

C U B A : P R E - P H I L A T E L I C M A R K I N G S

In 1756 the internal Cuban Postal System was reorganized and Jose Antonio de Armona was appointed as Postmaster. It was then that postal markings with town names were introduced, although the earliest known is from 1760. These types of hand stamps come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors since most were locally made. They were in use until the 1860's, but examples from the 18th century are very rare.

In 1842 Juan Baeza, the Spanish General Postmaster, introduced the circular date hand stamps which were to be used at the origin, transit, and arrival of all letters, in an attempt to control the time taken for the delivery of mail. He also divided Spain and its Territories in 31 Postal Dependencies, being Cuba and Puerto Rico number 30. Post offices began to use their new "BAEZA" hand stamp from mid 1842 on according to their importance, since they were being sent from Spain. Some small towns did not receive their new hand stamp at all, and there is an overlap in the use of the "straight-line" and date markings among them.

In 1855 stamps were first introduced in Cuba but their use was voluntary until 1857 when -strictly speaking- the "Pre-Philatelic Period" ends. In many cases, stamps were not available well into the 1860's, especially for official mail which required special stamps, and pre-paid stampless covers are frequently seen up to that period. Later, some towns used the old markings to cancel stamps but those covers are very unusual.

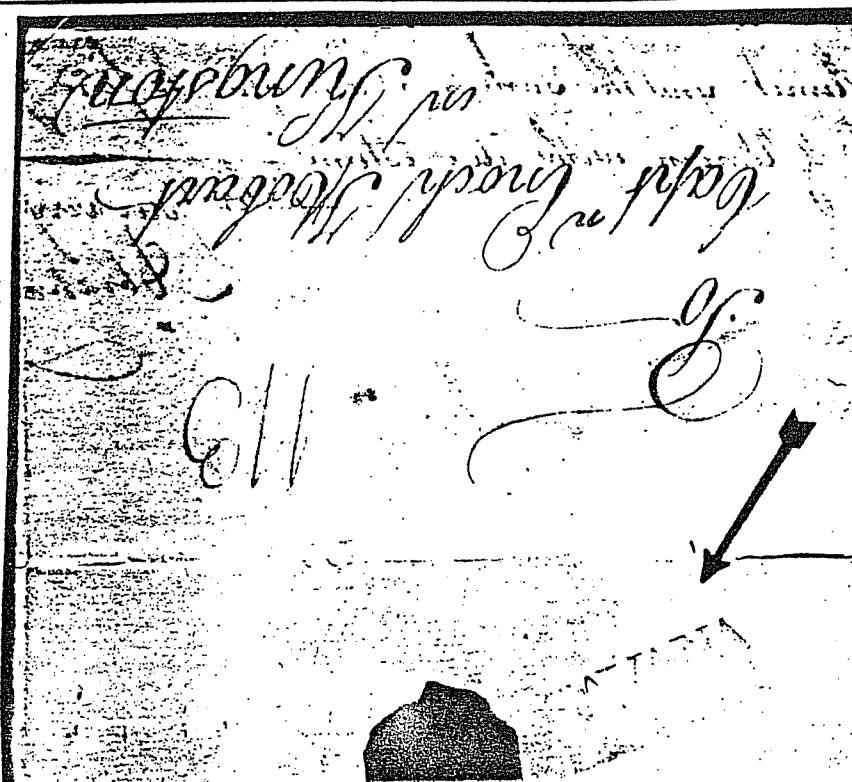
In 1765 the Spanish Government created the "Maritime Mails" which regularly traveled between the Americas and Spain. Havana was usually the first port of call and a center for redistribution of mail. Special markings like Islas de Barlovento, Espana, and Indias, were created to indicated the origin of the letters in order to properly charge the addressee, but their use was very irregular and it is sometimes impossible to determine where they were applied.

In 1803, because of the increasing danger to commercial ships, the Spanish Army took over the carrying of mails, but the markings continued to be used until mid 18th century.

In 1827 "Empresa de Correos Marítimos", a Cuban private company, began to carry the mails to and from Spain under contract with the government. The "Empresa" was granted official monopoly of almost all the charges collected from the mails handled by the post-office to or from Cuba, under certain conditions that were favorable to the Spanish Government. The company used its own markings which greatly changed, according to their needs and were in use until 1851 when they finally ceased operations after going bankrupt. Some of the markings were later reused by the post-office for incoming mail but are not the subject of this exhibit.

We present a selection of the most representative markings divided in the following sections:

Town "Straight-line" Markings Town "Baeza" Markings
Certified Mail Maritime Mail Markings
"Empresa de Correos Marítimos" Markings.



HAVANA.

1765. NEW YORK to KINGSTON via H
This is the second earliest re
marking from Cuba.
The oldest (1760) is in the Cuban
Museum.

ALACRANES

P. & H. M. M. ⁵
Del ALACRANES
Teniente Gob. de
de Macranes) Habana

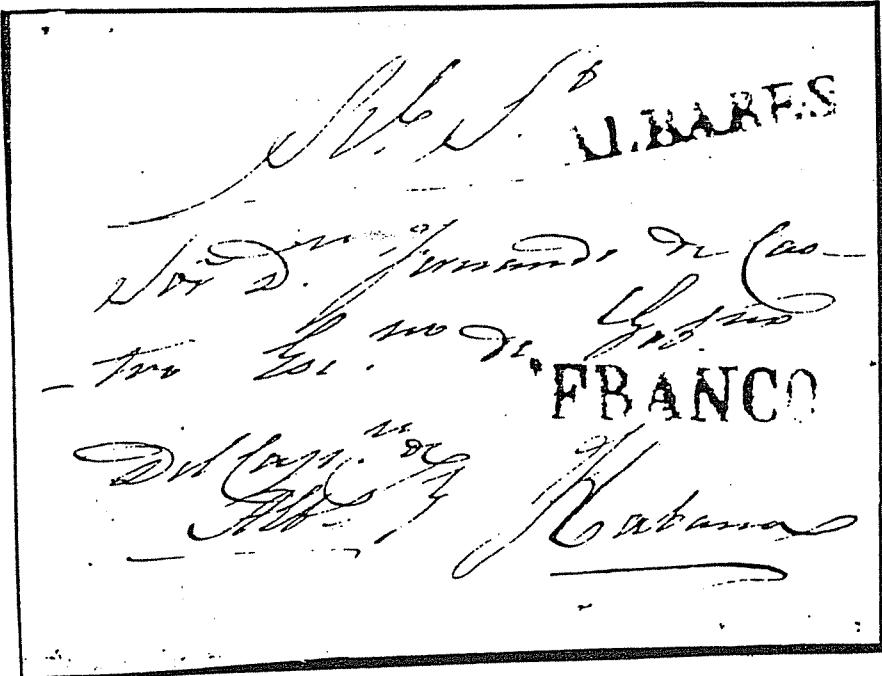
1848 ALACRANES TO HAVANA pre-paid
with framed "ALACRANES" in
black. 2nd Type of straight
line marking used there.

ALACRANES

1848 ALACRANES TO MATANZAS with
framed "ALACRANES" in black.
This was the hand stamp used
above which gradually became
deformed.

Sor Brigadier Gob de
la Ciudad de ALACRANES
Del ALACRANES
Teniente Gob de
de Macranes) Matanzas

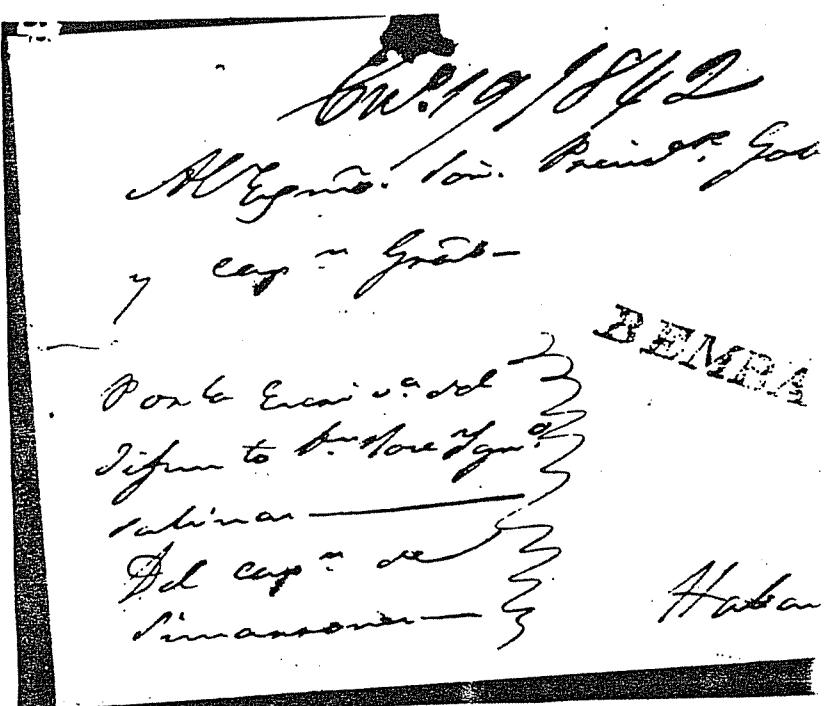
ALBARES

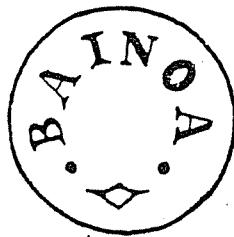


1844. ALBARES to HAVANA pre-paid.
This is the only straight line pre-
philatelic marking used there.
Very rare.

BEMBA

1842. CIMARRONES privately carried
to BEMBA then sent by mail to HAVANA.
This is the only straight line marking
used in that town. Very rare.

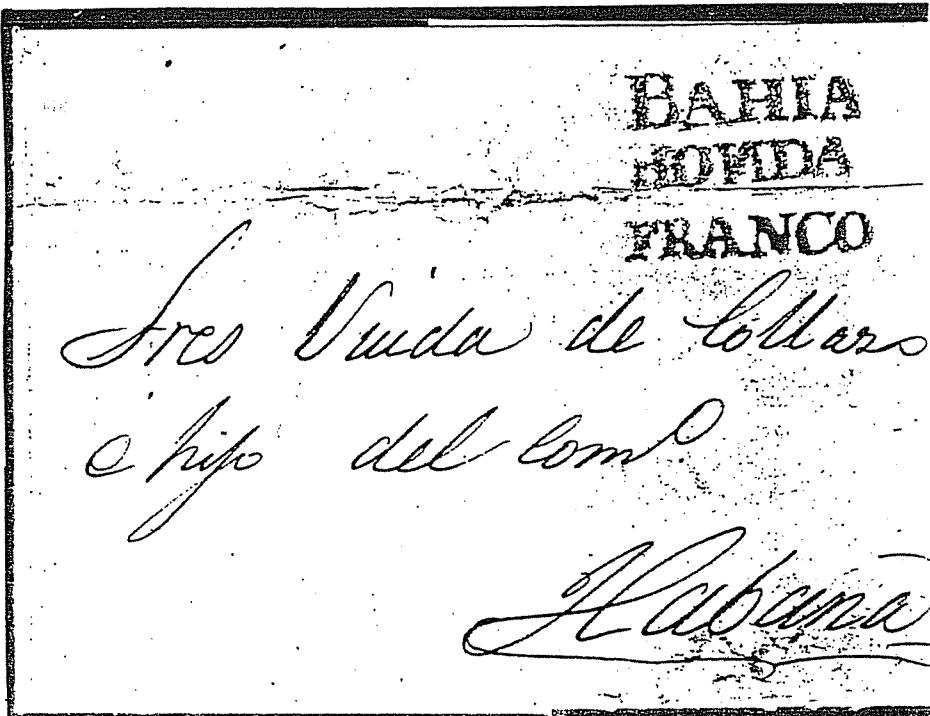




1855. BAINOA to HAVANA.
This is the second type of
pre-philatelic marking used
there.

**BAHIA
HONDA
FRANCO**

1848 BAHIA HONDA TO HAVANA pre-paid
with the only Type of straight
line marking in black used there.



BAYAMO.

S. de Puda de Collar
e. Bayamo. **BAYAMO.**

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Havana

1837. BAYAMO to HAVANA.
Only type of straight line
marking used in Bayamo.

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Al Ilmo. Sen. Mag. do Fisco
de la R. D. de Pactorial.

BEJUCAL

1844. BEJUCAL to HAVANA.
Only type of straight line
marking used there. Rare.

Del F. de Gob. de
F. del Bejucal.

BEJUCAL

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Sot Magistrado
cal segundado de la Real
Audiençia Provincial



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Tente Gab [unclear]
de Cardenas

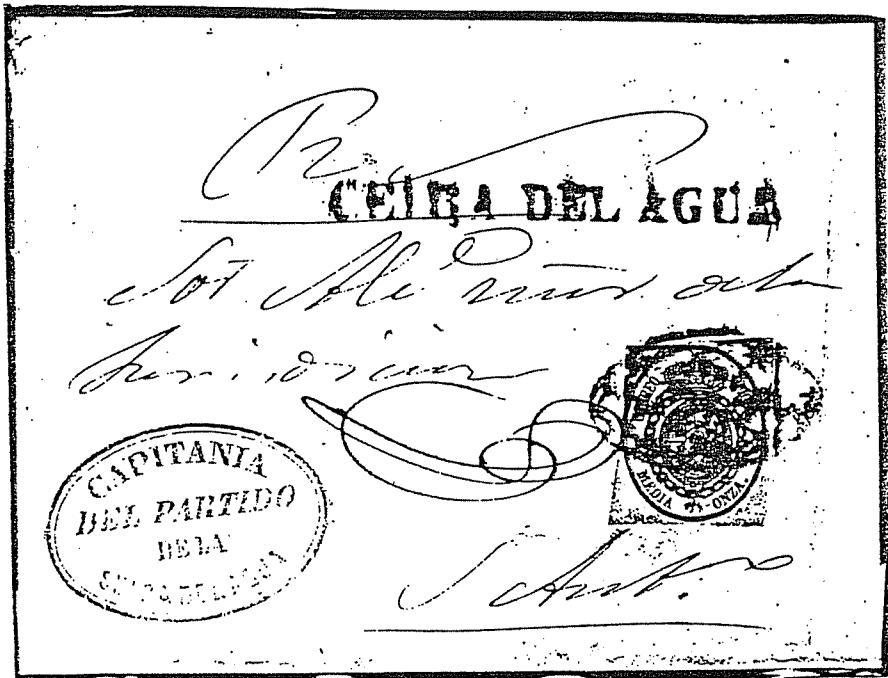
Habana



1844. CARDENAS to HAVANA.
This is the only Cuban pre-
philatelic semi-circular mar-
king and the second type of
marking from this town.

CEIBA DEL AGUA

1859. CEIBA DEL AGUA to SAN ANTONIO.
Only straight line marking used there.
Franqued with 1/2 oz official stamp.



CARTERIA DE
ALACRANES.

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Crd. Alcaldia Ptoaria L.

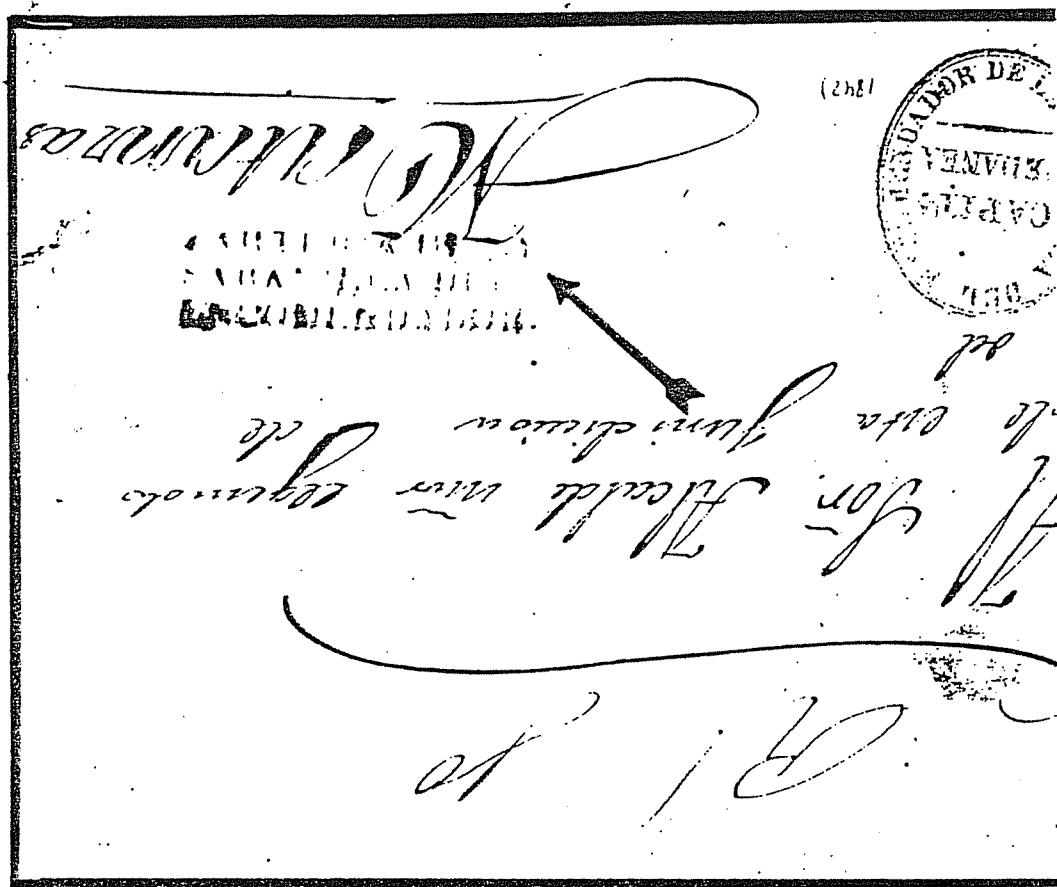
Del Generalito
a Havana

CARTERIA DE
ALACRANES.

c. 1850. ALACRANES to HAVANA.
This straight line handstamp was
the last type used in that town.

CARTERIA DE LA
SABANILLA DEL
ENCOMENDADOR

842. SABANILLA DEL ENCOMENDADOR
to MATANZAS. This is the only three-
line Cuban pre-philatelic marking.
Very few known.



~~CUMPUSTIZO~~

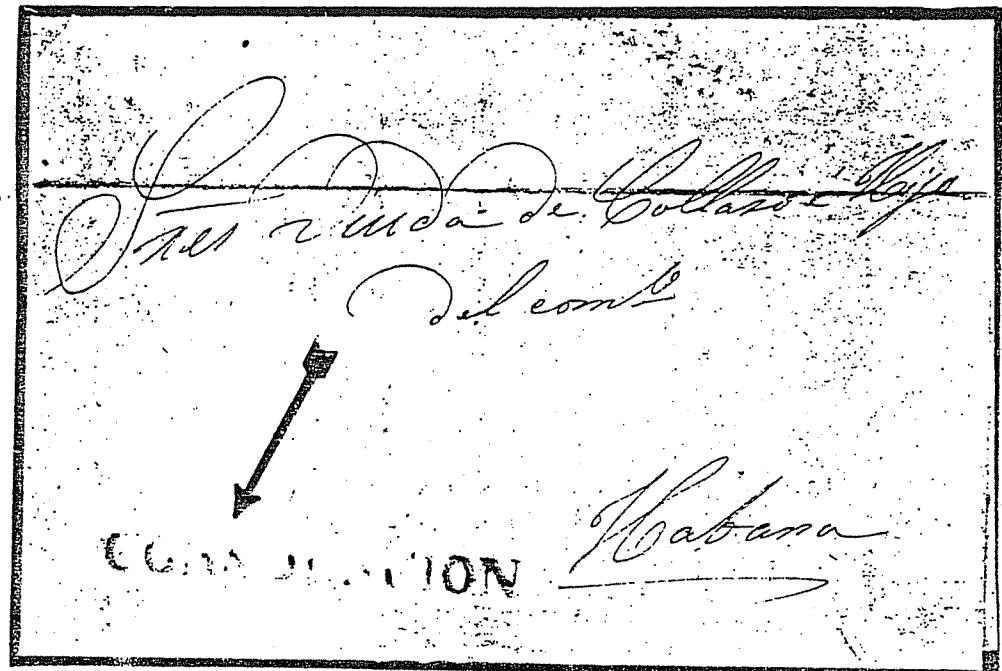
R. P. Vida de Collao e Hijo
detras
Habana

COMPOSTIZO

1841. COMPOSTIZO to HAVANA.
Only type of straight line
marking used there.

CONSOLACION

1839. CONSOLACION to HAVANA.
Only type of straight line
marking from this town.



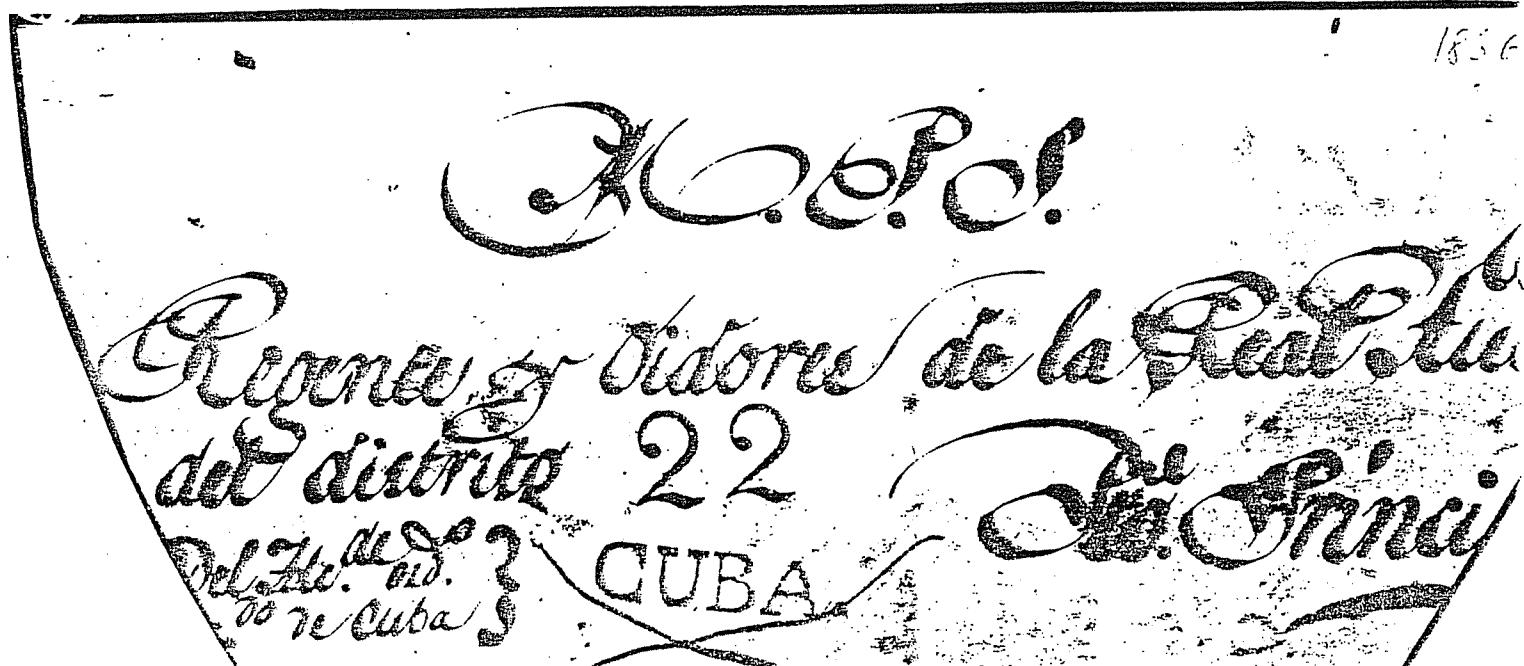


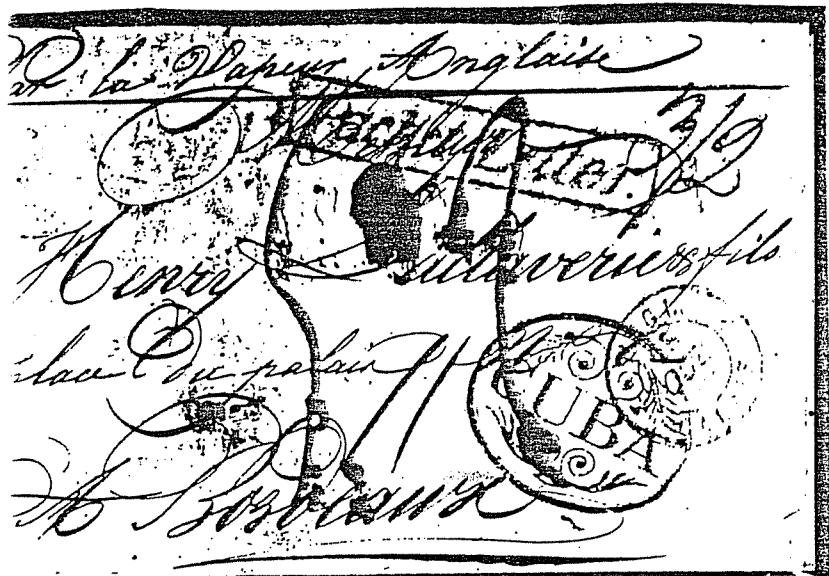
CUBA.

1819 SANTIAGO DE CUBA TO CATALUÑA
red "CUBA" which was the I
of straight line marking u
Also with straight line "I"
BARLOVENTO" stamped in Spa

CUBA.

1836 SANTIAGO DE CUBA TO PUERTO PRINCIPIA
with black "CUBA" which is the I
Type of straight line marking u
there.
Only recorded example in black.



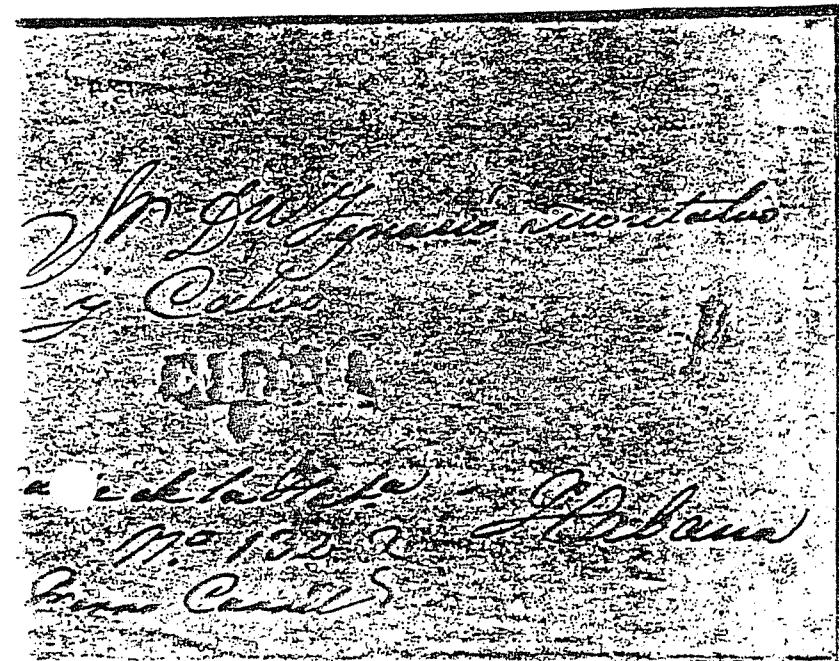
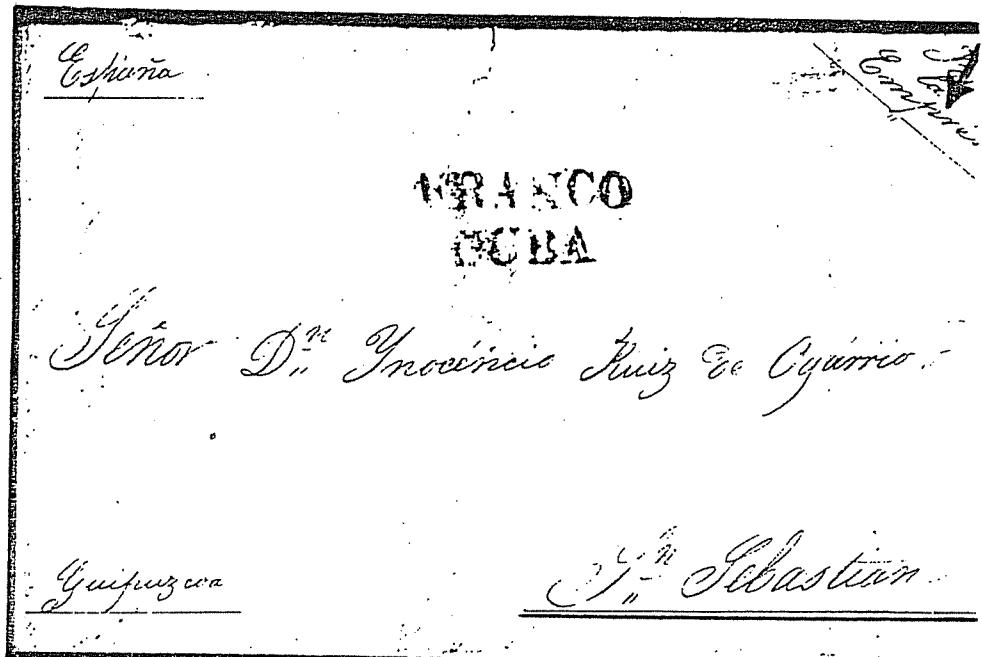


FRANCO
CUBA

7 SANTIAGO DE CUBA TO SAN SEBASTIAN
Carried by the "EMPRESA DE CORREOS
MARITIMOS" with red straight line
"FRANCO DE CUBA". This marking was
probably only used by the "EMPRESA"



1840 SANTIAGO DE CUBA TO BORDEAUX,
with oval "CUBA" which was the
3rd Type of straight line mar-
king used. Carried by British
ship.

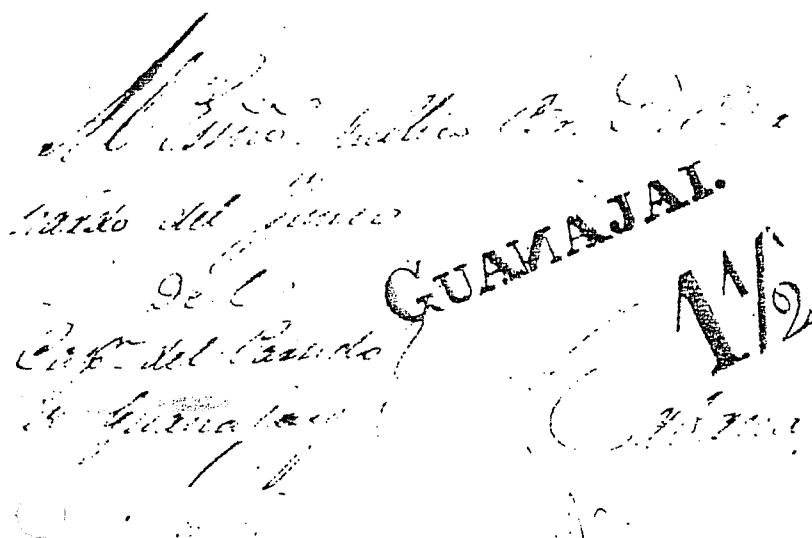
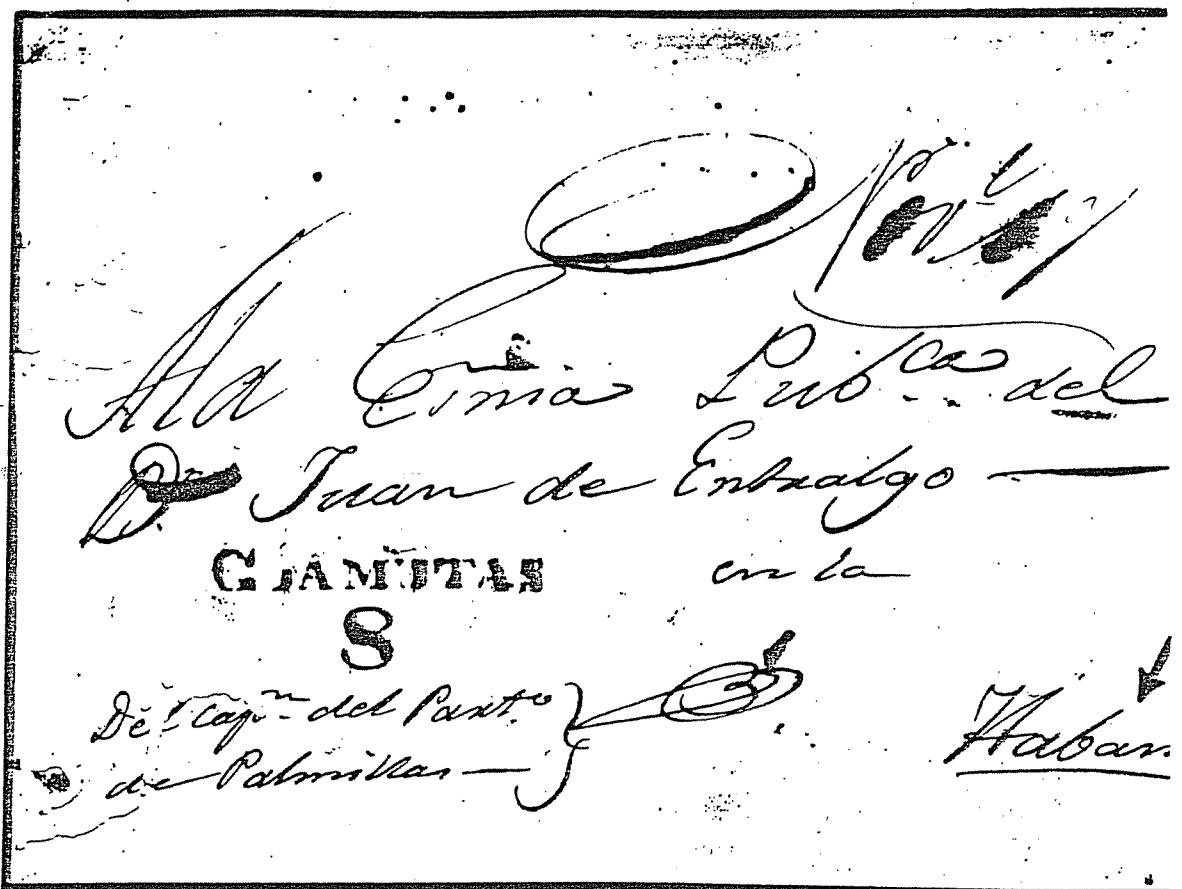


CIDRA

1854. CIDRA to HAVANA.
Only type of straight line
marking used there. Very Rare.

GUAMUTAS

PALMILLAS to HAVANA via GUAMUTAS.
of straight line marking from



GUANAJAI.

1843. GUANAJAY to HAVANA.
One of the two straight line
markings used there.

El Sord. de Cámara de la Señor. Almire
Nide en la ciudad de San Juan de Mano

GUANA-
VACOA.

Del paseo a la montaña
al punto de Guanabacoa

1823. GUANABACOA to PUERTO PRINCIPE.
Earliest known marking from this town
and the only known example recorded in
red.

GUANA-
VACOA.

c.1830. GUANABACOA to HAVANA.
Only type of straight line
marking used there.

GUANA-
VACOA.

GUANA-
VACOA.

Al Ecuador Cap Gral.
S. No.

Al Ecuador Cap Gral.
S. No.

Por la Escena de Sierra
Libreto

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GUANA-
VACOA.

GUANA-
VACOA.

Del Litoral Estd. q.
Guanabacoa}

Habana

G. Habana

GUINES

1843 GUINES TO HAVANA with black straight line "GUINES"

1830 HOLGUIN TO PUERTO PRINCIPE with red straight line
"HOLGUIN". Only recorded example.

HOLGUIN

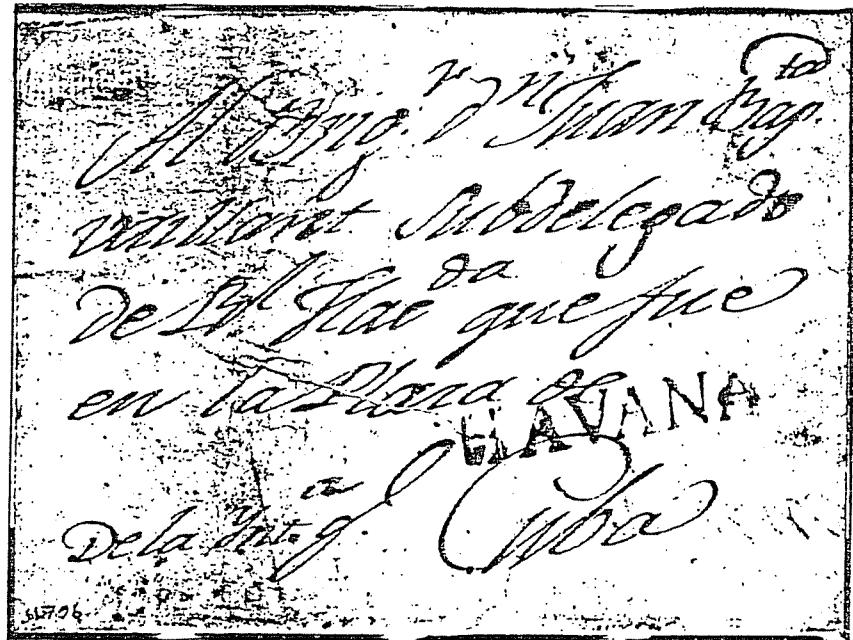
Atto Bachijr G. Tumino José Agamonte y Sancha
Secret. de Comercio de la Ciu. y Chancillería P. L.
Distrito de
Del Fm. G. G.
de Holguin

HOLGUIN

Puerto Principe

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HAVANA



1796. HAVANA to SANTIAGO DE CUBA.
Third type of straight line marking
used in Havana.

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HAVANA

P B Anslee Esq.

Liverpool

HAVANA

HAVANA TO LONDON by British ship,
with black straight line "HAVANA".

HAVANA

1828 HAVANA TO LIVERPOOL by British
ship, with black straight
"HAVANA".



HABANA

1830 HAVANA TO LONDON, with straight
line black "HABANA" 32 mm

Mr. Fox & Smith & C^o
HABANA
London

Al Sr. Gobernador Militar de la Ciud
ad de San Carlos de


HABANA

(el Cap^o
General)

Mataanzas

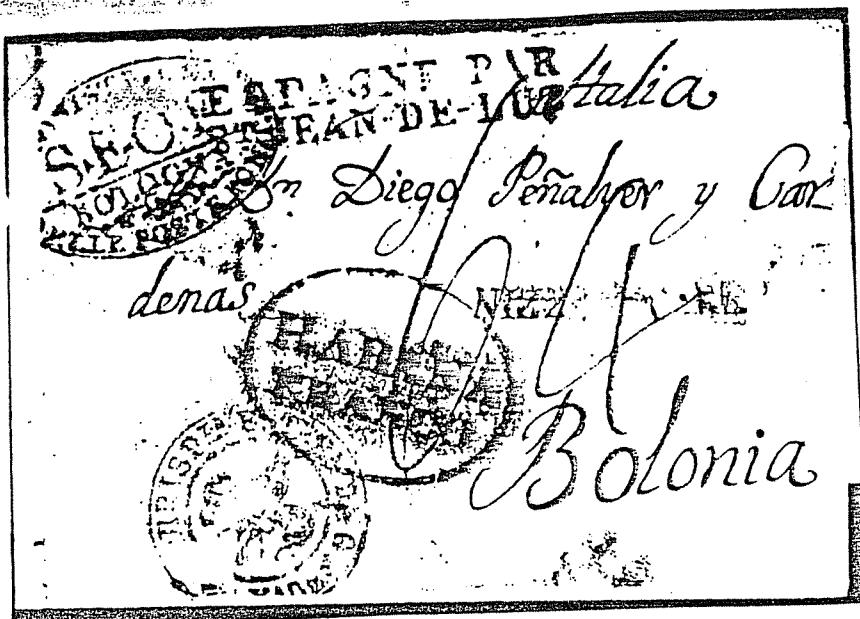
HABANA

1831 HAVANA TO MATANZAS, with straight
line "HABANA" 35 mm

HABANA

1837 HAVANA TO CHARLESTOWN, MA, with
black straight line "HABANA" 34 mm

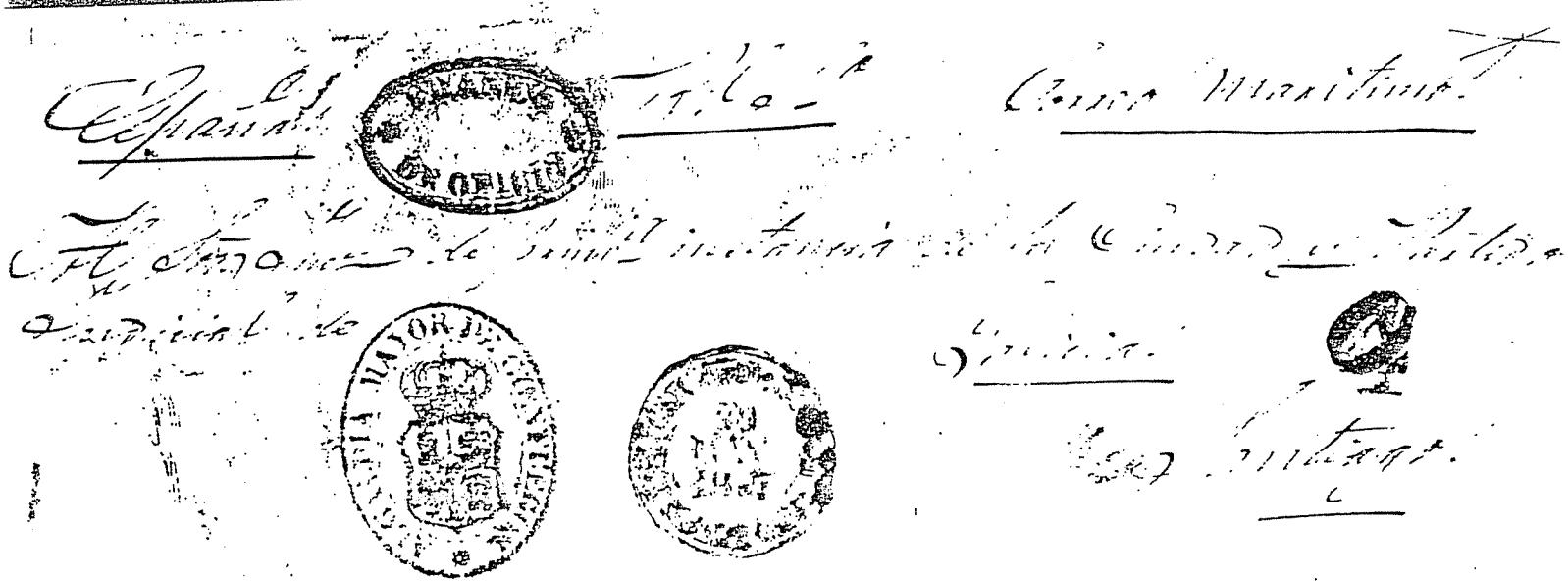
Impentford D^o
M^o 10th
HABANA
Mr. Parker Turner
No. 3 Whipping Street
Charlestown
supposed Massachusetts



1830 HAVANA TO ITALY pre-paid with ov "HABANA FRANCO" via Spain and Fr

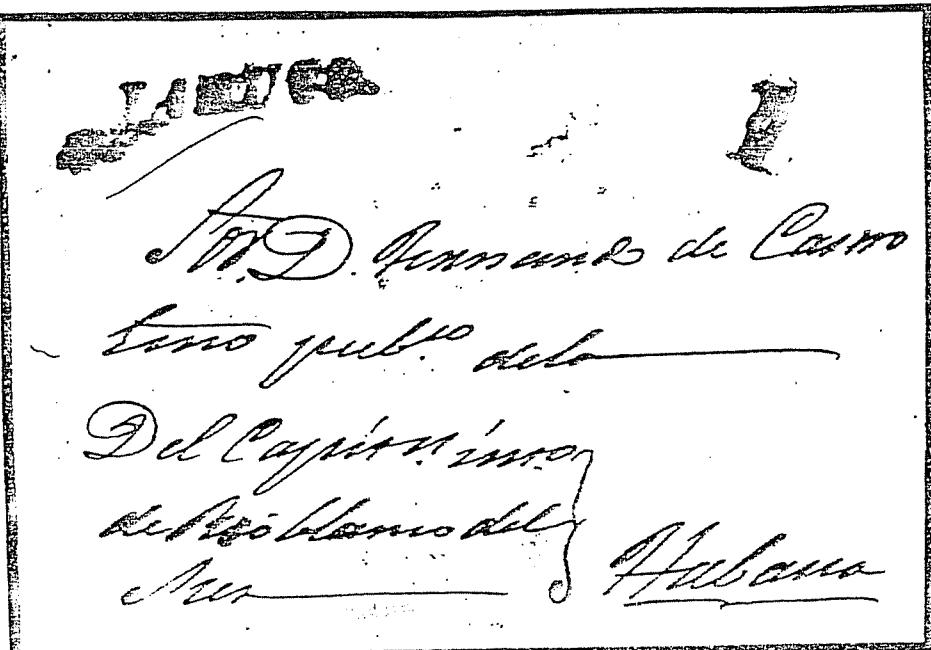
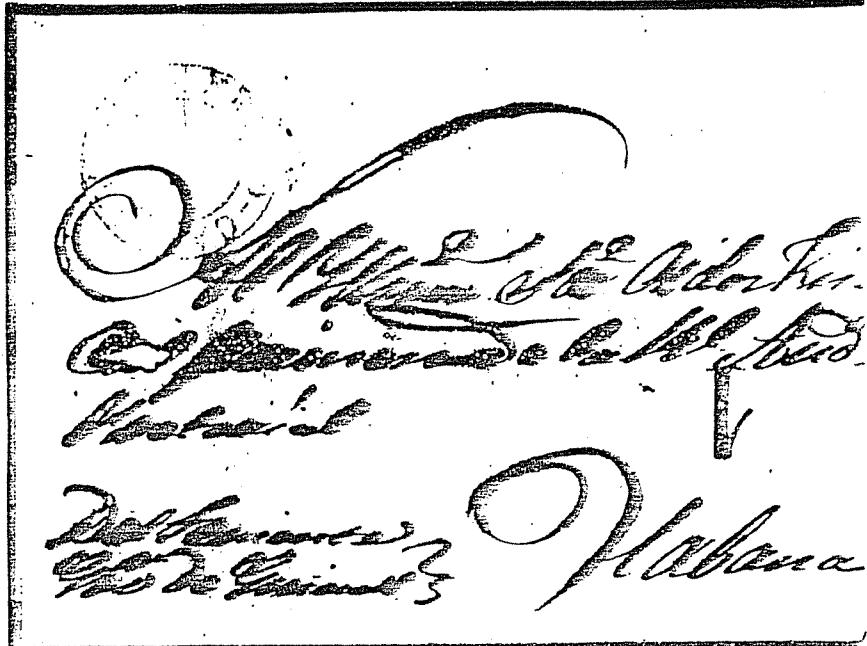


1857 HAVANA TO SANTIAGO, GALICIA, ESPAÑA, with extremely rare oval "FRANCO DE OFICIO" in blue.



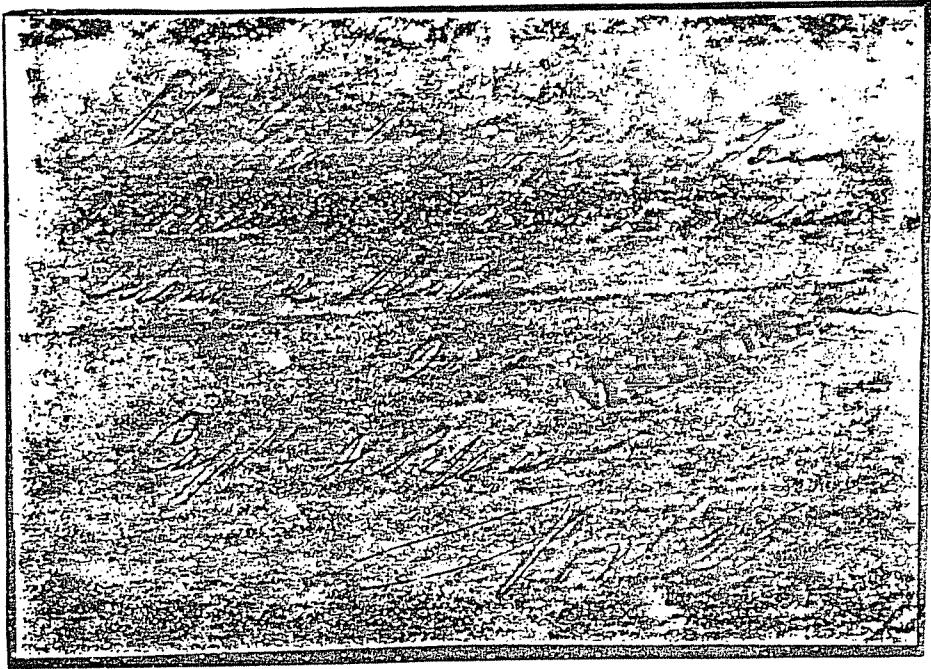


1848 GÜRES TO HAVANA with the circular marking "FERROCARRIL HABANA"
Very rare.



JARUCO.

1844 RIO BLANCO DEL SUR TO HAVANA
via JARUCO with black straight line marking.

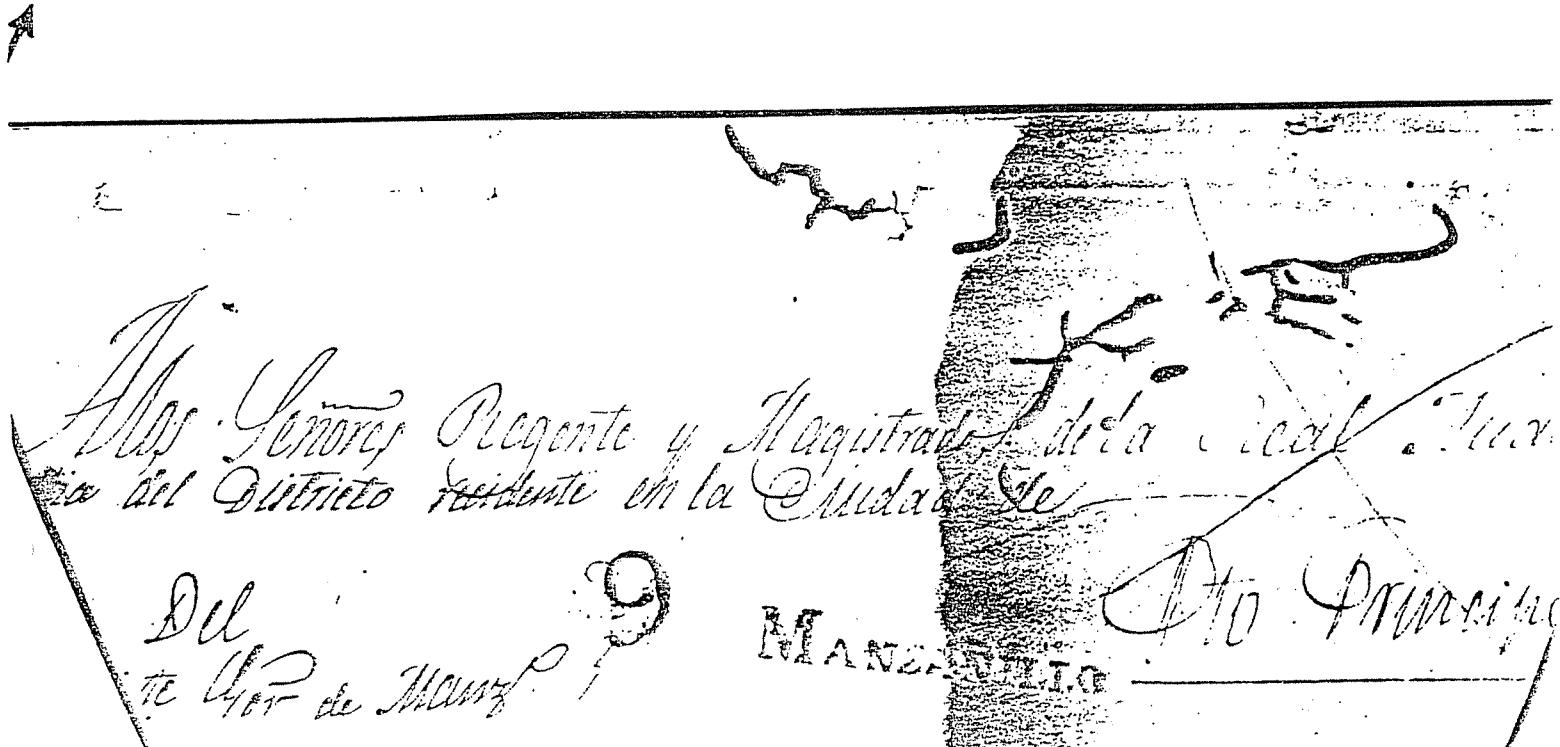


MADRUGA

1841 LETTER FROM MADRUGA with black straight line "MADRUGA". The only type of straight line marking from that town. Very rare.

MANZANILLO.

1840 MANZANILLO TO PUERTO PRINCIPÉ with straight line marking "MANZANILLO".



MAR.

2

A. M. Montalvo, S. P. S. First Print de la C. 2

Andresito & Peñonito

MARIEL

A. M. Montalvo, S. P. S. First Print
y Andresito & Peñonito

Habana

MONTALVO

1857 MONTALVO TO MATANZAS, black,
cancelling 1/2 R stamp. Very
few straight line markings in
carriers with stamps.



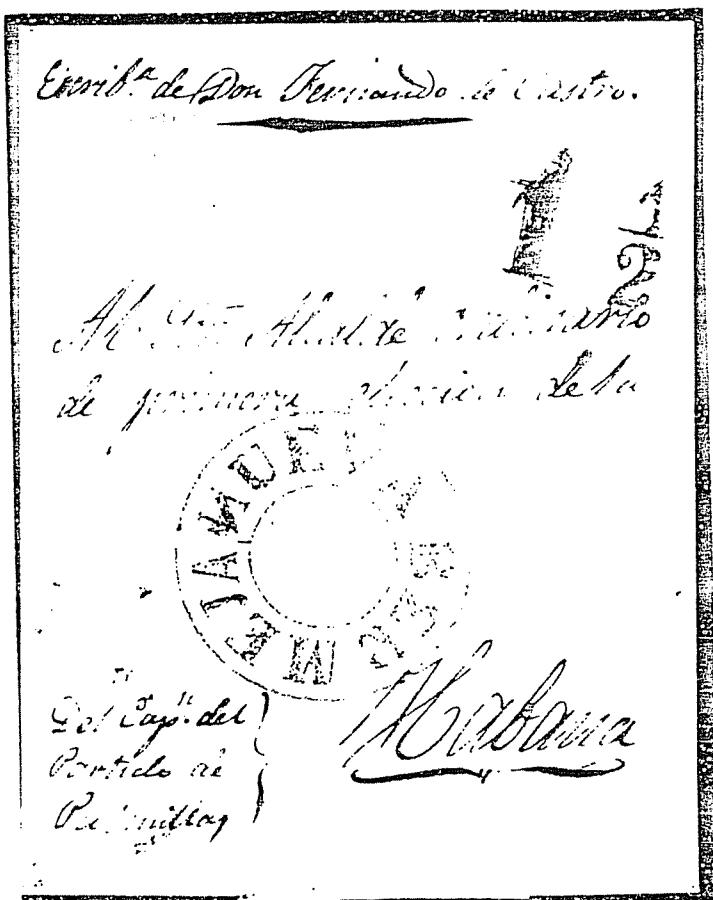
MORON.

A. M. Montalvo, S. P. S. First Print de la C.
y Andresito & Peñonito

MORON.

1839 MORON TO HAVANA in red st-
marking.

BERMEJA
1844



1844 NUEVA BERMEJA TO HAVANA
with double circle red
"NUEVA BERMEJA"
Unique, and the largest
Cuban Pre-Philatelic marking.

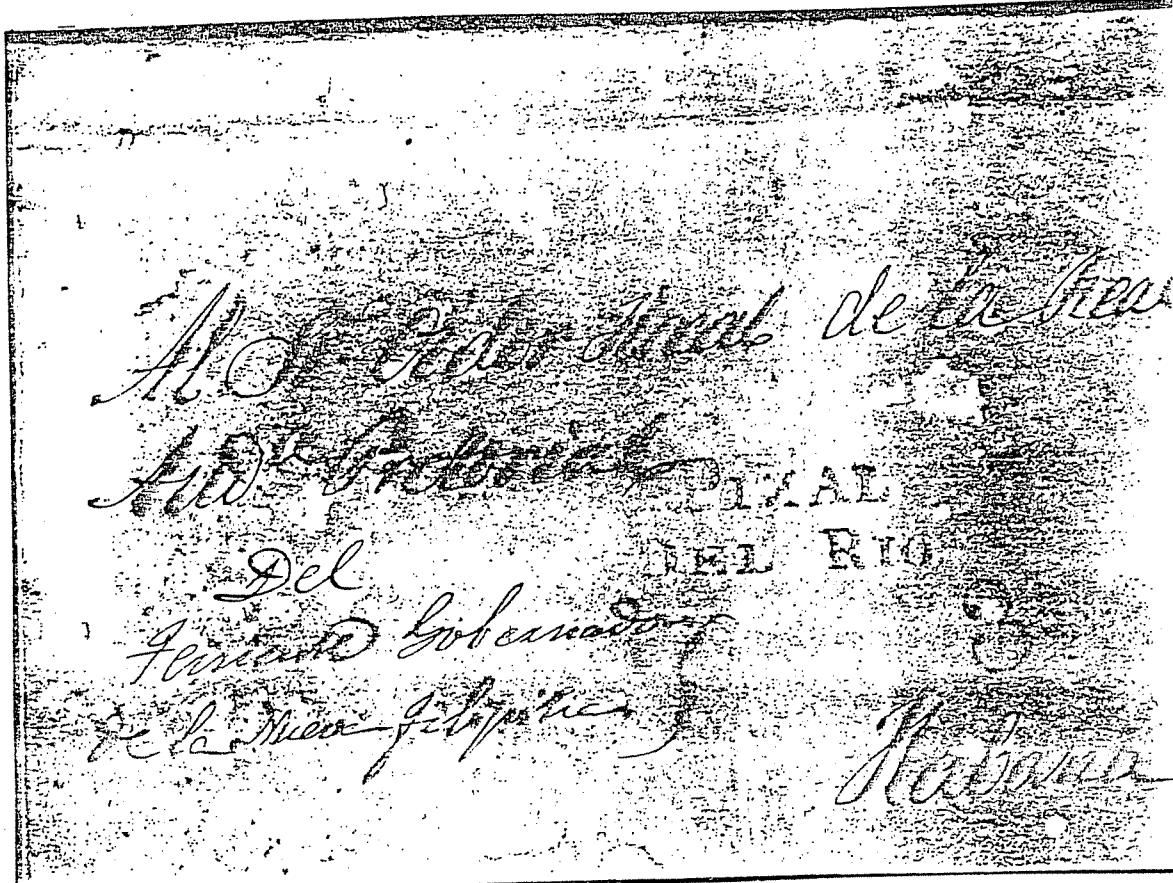


NUEVITAS

1843 NUEVITAS TO GUARA in black,
by railroad, with straight
line "NUEVITAS".

PINAL
DEL RIO.

PINAR DE RIO TO HAVANA
with red straight line
"PINAL DEL RIO"



Dr. D. Juan Palacio
 3 Sit del Com.
 15 Havana

PALACIOS

1839 PALACIOS TO HAVANA
 with black, straight
 line "PALACIOS"

PUERTA DE LA GUIRA

1843 PUERTA DE LA GUIRA TO HAVANA
 with double oval black straight
 line "PUERTA DE LA GUIRA"
 Only recorded example.

Dr. D. Juan Palacio
 don Pimentel
 Del Cps. 3 del Partido
 de la Pta. de la Guira
 Havana

Yra Nda de Oviedo i Llo

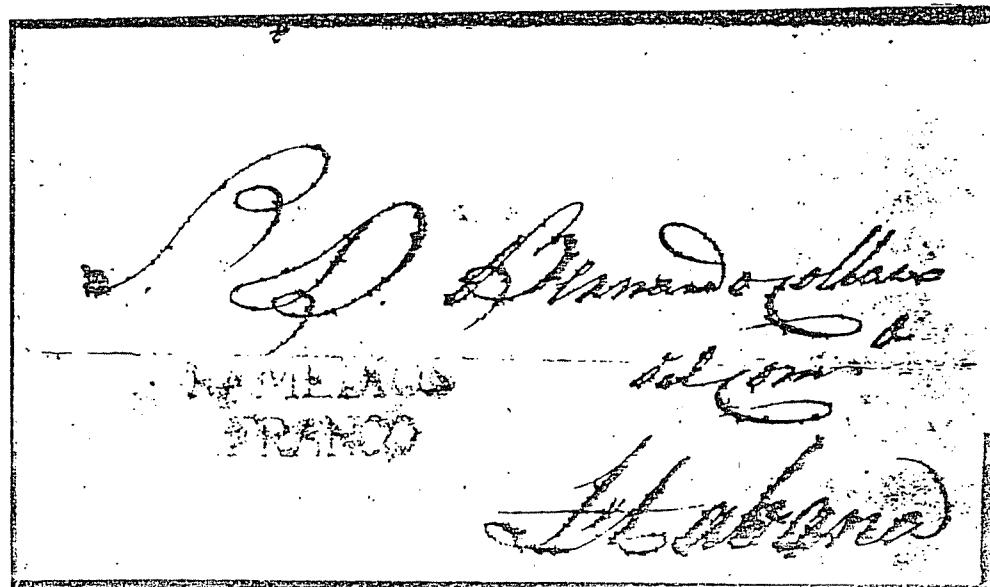
PUERTO
PRINCIPE

PUERTO
PRINCIPE

REMEDIOS

1832 REMEDIOS TO HAVANA
in red with matching
"FRANCO" in red.

1840 PUERTO PRINCIPE TO HAVANA
in red with 2nd Type of
straight line marking used
in Puerto Principe.



A la S^a Guido de Collosso
ayto del Comercio -
Sagua la Grande

1/2

Habana

**SAGUA
LAGRANDE**

40 SAGUA LA GRANDE TO HAVANA
with the 2nd type of straight
line marking from this town.

Sagua la Grande

1836 SAGUA LA GRANDE TO HAVANA
with the first type of
straight line marking from
this town.



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S^NANTONIO.

1839 SAN ANTONIO TO HAVANA with red straight line "San ANTONIO"
Extremely rare.

S^NANTONIO.

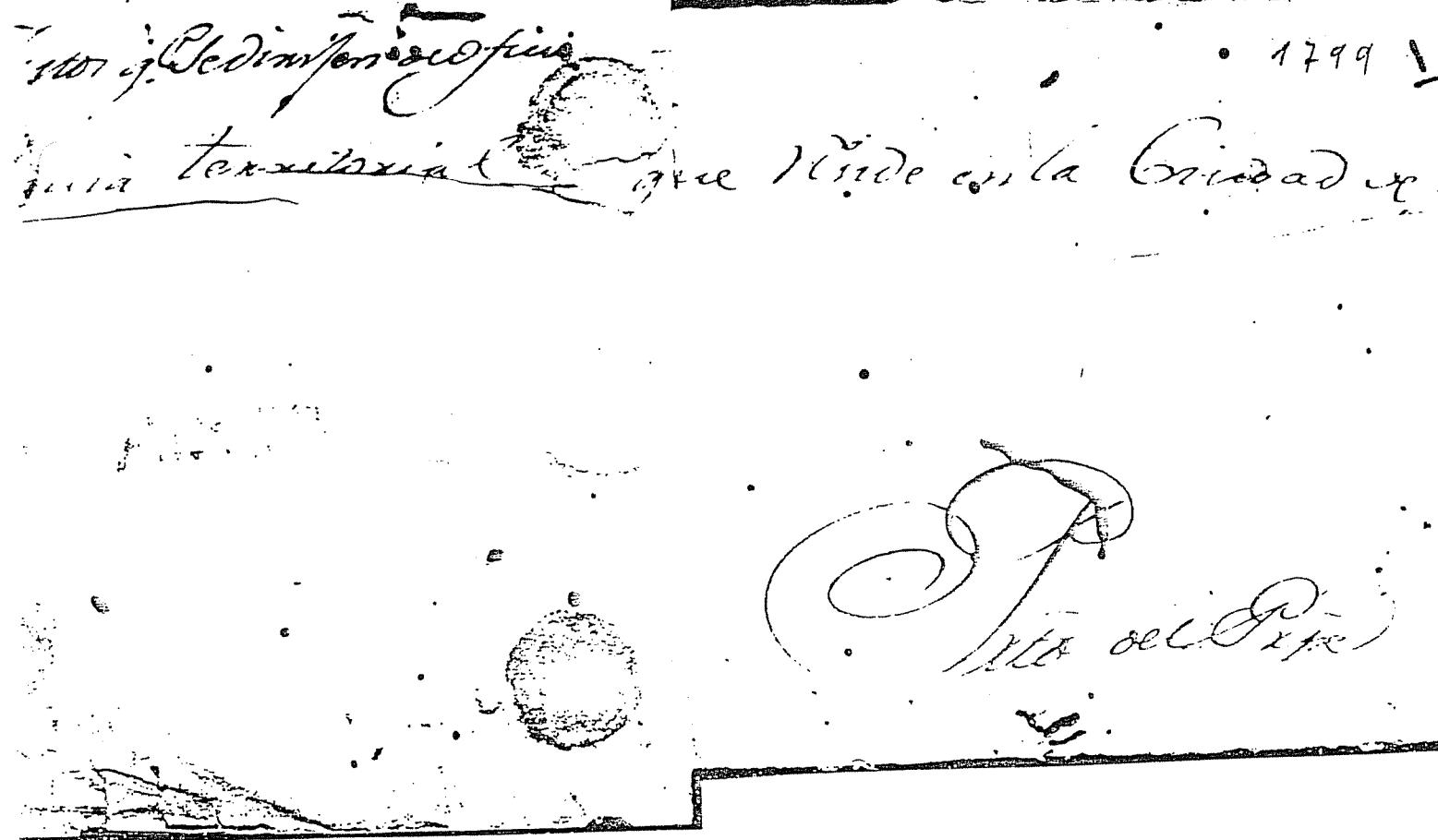
1839 SAN ANTONIO TO HAVANA
with black straight
line "Sn ANTONIO"
Extremely rare.

Av. Petrópolis del Cuidad de s

SPANTON 10.

Francesca

1799

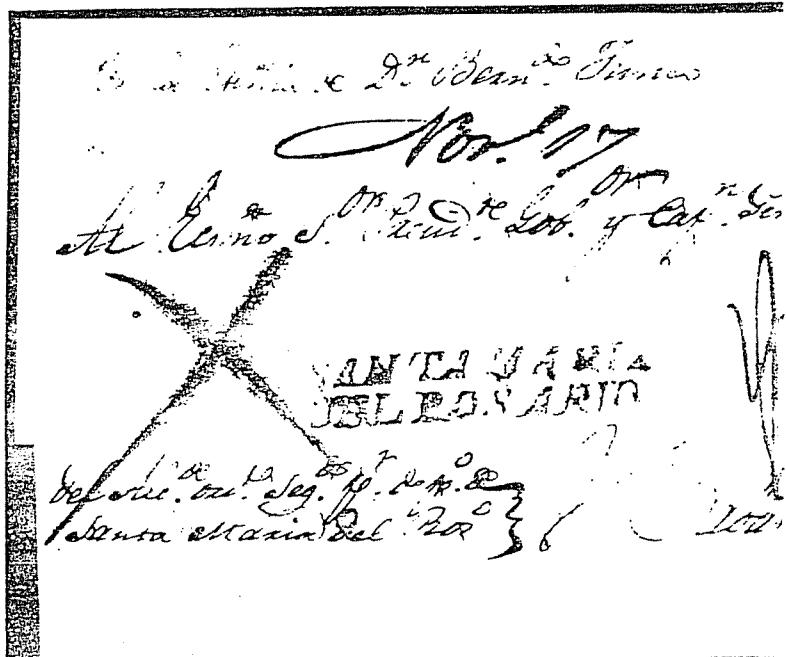


SANCTI
SPIRITUS

c1799 SANCTI SPIRITUS TO PUERTO PRINCIPE with red marking.
This is the earliest recorded cover from this town.

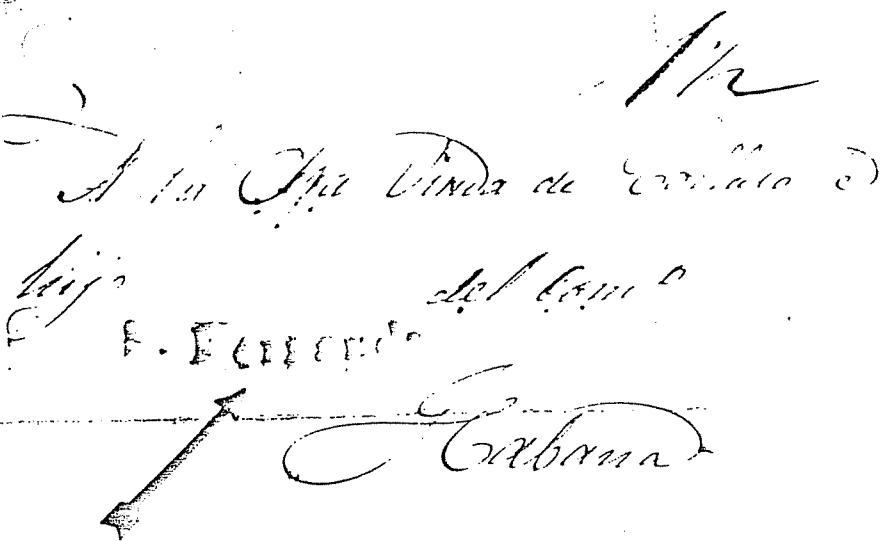
SANTA MARIA
DEL ROSARIO

1839 SANTA MARIA DEL ROSARIO TO HAVANA
with green marking.



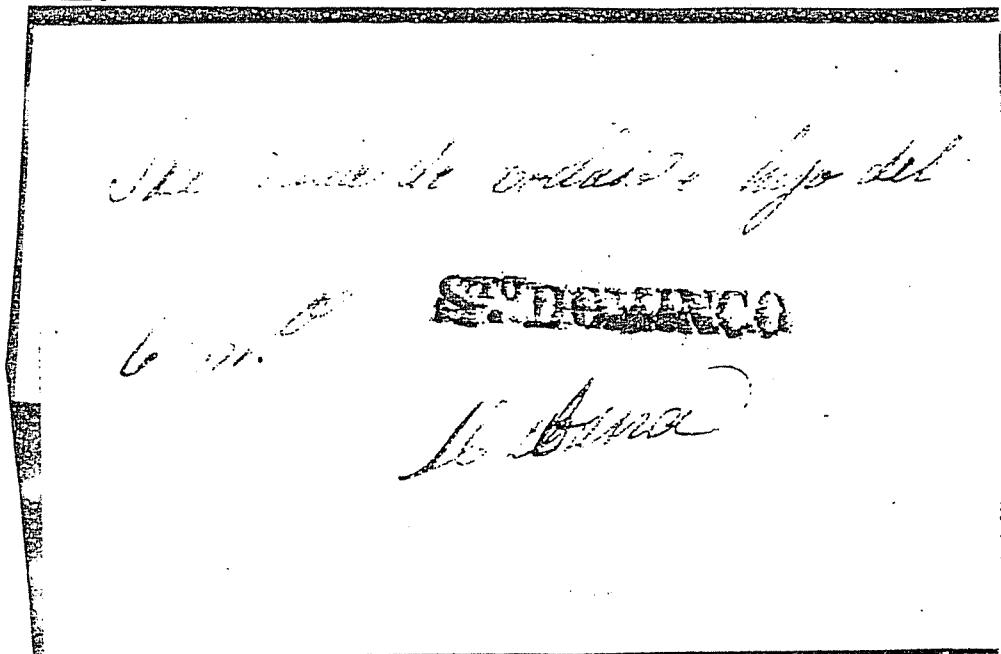
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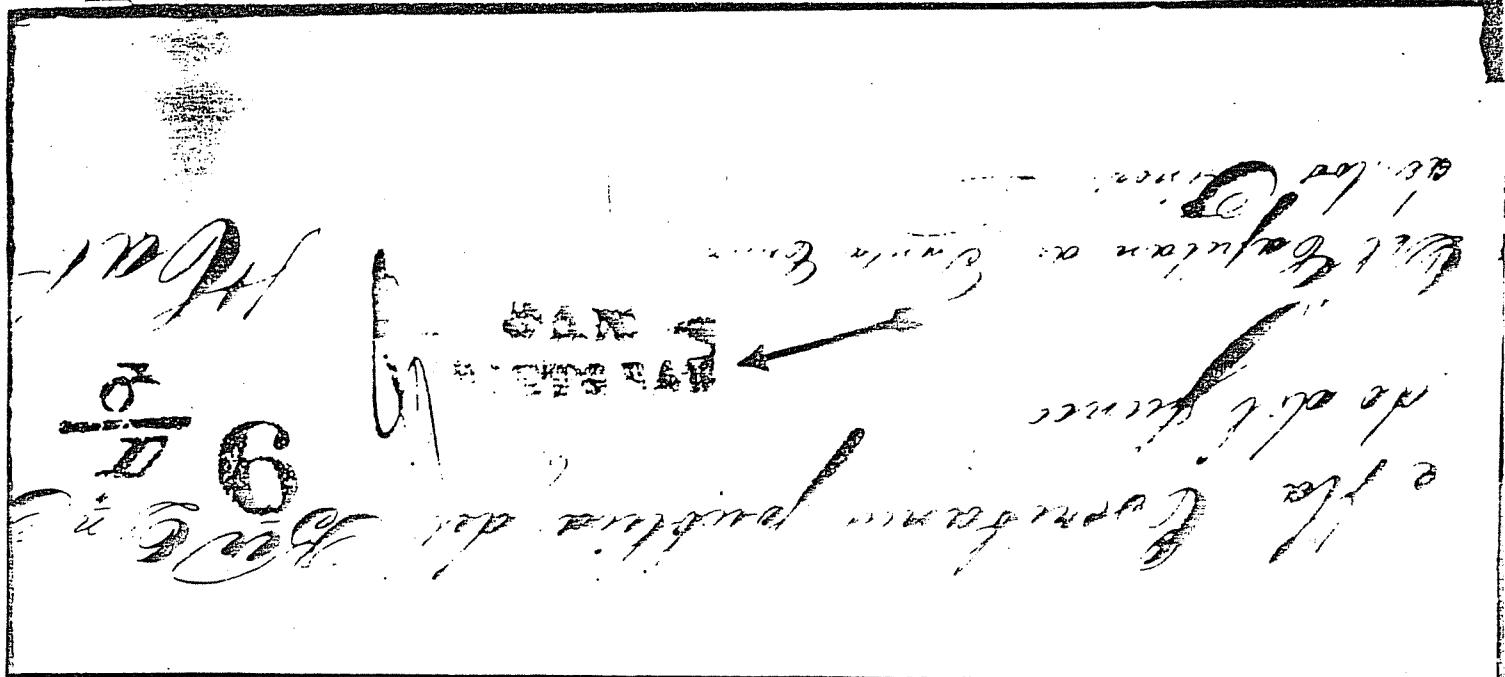
1839 SAN FERNANDO TO HAVANA
black, very rare.



S. DOMINGO

1837 SANTO DOMINGO TO HAVANA
black. Extremely rare.





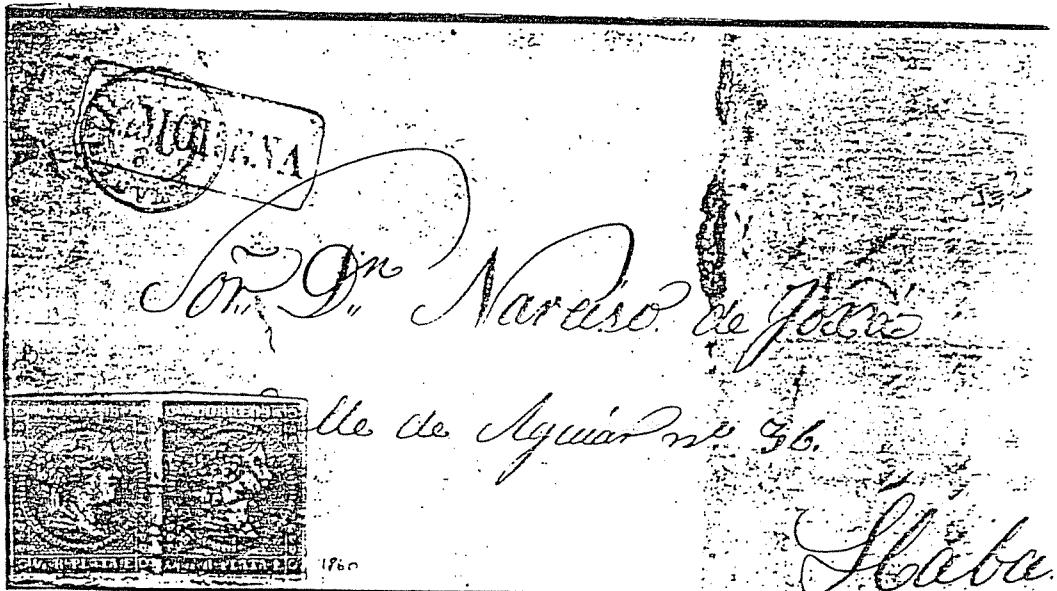
SAN CRISTOBAL

1843 SAN CRISTOBAL TO HAVANA, black.
Only recorded cover.

S. MORENA

1860

SIERRA MORENA TO HAVANA
Franked with two 1/2 R
stamps. Very few straight
line markings on covers
with stamps are known.



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SANTIAGO

SANTIAGO

M. V. G. J. de T. M. C. S.
P. P. L. I. T. O. A. D.

D. P. C.
M. V. G. J. de T. M. C. S.
P. P. L. I. T. O. A. D.

C. D. I. A. B. A. N. D.

SEIBA
MOCHA

1839 SEIBA MOCHA TO MATANZAS
with the only type of
straight line marking
used in that town.
Extremely rare.

1843 SANTIAGO DE LAS
with the only type
line marking used

M. V. G. J. de T. M. C. S.
P. P. L. I. T. O. A. D.
C. D. I. A. B. A. N. D.
D. I. A. B. A. N. D.

A los Srs. Ichazo
y Carrerburu en el
com. TRINIDAD
Havana

TRINIDAD.

1811 TRINIDAD TO HAVANA, with the first type of straight line marking used there. This is the earliest recorded cover.

ACLARA

1841 VILLACLARA TO JARUCO, with the marking "ACLARA" (broken hand stamp from the previous marking "VILLACLARA")

Mtro. Alc. min. de la
Ciudad de
Det de 19-000
de Villanueva

ACLARA.

Alvarez

VILLA CLAI

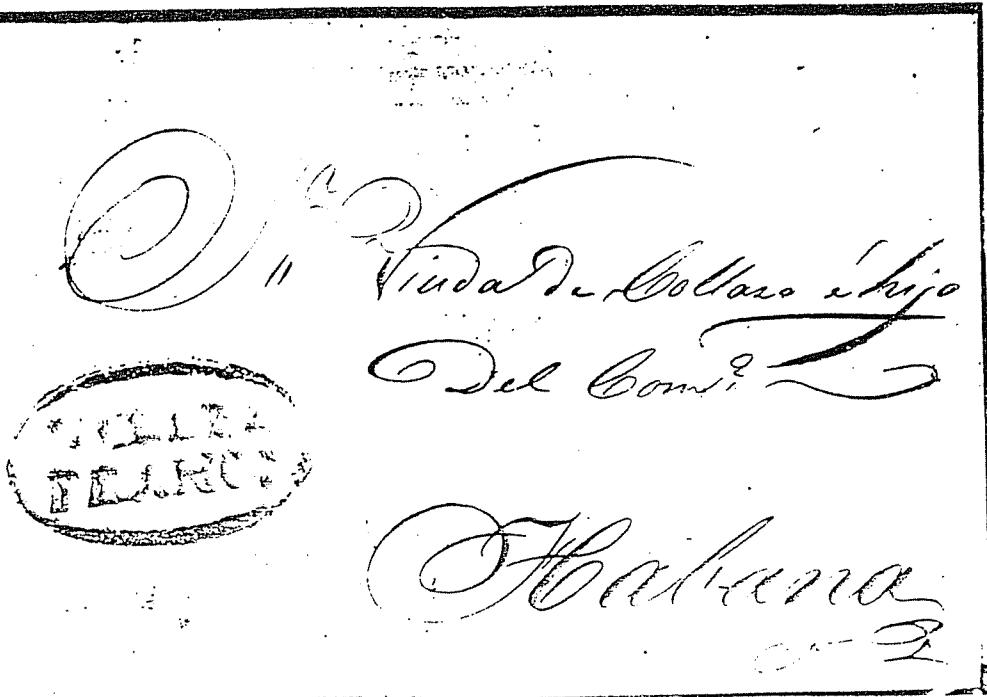
D.F. Villa de Cuernavaca del Dijo
del Gobernador LA CLARA - 1588
D. Francisco de Alvarado

1841 VILLA CLARA TO HAVANA,
marking in black. The
of straight line mark
this town.

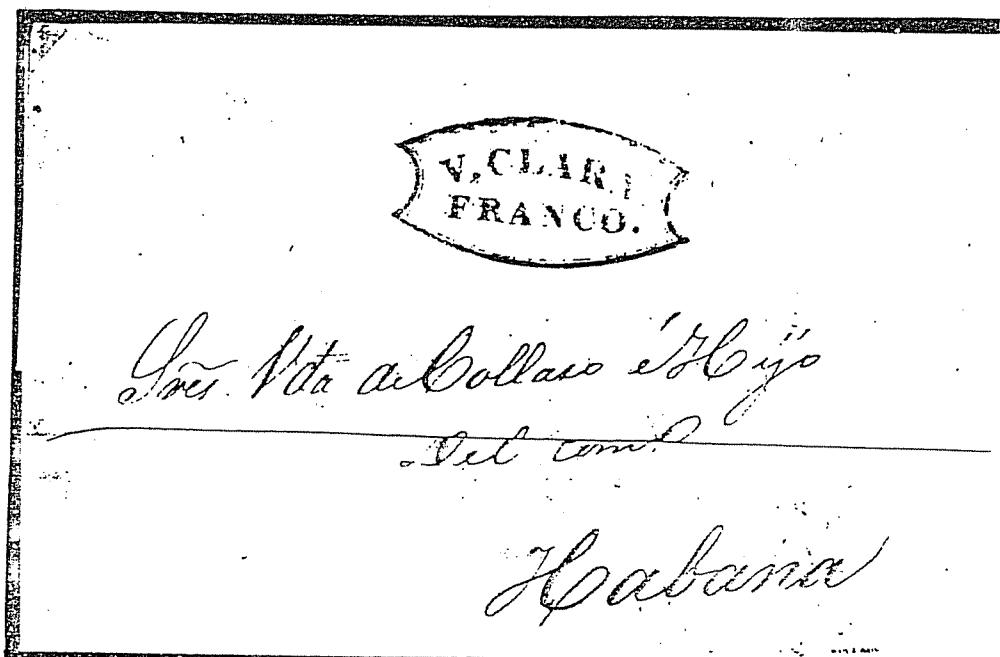
VILLA CLARA

1840's VILLA CLARA TO HAVANA in red.

El Sr. Contador general
propio y autorizó de esta
Manzana 1. A.R. 22
el Precio de la Propiedad
Municipio de La Habana



1838 OVAL VILLA CLARA FRANCO
2nd type of "FRANCO"
this town.



841 OVAL VILLA CLARA FRANCO TO HAVANA
in black. The last type of "FRANCO"
marking from this town.

TOWM "BAEZA" MARKINGS

O. Alcalde Mayor Cuarto del
Isla Encina. de la Guardia de
Huesos.

Sel.

Dr. Dr. Aguacate a Habana.



1846 AGUACATE TO HAVANA in red.

H. Ymo. Sor fidalgo de la Real Academia
y la Patria.

Dr.
En. Gob.
de
Bah. Onda

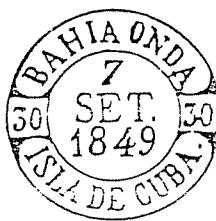
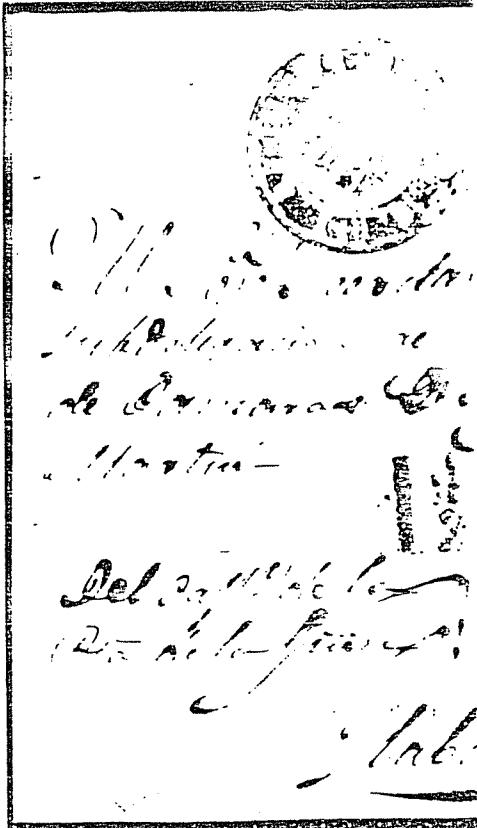
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1849 BAHIA ONDA TO HAVANA



1847 ARTEMISA TO HAVANA

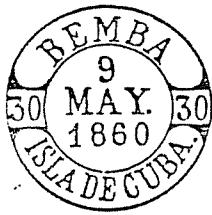




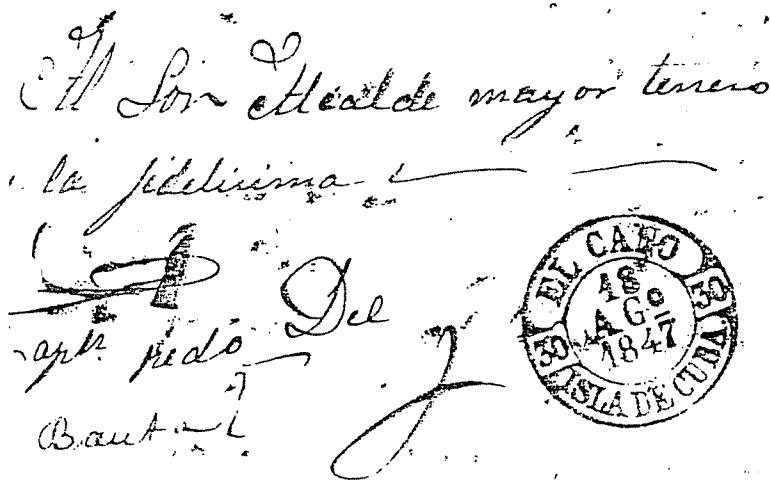
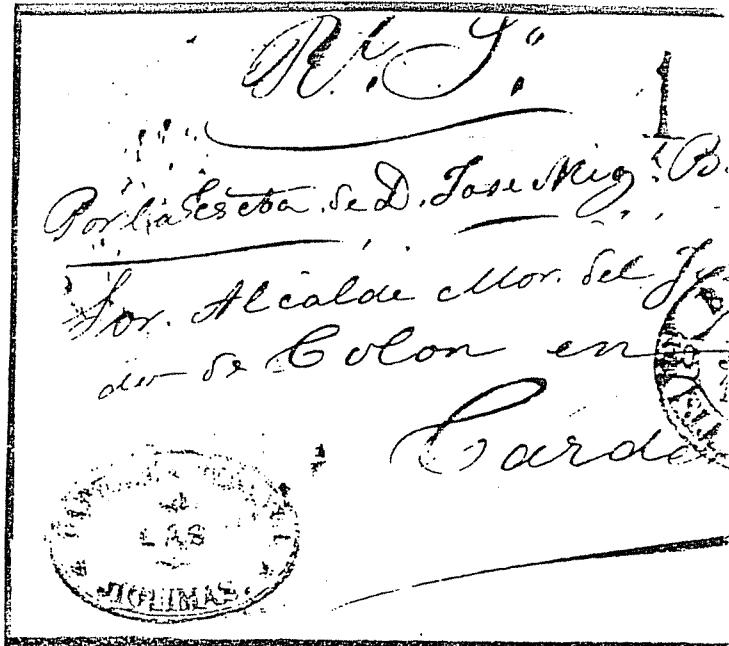
1852 REJUCAL TO B.



REJUCAL



1860 BEMBA TO CARDENAS in green.

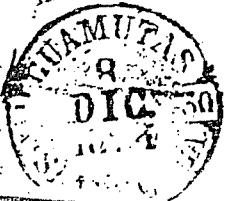


1853 EL CANO TO HAVANA in

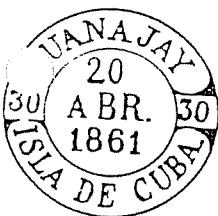
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1854 GUAMUTIAS TO HAVANA in blue.



Havana



JAY TO HAVANA in red.

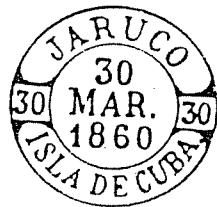


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el primero de la i. minucia Pectoral
Del Dr. P. del P. P.
de Madrid

Havana

Mr. Steele M^r Cuarto
de Pinedo et la X

Mr. Steele M^r
Pinedo et la X



1846 JARUCO TO HAVANA in red.



1855 JIBARA TO HOLGUIN
in green.

Mr. Steele M^r Cuarto
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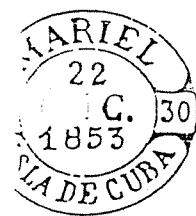
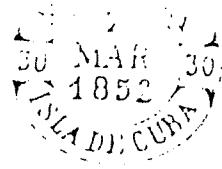


1859 MACURIGES TO NUEVA BERMEJA
with Nueva Bermeja receiving
marking, pre-paid.



Al Sr. Alcalde Mayor
y por conducto de la Escrivania
de D. Fernando de Russo
Del Pte. Ped. encargado
del Partido de Byriana }
Habana

1847 MADRUGA TO HAVANA i

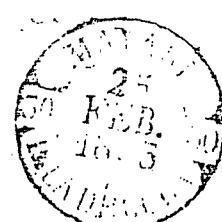


1846 MARIEL TO HAVANA in red.

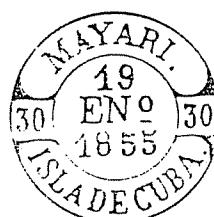
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Del Alcalde
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Al Sr. Alcalde Mayor
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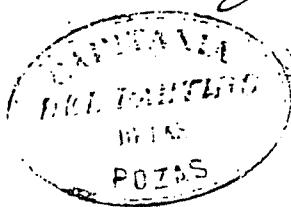
1855 MAYARI TO BOQUERON in green





Dr. G.

Mr. Charles Wright
de Hacienda de



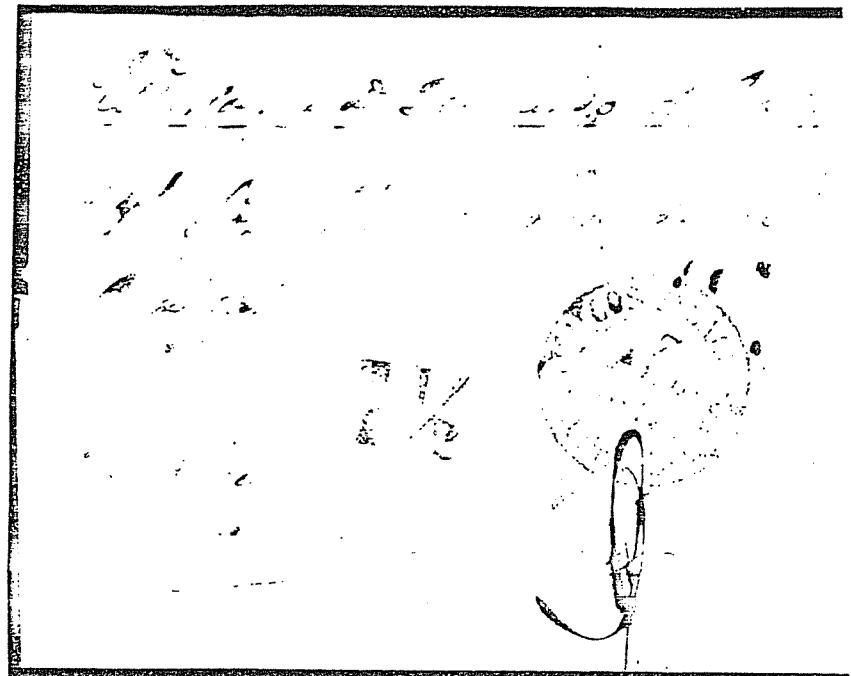
(Guana jay)



1860 LAS POZAS TO GUANAJAY in blue pre-paid with 1/2 oz official stamp. Extremely rare.



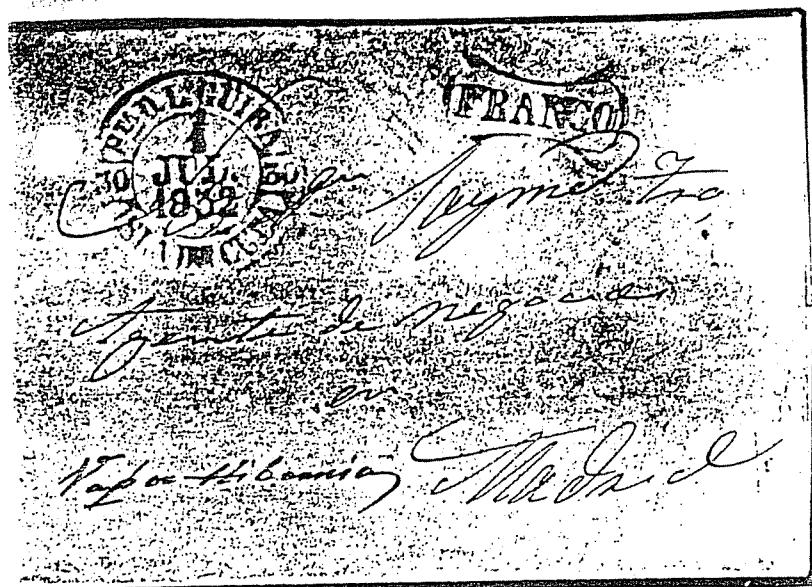
1847 LOS PALACIOS TO HAVANA in red.



Dr. Catena Maboyca
Puerto Principe

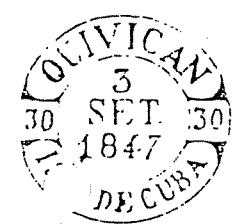


1851 NUEVITAS TO PUE in green.

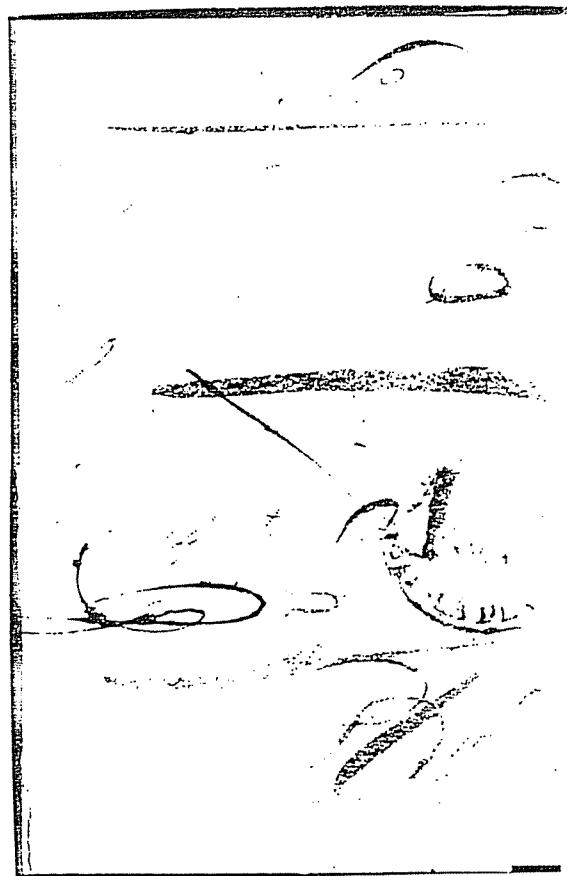


1852

PUEBLA DE LA GUIRA pre-pa
TO MADRID, in green.

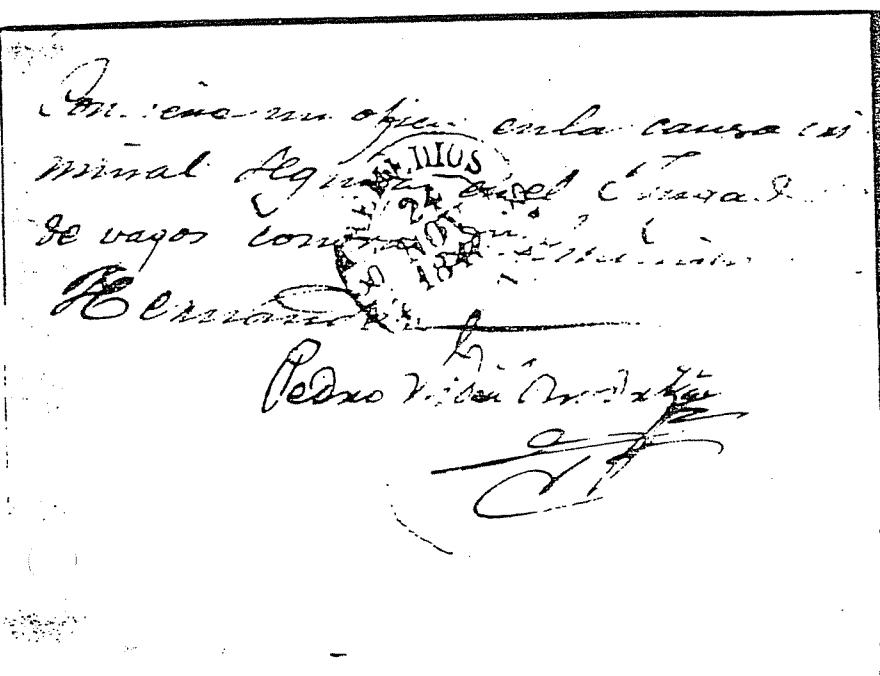


1847 QUIVICAN TO HAVANA in yellow-red.



1846

HAVANA TO REMEDI
red receiving m





1846 SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS TO HAVANA in red.

Urgente por Oficio Fiscal Primero
Paul Audemar Bretón

Urgente por Oficio
a Santiago de Cuba

1847 SANCTI ESPIRITU TO HAVANA in red.



Urgente por Oficio
a Santiago de Cuba

D. J. L. de
Co. Esp.

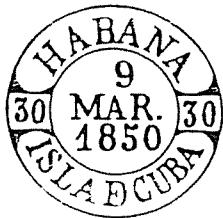
Havana



1844 SANTA MARIA DEL ROSARIO
TO HAVANA in red.

Urgente por Oficio
a Santiago de Cuba

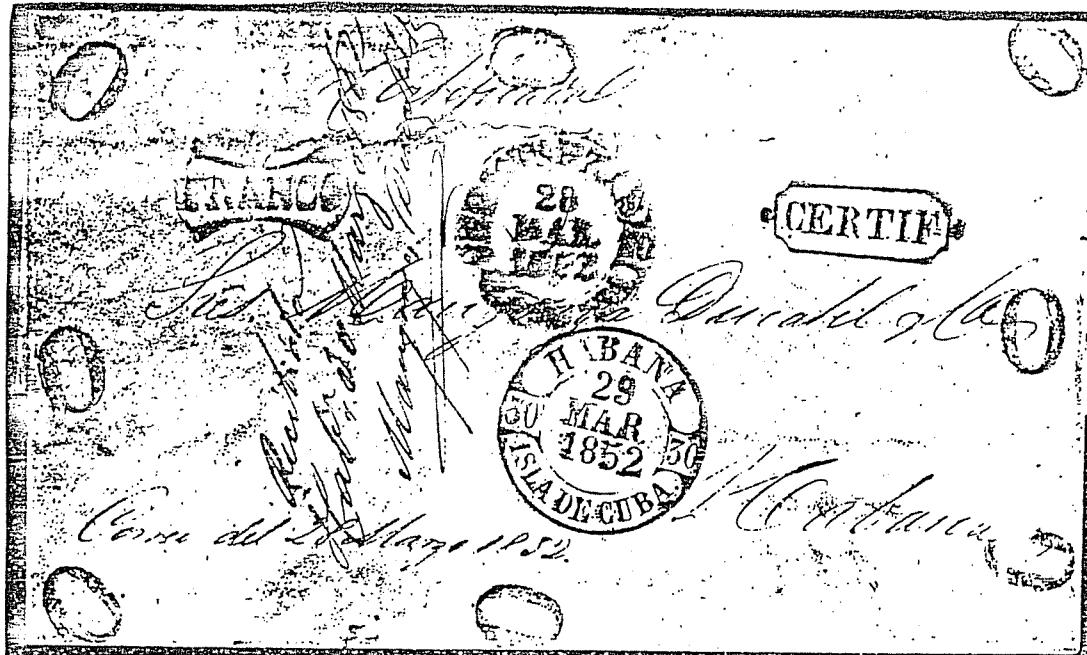
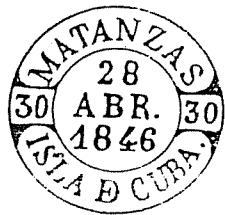
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a Santiago de Cuba



CERTIF

O

FRANCO



1852 Certified cover from MATANZAS TO HAVANA pre-paid with official "O" hand stamps along the edges of the cover. Very rare.

MARITIME MAIL MARKINGS

Rey Mengaya

Yer Píca Hermosa

in cargo

ISLAS DE
BARLOVENTO

Habana

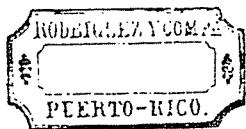
ISLAS DE
BARLOVENTO

1844 SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO to
with arrival marking "ISLAS DE
BARLOVENTO" in red, from

ISLAS DE
BARLOVENTO.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO to HAVANA
with arrival marking "ISLAS DE
BARLOVENTO" in BLUE, from Havana.

ISLAS DE
BARLOVENTO



R. & J. Pastor y C°
Habana

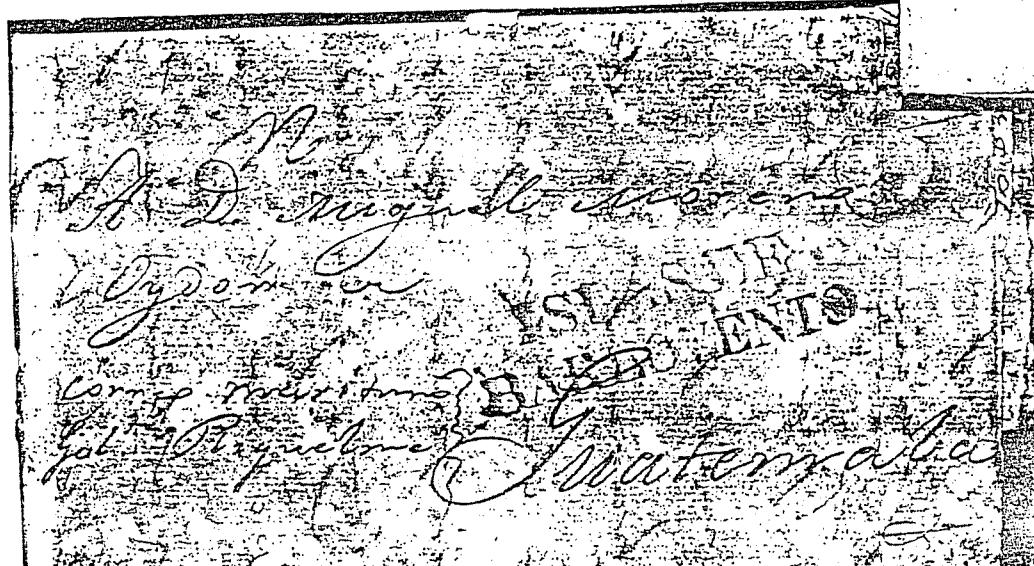
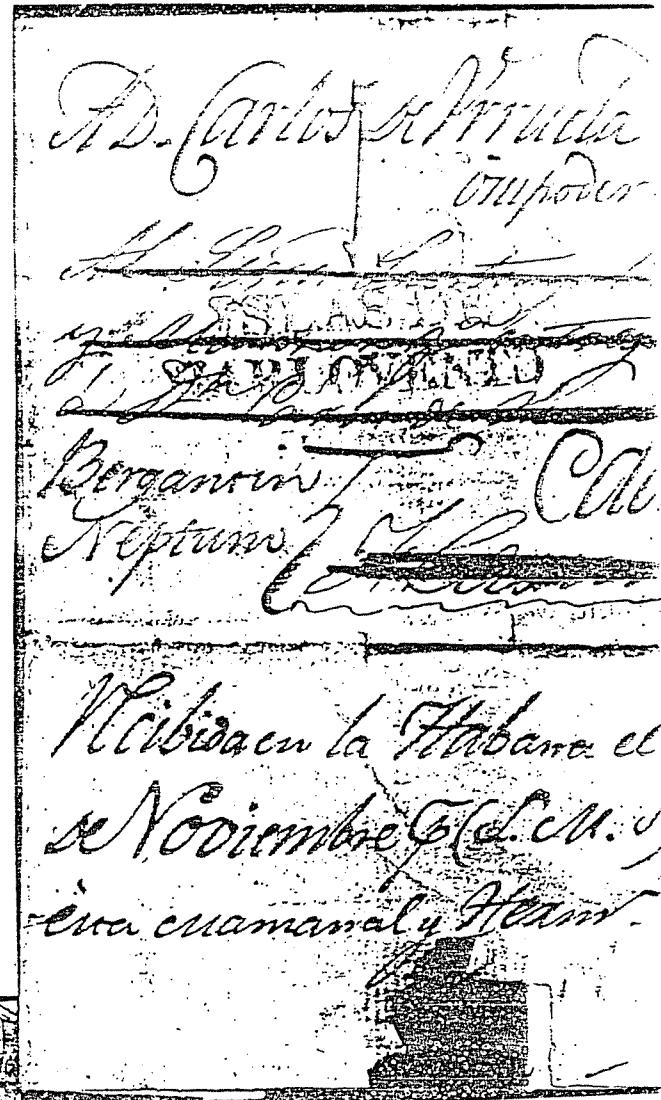
ISLAS DE
BARLOVENTO.

A. Vn Ramon Castello'
ISLAS DE
del Comte de ...
Veracruz

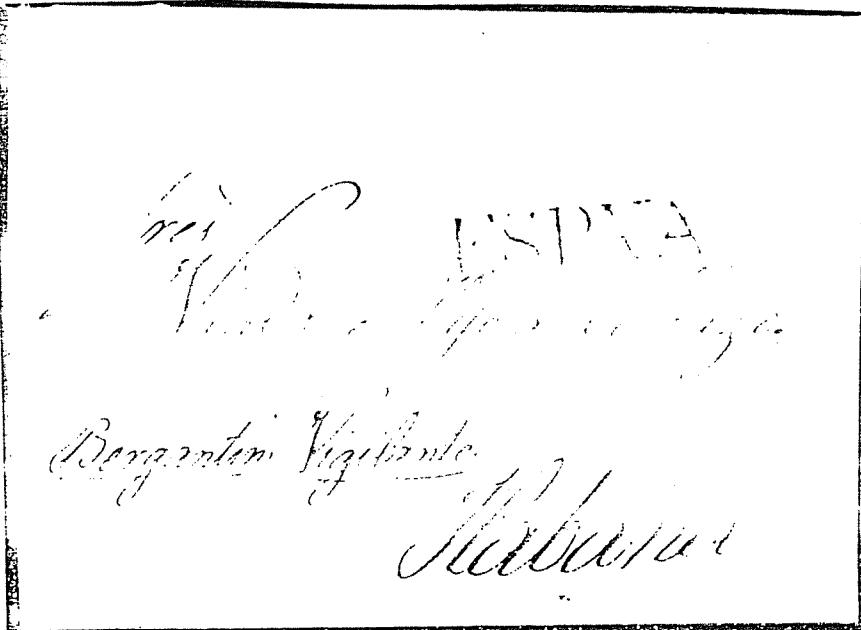
1810 HAVANA TO VERACRUZ with black "ISLAS DE BARLOVENTO". These markings could have been stamped at origin, destination or transit, but were most likely applied by the Havana Postal Administration.

1820's UNKNOWN ORIGIN TO CADIZ forwarded in Havana, with black "ISLAS DE BARLOVENTO"

1823 HAVANA TO GUATEMALA with black "ISLAS DE BARLOVENTO". "3" receiving hand stamp from Guatemala.



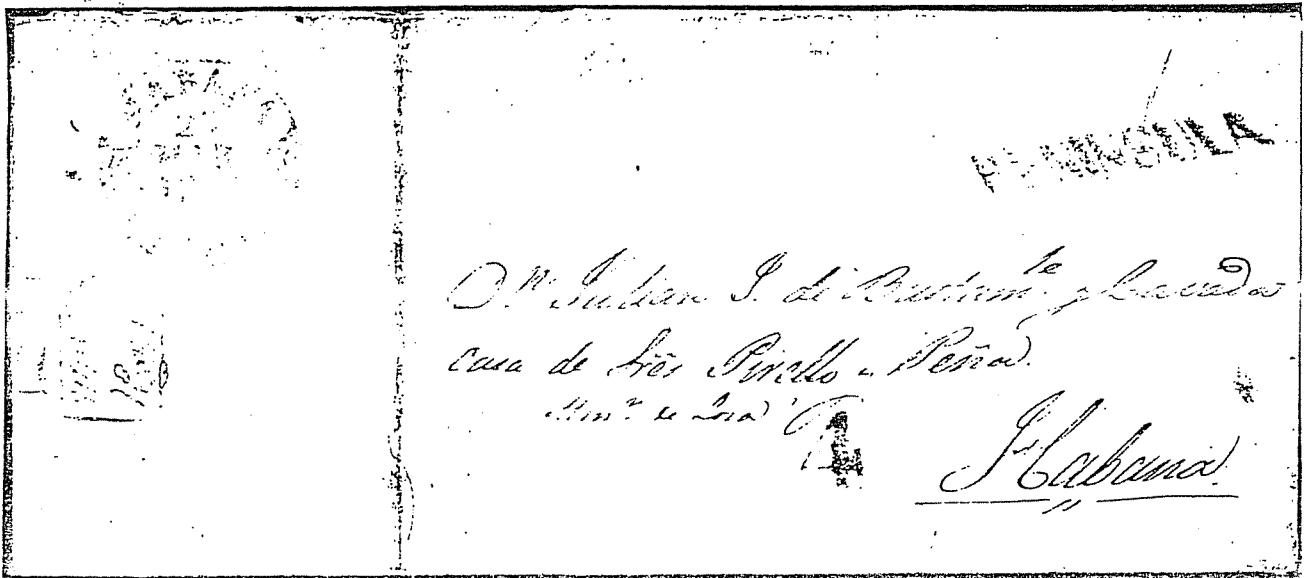
ESPAÑA



1819 SPAIN TO HAVANA with black "P" applied in Havana indicating procedence.

PENINSULA

1845 SPAIN TO HAVANA with red "PENINSULA" applied in Havana indicating its procedence.



ESPAÑA

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*W. P. G. & Sons. Fijo
de J. C. G.
Habana.*

1846 BARCELONA TO HAVANA with black
envelope in Havana.

ESPAÑA

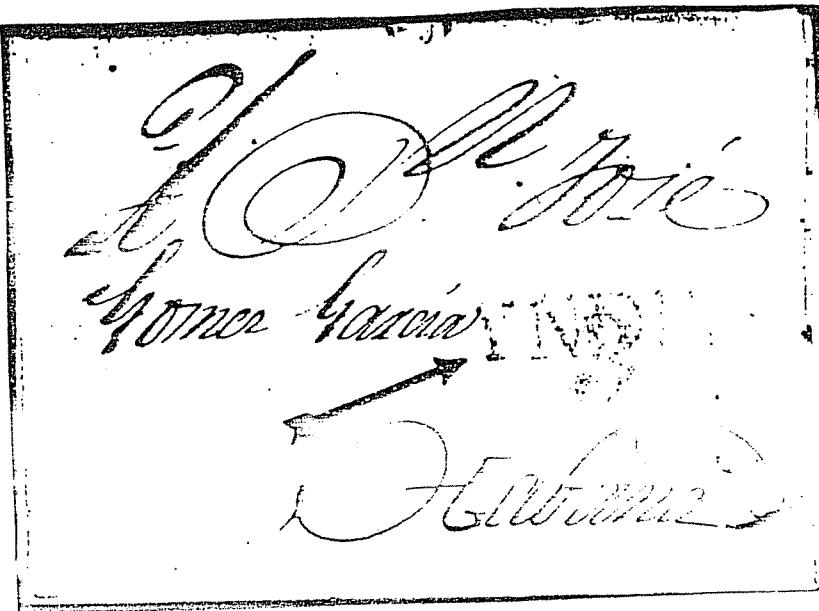
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1844 SPAIN TO HAVANA with
red "ESPAÑA" applied
in Havana.

Jos. Ricardos hermanos

Esp

Habana



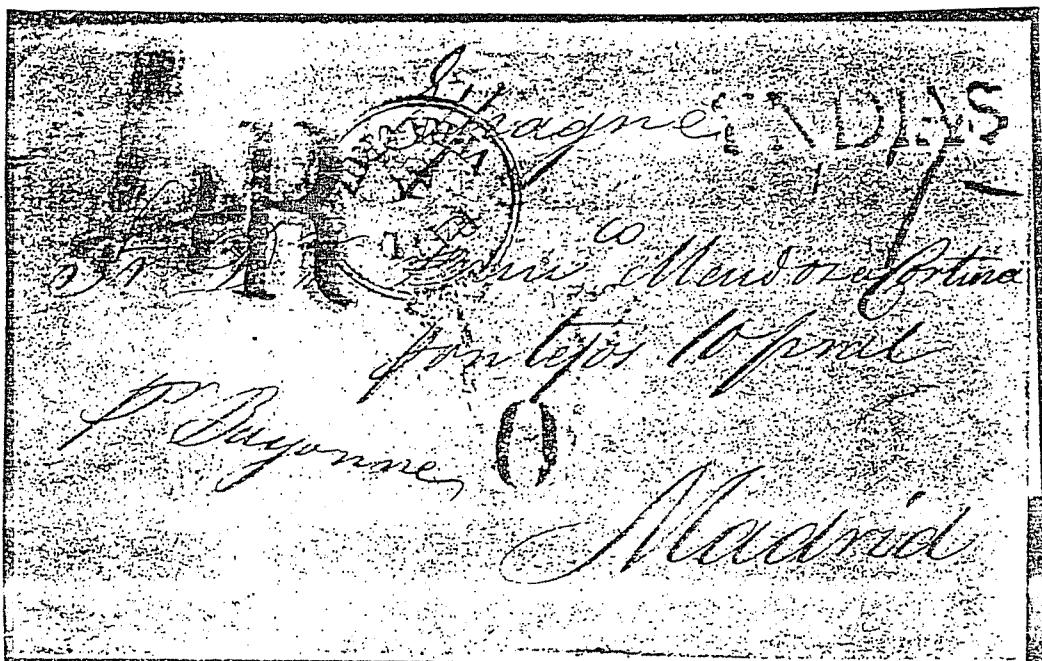
YNDIAS

1823 MEXICO TO HAVANA with black "YNDIAS", and "3" receiving hand stamp from Havana.



YNDIAS

1858 VERACRUZ TO MADRID via HAVANA with black "YNDIAS" and "O" from Havana, pre-paid, via British Mail.



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YNDIAS

YNDIAS

Del Cap^o de Portor
M. de Cuba

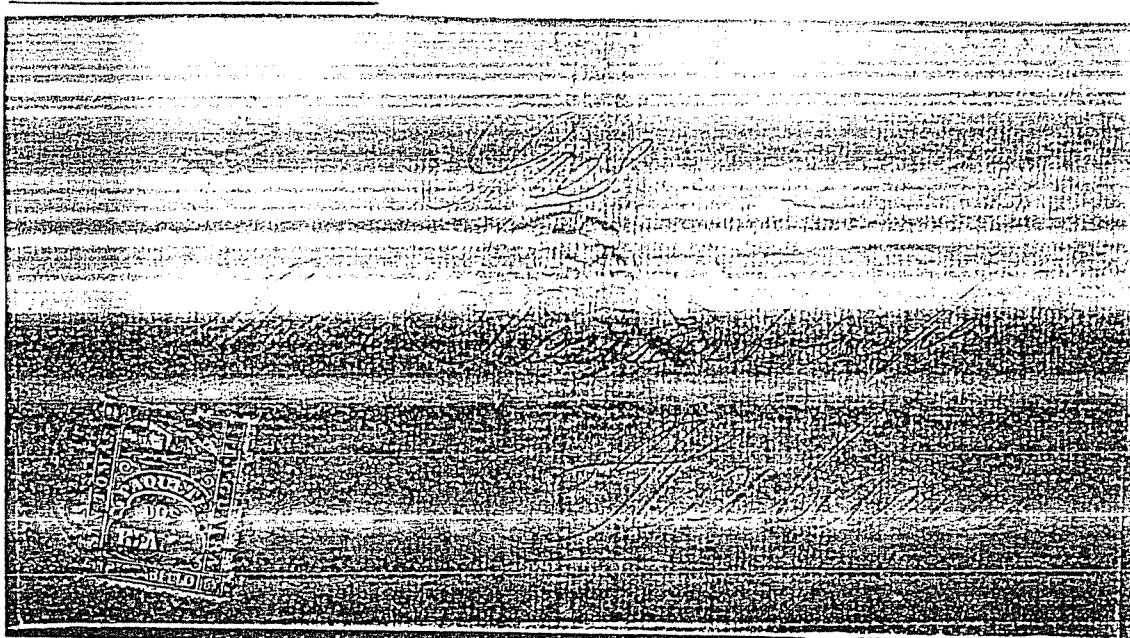


1810 HAVANA TO GUATEMA
with red "YNDIA"
from Havana.

1812 HAVANA TO VERACRUZ with red
"YNDIAS" from Havana.

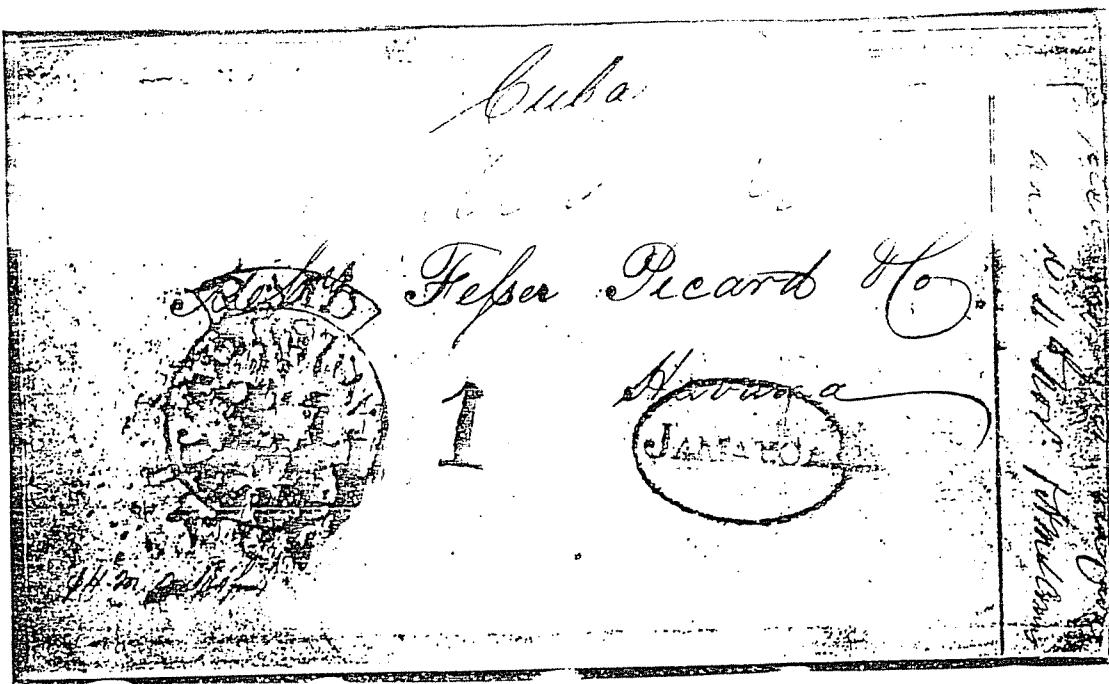


INDIAS



1865 LA GUIRA, VENEZUELA TO HAVANA via ST. THOMAS
with straight line black "INDIAS".
Taken to St. Thomas by private mail (St. Thomas-
La Guaira-Puerto Cabello) and then to Havana via
British Mail. Hand stamp "3" in black, single rate
from Central and South America to Cuba.

JAMAYCA.



1839 KINGSTON, JAMAICA TO HAVANA via SANTIAGO DE CUBA
with oval "JAMAICA" in black, from Santiago de Cuba.
Pre-paid by British Mail from Kingston to Santiago
de Cuba and then via Spanish Mail to Havana.
There are only three recorded examples. This is the
only cover in black. The other two are at the Cuban
Postal Museum.

YNDIAS



Dijo el Capitán que la
familia de su hermano se iba
a Francia, que se dirigían a la
Corte Imperial de París, y que
se presentarían con el visto bueno del Consulado de C. C.
IN LAIS franco.

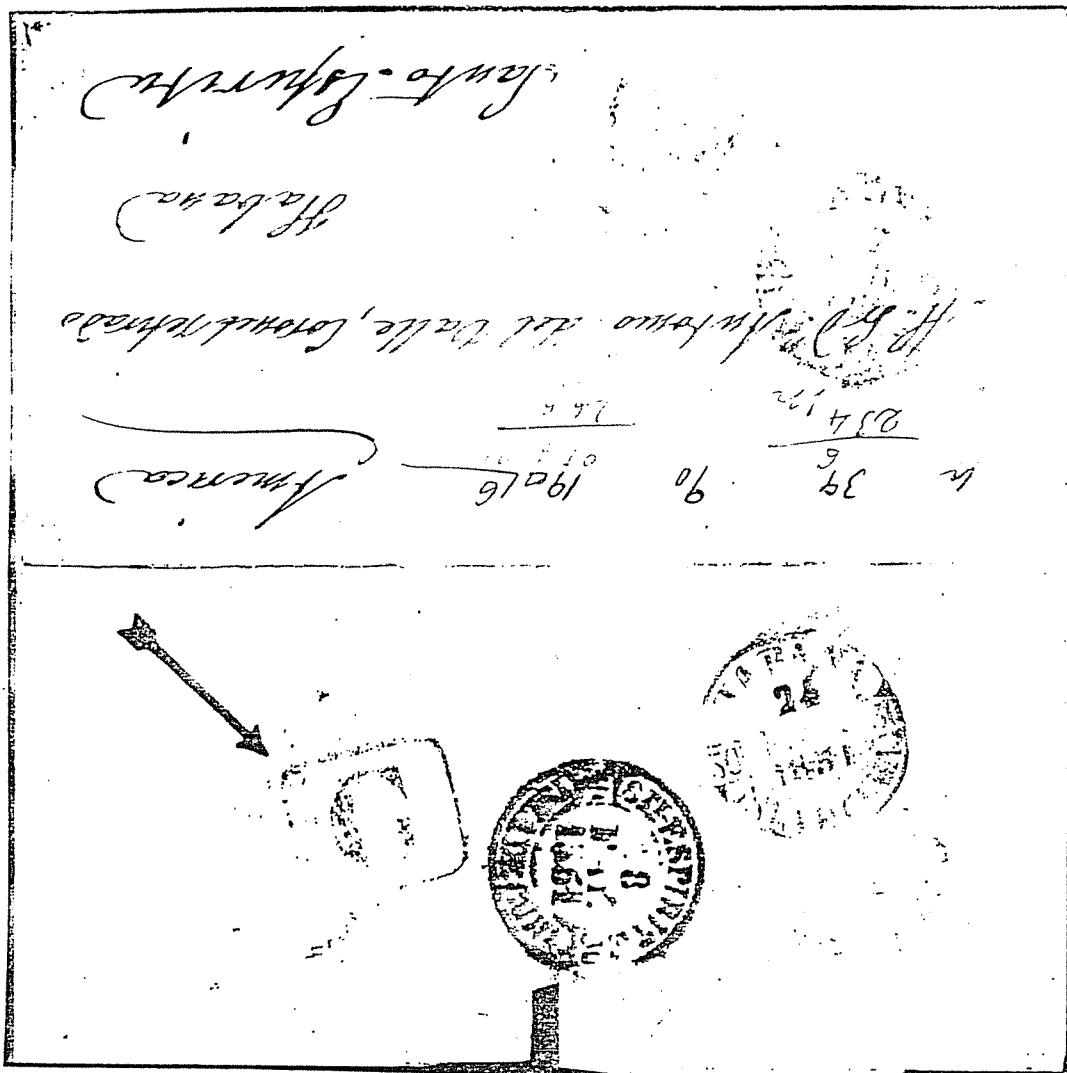
Martin

Entregado en 3 de marzo de 1803

March 31, 1803

Ship Registry of the Spanish Frigate "LA FAMA"
that left New Orleans towards Le Havre, France.
This is the earliest of the three recorded
examples of this marking. New Orleans was a pos-
tal dependency of Havana and this marking could
have been stamped either at its origin or in
transit in Havana. The "YNDIAS" marking was used
to indicate procedence from continental America.

G

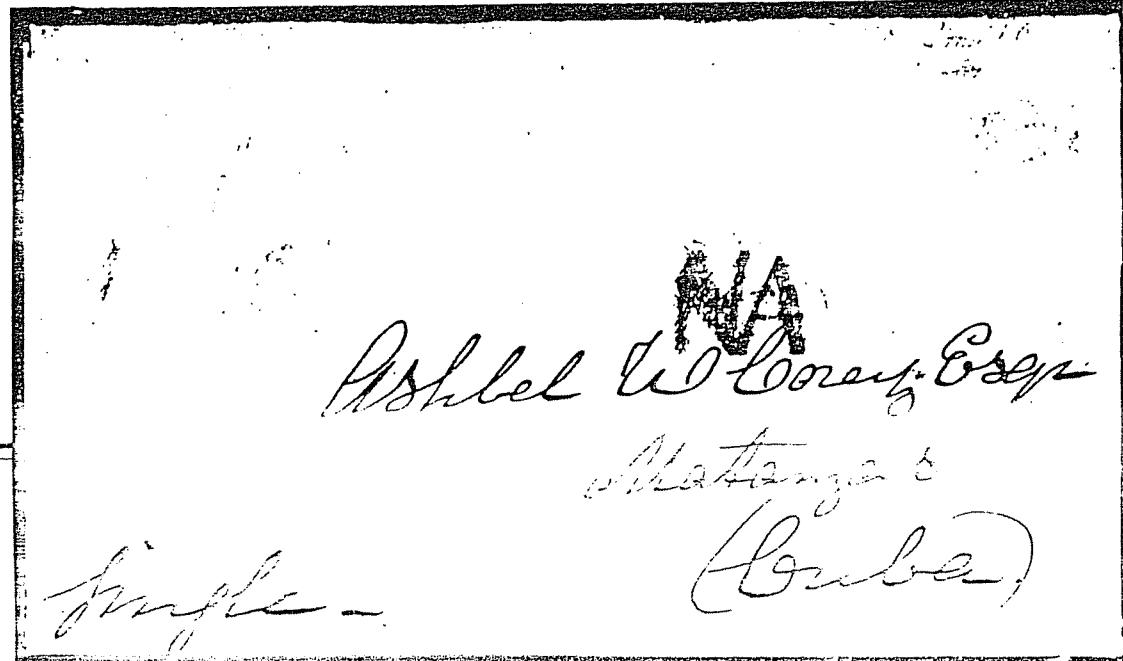


1851 MADRID TO SANCHI ESPIRITU via Havana with the very rare transit marking "G" that was used early in 1851. The significance of this marking is unclear, some attribute it to the "Empresa de Correos Maritimos", but it already had ceased operations at that time.

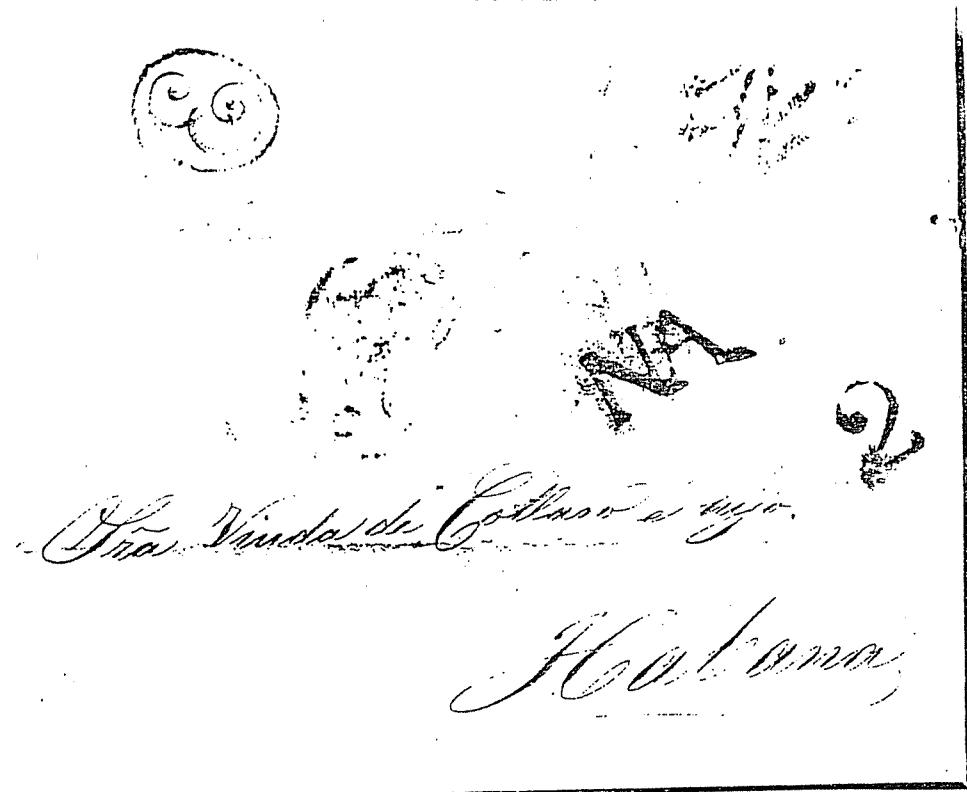
NA

1836 CUBA with "NA" of the large
size indicating "Norteamérica".

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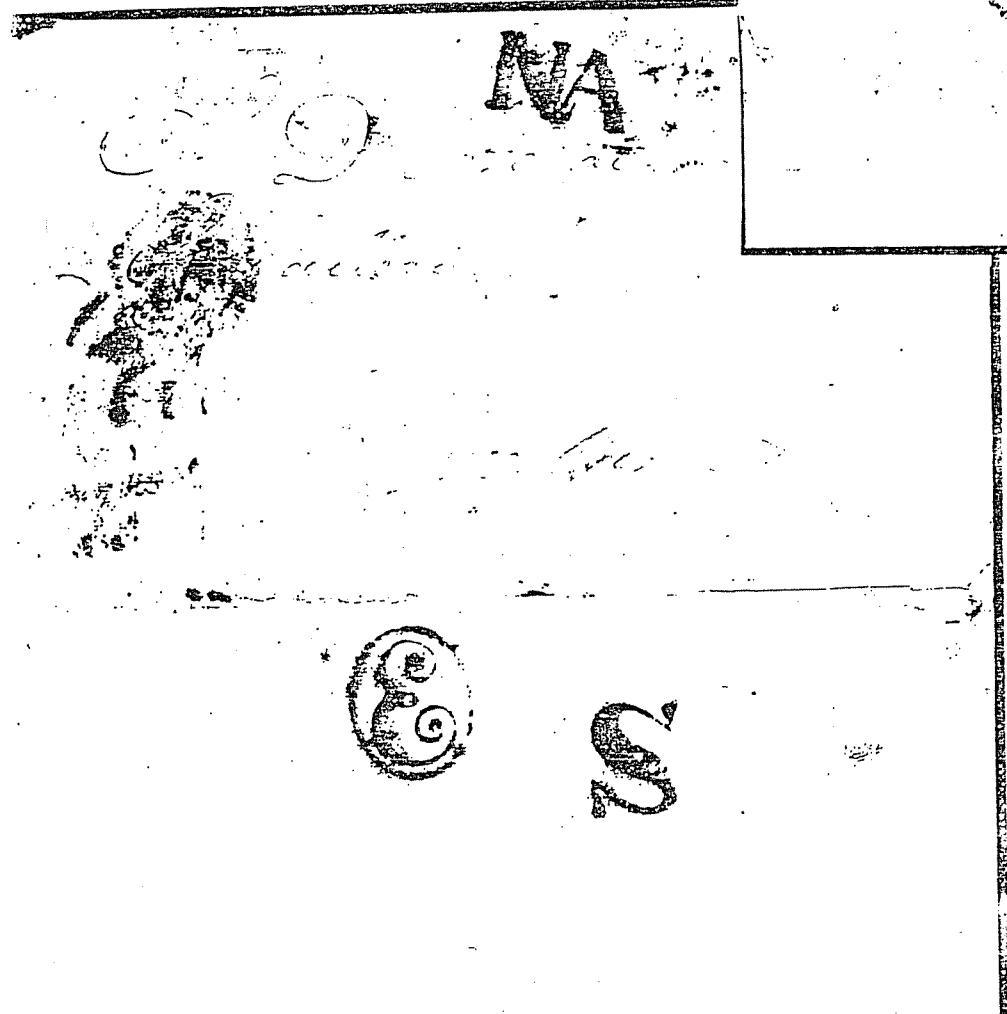
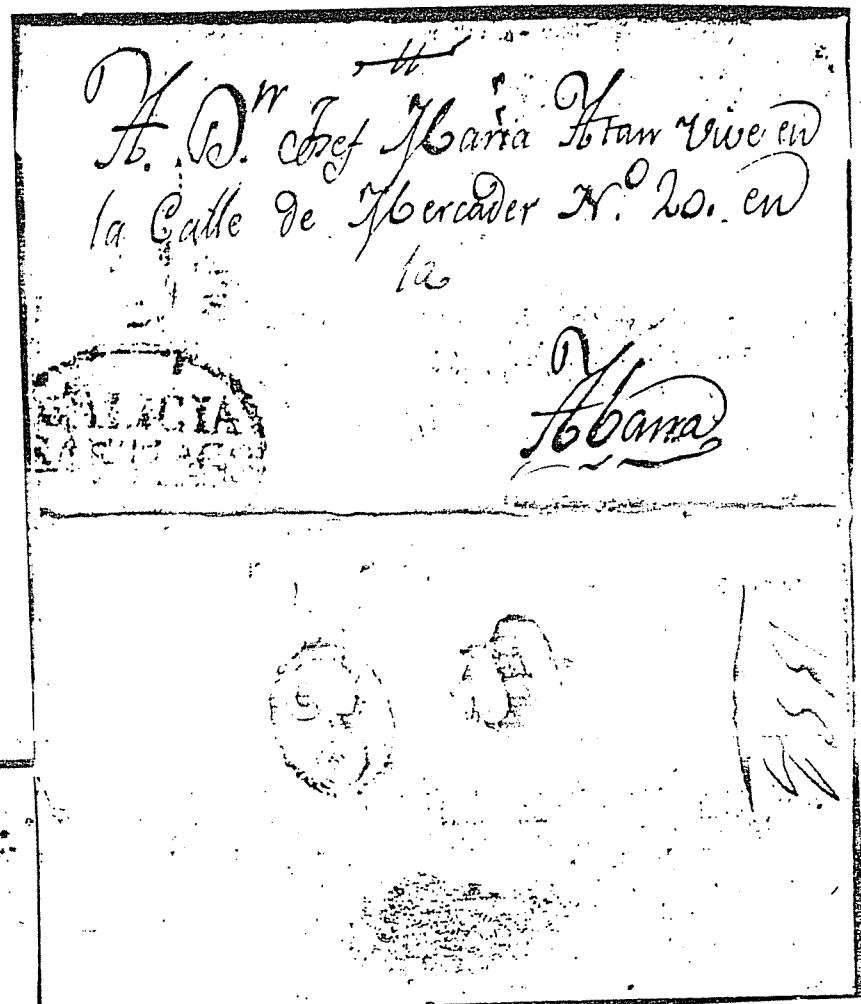


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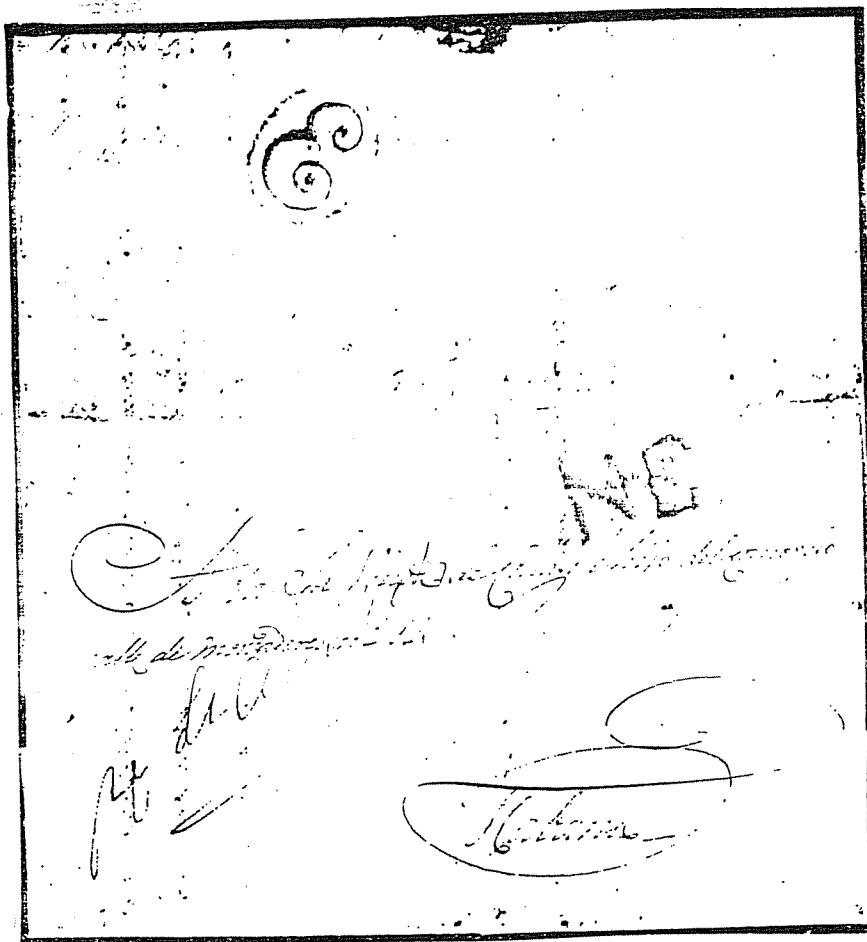


1836 NEW YORK TO HAVANA with the
circular marking "E" indicating
"EMPRESA" and "NA" of
the short type. Double weight
letter.

1832 SANTIAGO, GALICIA TO HAVANA
with circular "E" (Empresa)
and "S" (unknown significance).



1830's U.S. TO HAVANA with circular
"E", "S", and "NA" (Norte -
America).

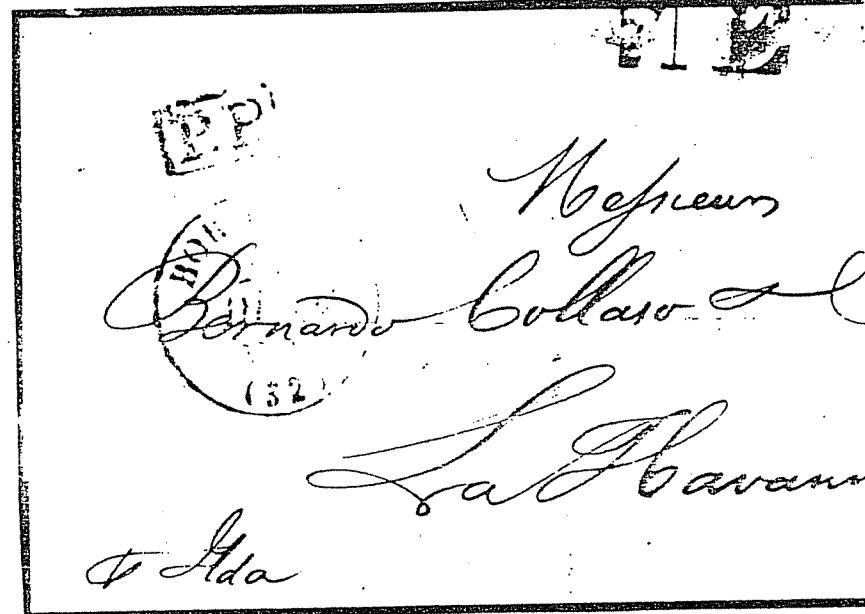


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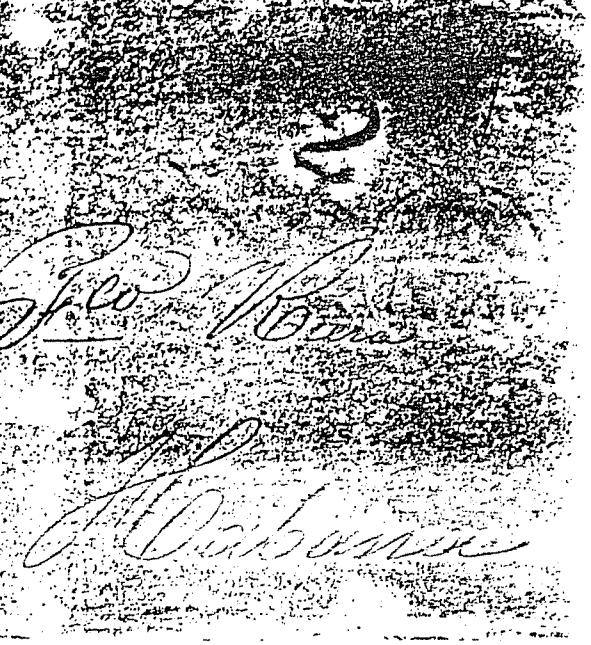
1836 MANCHESTER, ENGLAND TO HAVANA
with circular "E" and "NE" indicating "Norte Europa".

NE

1832 BORDEAUX TO HAVANA with
"HE" (inverted E).

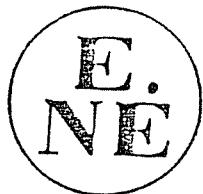
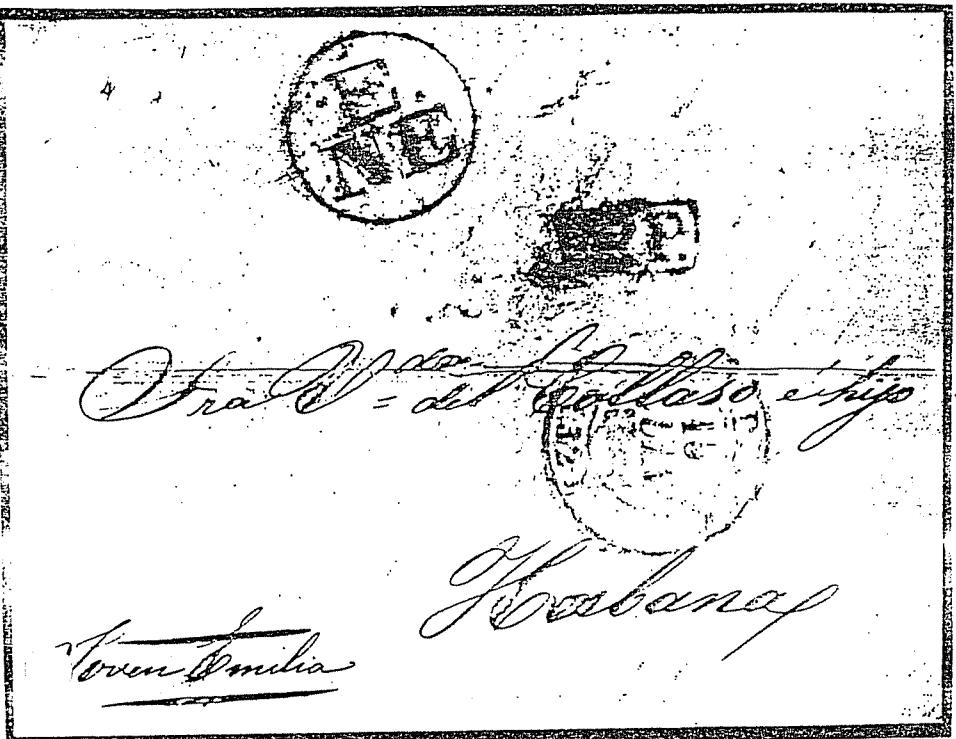


Sr D. Domingo de Alfonso
al canadá del
Sr D. Luis Manriquez
Habana.

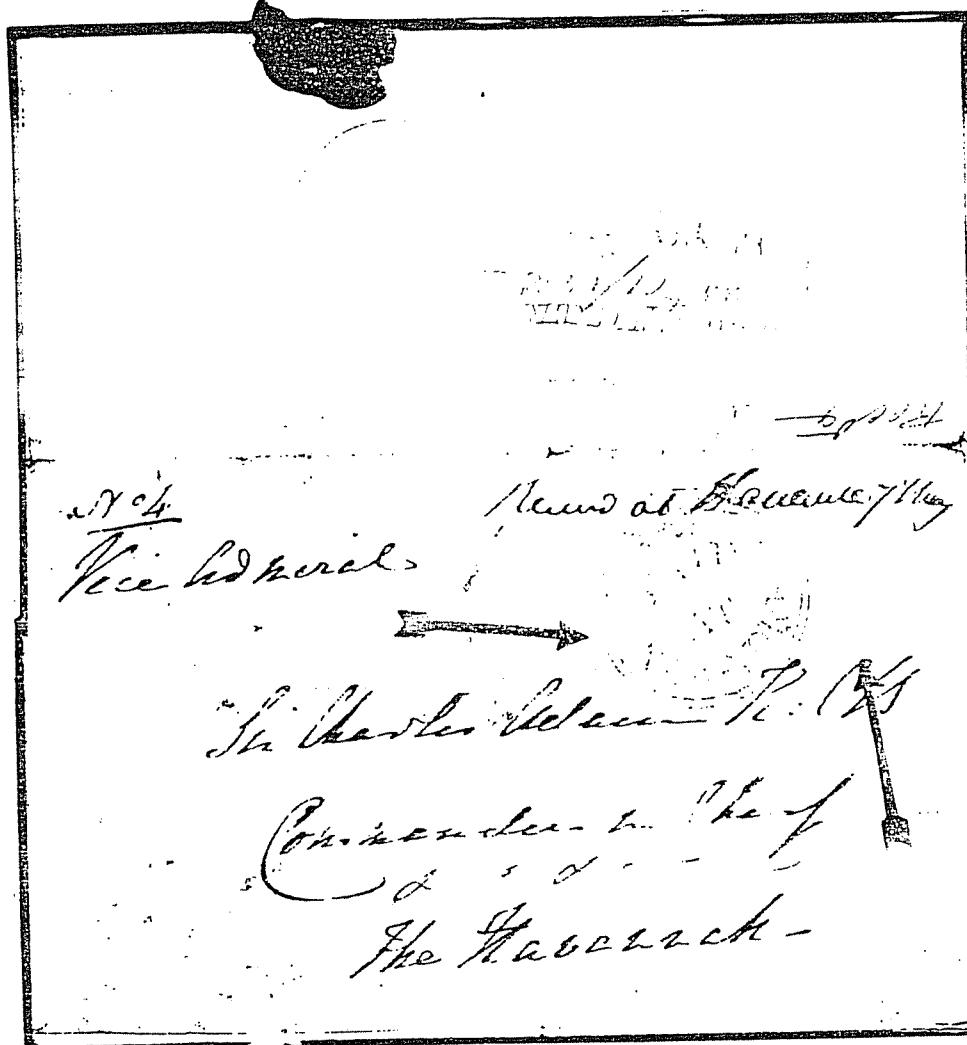


1840 NEW ORLEANS TO HAVANA
with circular "ENA"

1842 NEW ORLEANS TO HAVANA
with circular "ENA" in
red. Double weight letter.
Extremely rare in red.



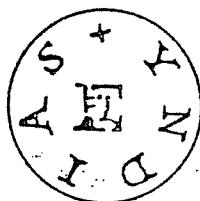
1832 BORDEAUX TO HAVANA
with circular "ENE"



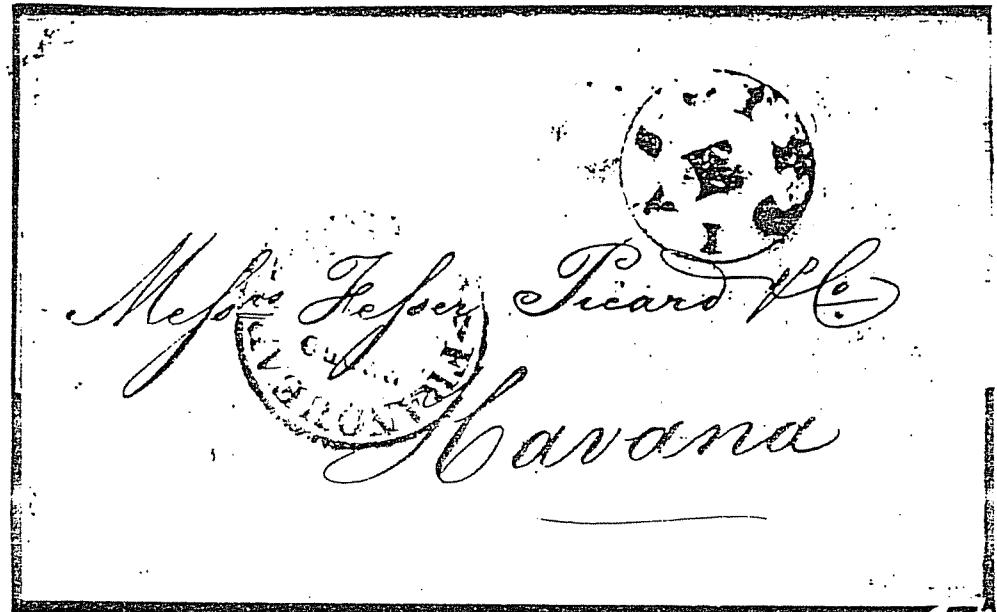
1842 NEW YORK TO HAVANA pre-paid by British Mail and Forwarding Agent in New York, with extremely rare "PAID" in yellow and crown circle "PAID AT NEW YORK". British Mail from New York to Havana was very unusual. Of the four "PAID AT NEW YORK" known covers, this is the only to Havana.

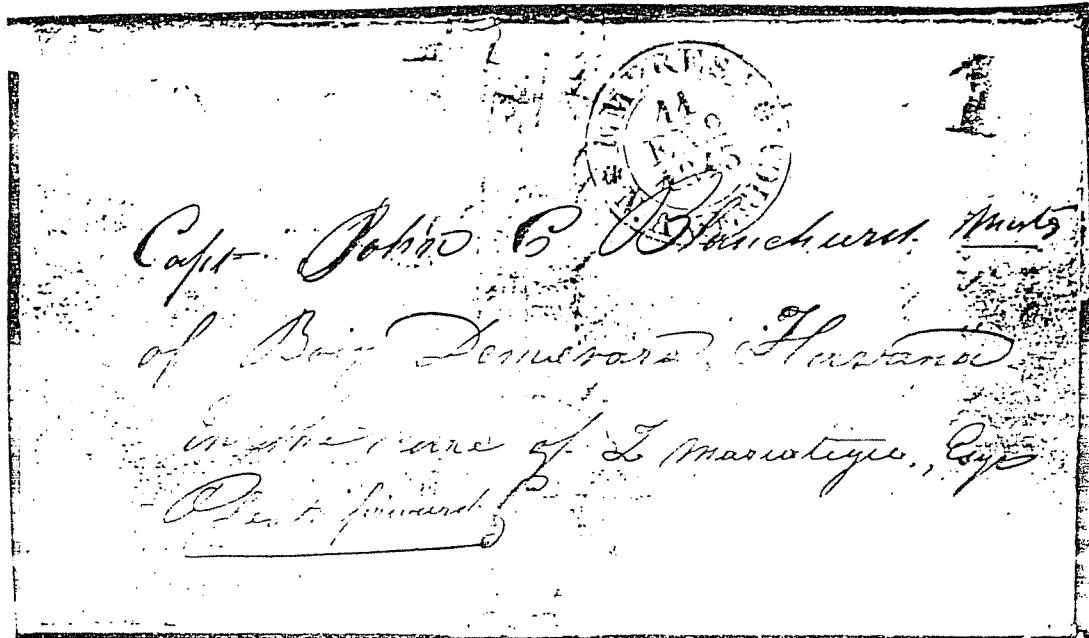
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Habana

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"E YNDIAS" in yellow. T
the only recorded examp

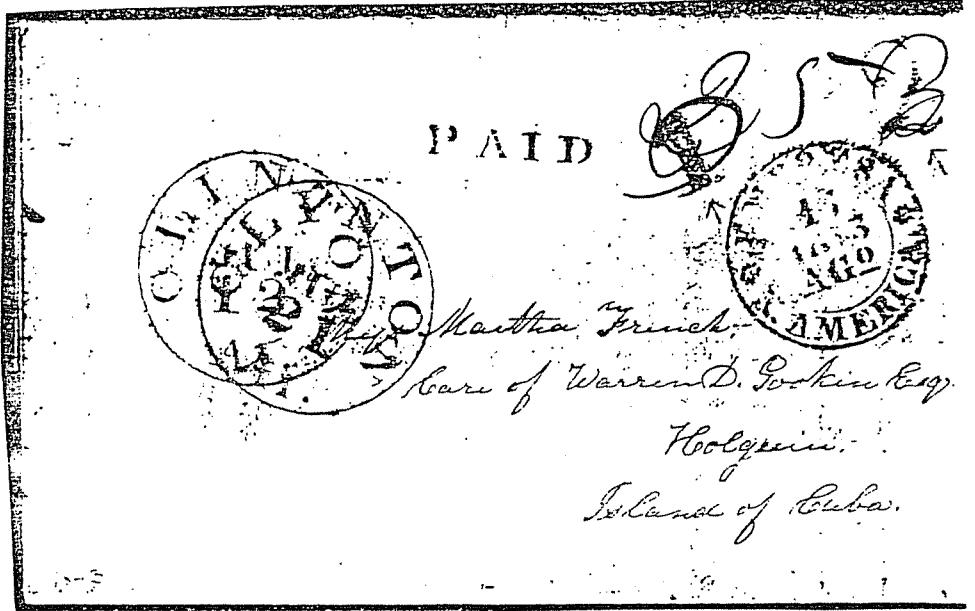
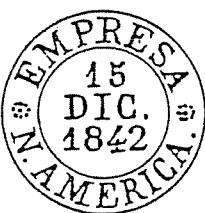


1839 MEXICO TO HAVANA with
circular "E YNDIAS"
in black.

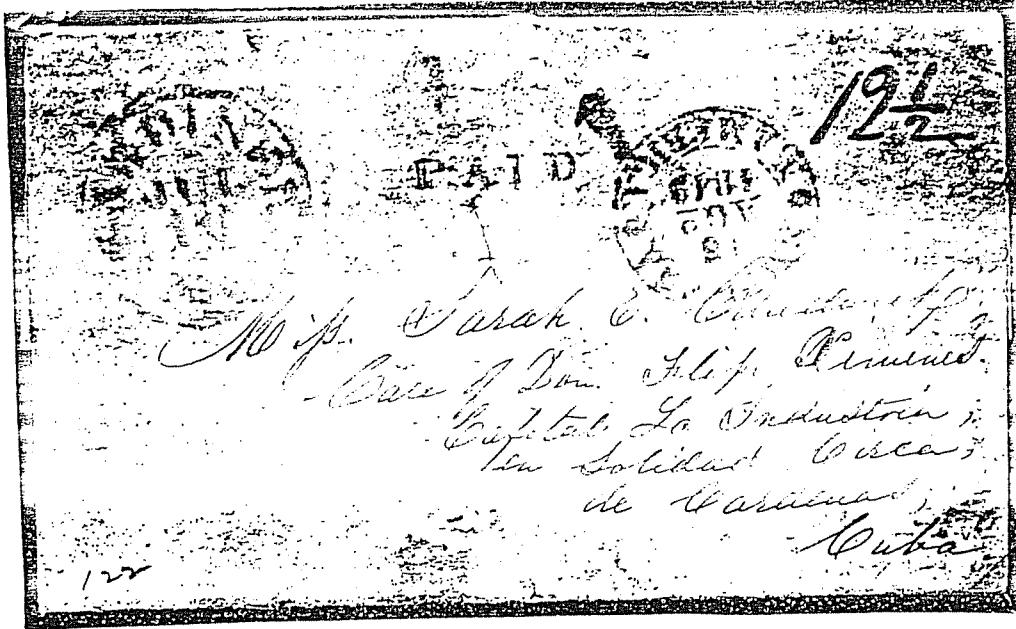




1843 NEW ORLEANS TO HAVANA
circular "EMPRESA N.A."
in blue. This is one
earliest example
marking.



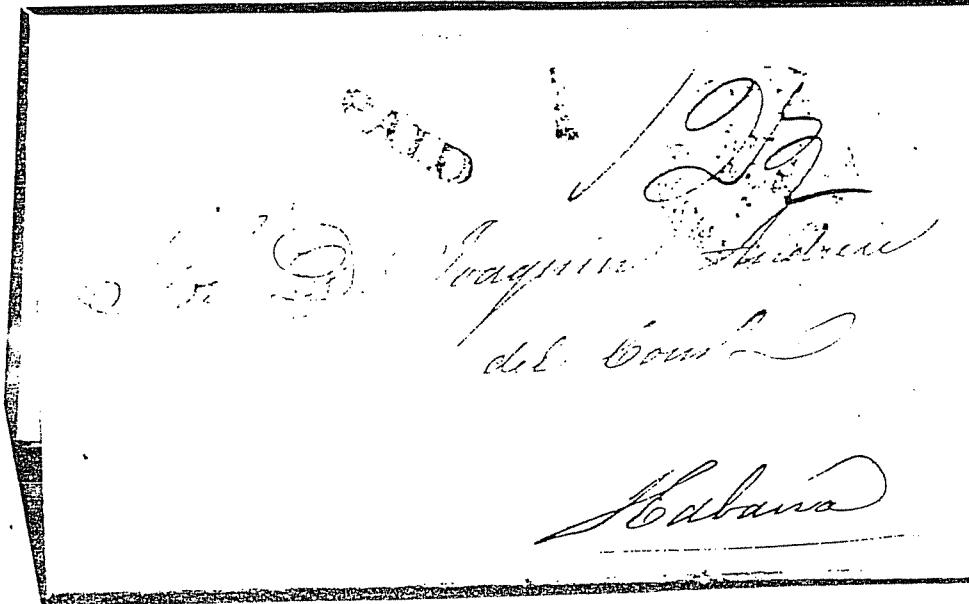
1843 MISSISSIPPI TO HOLGUIN
via HAVANA with "EMPRESA
N. AMERICA" in green.
Only recorded example in
this color.

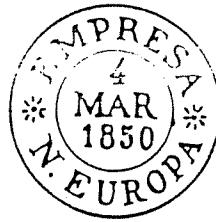
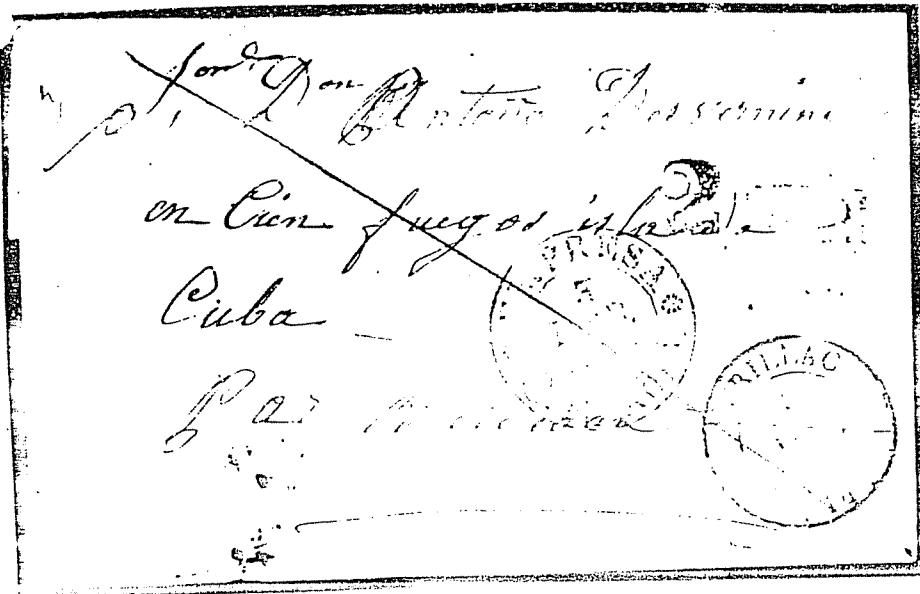


1842 MISSOURI TO CAFE
HAVANA WITH THE
"EMPRESA N. AMERICA"



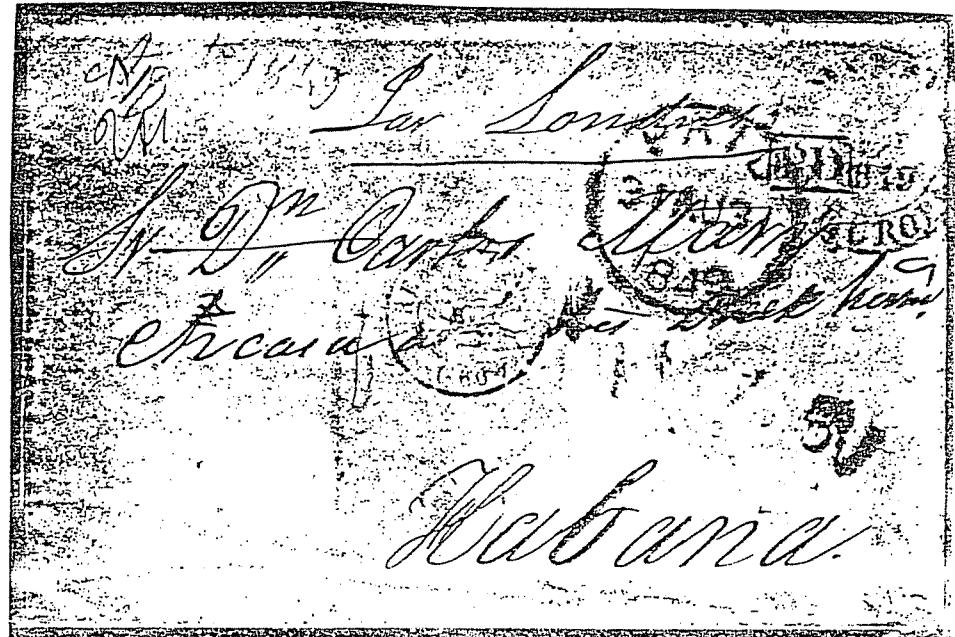
1848 CHARLESTON TO HAVANA
with "EMPRESA N. AMERICA"
This is the only example
recorded in red.





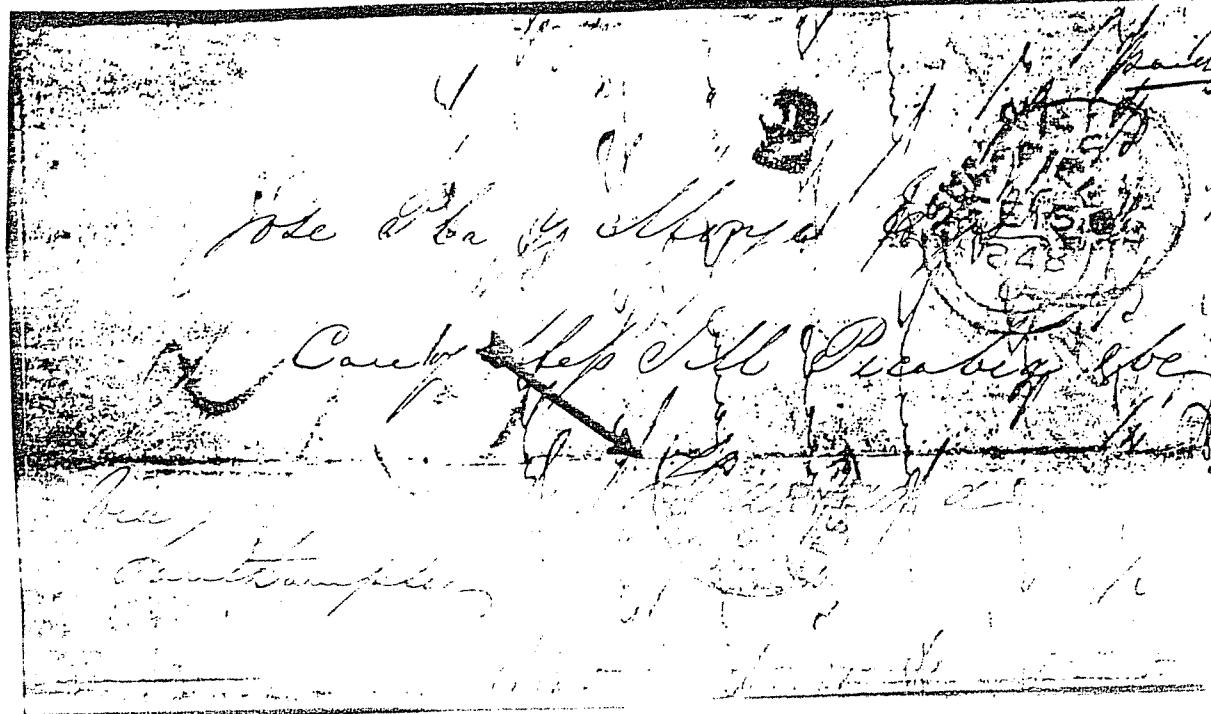
PARIS, FRANCE TO CUBA,
via Havana, with "EMPRESA N. EUROPA"
Only example recorded in green.

1849 PARIS TO HAVANA via London
with marking "EMPRESA N. EUROPA"
in yellow.

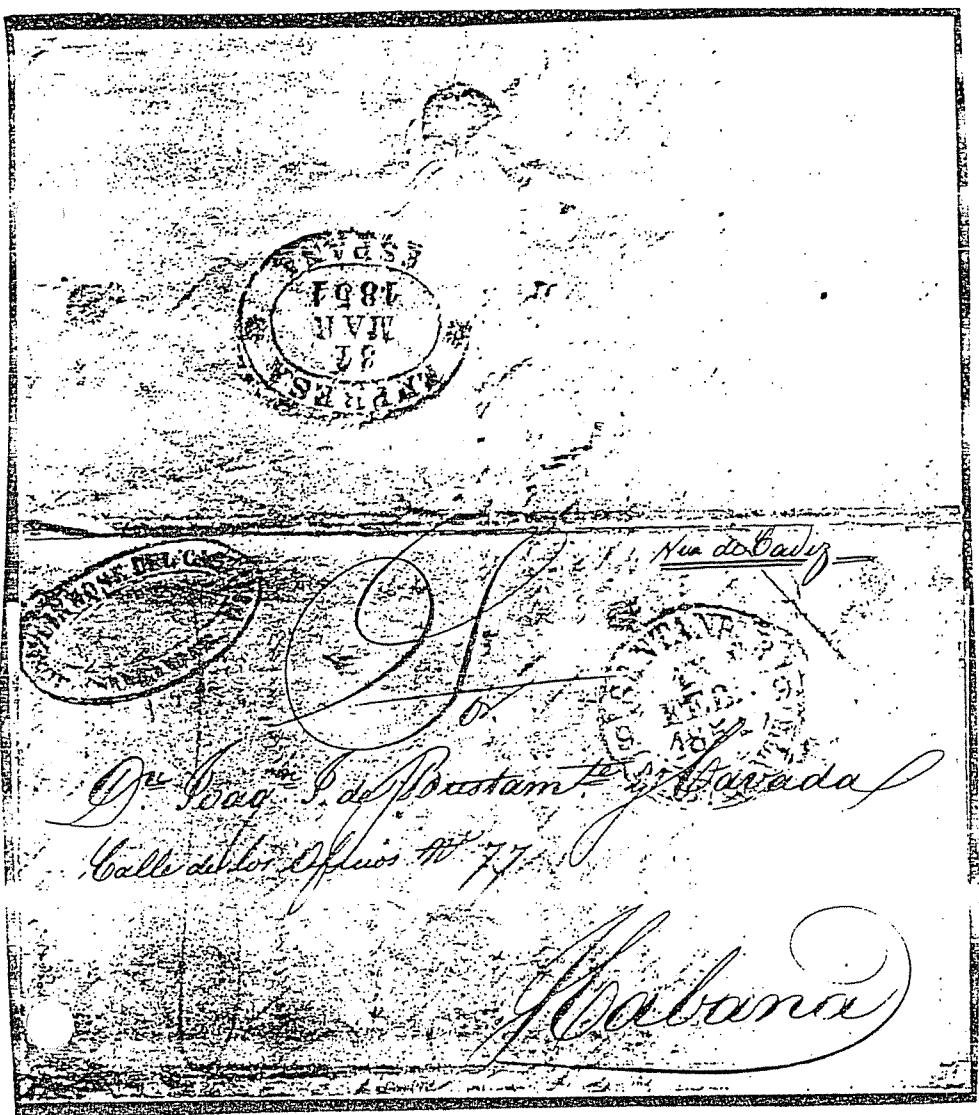


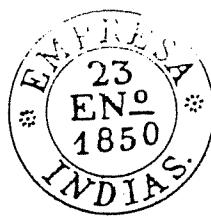


1848 SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND
TO HAVANA with the
marking "EMPRESA
EUROPA"

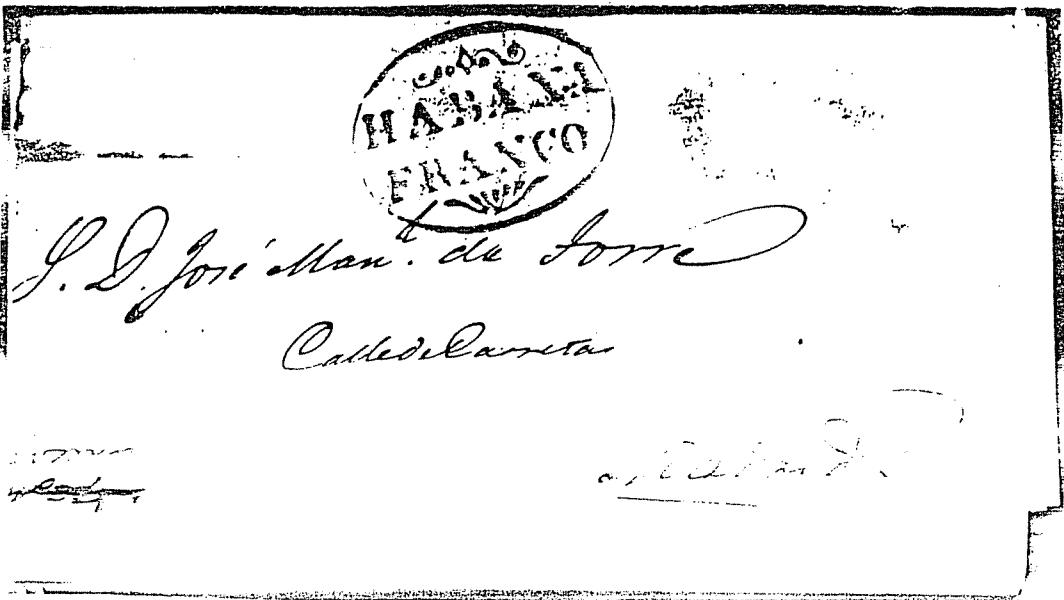


1851 SANTANDER TO HAVANA with the oval
marking "EMPRESA ESPAÑA" in yellow





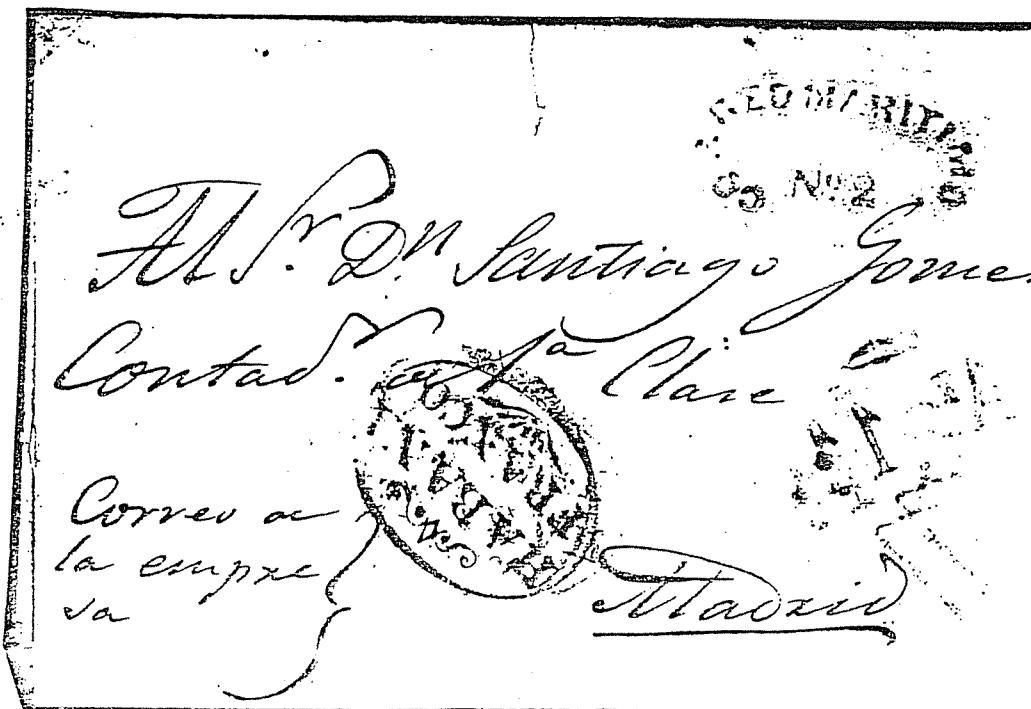
1848 TAMPICO TO HAVANA by British Mail pre-paid
with circular "EMPRESA INDIAS".
Only cover recorded in red.



1842 HAVANA TO MADRID with the markings "HABANA FRANCO" and "CORREO MARITIMO No. 1" in red.

CORREO MARITIMO
No. 2 . 0

1842 HAVANA TO MADRID with the markings "HABANA FRANCO" and "CORREO MARITIMO No. 2" in red.



Pto. Pre.
FRANCO

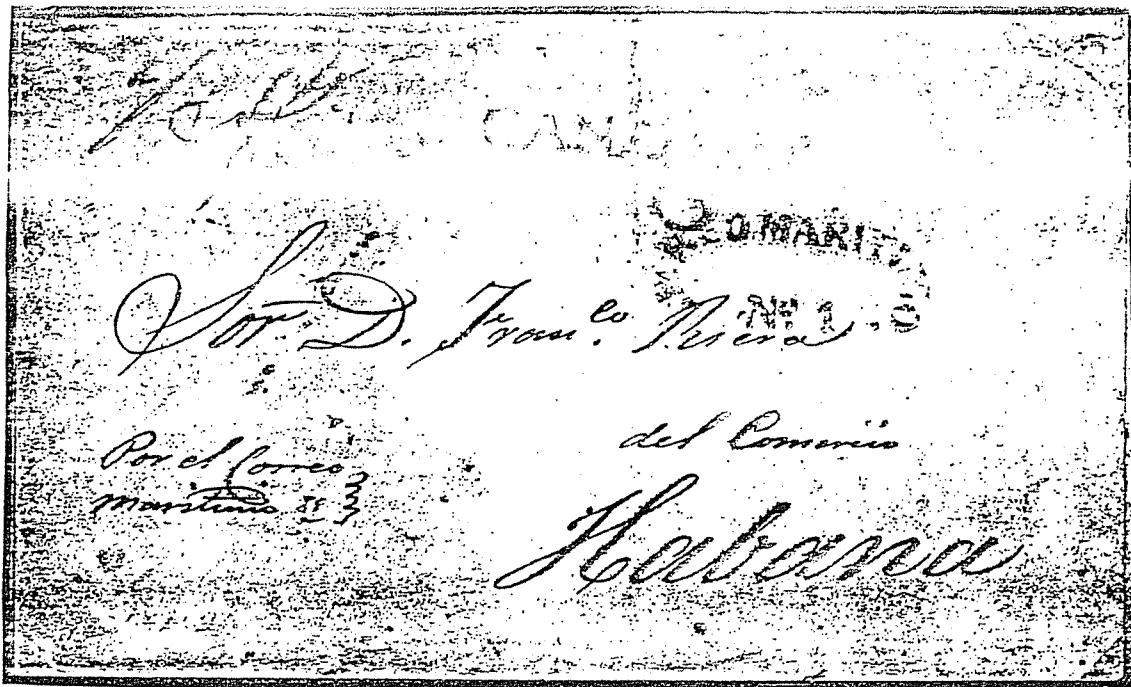
PARIS MARITIMO
Nº 1 . 0

CORREO

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Soto
Puerto Principe a Madrid.

1842. PUERTO PRINCIPE via Havana with oval
"PUERTO PRINCIPE FRANCO", "CORREO MARITIMO No.1"
in red. Extremely rare combination.

CORREO MARITIMO
No. 1



1840's CARARIAS TO HAVANA with straight line
"CARARIAS" and "CORREO MARITIMO No.1" in red.

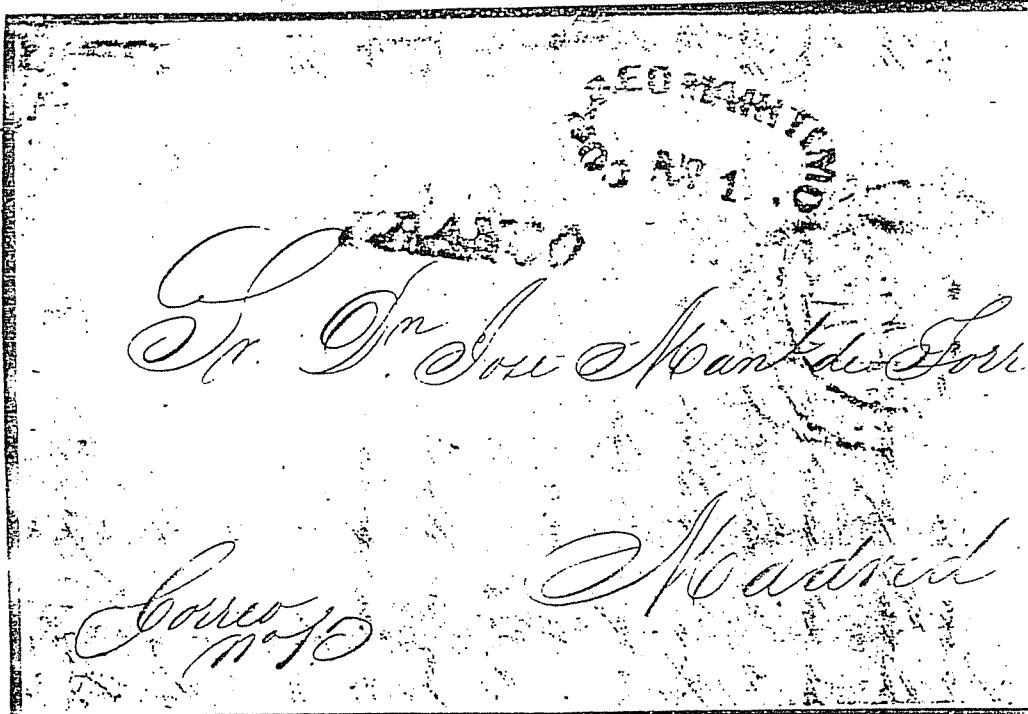
Dr. Wm. Brewster Mission
 Paseo de la Castellana
 No. 111
 Tel. en casa
 Corre de la Caja de Seguro
 contra Robo y Falsa

1838

HAVANA TO CADIZ with manuscript
 "POR CORREO No.1", before the
 "CORREO MARITIMO" hand stamp
VII. 17. 1842.

CORREO MARITIMO
 NO. 1. OM

1842 HAVANA TO MADRID by
 "CORREO MARITIMO No.1"
 in blue.



CORREO MARITIMO
No 1 .0

CORREO MARITIMO
No 1 .0

HABANA TO MADRID

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1844 HAVANA TO MADRID by "CORREO MARITIMO No.1" in green. Very rare color for this marking.

CORREO MARITIMO
No 1 .0

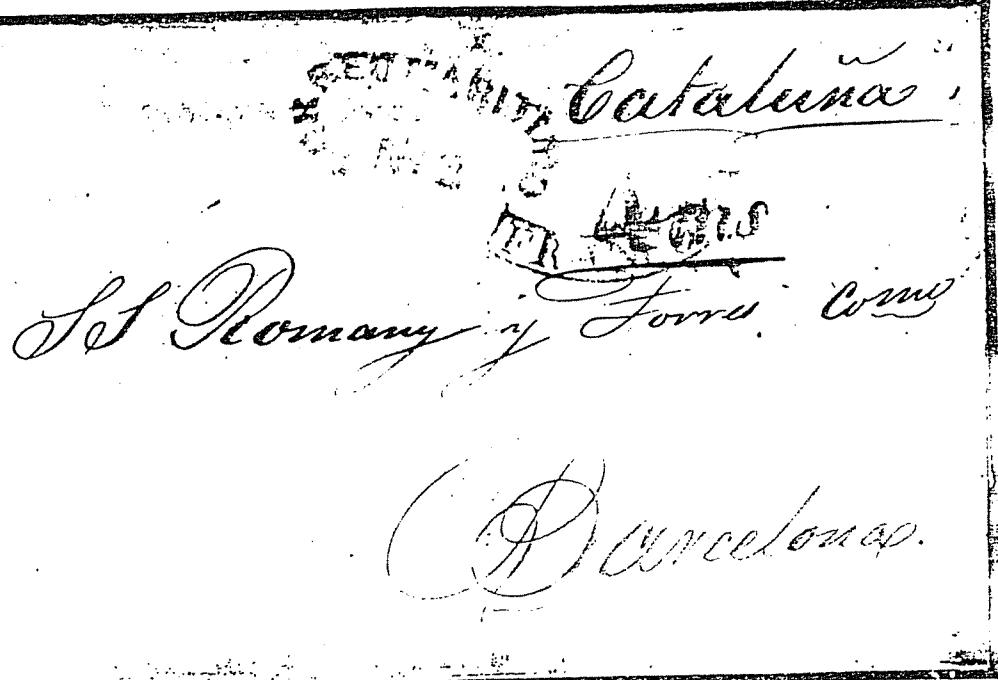
Dr. J. Diaz de la Guerra

Cia del Camello

Granada



O's HAVANA TO GRANADA
Official cover with
disinfection slits
and red "A"(Abonado).
Very unusual cover.
Official covers paid
half rate.



BREOMARITI₂
No. 2. 0

1848 HAVANA TO BARCELONA with
"CORREO MARITIMO No. 2"

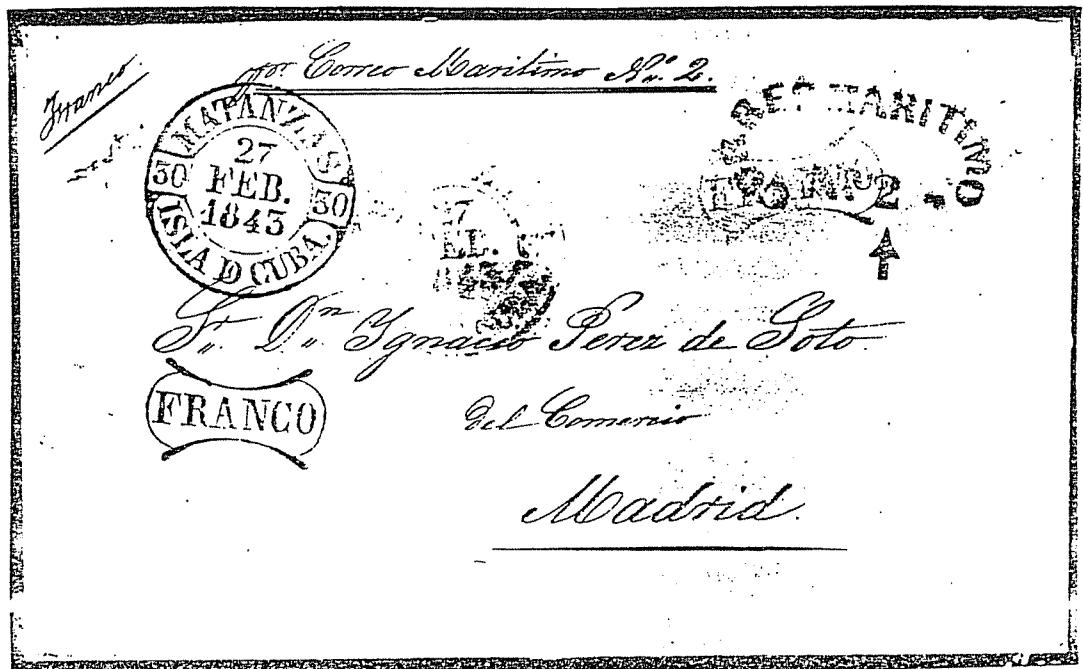
1848 MADRID TO HAVANA with
"CORREO MARITIMO No. 2"
in extremely rare
yellow color.



por correo
 Y lo se en la
 A! corresp. D. Agustín Gómez.
 Esto de la marina
 foto Espiritu

CORREO MARITIMO
 N° 2 . 0

1844 MADRID TO SANCTI ESPIRITU via Havana
 with "CORREO MARITIMO No.2" in blue.
 This marking is very unusual for in-
 coming mail.



Isla de Cuba
M. 100^o N. From St. Peters

1842

1842 FROM SPAIN TO HAVANA WITH
"CORREO MARITIMO No. 3"

1842

FROM HAVANA TO MADRID with
"CORREO MARITIMO No. 3" in
extremely rare yellow color.

To
D^r G^ro Perez de Foto
OP
del Comercio
Habana
Hall Gomez
Martinez
Madrid.

Par France: de Madrid para.

1843

Juan Granger & Co

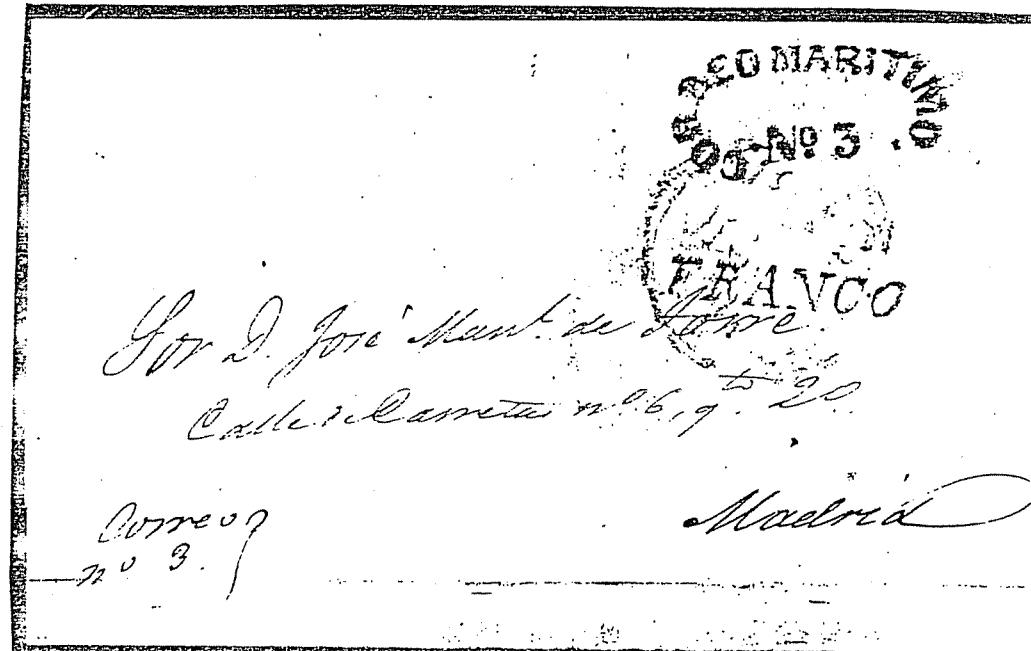
Alfonso X

HABANA

1846 Madrid to New York via Havana
by Correo Marítimo No. 3, with
blue "HABANA" straight line stamp
applied in transit.

CORREO MARITIMO
Nº 3 . 0

1843 Havana to Madrid by
Correo Marítimo No. 3



REOMARIT.
OJ N° 3 .0

Sor D^r. Ignacio José Soto

Madrid.

REOMARIT.
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correo marítimo no. 3, ver
in green.

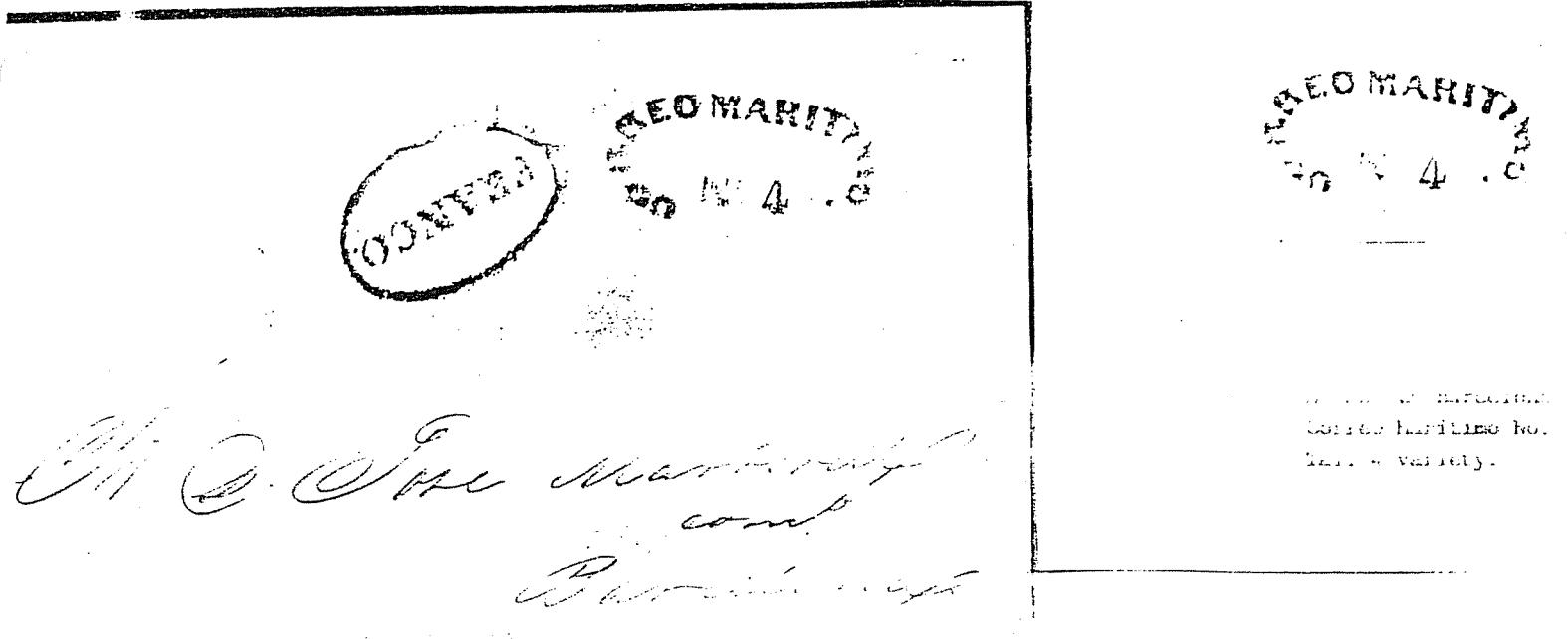
REOMARIT.
OJ N° 4 .0

Sor D^r. José Manuel López

Madrid.

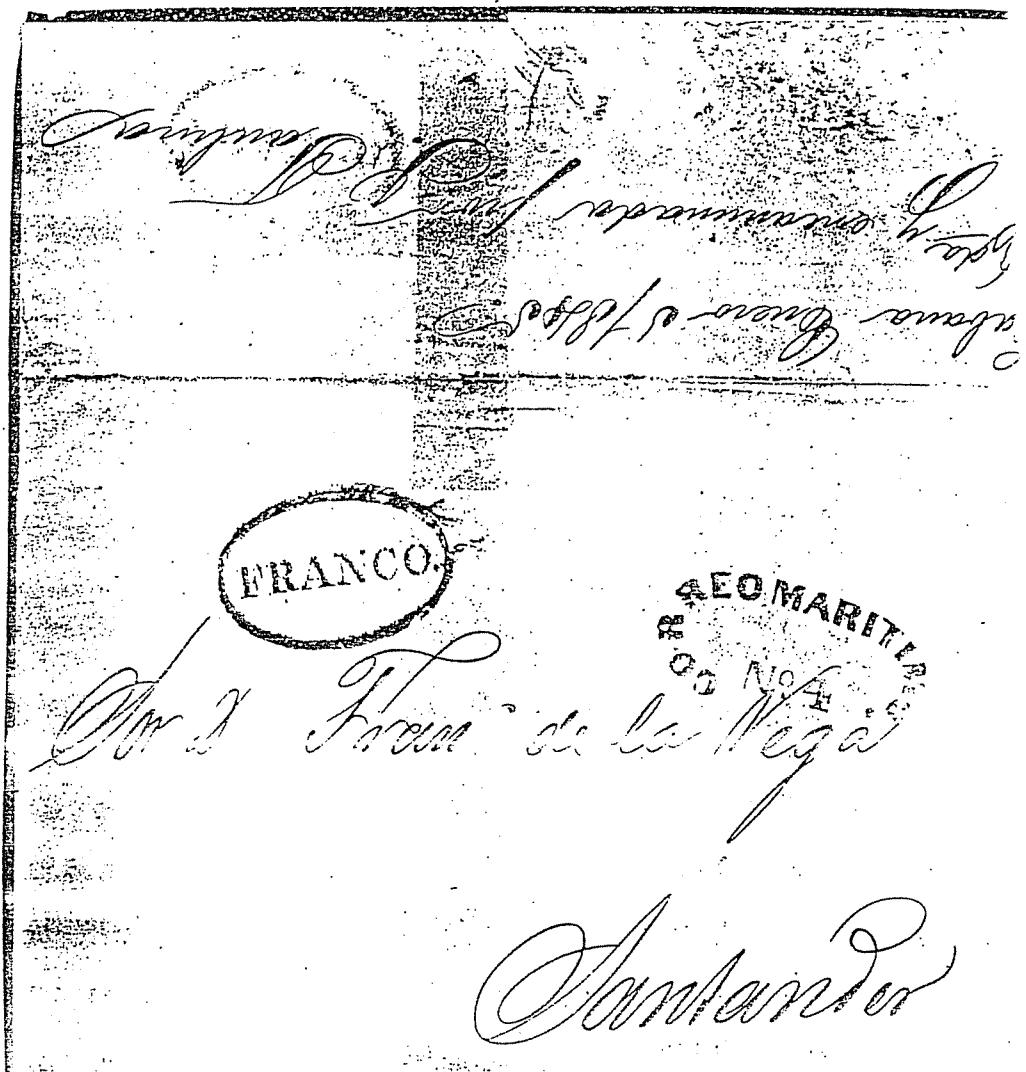
Correos

1824 Havana to Madrid by Correo
Marítimo No. 4, very rare
in green.



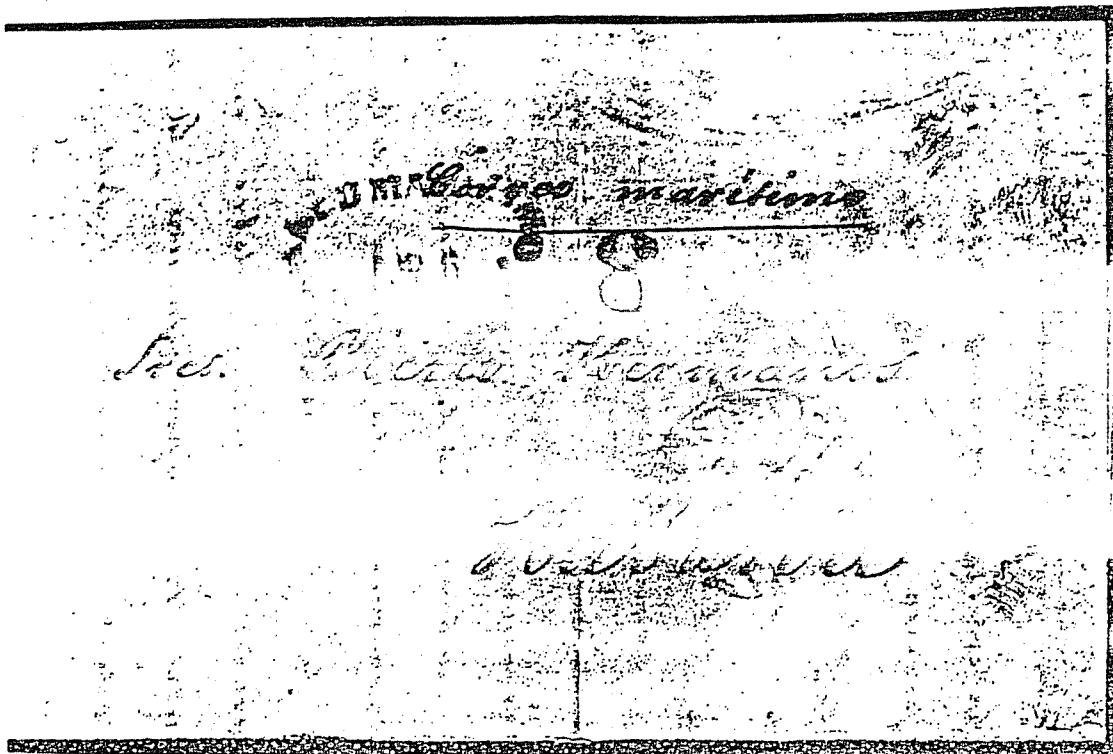
CORREO MARITIMO
 NO 4 . 0

45 Mexico to Santander forwarded
 in Havana by I. Paulina (MS) by
 Correo Marítimo No. 4
 Short 4 variety.





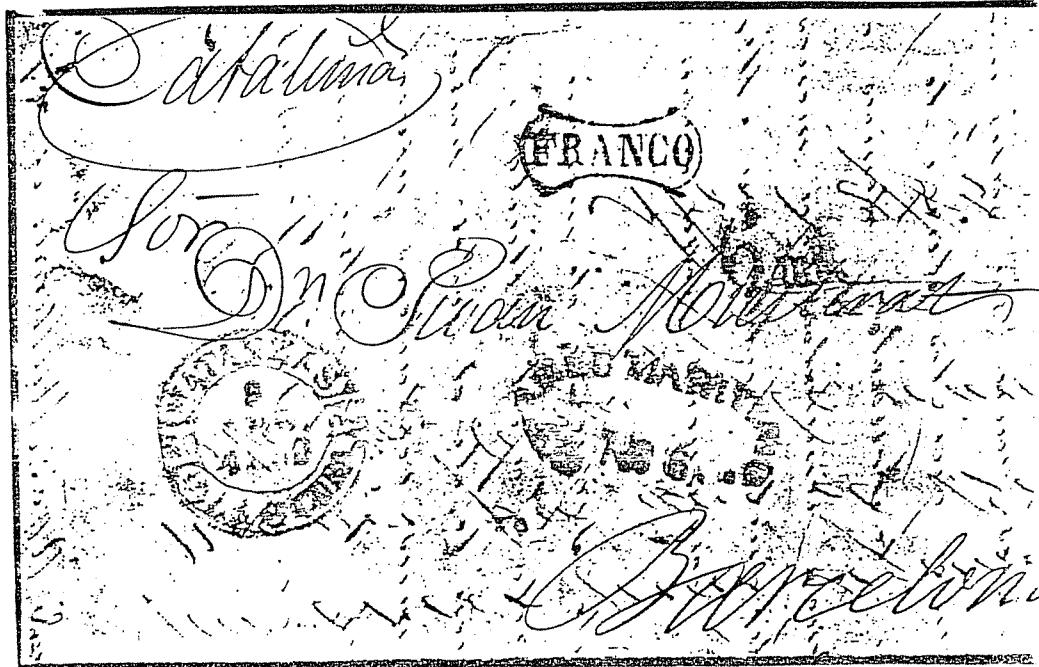
1850 Havana to Santander with
Correo Maritimo No. 5
(rarest of all C.M.)

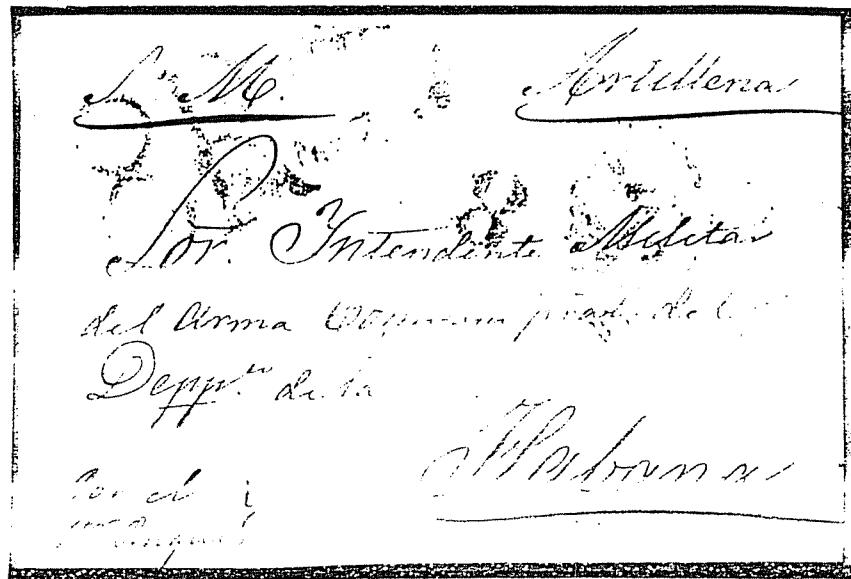


CORREO MARITIMO
Nº 6

1848 Matanzas to Barcelona
via Havana by Correo
Maritimo No. 6

1849 San Sebastian to i
Correo Maritimo to
Barcelona

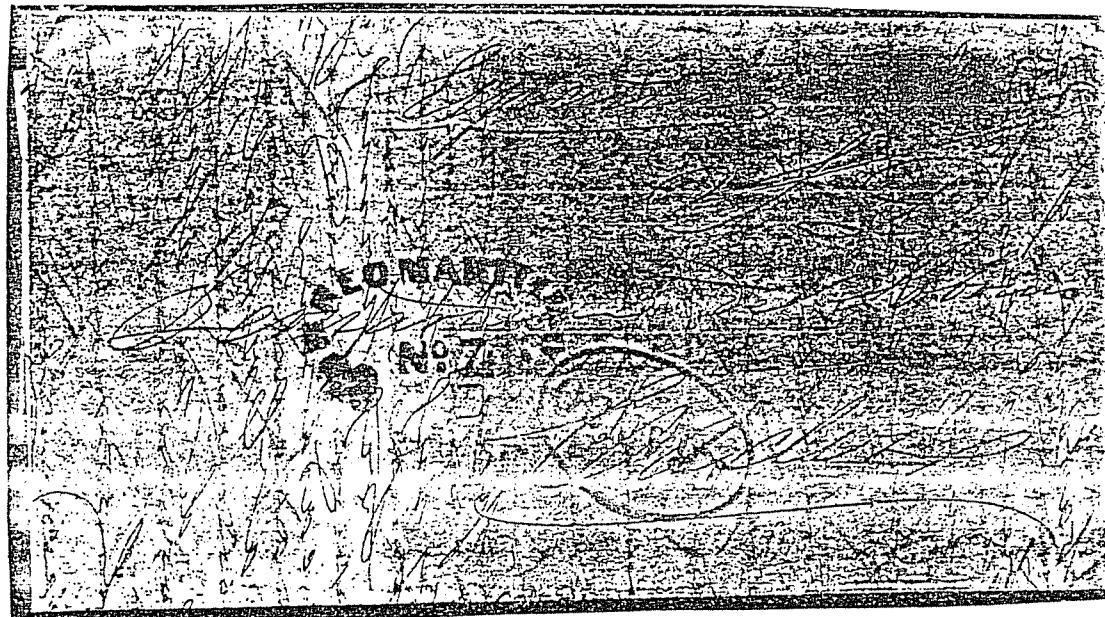




1840's Cadiz to Havana with Correo Mar. No. 7 extremely rare in yellow.

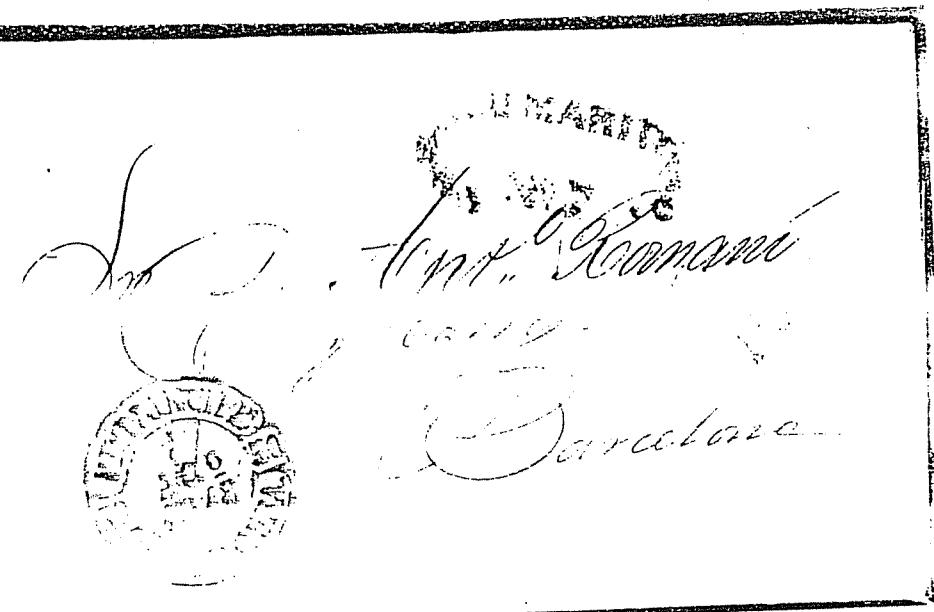
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149 Puebla to Cadiz via Havana
by Correo Maritimo No. 7



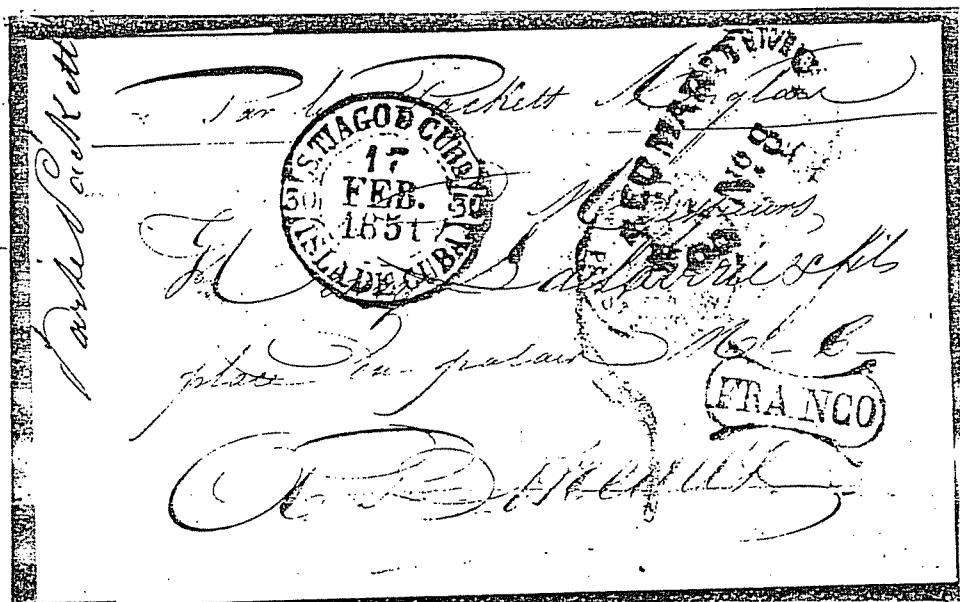
R. M. SOMARIA
Nº 7. 1911

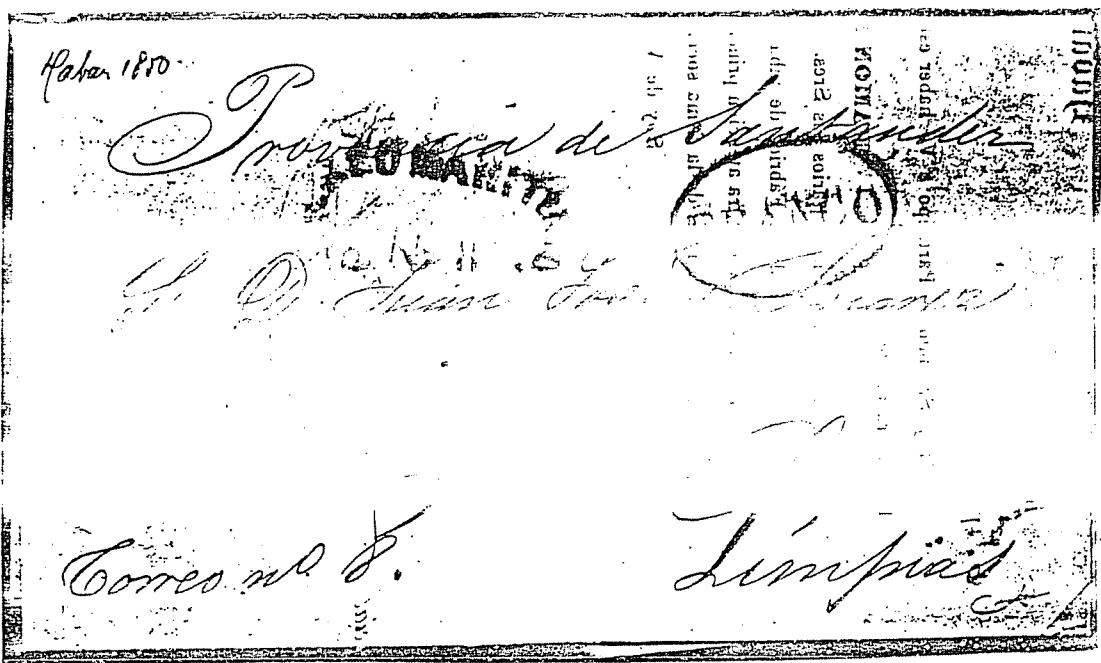
1848 Puerto Principe to Barcelona
Havana by Correo Marítimo



CORREOMARITIMO N.º 8

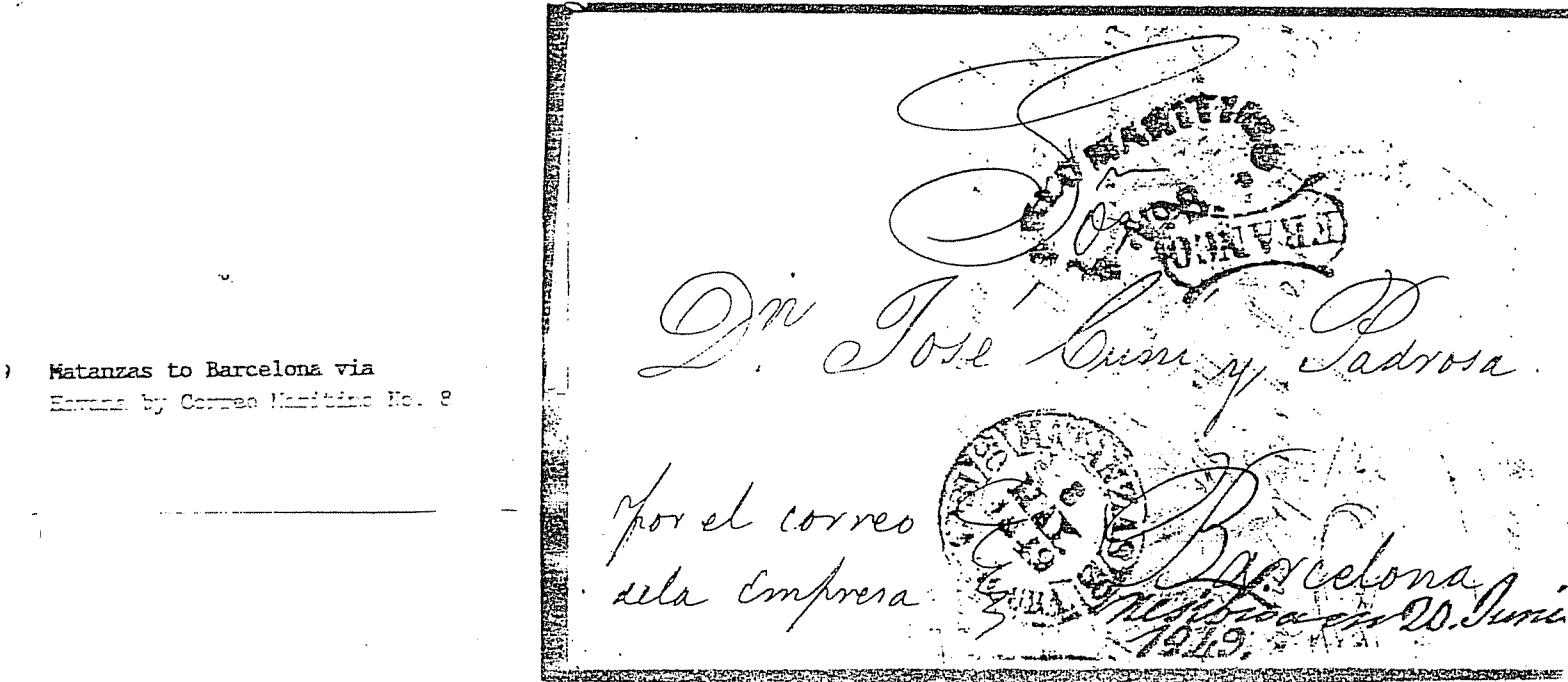
Santiago de Cuba to Burdeos, France,
via Havana and Spain. Originally in-
tended to be sent by British Mail
but sent by Correos Marítimos No. 8



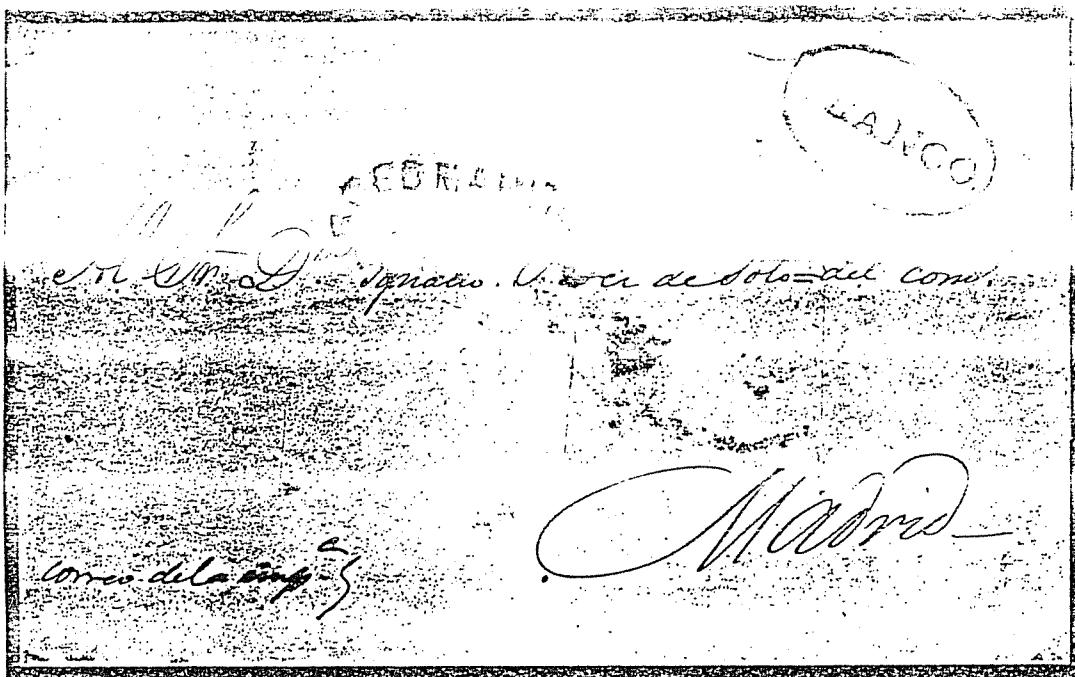


CORREO MARITIMO
Nº 8

1850 Havana to Lili
Correos Marítimo



CORREO MARITIMO
No. 0



1846 Havana to Madrid, Spain with marking CM (Correo Maritimo),
without number. Extremely rare.

HABANA

For
Cádiz

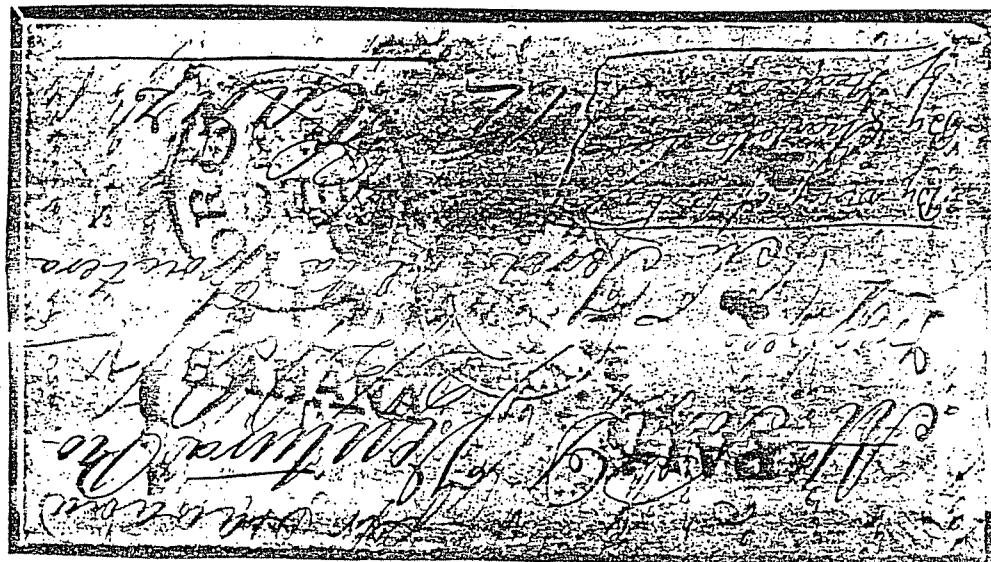
For Dr. Juan Mairan et

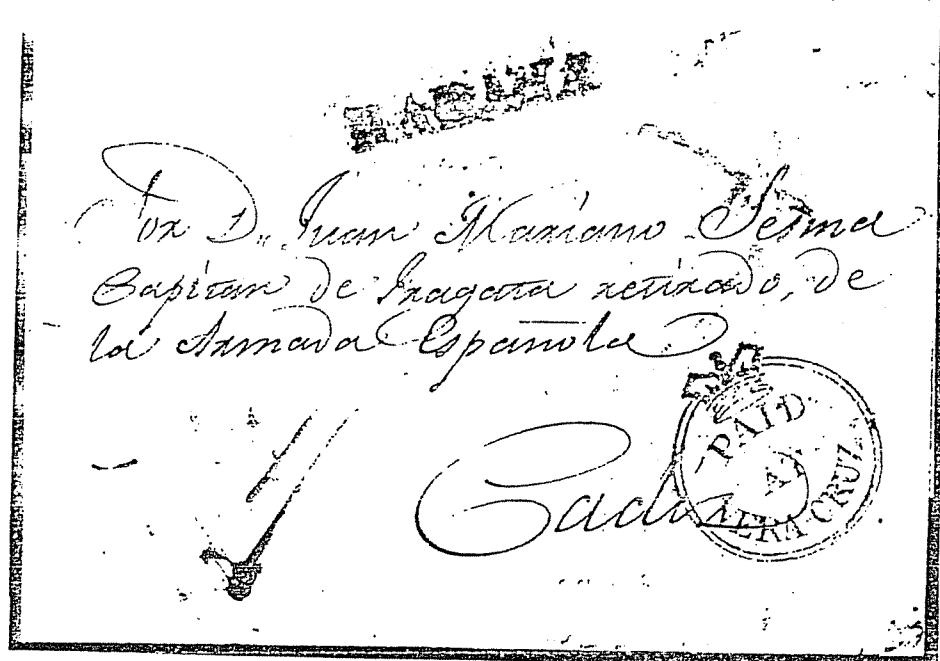
HABANA

M.E.

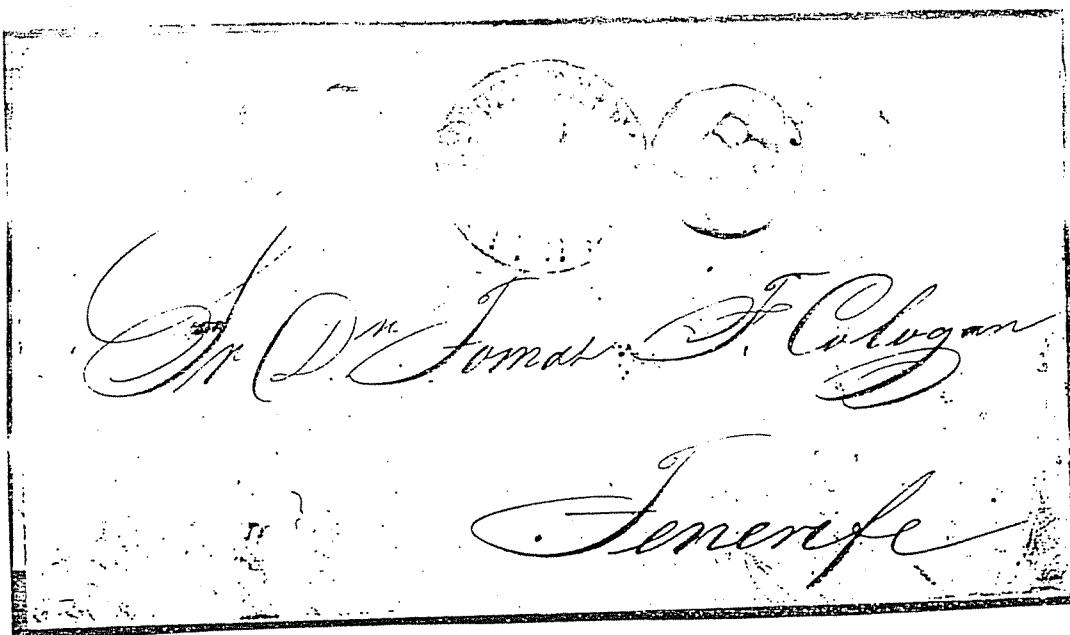
1842 Orizaba, Mexico to Cádiz via Havana with the
Circular "EMPRESA N. AMERICANA" and
very rare "HABANA" straight line
in yellow applied in transit by the
"EMPRESA".

849 New York to Cádiz via Havana with
circular "EMPRESA N. AMERICANA" and
very rare "HABANA" straight line
in yellow applied in transit by the
"EMPRESA".





1842 Veracruz, Mexico to Cadiz, Spain via Havana
 by British mail prepaid from Veracruz to Havana, with the
 "HABANA" straight line in red applied by the "IMPRESA".
 Only example recorded in red.



1845 La Guaira, Venezuela to Tenerife, Canary Islands via Havana
with the straight line "INDIAS" applied by the "EMPRESA".
Only example recorded in yellow.