

TYPE 5 SURCHARGE ON COVER

Manila to **Paris, France**, June 25, 1886.
 Rec. Aug. 3rd. Manila cds, Colonial
 Parilla cancel. 8c single weight rate to
 overseas destinations, up to ½ oz.
 (Overpaid 4½c - convenience franking.)



Manila to **Ronda, Spain**,
 December 24, 1888. Rec. Feb. 11th.
 Manila cds, Colonial Parilla cancel
 and octagonal boxed "CERTIF"
 [registration]. 12½c single weight
 rate to Spain, to ½ oz., plus 15c
 Spain Registration Fee.
 (Underpaid 2½c)

As indicated previously, the Spanish Crown dictated a higher postal rate for mail to Spain, than to other UPU countries. Additionally, the fee to register a cover to Spain was nearly double the rate for all other UPU countries, 15 centavos as compared to 8 centavos. Thus, the correct combined fee for a single weight registered cover to Spain was 27½ centavos. However, like the single weight interior rate of 2½ centavos, which was paid interchangeably with either a 2c, 2½c or 2 4/8c stamp, covers to Spain are often found paid with a 10 centavos rate, particularly when sent as a registered cover, with the 15 centavos registration fee fully paid. One is just as likely to find a registered cover to Spain underpaid with 25 centavos, as here, as opposed to the correct payment of 27½ centavos. This may be the result of the 10 centavos stamps of 1880 having the words "Union Postal Universal" in the sheet margin, indicating that it was to be used for all UPU (overseas) mail, and thus was interpreted (incorrectly) to apply to Spain as well.