

Updates to 2025 Electronic Edition

These are further updates to the 2025 electronic version to aid identification of recent additions to the internet version.

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B

[Barbarin, J. \(1896\)](#). **Nouveau catalogue general de timbres-poste, illustre de 3,000 gravures, etc.** 3rd edition. 367pp. (pp. 267-273) publ. Maison Barbarin, Paris. (in French).

[Battle, J. \(1880\)](#). **Reglament para el regimen y servicio interior del ramo de Telégrafos.** [[Regulations for the Internal Operation and Service of the Telegraph Service](#)]. Published as supplements to the Gaceta de Manila between 8 and 30 April 1880. 72pp. [in Spanish]

Detailed regulations describing the operation of the Telegraph Service, including operatives, procedures, governance and disciplinary provisions, transmission rules, reporting, maintenance and repairs. Includes information on charges and rates and types of telegrams. Mostly covers domestic service but includes instructions for international telegrams.

The regulations are preceded by a Decree dated 13 March implementing the regulations due to the upcoming completion of the Hong Kong cable.

[Bright & Son. \(1897\)](#). **Bright & Son's "ABC" descriptive priced catalogue of the World's postage stamps, envelopes, post cards, &c Part I. Adhesives.** 2nd edition, 543pp. (pp. 330-335). publ. Bright & Son, London.

[Bright & Son. \(1897\)](#). **Bright & Son's "ABC" descriptive priced catalogue of the World's postage stamps, envelopes, post cards, &c Part II. Entires.** 2nd edition, 218pp. (pp. 144-145). publ. Bright & Son, London.

[Bright & Son. \(1912\)](#). **Bright & Son's "ABC" descriptive priced catalogue of the World's postage stamps, envelopes, post cards, &c 1912-1913. Part I. Adhesives.** 9th edition, 863pp. (pp. 588-594). publ. Bright & Son, London.

C

[El Comercio. \(1897\)](#). **Sellos habilitados.** [[Authorised stamps](#)]. El Comercio 29 July 1897, year 28 epoch 3, no 196. Report that various stamps have been authorised for use.

D

[Dalena, M. \(1949\)](#). **The early postal service in the Philippines.** Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 1 no 4, pp. 27 & 29. (March-April 1949).

Description of the delivery methods for early postal system, mention of unknown stamps before 1854 but no details provided.

[Diario de Manila. \(1890b\)](#). **12 July 1890.** Diario de Manila. Yr 47. (in Spanish).

Noted that stamps had been detected which appeared to be counterfeit, leading to arrests.

[Diario de Manila. \(1890b\)](#). **13 July 1890.** Diario de Manila. Yr 47. (in Spanish).

A satirical opinion piece "Manila al Vuelo – Falsificaciones" by Pero Nuno on the extent of forgery in Manila, including a note regarding counterfeit telegraph stamps.

E

[Escalambre, J. \(1950\). El sello de dos pesos y la "Batalla naval de Manila" 1 de Mayo de 1898. \[The two peso stamp and the "Naval battle of Manila" 1 May 1898\]. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 2 no 5 pp. 42-43. \(May-June 1950\). \(in Spanish\).](#)

A brief history of the Battle of Manila in 1898.

F

[Filipinas Correos. \(2025b\). 1897 surcharges. Filipinas Correos. no 4, p7. \(December 2025\).](#)

Describes and illustrates a corner block of nine with the 25c brown surcharged 20c in dark violet ink, advertised as genuine but is a known forgery.

G

[Gaceta de Madrid. \(1878\). 15 December 1878. Gaceta de Madrid, yr 217 no 349, vol 4 pp. 736-737. \(in Spanish\).](#)

Royal Decree authorizing the Minister of Overseas Affairs to admit to public competition proposals for the establishment and operation of a submarine telegraph cable between the western coast of the island of Luzon (Cape Bojeador or Cape Bolinao) and Hong Kong, which will connect Manila with the universal telegraph network. Reprinted in [Gaceta de Manila \(1879a\)](#).

[Gaceta de Madrid. \(1879\). 1 March 1879. Gaceta de Madrid, yr 218 no 60, vol 1 pp. 593-594. \(in Spanish\).](#)

Royal Order of [22 February 1879](#) awarding to Mr. Guillermo Warden Morice the concession for the establishment and operation of the submarine cable between the island of Luzon and Hong Kong.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1879a\). 1 March 1879. Gaceta de Manila, yr 19 vol 1 no 60, pp. 426-428. \(in Spanish\).](#)

Published the communication no. 862 (of 27 December 1878) with the attached Royal Decree issued [14 December 1878](#) setting out the tender and specification for the establishment and operation of a submarine telegraph cable between the western coast of Luzon Island and Hong Kong. Previously published in the [Gaceta de Madrid 1878](#).

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1881\). 3 November 1881. Gaceta de Manila, yr 21 vol 2 no 305, p910. \(in Spanish\).](#)

Published the Order of the 'Intendencia General de Hacienda' of the Philippines issued [27 October 1881](#). The decree authorised the surcharging of telegraph and postal stamps for the use as postage stamps. Additional translations are provided in the [Philatelic Record \(1883d\)](#) and by [Hanciau \(1905\)](#).

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1886b\). 30 June 1886. Gaceta de Manila, yr 26 vol 1 no 179, p805. \(in Spanish\).](#)

Published the Royal decree of 16 May 1886 and the Order of the General Government of the Philippines issued [26 June](#). The decree provides a list of seals and stamps that will be in force from 1 July 1886 for two years. The list includes stamps for Communications, Union General Postal and Telegraph use. A note also states that the stamps for Communications can be used for both postal and telegraph use.

A separate version (possibly the original decree itself) is presented by [Encarnacion \(2011a\)](#) which suggests there was a typographical error in one of the lists in the [Gaceta de Manila](#) which lists "*sellos de comisiones*" instead of "*sellos de comunicaciones*."

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1886c\). 16 September 1886. Gaceta de Manila, yr 26 vol 2 no 78, p357. \(in Spanish\).](#)

Published the Order of the Governor General of the Philippines issued [11 September 1886](#). The decree authorises the surcharging of various values on 2 4/8c postal stamps for telegraph use and for postal stamps. The decree is repeated in the [Gaceta de Manila on 17 and 19 September 1886](#).

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1887a\). 12 June 1887. Gaceta de Manila, yr 27 vol 1 no 161, p747. \(in Spanish\).](#)

Decree of 11 June 1887 that the special telegraph stamp office created by decree of 24 June 1881 shall henceforth also sell postage stamps in addition to telegraph stamps including details of the transfer of operations and the commission to be paid for the stamps. A supplementary order requesting submissions for applications to the new post in the office.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1887b\). 24 June 1887. Gaceta de Manila, yr 27 vol 1 no 173, p813. \(in Spanish\).](#)

Decree of 22 June 1887 that the proposal submitted by Don Higinio Arguelles to operate the special telegraph stamp office (referenced in the decree of 11 June 1887) is accepted. Provides details of commission and sales bonus.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1887c\). 2 August 1887. Gaceta de Manila, yr 27 vol 2 no 33, p137. \(in Spanish\).](#)

Listed in an index of resolutions passed by the Treasury of the General Government: on 11 June 1887 (published in [Gaceta de Manila on 12 June 1887](#)) ordering that the special telegraph stamp office shall henceforth sell postage stamps in addition to telegraph stamps, and that said office be re-staffed in the manner determined by the decree of its creation of 24 June 1881.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1887d\)](#). **19 August 1887**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 27 vol 2 no 50, p206. (in Spanish).

Decree of 6 August 1887 authorising the surcharging postage stamps of 2 4/8 cents in blue ink for 1.50p, 40c and 20c for giro (money order) stamps.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1887e\)](#). **1 September 1887**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 27 vol 2 no 63, pp. 266-267. (in Spanish).

Listed in an index of decrees published in the Gaceta de Manila: 26 July 1887, the assignment and transfer of contract for the issuance of telegraph and postal stamps in the Central Communications Offices granted by the successful bidder Don Higinio Arguelles in favour of dona Romana Flores.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1887f\)](#). **24 September 1887**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 27 vol 2 no 87, p369. (in Spanish).

Listed in an index of resolutions passed by the Treasury of the General Government: on 6 August 1887 the authorisation of postage stamps of 2 4/8 cents for giro stamps of 1p50c, 40c and 20c. – the decree was published in the Gaceta de Manila on 19 August 1887.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1887g\)](#). **12 December 1887**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 27 vol 2 no 171, pp.789, 790. (in Spanish).

Listed in an index of resolutions passed by the Treasury of the General Government: on 12 November 1887 the authorisation of 100,000 postage stamps of 2 4/8 cents for the general postal union, with the price of 10 cents. Also recorded as being listed in the Gaceta.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1888a\)](#). **25 January 1888**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 28 vol 1 no 25, p117. (in Spanish).

Listed in an index of resolutions passed by the Treasury of the General Government: on 3 December 1887 the authorisation of 300,000 postage stamps of 2 4/8 cents that exist in general warehouses, for the general postal union at the price of 8 cents. Also recorded as being listed in the Gaceta.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1888d\)](#). **3 October 1888**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 28 vol 2 no 95, p453. (in Spanish).

Published the Decree of the Governor General of the Philippines issued 29 September 1888. the authorisation of 350,000 stamps for communications of 2 4/8 cents by surcharging of 10c General Postal Union stamps, 1/8c communication stamps and 20c postage stamps.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1890b\)](#). **18 January 1890**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 30 vol 1 no 18, p101. (in Spanish).

Noting the approval of Mrs. Maxima Guerrero, to carry out the special dispensing of telegraph and mail stamps established in the ground floor of the General Administration of Communications.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1890g\)](#). **1 March 1890**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 30 vol 1 no 60, p322. (in Spanish).

Noting a fine of 10 peso to Mrs Maxima Guerrero for an offense committed in her establishment of special dispensing of postage and telegraph stamps.

[Gaceta de Manila. \(1897\)](#). **28 July 1897**. Gaceta de Manila, yr 35 vol 2 no 207, p374. (in Spanish).

Published an official announcement of the Intendencia General de Hacienda regarding Royal Order no. 343 of 29 March 1897 and the surcharging of certain stamps.

[Gebruder Senfs. \(1905a\)](#). **Gebrüder Senfs illustrierter postwertzeichen-katalog 1906**. [Senf Brothers illustrated postage stamp catalogue 1906]. 1032pp. (pp. 667-678). publ. Gebruder Senf, Leipzig, Germany. (in German).

[Gebruder Senfs. \(1905b\)](#). **Gebrüder Senfs illustrierter postwertzeichen-katalog 1906. Ganzachenteil**. [Senf Brothers illustrated postage stamp catalogue 1906. Postal stationary part]. 476pp. (pp. 323-325). publ. Gebruder Senf, Leipzig, Germany. (in German).

[Gebruder Senfs. \(1910\)](#). **Gebrüder Senfs illustrierter postwertzeichen-katalog 1911**. [Senf Brothers illustrated postage stamp catalogue 1911]. 1191pp. (pp. 808-819). publ. Gebruder Senf, Leipzig, Germany. (in German).

[Gelli & Tani \(1896\)](#). **Catalogue illustre de timbres-poste**. [Illustrated Catalogue of Postage Stamps]. 1st edition (1896). 433pp. (pp. 267-273) publ. G. Gelli & R. Tani, Bruxelles. (in French).

[Gelli & Tani. \(1902\)](#). **Catalogue illustre de timbres-poste et telegraphe (1902)**. [Illustrated Catalogue of Postage and Telegraph Stamps (1902)]. 3rd edition. **Part 1: Timbres-poste** 536pp. (pp. 392-399), **Part 2: Timbres-telegraphe** 25pp. (pp. 16-17). publ. G. Gelli & R. Tani, Bruxelles. (in French).

[Gooding, N. \(1995\). Spanish-Philippines - A handbook of stamps issued under the Spanish colony of the Philippine Islands.](#) 314pp plus Appendices. publ. Marlestone, Australia.

Detailed and specialist catalogue of postal stamps including descriptions of forgeries, proofs and specimens. Partially updated by later publications and web pages by Gooding. However, some sections have yet to be updated, including details on era of surcharge forgeries and King Alfonso XII. Reviews are provided in [IPPS Newsletter \(1995c\)](#) and [Philippine Philatelic Society Journal \(1995\)](#).

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H

[Hevia. \(1959\). 1959 Catalogo Hevia de sellos de Espana, colonias, ex colonias espanola.](#) [1959 Hevia catalogue. [Stamps of Spain, Colonies and Ex-Colonies](#)]. 12th edition, 157pp. (pp. 99-102, 114-116). publ. Hevia, Madrid. (in Spanish).

L

[Lehmann, D. \(2007a\). Printer's waste \(Spanish Era\).](#) Philippine Philatelic Journal, vol 29 no 2, pp. 21-23.

Describes and illustrates printer's waste on revenue stamps. Suggests that for the postage and revenue stamps of the late 1800s these consist of panes run through printing presses to remove ink.

[Loney, N. \(1863\). Letter of Nicholas Loney to General Jose Lemery.](#) Reprinted in the Southeast Asian Journal (1978) volume 10 no 1, pp. 31-37.

Nicolas Loney was the British Vice Consul to Iloilo. The letter includes a description of the current mail route via Hong Kong and advocates for a route via Singapore, also advocates for the establishment of an inter-island telegraphic communication system and mentions a sketch of a telegraphic map for the island of Luzon and the Southern islands which he has prepared with Sir Charles Bright.

O

[Oceania Espanola. \(1890\). 13 July 1890.](#) La Espanola Oceania. (in Spanish).

Update on the discovered telegraph stamp forgeries noting that several dealers of stamped items are being held. It is suspected that the counterfeiting was committed outside the country, even though similar or identical events have occurred in this capital on previous occasions. Also references that about 25 years ago a counterfeit stamp for signature rights was discovered in Manila.

[La Opinion. \(1890a\). 22 February 1890.](#) La Opinion. Yr 4 no 45. (in Spanish).

Note regarding the change of stamps and noting that for some values there is either not an equivalent stamp in particular 1c, 6^{2/3}c and the stamps for printed materials.

[La Opinion. \(1890b\). 29 May 1890.](#) La Opinion. Yr 4 no 122. (in Spanish).

Note regarding appointment to receive and compare telegrams with stamps issued of 1889.

[La Opinion. \(1890c\)](#). **17 June 1890**. La Opinion. Yr 4 no 137. (in Spanish).

Note regarding commission created for the purpose of reviewing the stamps attached to the telegrams that were issued in the year 1889.

[La Opinion. \(1890d\)](#). **12 July 1890**. La Opinion. Yr 4 no 160. (in Spanish).

Detailed account of the investigations leading to the discovery of the 1890 5 peso telegraph forgery. Also noting that the scale of stamp forgeries between 1 January 1889 and 12 July 1890 was believed amount to a loss of 60,000 pesos.

[La Opinion. \(1890e\)](#). **13 July 1890**. La Opinion. Yr 4 no 161. (in Spanish).

Appointment of official Eduardo Cabanes to verify the 5 peso stamps affixed to telegraphs.

P

[Padin, F. \(2014\)](#). **Intervenciones Espanola en el extranjero en el reinado de Isabel II (II)**. [Spanish interventions abroad during the reign of Isabel II (Part 2)]. *Academvs* vol 15 no 18 pp. 85-94 and cover. (in Spanish). (October 2014)

Discusses the 1858-1863 intervention in Cochinchina. At the request of the French Government, Spain joined efforts with France and sent an expeditionary army made up by troops from the Philippines garrison. The author describes the operations in which the Spanish forces took part: Turana (1858-60), and Saigon/Lower Cochinchina (1859-63). In the postal domain, he describes the testimonies surviving from that campaign and accounts the correspondence circulated from Annam, Spain, and the Philippines, as well as the maritime mail resources, routes followed, postal conventions involved and the rates applied to the letters. The article is enhanced with the reproduction of several letters of the period - the rarest of them is one addressed by a Dominican missionary from Tonkin to Sant Feliu Sasserra (Barcelona). Reproduced in [Padin \(2016\)](#).

[Palmer, M. \(2025k\)](#). **Different printings of the 1861 5cuartos vermilion**. *Filipinas Correos*. no 4, pp. 1-7. (December 2025).

Describes 3 stones and printings of the 1861 issue and illustrates the constant flaws identified. Stones 1 and 2 contain similar flaws, whereas stone 3 appears to comprise a different setting entirely. A 4th sheet is also mentioned but no supporting evidence is known.

[Pardo de Figuero, M. \(1870a\)](#). **Kpankla. Carta dirigida al Sr. D Eduardo de Mariategui, ingeniero milita etc. etc. por su amigo el Doctor Thebussem**. [Kpankla. Letters addressed to Don Eduardo de Mariategui, military engineer from his friend Doctor Thebussem]. 24pp. publ Madrid. (in Spanish).

In Section 6 (p22) provides a table describing the comparative spread of correspondence between 1867 and 1869 in various countries, including the Philippines. A review is provided in [The Philatelist \(1870c\)](#). The second edition was issued in [Doctor Thebussem & Mariategui \(1871\)](#).

[Palmer, M. \(2026a\)](#). **Telegraphic hole punches and remainders**. *Filipinas Correos*. no 5, pp. 1-8. (January 2026).

A review of different types of hole punches found applied to stamps, disputing the claim by [Comfort \(1933\)](#) and later [Peterson \(2000a\)](#) that these represented remainders. Reviews other accounts of remainders, and includes mention of Reintegro markings, perfins, puncture holes and miscellaneous hole punches.

[Peterson, D. \(2015f\)](#). **Spanish Philippine collection. 1854-1874 imperforate postal issues**. 67pp (unnumbered). Unpublished photocopy of collection.

Photocopy of Don Peterson's collection, includes a short biography.

[Philatelic Foundation \(2026\)](#). **PF Certificates**. The Philatelic Foundation's Certificate Archive website. Search for Philippine certificates. <http://pfsearch.org/pfsearch/> downloaded and compiled 2 January 2026.

Compilation of The Philatelic Foundation certificates for Philippine stamps from the Spanish-Philippine period.

[Potiquet, A. \(1862\)](#). **Catalogue de timbre-poste crees dans divers etat de globe**. [Catalogue of postage stamps created in the various countries of the world]. 2nd edition, 46pp. (p15). publ. E Lacroix, Paris. [in French].

Potiquet published one of the first stamp catalogues in the world in December 1861. This is the second edition published in March 1862.

R

[Reyes, R. \(1949a\)](#). **El franqueo de las cartas**. [Postage]. *Philippine Journal of Philately*, vol 2 no 5, pp. 52-53. (November-December 1949). (in Spanish).

Appears to be a reprint of [Reyes \(1938\)](#) except in Spanish. Description of the 1854 issues, the reasoning for the values and currency deployed and different printings. Mention of engraver and notes that forgeries exist with false franking.

[Reyes, R. \(1949b\)](#). **Las falsificaciones del los sellos de Filipinas no 1**. [Counterfeiting Philippine stamps no 1]. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 2 no 5, pp. 53-54. (November-December 1949). (in Spanish).

Appears to be a [reprint from A.F.F.](#) Description and illustration of forgeries of the 1859 5c issue.

[Reyes, R. \(1950a\)](#). **Las falsificaciones del los sellos de Filipinas (no. 2)**. [Counterfeiting Philippine stamps (no 2)]. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 2 no 3, p39. (January-February 1950). (in Spanish).

Appears to be a [reprint from A.F.F.](#) Description and illustration of two forgeries of the 1863 2rs issue.

[Reyes, R. \(1950b\)](#). **Las falsificaciones del los sellos de Filipinas (no. 3)**. [Counterfeiting Philippine stamps (no 3)]. Philippine Journal of Philately, vol 2 no 4, p38. (March-April 1950). (in Spanish).

Appears to be a [reprint from A.F.F.](#) Description and illustration of a forgeries of the 1864 issues.

[Robert, V. \(1896\)](#). **Catalogue illustre de tous les timbres-poste emis depuis 1840 jusqu'a 1896**. [Illustrated catalogue of all the stamps issued since 1840 to 1894]. 3rd edition, 349pp. (pp. 238-244), publ. Victor Robert, Paris. (in French).

S

[Sanclaro. \(2014a\)](#). **Philippines under the Spanish Administration. Queen Isabella II & King Amadeo. A preliminary catalogue**. Parts A and B. 7pp., publ. Sanclaro Publishing, Christchurch New Zealand.

[Sanclaro. \(2014b\)](#). **Philippines under the Spanish Administration. King Alfonso XII. A preliminary catalogue**. Part C. 6pp., publ. Sanclaro Publishing, Christchurch New Zealand.

[Sanclaro. \(2014c\)](#). **Philippines under the Spanish Administration. King Alfonso XIII. A preliminary catalogue**. Parts A and B. 7pp., publ. Sanclaro Publishing, Christchurch New Zealand.

[Stanley Gibbons. \(1903\)](#). **Stanley Gibbons Priced Catalogue, Part II stamps of foreign countries**. 15th edition. 480pp. (pp. 407-413). publ. Stanley Gibbons Incorporated, New York.

W

[Warren, A. \(1967b\)](#). **Fiscal stamps of the Philippines (II)**. The American Philatelist, vol 81 no 2, pp. 155-160. (WN 802, November 1967).

[Warren, A. \(1968a\)](#). **Fiscal Stamps of the Philippines (IV)**. The American Philatelist, vol 82 no 1, (pp. 59-66). (WN 804, January 1968).

[Warren, A. \(1968b\)](#). **Fiscal Stamps of the Philippines (V)**. The American Philatelist, vol 82 no 2, (pp. 133-136). (WN 805, February 1968).

[Warren, A. \(1968c\)](#). **Fiscal Stamps of the Philippines (VI)**. The American Philatelist, vol 82 no 3, (pp. 217-222). (WN 806, March 1968).

[Warren, A. \(1968d\)](#). **Fiscal Stamps of the Philippines (VII)**. The American Philatelist, vol 82 no 4, (pp. 327-336). (WN 807, April 1968).

[Warren, A. \(1968e\)](#). **Fiscal Stamps of the Philippines (VIII)**. The American Philatelist, vol 82 no 5, (pp. 399-402). (WN 808, May 1968).

[Warren, A. \(1968f\)](#). **Fiscal Stamps of the Philippines (IX)**. The American Philatelist, vol 82 no 6, (pp. 505-516). (WN 809, June 1968).

[Warren, A. \(1968g\)](#). **Fiscal Stamps of the Philippines (Conclusion)**. The American Philatelist, vol 82 no 7, (pp. 596-602.). (WN 810, July 1968).