DOUBLE letter postage due rate of "24" decemes, and manuscripted "per Martinique". Octagonal "SANTIAGO-DE-CUBA P.F. D No.1/JUIL 26 76"



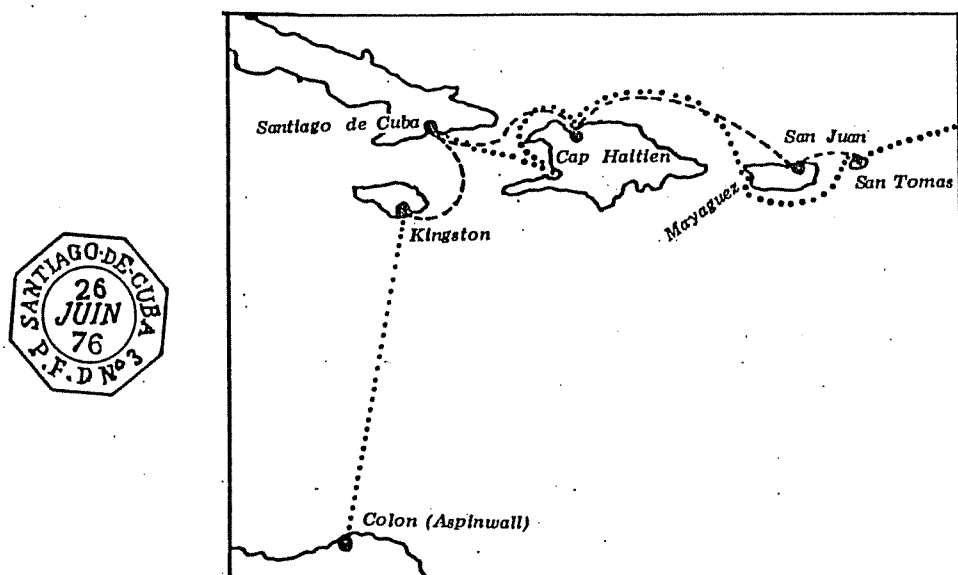
In January of 1876, the triangled "T" replaced the boxed "P.P." to show postage due.



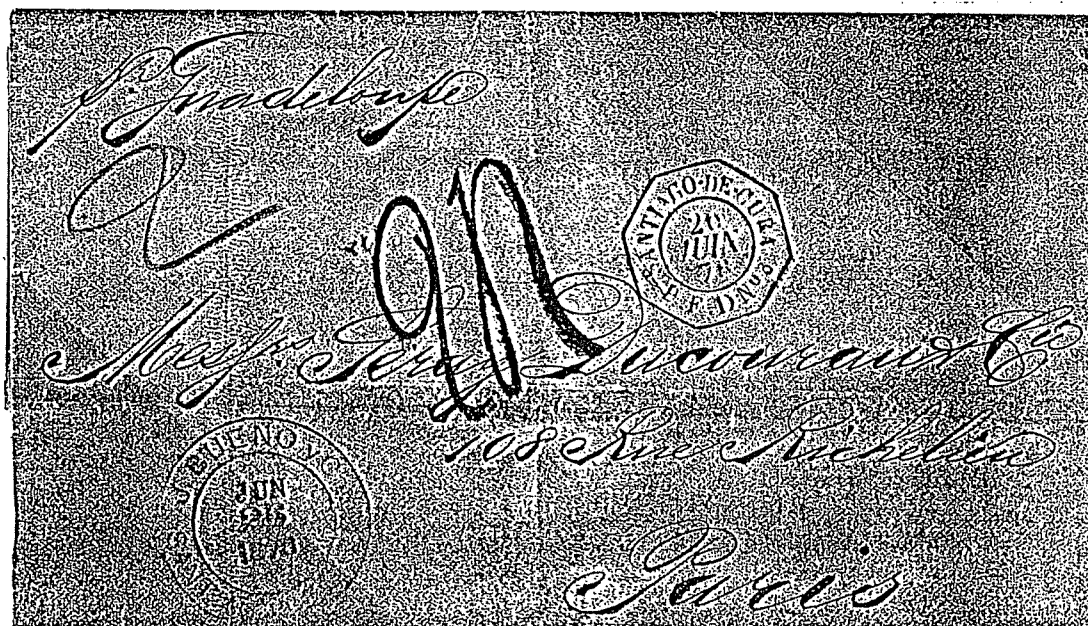
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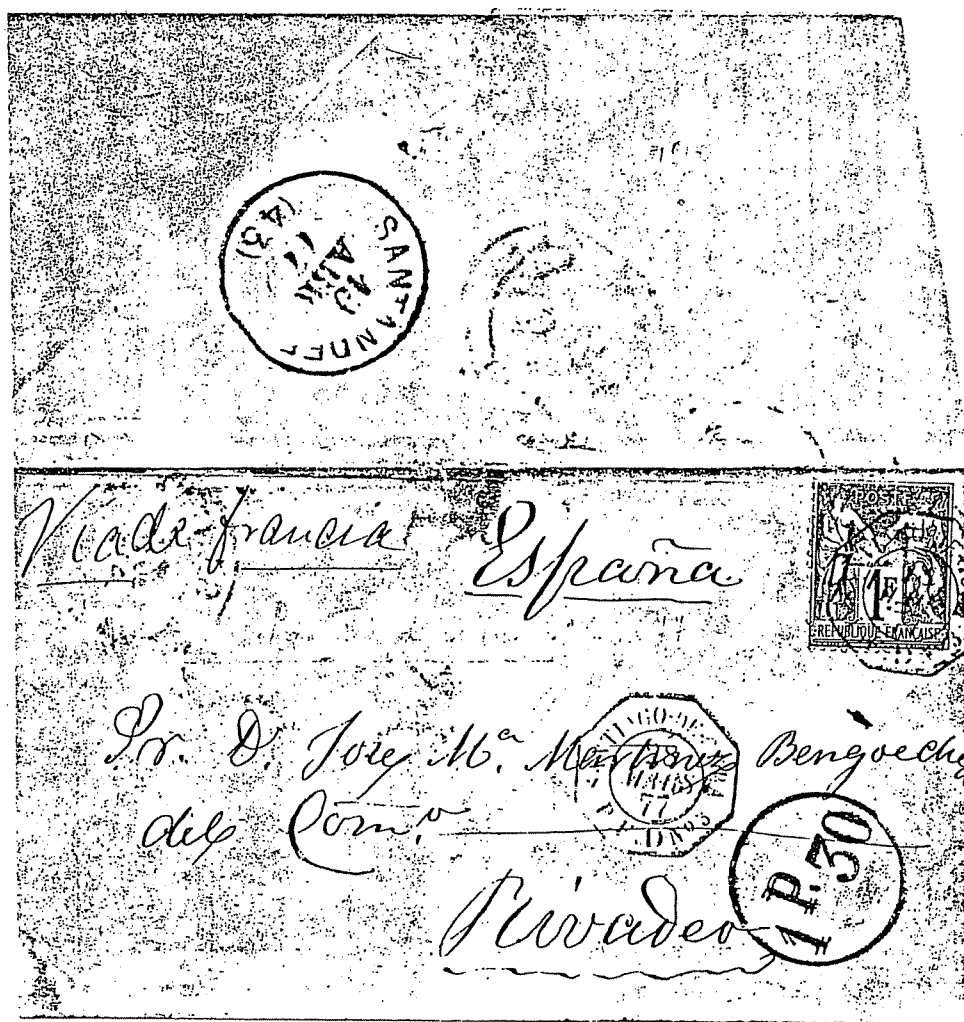


## LIGNE "D" FIRST VARIANT



1876, June 26th.- Santiago to Paris. Stampless cover with a DOUBLE letter postage due rate of "24" decemes, and manuscript "per Guadeloupe". Octagonal "SANTIAGO-DE-CUBA/P.F. D No. 3/ 26 JUN 76."



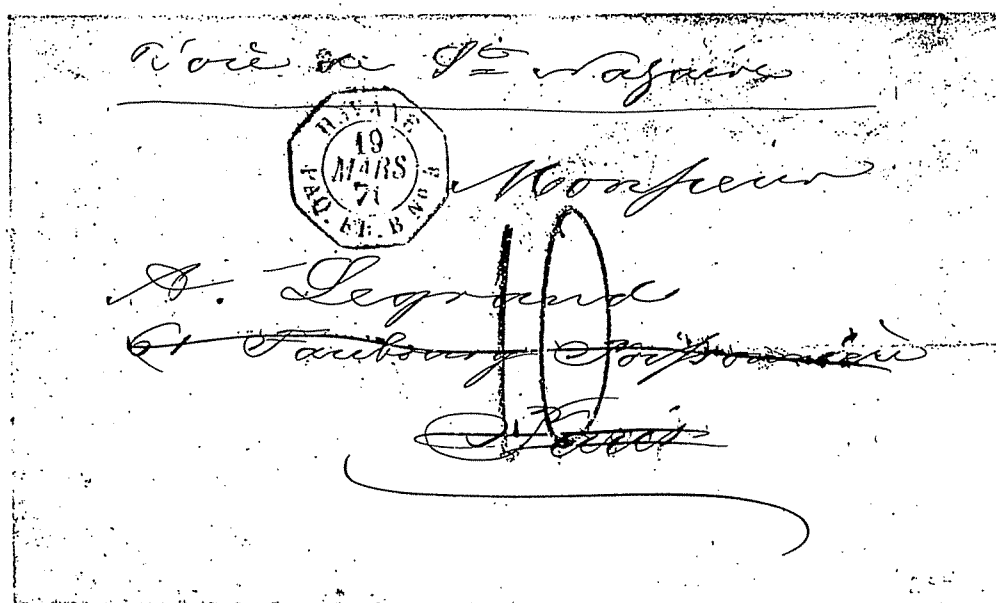


## FRENCH POST OFFICE IN HAVANA

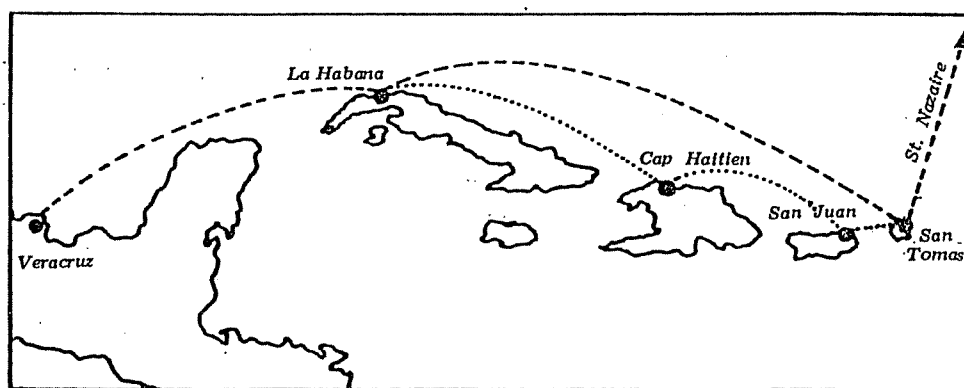
Three years after the opening of the first French post office in Santiago, the French established their second post office in HAVANA. This was the creation of the new "LIGNE B" for the Antilles with service between ST.NAZAIRE and VERACRUZ, replacing the previous "Ligne du Mexique".



1871, March 19th.- Havana to Paris, re-sent to Monfieur. Cover shows octagonal paquet-boat "HAVANE/PAQ.FB.F No.4/19 MARS 71". Stampless with postage due "10" decemes.



## LIGNE "B" - ST.NAZAIRE/VERACRUZ



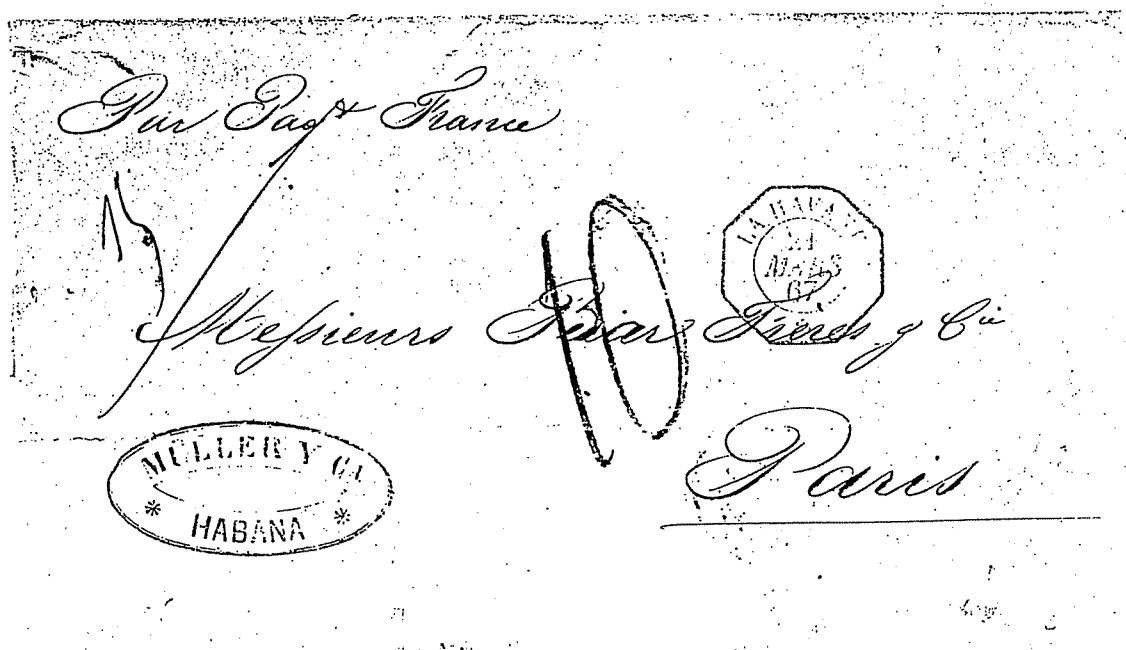
September 6, 1865 - New York to Mexico, via Habana forwarder. The cosular octagonal "LA HAVANE / 6 SEPT." is in **BLUE**, (First time reported in this color ink), as well as one "ANCHOR" killer in **BLUE** (applied at the post office) and another one in black applied on board ship on top of the blue one.

The One Franc rate over-pays the normal single letter rate of 60 Centimes. It is probable that **BLUE INK** was used to denote HAVANA TRANSIT MAILS.



CUBA

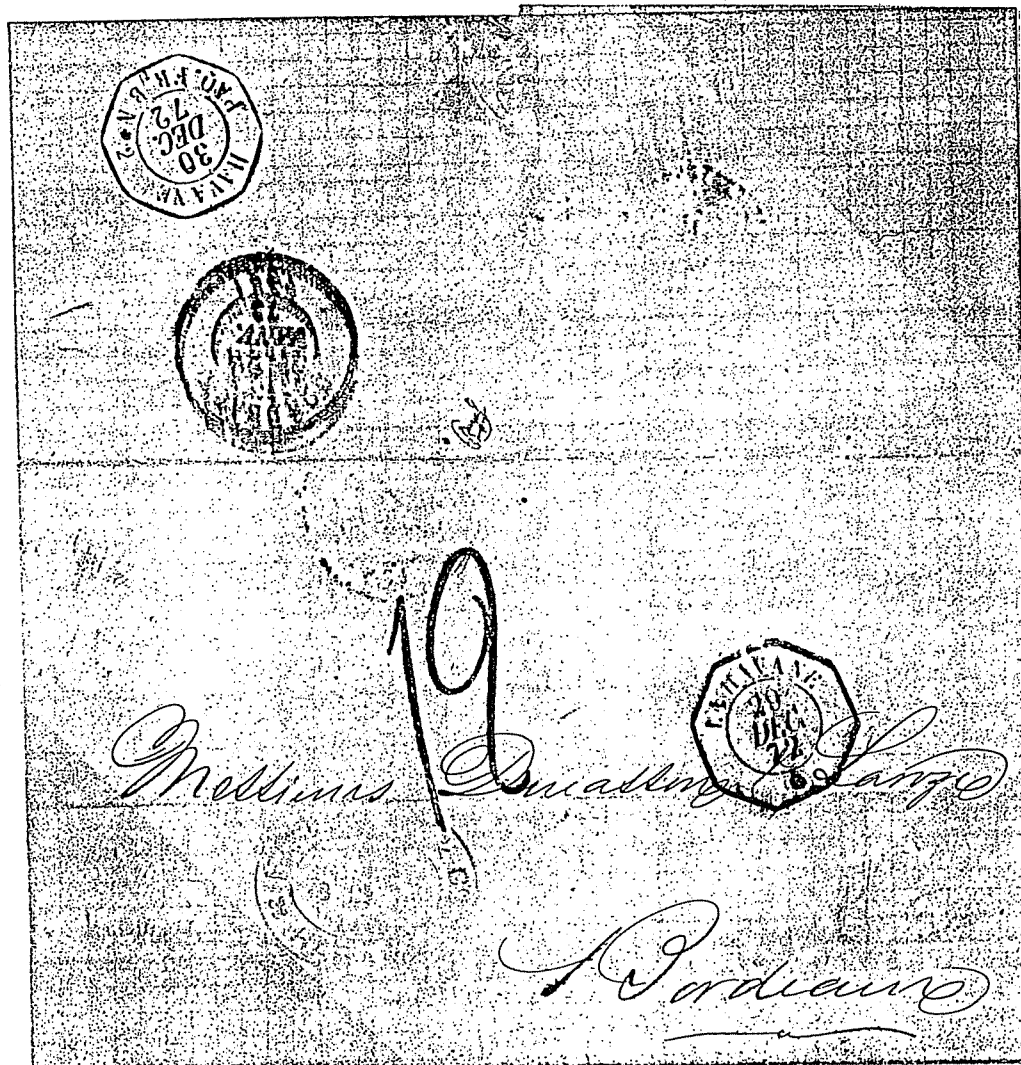
1867, March 21st. - Havana to Paris. Stampless cover  
with octagonal "LA HAVANE/21-MARS.-67/\*" consular mark.  
A SINGLE letter DUE rate of "10" decemes is shown.



1872, December 29th.- Havana to Bordeaux. Stampless showing octagonal "LA HAVANE/29 DEC. 72", and also the steamship "HAVANE/PAQ.FR.B No.2" both in black. The cover bears a SINGLE letter postage due rate of "12" decemes which was in effect as of July of 1871.



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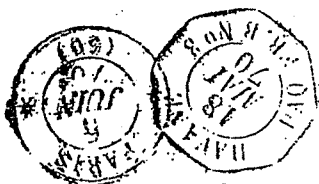




CUBA

LIGNE "B" PAQUET BOAT No.3

1870, May 18th.- Havana to Paris. Double letter DUE  
rate of "20" decemes. Octagonal "HAVANE/18 MAI 70/  
PAQ FR. B No. 3"



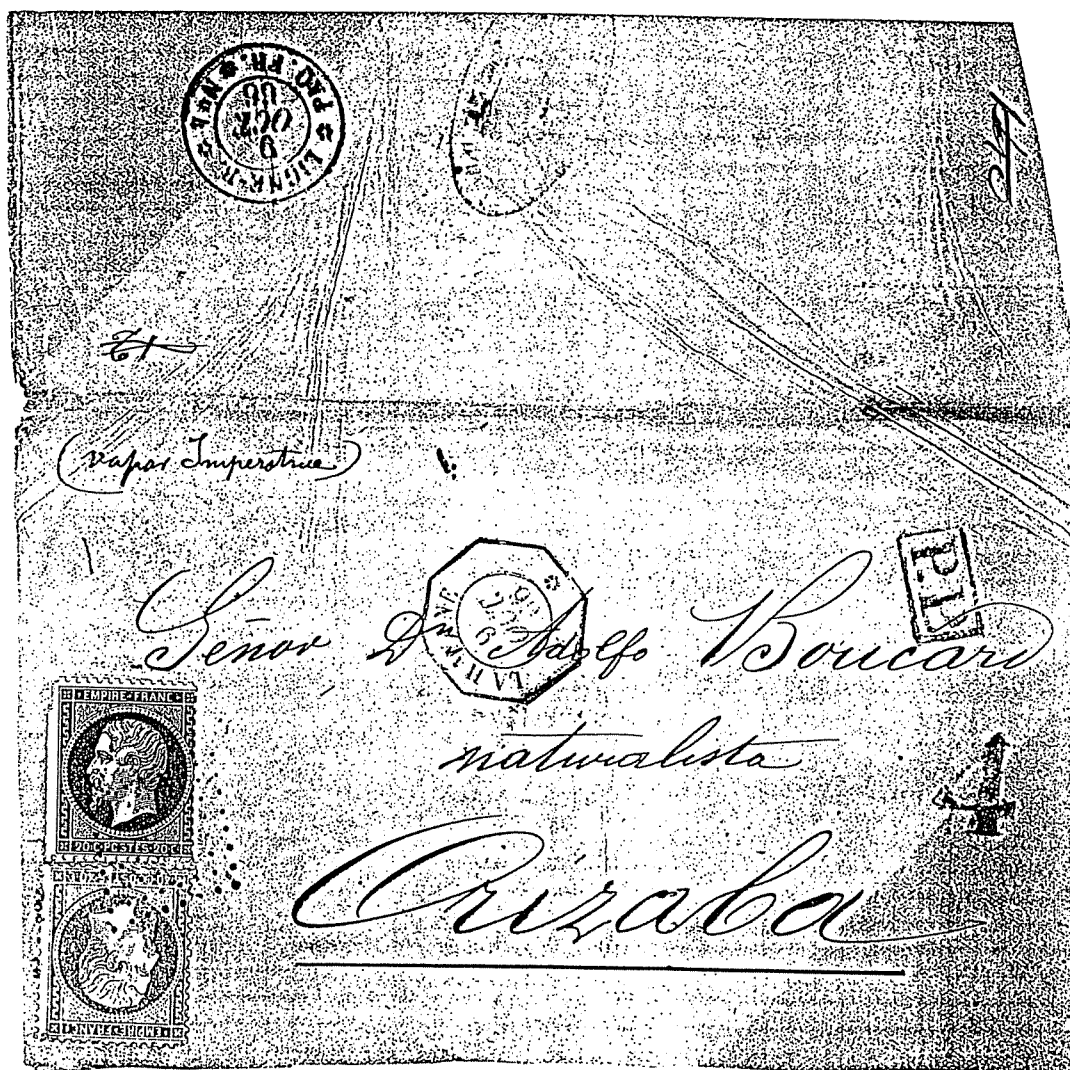
Messieurs  
Gould & Coie  
Paris

## SPECIAL INTER-ANTILLES RATE

1866, October 9th.- Havana to Orizaba, Mexico. The inter-antilles rate of 60 Centimes is accomplished with a 20 & a 40 Centimes stamps, for a Single letter rate. Manuscript "Vapor Imperatrice", and a "4" Reales due Mexican rate. Octagonal "LA HAVANE/9 OCT. 66." and boxed "P.P." in red.



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## SPECIAL INTER-ANTILLES RATE

1877, March 13th.- Barcelona, Spain, posted at Havana, to Mexico. Single letter rate is met by using a pair of two 30 Centime stamps. Octagonal cosular mark "LA HAVANE/ 13 MARS 77" in black. A Mexican postage due "25ct." is noted.

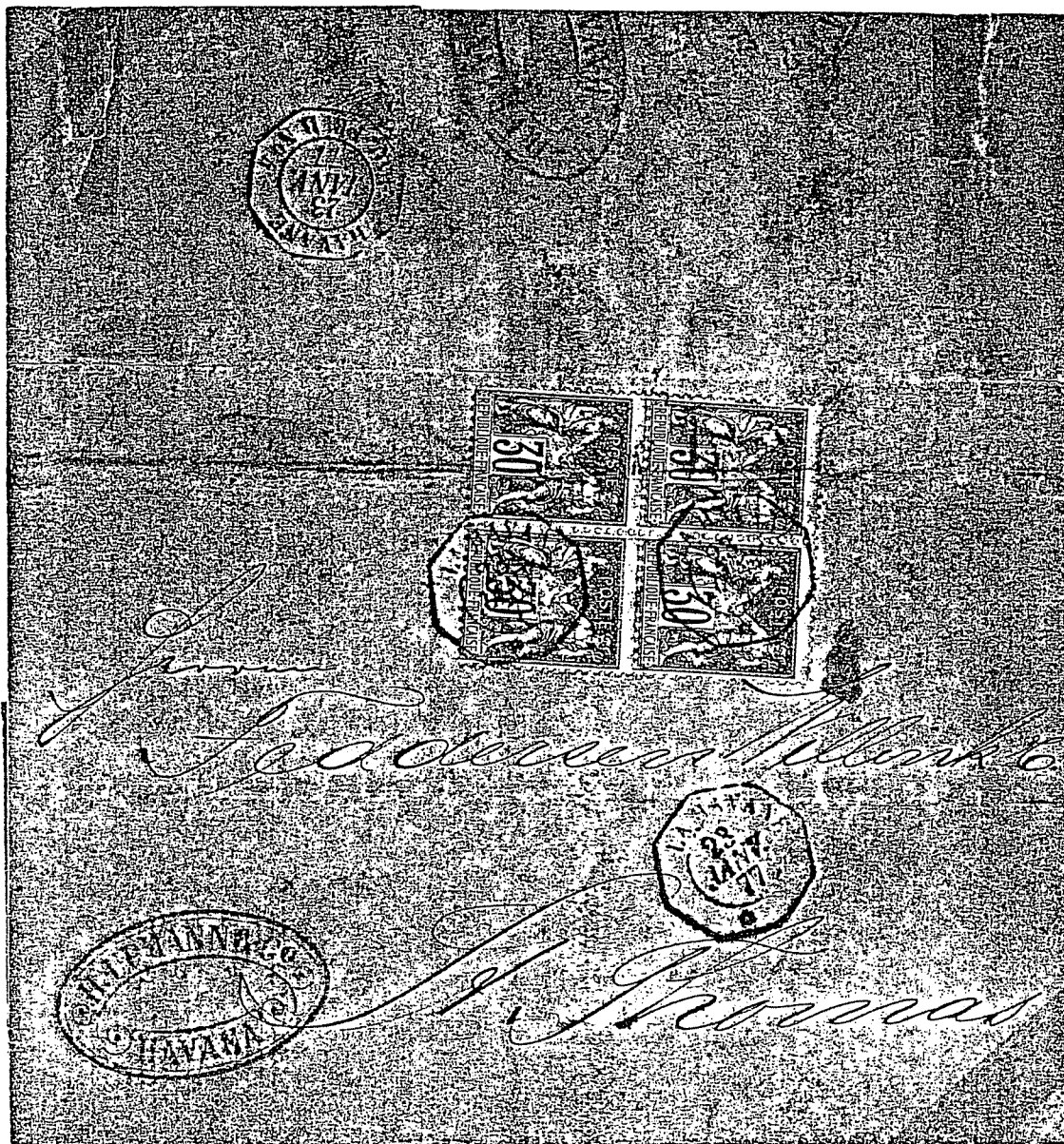


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"DOUBLE" SPECIAL-INTERANTILLES RATE

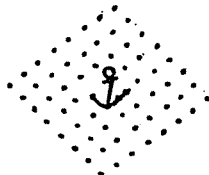
1877, January 23rd. - Havana to St. Thomas. Cover having a block of four of the 30Centimes of the 1876 issue, type I. Showing two octagonal dated postmarks: "La Havane" and "Havana/French Paquetboat No. 4".



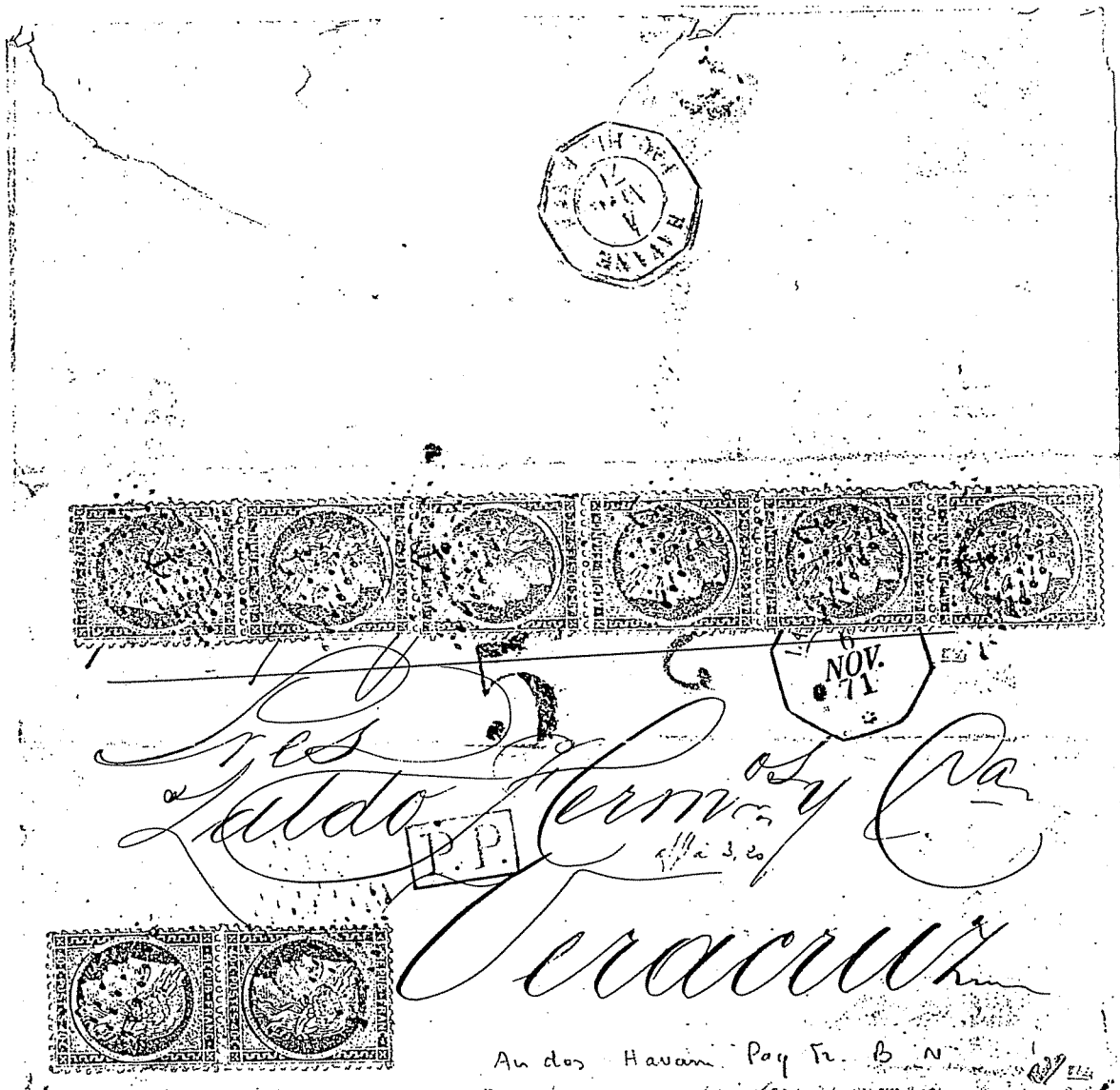
## UNUSUAL HIGH LETTER RATE

1871, November 6th.- Havana to Veracruz. The cover shows an unusual high rate of 3 Francs 20 Centimes. The rate is accomplished with a Strip of SIX and a PAIR of the 40 Centime stamp. This rates reflects a more than a FIVE TIMES RATE for Inter-Antilles mail. A Mexican postage due rate of "5" reales was applied upon arrival in that country.

P.P.



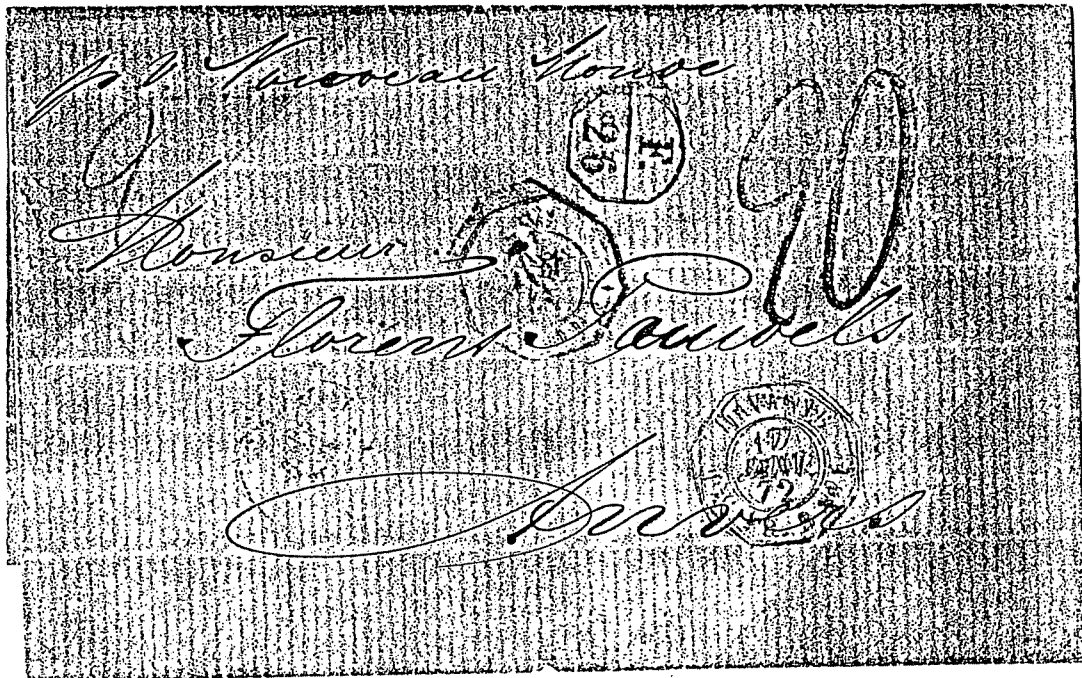
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1872, January 17th.- Havana to Anvers. Stampless letter showing ship's octagonal "HAVANE/17-JANV.-72/PAQ. FR. B No. 1" in RED, only three covers are recorded in the RED color, and ALL ARE OF THE SAME DATE. A double letter due rate of "20" decemes in BLUE, is INCORRECT, the correct due rate should have been for "24" decemes. Also in blue a boxed accountancy rate of "F/26" is shown.



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June 22, 1872 - Havana to Paris. Cover shows packet octagonal "HAVANE-PAQ.FR.No 2" in RED (a very rare use of this color ink, for this date this is the only cover reported.)

Also normal black consular "LA HAVANE" octagonal. Stampless POSTAGE DUE rate of "12" Decemes, for the single letter rate.

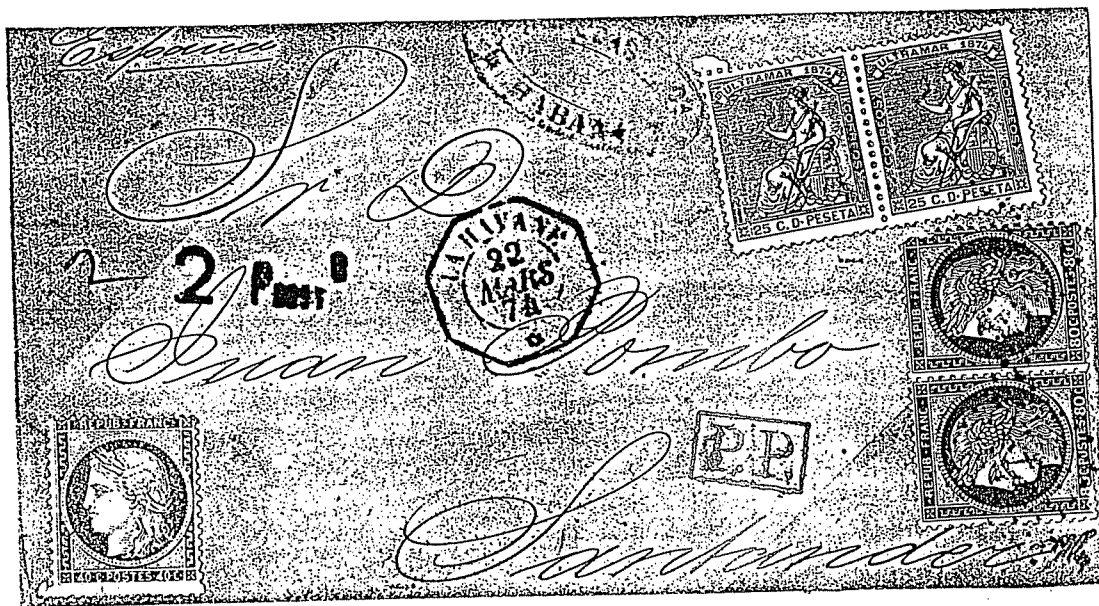
The use of RED ink has only been reported on two known dates both in 1872.





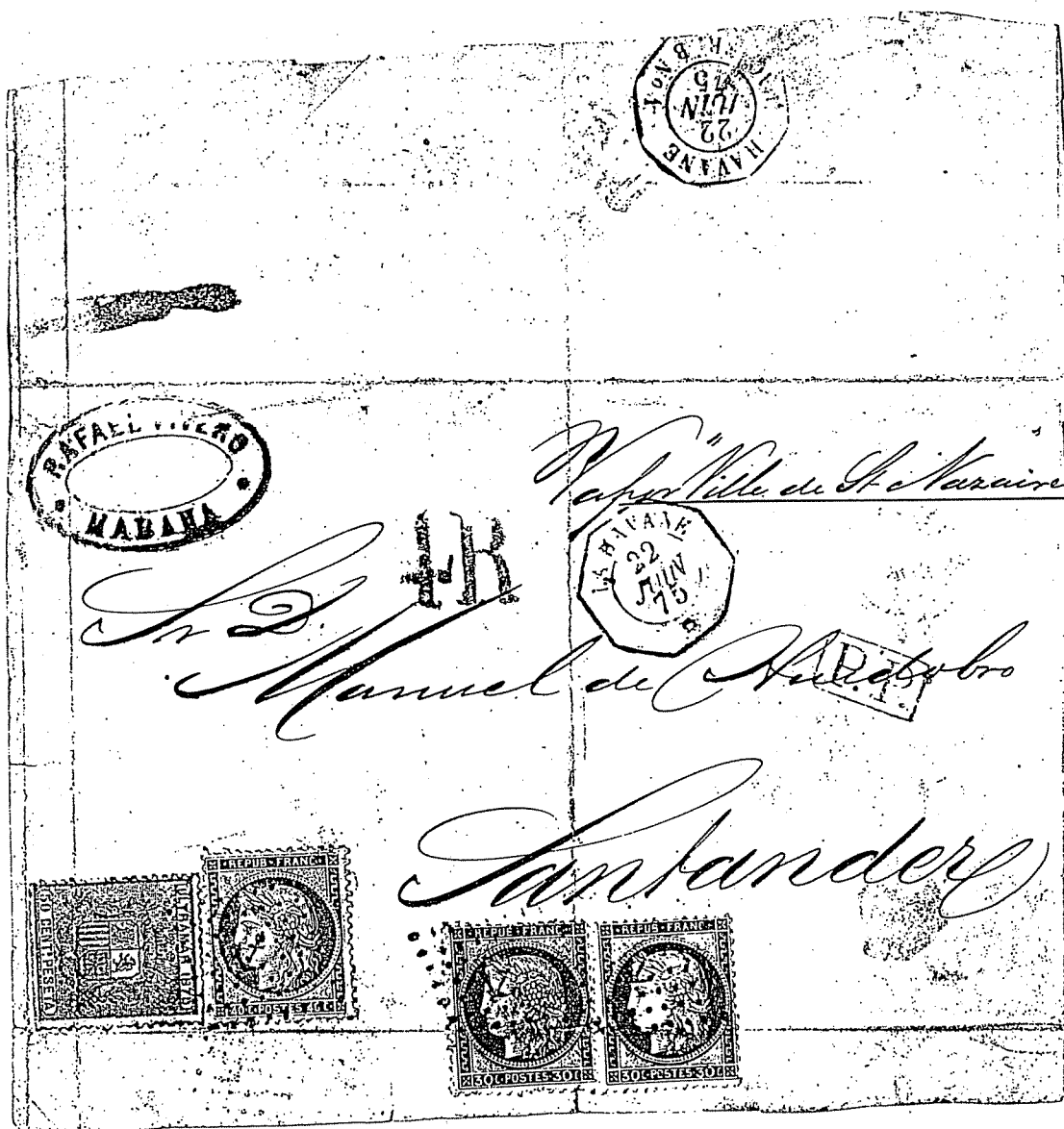
## COMBINATION COVER

1874, March 22nd.- Havana to Santander. Cover bears two 25Centimos Cuba stamps for a SINGLE letter rate to Spain. Obviously it must have missed the Spanish ship, and thus was re-routed through the French pro. A DOUBLE rate of TWO FRANCS is accomplished with two 80 and a 40 centimes stamps. The different SINGLE & DOUBLE letter rates occurred because of different weight requirements of the Cuban and French postal systems. Upon arrival in Spain, it was further charged "2 PESETAS" postage due rate.

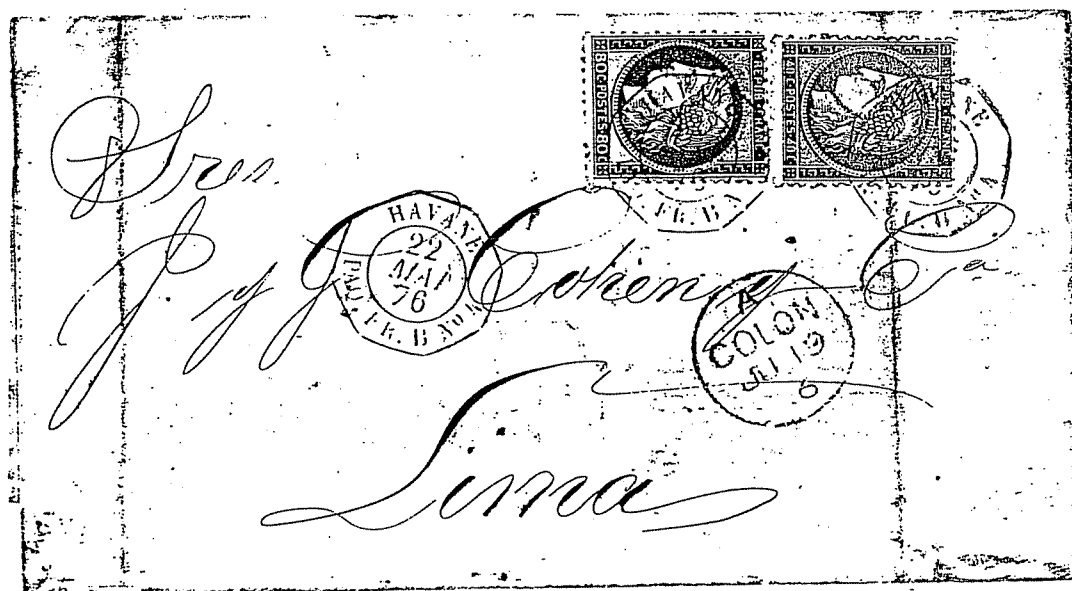
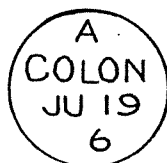


## COMBINATION COVER

1875, June 22nd.- Havana to Santander. Cover shows the SINGLE letter rate to Spain of 50 Centimos. For some reason this cover was re-routed through the the French p.o., where it was charged the French SINGLE letter rate to Europe of 1 franc, accomplished with two 30 and one 40 centimes stamps. Upon arrival in Spain it was charged a postage due rate of "4 Reales."

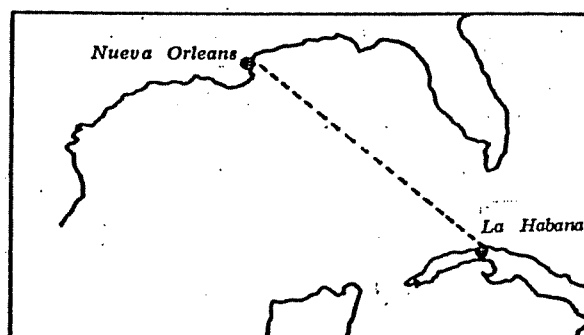


1876, May 22nd. - Havana to Lima, Peru. Sent via of Colon, Panama.  
Showing octagonal dated postmark: "Havane/French Paquetboat No. 4",  
and English transit circular mark: "A Colon/July 19, 1876".



## ANNEXE "M" LIGNE B / HAVANA - NEW ORLEANS

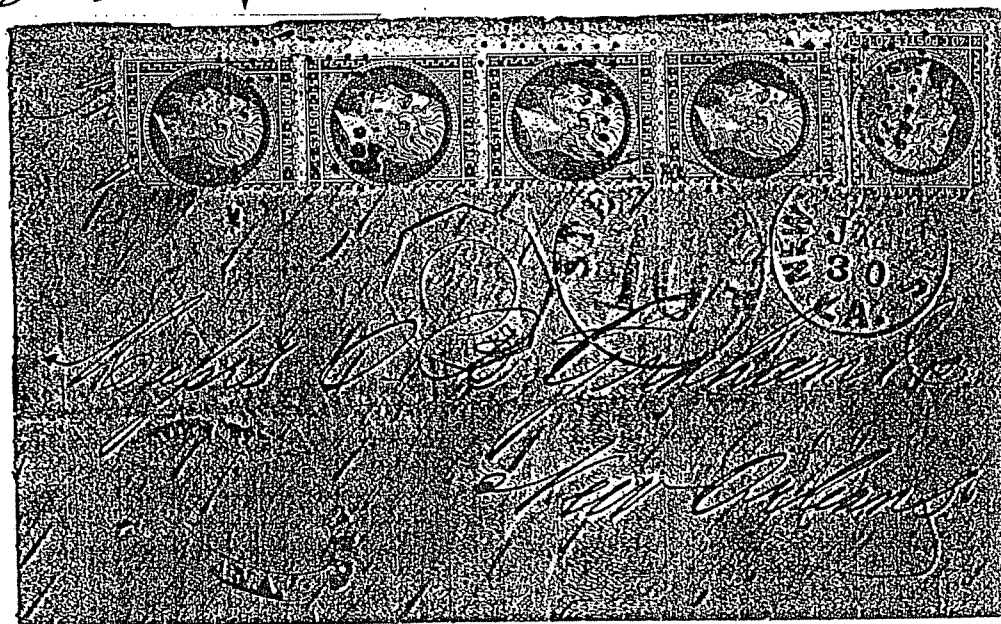
The "M" ligne was scheduled in phase with the mainline "B" Mexico-St. Nazaire, so that the mail from France could be delivered and answered in time to coincide with the same ship on its return voyage to St. Nazaire in France.



MAIDEN VOYAGE OF THE "M" LINE, PER THE STEAMER "GUAYANE"  
\* JANUARY 26, 1867 \*

First voyage of the ligne "M", per the steamer "Guayane", as inscribed under the strip of four of the 5 Centime. The SINGLE letter rate of 60 Centimes is for the special inter-antilles rate. Octagonal "LA HAVANE/26 JANV. 67" is used, NO MARK was ever designed for the "M" line. The New Orleans c.d.s. "JAN.30" and the U.S. due "STEAMSHIP 10" are both in black. This is the FIRST and ONLY recorded cover for the "M" line.

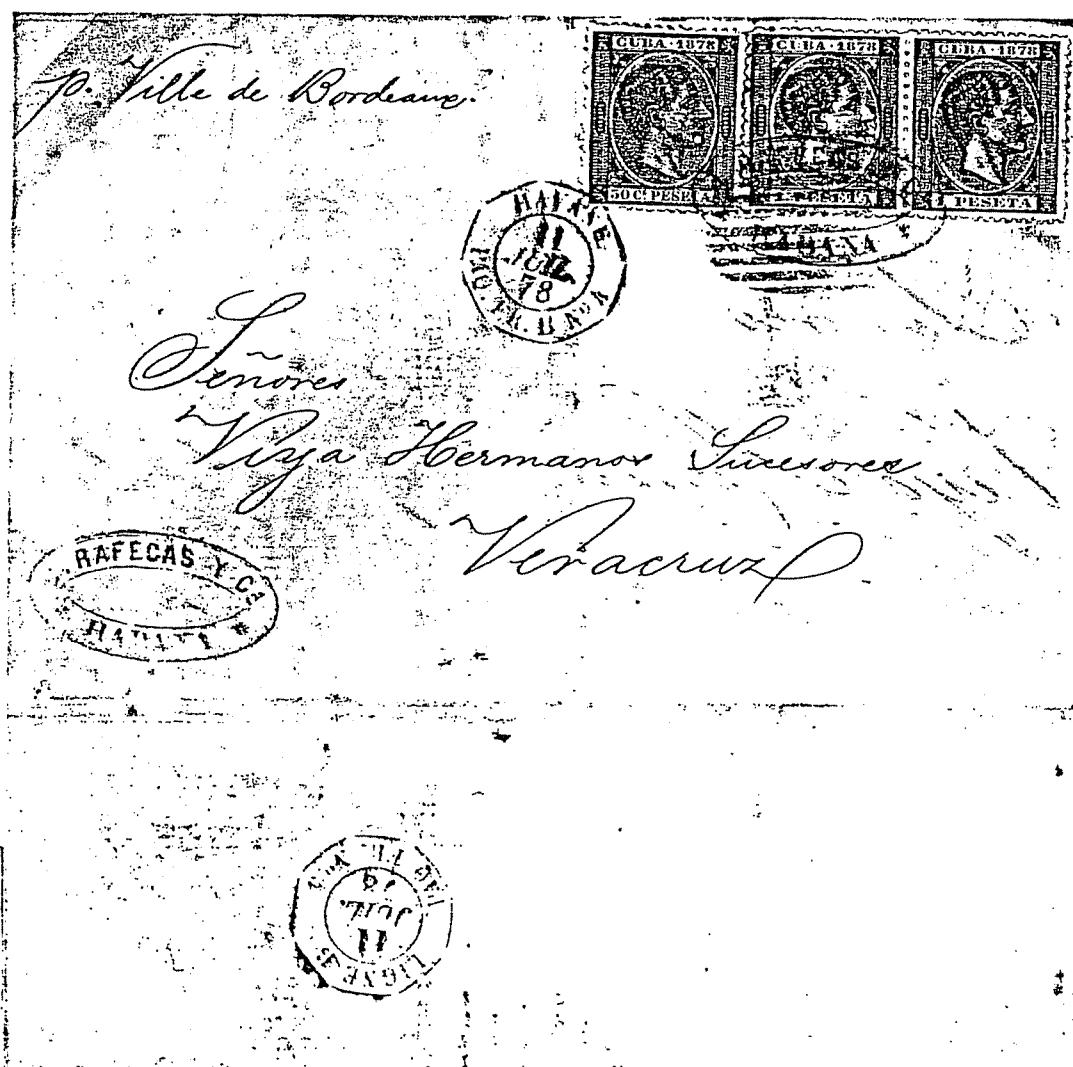
*Per Guayane*



## USAGE VIA FRENCH LINES AFTER ITS AGENCIES WERE DISOLVED

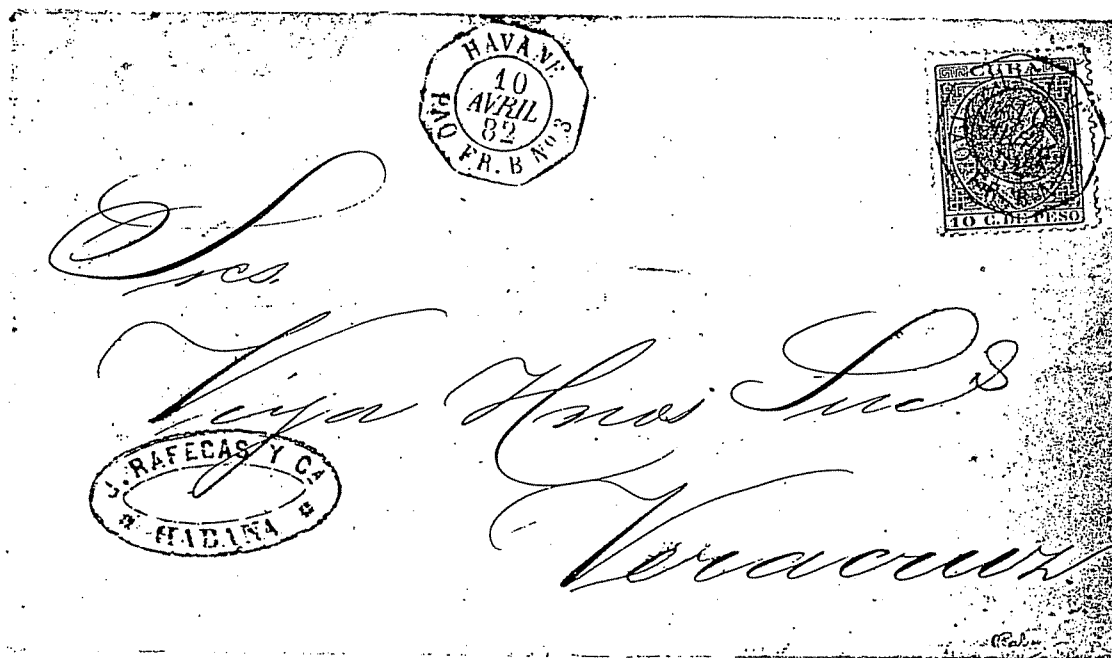
1878, July 11th. - Havana to Veracruz, Mexico. Via French packetboat  
No. 4, line B, as seen on the octagonal dated backstamp.

The "HAVANE" octagonal is here used almost ONE YEAR after the  
postal agencies had been dissolved in June 15th. of 1877, the date that  
Cuba joined the Universal Postal Union.



# CUBA

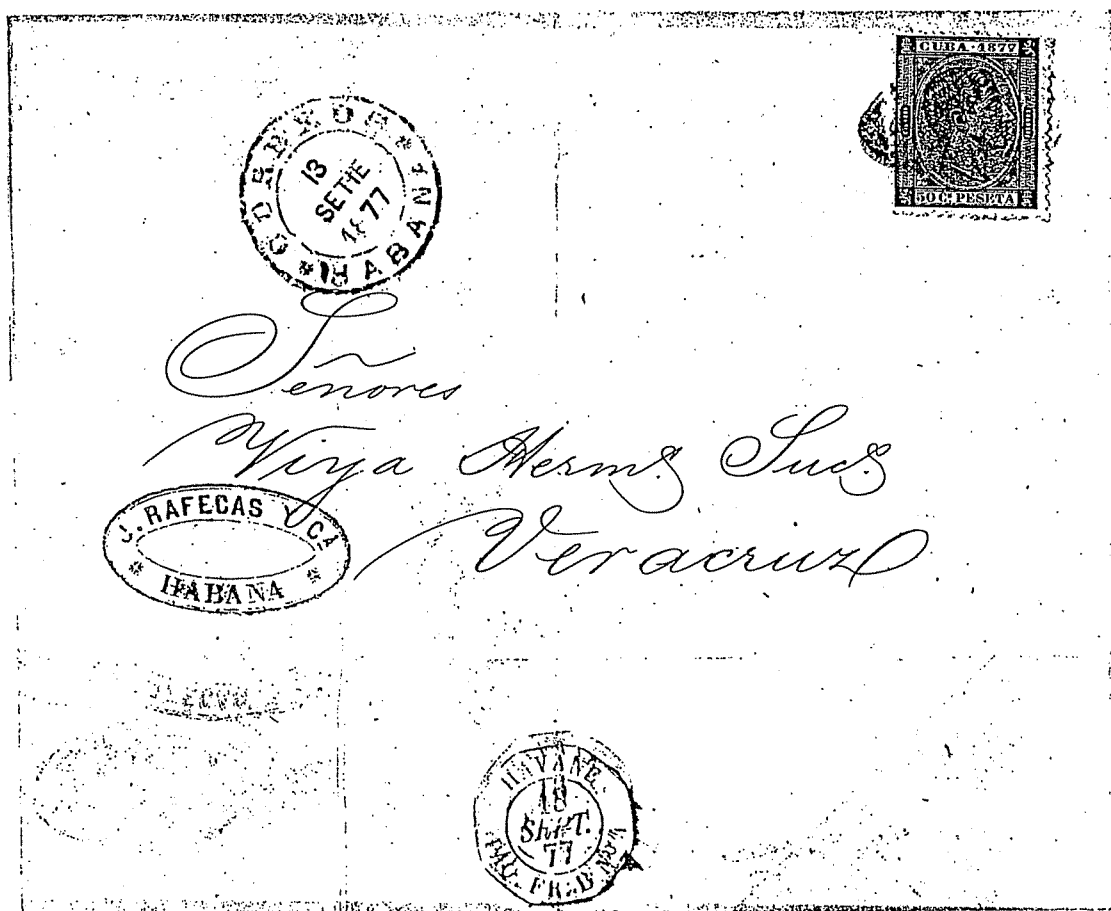
1882, April 10th. - Havana to Veracruz, via French  
paquetboat "HAVANE/10 AVRIL 82/PAQ.FR. B No 3". Sin-  
gle letter rate to Mexico is accomplished with a 10  
Centavos Cuba stamp of the 1882 issue.  
Again here is late usage of the octagonal "HAVANE"  
used about five years after the agencies were closed.



## USAGE VIA FRENCH LINES AFTER ITS AGENCIES WERE DISOLVED

## "LIGNE B"

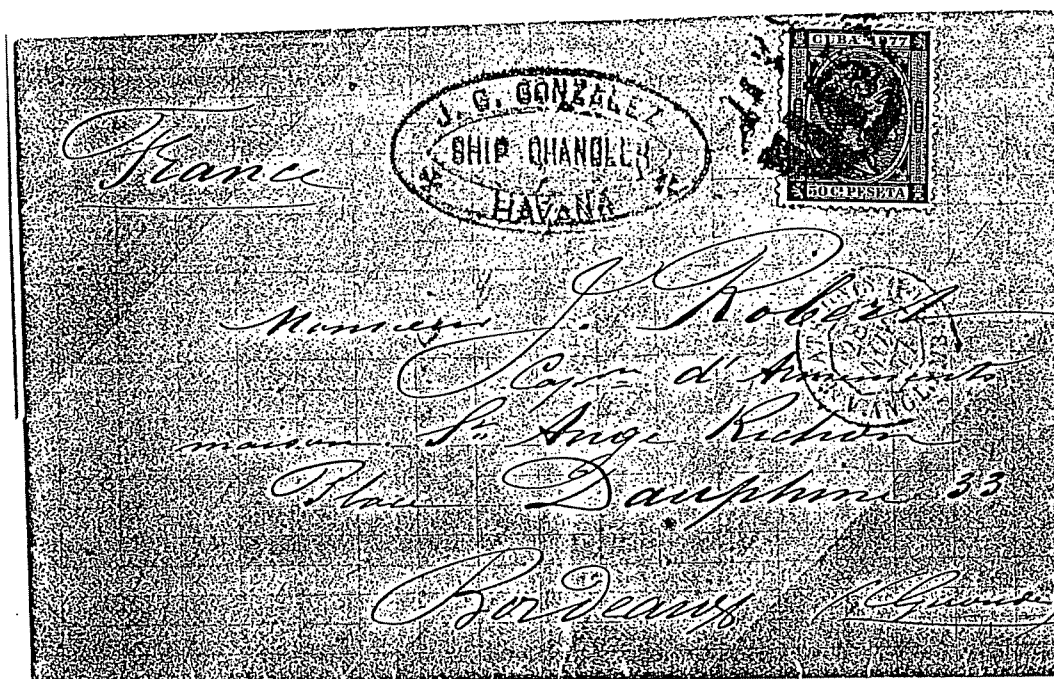
1877, September 13th.- Havana to Veracruz. This date is just 90 days since Cuba joined the U.P.U. and the French agencies were closed. A SINGLE letter rate to Mexico of 50 cent de Peseta is shown. A "HABANA\*CORREOS" c.d.s. is shown along with the French octagonal: "HAVANE/PAQ. FR. B N.4"





1877 CUBAN UPU SINGLE LETTER RATE TO FRANCE VIA FRENCH  
LINES.

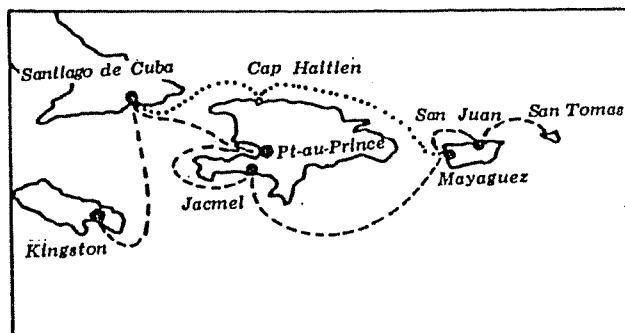
1877, November 28th.- Havana to Bordeaux, via the U.S.  
and England. Circular date stamp with octagonal interior  
used as receiving mark "ETATS-UNIS/V.ANGL.AMB.CAL.D/28  
NOV.77" in red. This shows the on shipboard service  
from New York to England into Calais, France. The cover  
shows the Single letter rate of 50 cent. de Peseta.



## USAGE VIA FRENCH LINES AFTER ITS AGENCIES WERE DISOLVED

## "LIGNE F"

1879, June 16th.- Santiago de Cuba to Paris. As shown the traditional octagonal French date stamp has been replaced by a DOUBLE RING CIRCULAR DATED STAMP. The cover shows a the rate for a SINGLE letter of 50centavos. The new c.d.s. stamp reads "SANTIAGO DE CUBA/PAQ. FR. F/16 JUIN 79". Also in red is the ship's c.d.s. "LIGNE B \*PAQ. FR. N.1".



## USAGE VIA FRENCH LINES AFTER ITS AGENCIES WERE DISOLVED

## "LIGNE F"

1879, April 15th.- Santiago de Cuba to Paris. Via French  
paquet boat "Ligne F", c.d.s. "SANTIAGO DE CUBA/LIGNE F",  
in black. The cover shows a DOUBLE letter rate of 75 cen-  
timos, accomplished with a 25 and a 50 centimos Cuban  
stamps.



USAGE VIA FRENCH LINES AFTER ITS AGENCIES WERE DISOLVED

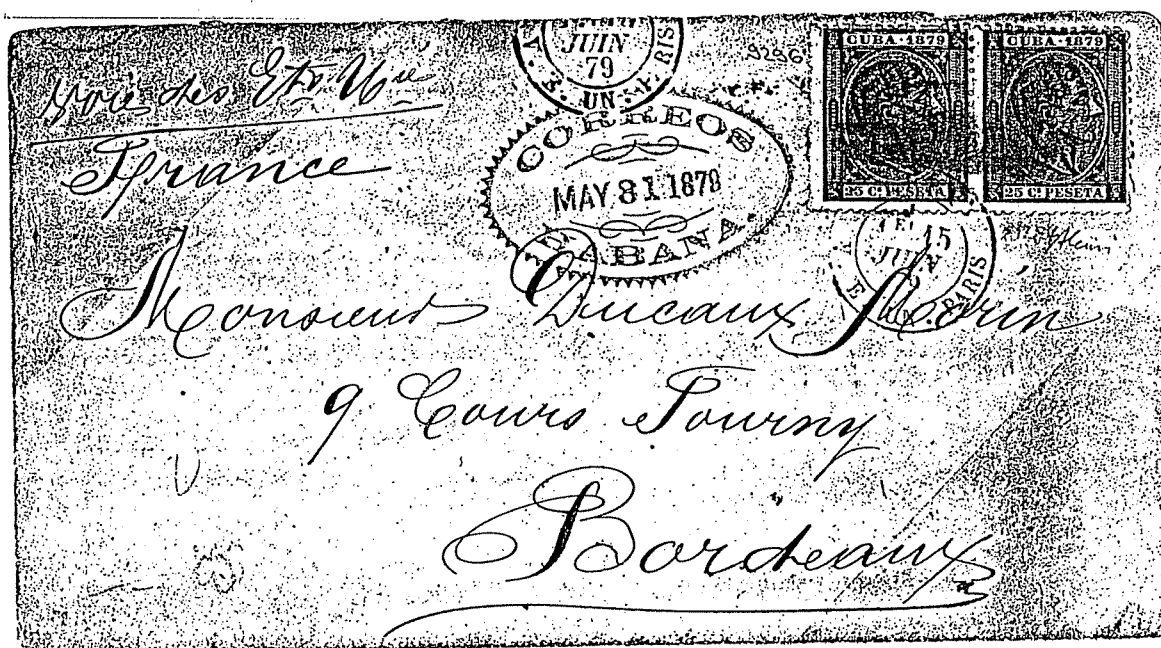
"LIGNE F"

1885, March 18th.- Santiago de Cuba to Guadalupe. This is a cover that bears "CONSULAT DE FRANCE a SANTIAGO DE CUBA" in blue. It also shows the c.d.s. for "SANTIAGO DE CUBA/PAQ.FR.F./18 MARS 85" in RED. A SINGLE letter rate is paid by a 10 centavo de Peso Cuban stamp.



## PARIS SPECIAL "CUBA" RECEIVING MARKING

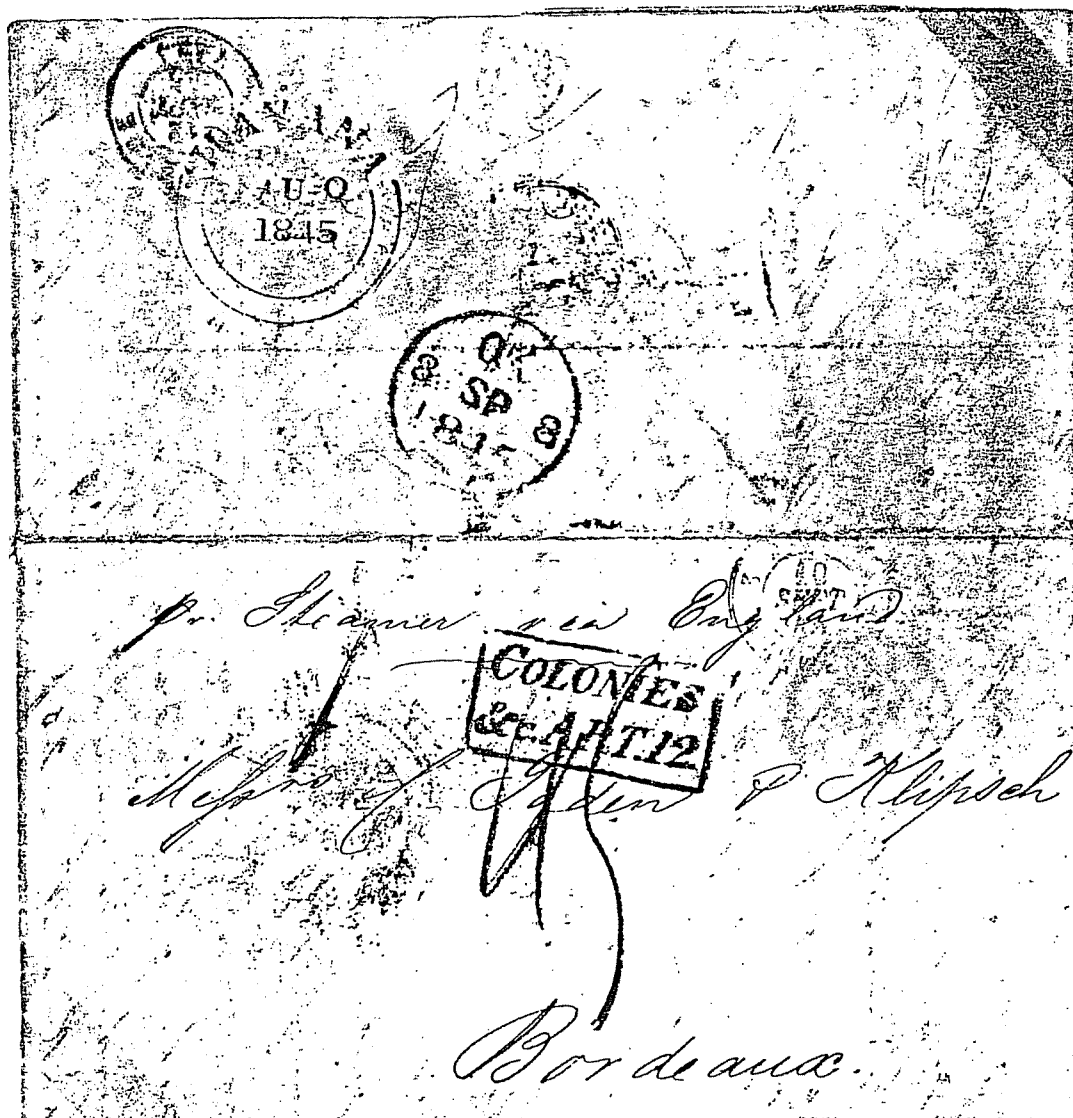
1879, May 31st. - Havana to Bordeaux, via the United States. SINGLE letter rate to Europe of "50" centimos de Peseta. Fancy oval "CORREOS/MAY-31-1879/HAVANA". Paris special receiving mark for all CUBAN mails arriving via the U.S. "CUBA/1er-15-JUIN-79/V.E. UN PARIS" in BLUE.



During the first half of the XIX Century the control of Cuba's communications with France was through England. Both France and England had a postal agreement that was in force from 1843 to 1856. Cuban mail going to France was marked "COLONIES ARTICLES 12, 13, or 18."

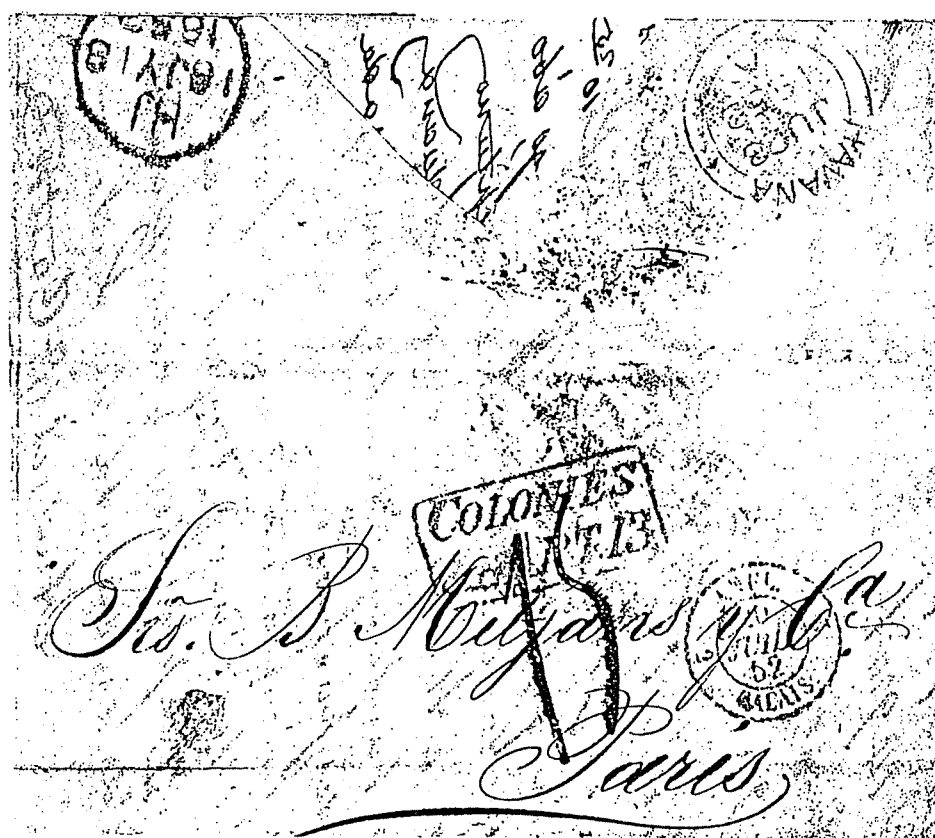
1845, August 10th. - Havana to Bordeaux. Double circle "HAVANA" type I, British postal agency stamp dated. "COLONIES ART. 12"; this agreement was in effect from June 1st., 1843 to December 31st., 1845.

**COLONIES  
& ART. 12.**



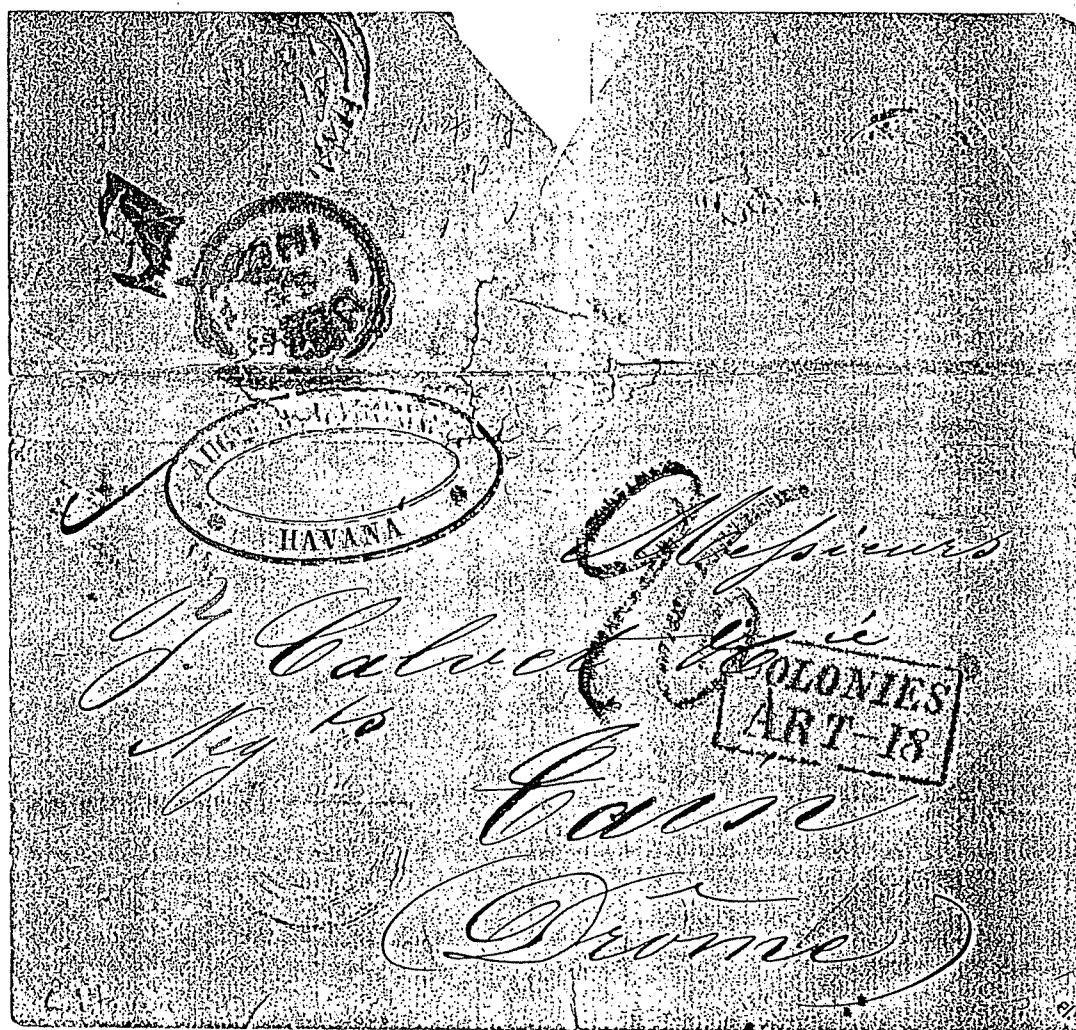
## COLONIES &amp; ARTICLE 13

1852, June 14th.- Havana to Paris, showing the British P.O. double circled Havana c.d.s. type II. The mark "COLONIES & ART.13" was in use from January 1846 to December of 1855. A rate of "15" centimes due in France is for letters up to 40 grams.



## COLONIES &amp; ARTICLE 18

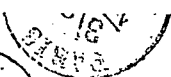
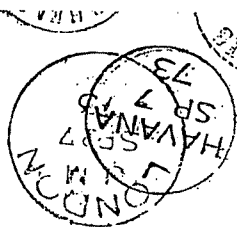
1856, August 10th.- Havana to Canes. The mark of the "COLONIES ART-18" was only in use for the year of 1856. A postage due rate in France upon arrival was "26" decemes as shown.





## ANGLO-FRENCH PACT ACCOUNTANCY MARKS

1873, September 6th.- Havana to France, via London.  
 British P.O. Havana c.d.s. type III, missing "A" atop.  
 Accountancy mark "G.B.1f.60c.", and French receiving  
 due mark of "12" decemes rate.



*Note Anglaise*



*France*

*Messrs. Guittard H. Bourgeois & Co.*

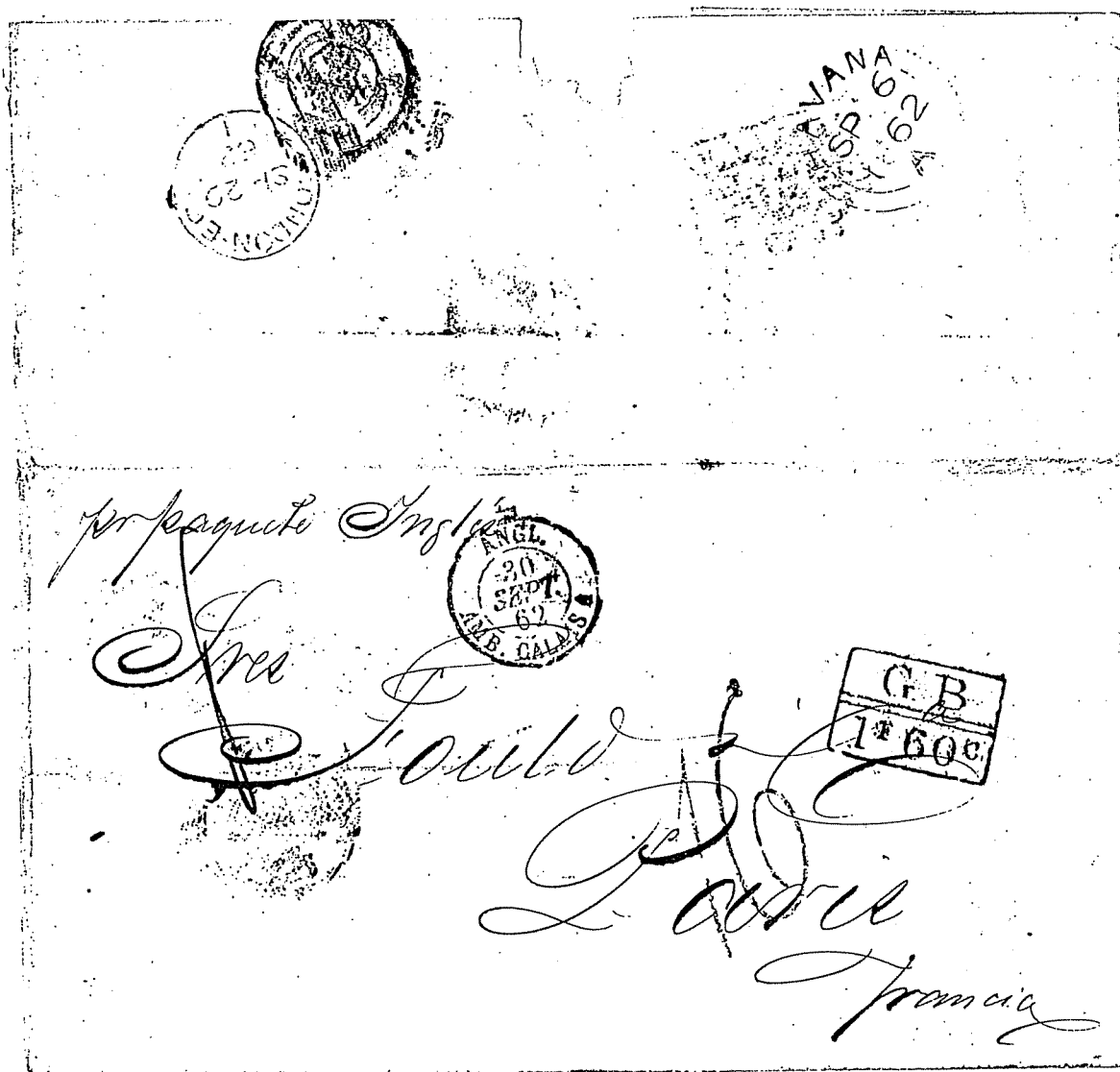


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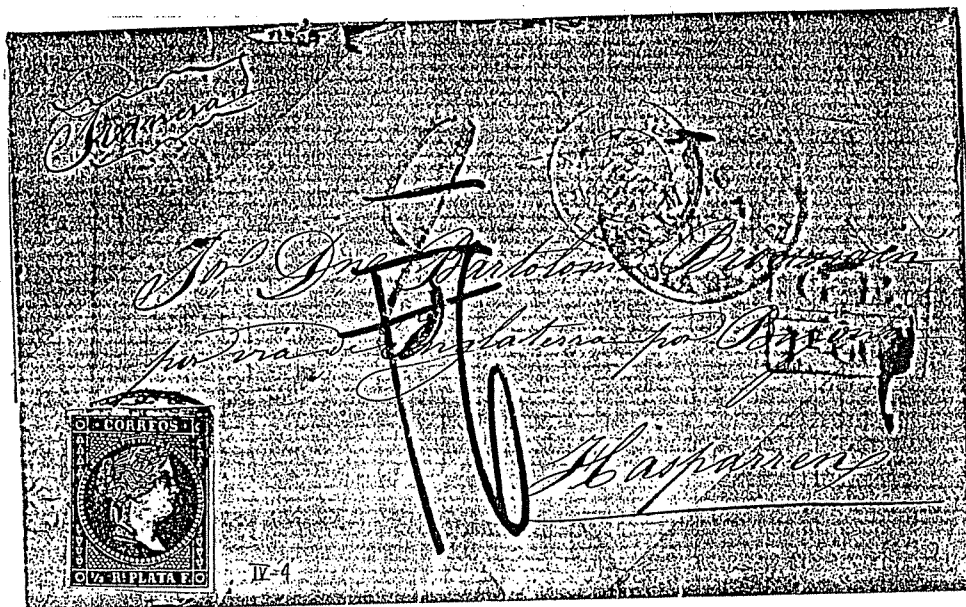
*(Dear Sirs)*

## ANGLO-FRENCH PACT ACCOUNTANCY MARKS

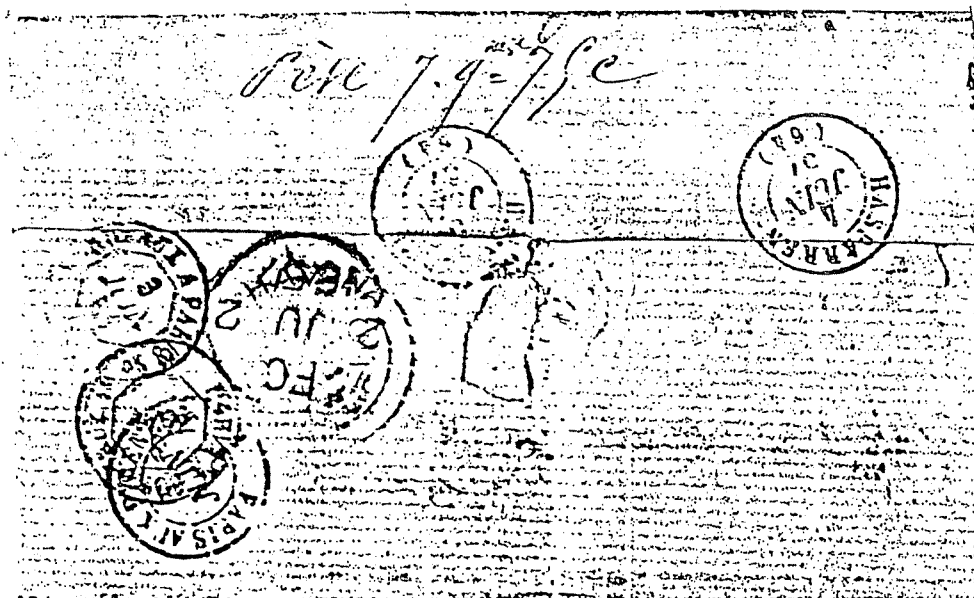
1862, September 6th.- Havana to Paris via London.  
 The British Havana double circled c.d.s. is that  
 of type III. The accountancy mark "G.B.1F.60c."  
 is shown. A French arrival postage due mark of  
 "16" decimes is present.



1857, May 5th. - Sagua la Grande to Hasparren, France. Via the British P.O. in Havana. The combination of rates is as follows: 1) A 1/2 Real value of the 1856 Issue (watermarked crossed lines) with the variety "CORRFOS" was used to pay for postage between Sagua la Grande (incomplete baeza dated May 6th.) and Havana. 2) Received at Havana British P.O. on May 10th. 3) Sent and received at London on June 2nd., here a rate of 1 Franc 60 Centimes was charged to France under the Anglo-French Pact. 4) Received in Paris June 3rd. marked to the Pyrenees also on June 3rd, here a postage due of 8 Decemes was marked, but changed then to a due of 16 Decemes when it was realized that England had charged this amount. 5) Arrived in Hasparren on June 4th., marked again Hasparren on June 5th. probably the date of the local delivery.



*Photocopy of the reverse side.*



## ANGLO-FRENCH PACT ACCOUNTANCY MARKS

1872, April 20th.- Havana to Bordeaux, via New York and London. Cover shows the "G.B.3F.60c." mark for mail from Havana via New York, during the period of 1870 to 1874 when the U.S.-French postal agreements were interrupted. A French arrival due rate of "12" decimes is shown.



# VAPEX 96

## Welcome to VAPEX '96

1996 marks the 20th year of VAPEX in Virginia Beach! The first VAPEX in the city was at the New Cavalier Hotel on the ocean front, where wind and adverse weather greeted every VAPEX from 1977 through 1983.

In 1984 a change was made in location to the Virginia Beach PAVILION, where better weather, better lighting, and much more space for exhibits and bourse inside, and parking outside, has accommodated increased attendance, more exhibits and dealers.

Though not by design, but recognized by the VAPEX '96 Committee, there are dealers, exhibitors, committee members, and one Judge at VAPEX '96 who were also at VAPEX '77. To that group of original participants, and to all who have attended VAPEX in any capacity since then, I thank you on behalf of the more than 36 clubs and individual members who comprise the Virginia Philatelic Federation.

Please feel that VAPEX is your show to enjoy, and that your visit be one of many philatelic gains, your trip home a time to reflect on old friends seen again and new friends met, and that the upcoming holiday season be the best ever for you and yours.

*Don Jones, President*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1996

12:00	VAPEX '96 Opens.	Pavilion Halls D&E
12:00	Alan Blair Auctions. Viewing of auction lots.	Booth 33
12:30 PM	Armed Forces Stamp Exchange Club Meeting.	Pavilion Rm 101
2:00 PM	SCC Chapter 26 Meeting and Program.	Pavilion Rm 102
3:00 PM	Errors, Freaks, & Oddities Collectors Club Meeting.	Pavilion Rm 101
4:00 PM	Cuban Philatelic Society of America. Seminar.	Pavilion Rm 102
5:00 PM	Alan Blair Auctions. Viewing of Auction Lots.	Pavilion Rm 103-104
5:00 PM	Virginia Chapter, American Air Mail Society. Meeting.	Pavilion Rm 101
7:00 PM	VAPEX '96 Closes.	Pavilion Halls D&E
7:30 PM	VAPEX '96 Public Auction.	Pavilion Rm 103-104

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1996

8:30 AM	Errors, Freaks and Oddities Collectors Club Breakfast.	Pavilion Tower Hotel
10:00 AM	VAPEX '96 Opens.	Pavilion Halls D&E
10:00 AM	Virginia Postal History Society Meeting and Program: "Early Charlottesville Postal History". <u>Eugene Lightfoot</u> .	Pavilion Rm 101
11:00 AM	Seminar: Postal Stationery EFO's. <u>Frank Pogue</u> .	Pavilion Rm 102
12:00	Mid-Atlantic Chapter, British North America Philatelic Society. Meeting.	Pavilion Rm 101
1:00 PM	Brazil Philatelic Association. Meeting.	Pavilion Rm 102
2:00 PM	Universal Ship Cancellation Society (NC Chapt. #99). Meeting.	Pavilion Rm 101
3:00 PM	AAPE Exhibiting Seminar. <u>Dr. Peter McCann</u> .	Pavilion Rm 102
4:00 PM	American Philatelic Society Judges Critique. <u>Dr. Michael Dixon</u> , Chair.	Pavilion Rm 101
6:00 PM	VAPEX '96 Closes.	Pavilion Halls D&E
7:00 PM	VAPEX '96 Social Hour.	Pavilion Tower Hotel
8:00 PM	VAPEX '96 Awards Banquet.	Pavilion Tower Hotel

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1996

10:00 AM	VAPEX '96 Opens.	Pavilion Halls D&E
11:00 AM	Virginia Philatelic Federation Board Meeting.	Pavilion Rm 101
12:00	Great Britain Collectors Club. Meeting and Program: "Machin Mania". <u>Joe Coulbourne</u> .	Pavilion Rm 102
1:00 PM	Cuban Philatelic Society of America. Meeting.	Pavilion Rm 101
2:00 PM	Universal Ship Cancellation Society (NC Chapt. #99). Meeting.	Pavilion Rm 102
4:00 PM	VAPEX '96 Closes.	Pavilion Halls D&E

## CONVENING SOCIETIES

VAPEX '96 is pleased to serve as host to two groups celebrating 25 year anniversaries - the Cuban Philatelic Society of America and the Virginia Postal History Society. We also welcome the annual meetings and conventions of the Brazil Philatelic Association, the Errors, Freaks, and Oddities Collectors Club, and North Carolina Chapter #99 of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society.

Graebner Chapter #17 of the American First Day Cover Society, the Virginia Chapter of the American Air Mail Society, Chapter 26 of the Scandinavian Collectors Club, the Armed Forces Stamp Exchange Club, the Great Britain Collectors Club, and the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, British North America Philatelic Society, are also participating at VAPEX '96.

As a World Series of Philately qualifying show, VAPEX welcomes the American Philatelic Society and its representatives.

Please join in welcoming all these groups. You are cordially invited to attend their programs and meetings, and to visit their booths in the society area.

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## EXHIBITS

### No. Title, Description, and Exhibitor

1. Cuba: The Republican Period 1902 - 1960. Errors, proofs, varieties and booklets. Fernando J. Iglesias
2. Cuba - Postal Markings on First Day Covers. Aldo Marti
3. Cuba Air Mail Service 1914-1939. Pioneer attempt - development of national and international service - glider and rocket trials. Robert B. Spooner
4. The British and French Post Offices in Cuba. Postal history of these post offices in Cuba, showing markings, rates, routes, etc. Fernando J. Iglesias
5. Communications in Cuba. Chapter #1 - Communications Employees Retirement Fund. Margarita Cortes
6. 19th and 20th Century Stamps of Cuba in Blocks of Four. Luis D. Diaz
7. Counterfeits of Brazilian Issues of 1843-1861. Stephen Rose
8. Brazil #1-3 (Bull's Eyes). Cancellation Exhibit. Gerard Marque
9. Cuba - Errors and Varieties. Major errors or varieties that occurred during the Republic Era. Sylvia Garcia-Frutos
10. A B-i-i-i-i-g Bellyache. The things humans eat and drink. (Display Class) Clyde Jennings and Frances Dixon
11. Brazil - Cancellations of the Empire - 1843-1889. James A. Dangler
12. U.S. Precancels - 1844/1996. A survey of U.S. local and Bureau precancels from the pioneer period through the present, emphasizing unusual usages, precancel postal history, and collecting specialties. Arnold H. Selengut
13. Ryukyu Islands. The Nansei Shoto Provisional Era: 1945-1952. Provisional stamps, stationery and stampless covers of Kume Jima and the gunto of Yaeyama, Okinawa, Miyako and Amami. Charles H. Ligon
- 13A. Montreal Machine Cancels - Type 2 Flag Cancels (Straight Jack). (Non-competitive). Larry R. Paige
14. Cuba: The Stamps of King Alphonso XII, 1876-1888. Study of the regular issues and their main varieties with emphasis on usages. Ernesto Cuesta
15. U.S. 19th Century Overall Advertising Covers. A nostalgic gathering of 19th century covers by topic. Menachim M. Mayo
16. Cuba - The Mail of the First Years of the Republic 1902-1916. Gerardo Alvarez
17. King George V & VI Canadian Booklets and Panes Issued from 1910 to 1951. Variations and exploded booklets included. Warren P. Fisher
18. The U.S. Registry System, the First 75 Years. The forerunners and origins, growth and changes in the system to 1920, and its markings, labels, stamps, and forms. Eliot A. Landau
19. Cancellations and Postmarks in Brazil During the Era of the American Bank Note Company Dom Pedro Stamps. A study of cancellations and postmarks from 1866 to 1879 in Brazil. A. Lee Martin, Jr

GRAND AWARD

**Alexander Hall** **Independent State and Confederate Mails,  
December 1860 through June 1865**

Gold

**Special Award:** **APS Medal of Excellence, Pre-1900**

**Confederate Stamp Alliance Medallion**

**Postal History Society Medal**

RESERVE GRAND AWARD

**Frank M. Wiatr.**

**Cracow (Krakow) Postal History Before  
World War I**

Gold

GOLD AWARDS

**Fernando J. Iglesias**

**The British and French Post Offices in Cuba**

**Charles H. Ligon**

**Ryukyu Islands. The Nansei Shoto Provisional  
Era: 1945-1952**

**Special Awards:**

**APS Medal of Excellence, 1940-Present**

**United Postal Stationery Society Marcus White  
Award**

**Ryukyu Philatelic Specialist Society Award**

**Ernesto Cuesta**

**Cuba: The Stamps of King Alfonso XII, 1876-1888**

**Special Awards:**

**Cuban Philatelic Society of America Best Cuban  
exhibit in show**

**Cuban Philatelic Society of America Best exhibit by a  
member**

**Elliot A. Landau**

**The U.S. Registry System, the First 75 Years**

**Special Awards:**

**U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Award**

**George Y. Fisher**

**The U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China  
1867-1922**

**Special Awards:**

**U.S. Cancellation Club Award**

**James H. Cochrane Memorial Award**

**Stephen Luster**

**Toward a United Europe**

**Special Awards:**

**ATA Gold Medal**

**J. Douglas Church Memorial Award**

**Clyde & Jay Jennings**

**The Half-A Collection**

**Special Awards:**

**APS Medal of Excellence, 1900-1940**

**Bureau Issues Association "Statue of Freedom"  
Award**

**VERMEIL AWARDS**

**Fernando J. Iglesias**

**Cuba: The Republican Period 1902-1960**

**Arnold H. Selengut**

**U.S. Precancels -- 1844/1996**

**Special Awards:**

**Precancel Stamp Society Certificate**

**William V. Kriebel**

**Brazil: The First Airmails**

**Special Awards:**

**American Air Mail Society Award**

**Brazil Philatelic Association**

**Adm. Jesse G. Johnson Memorial Award**