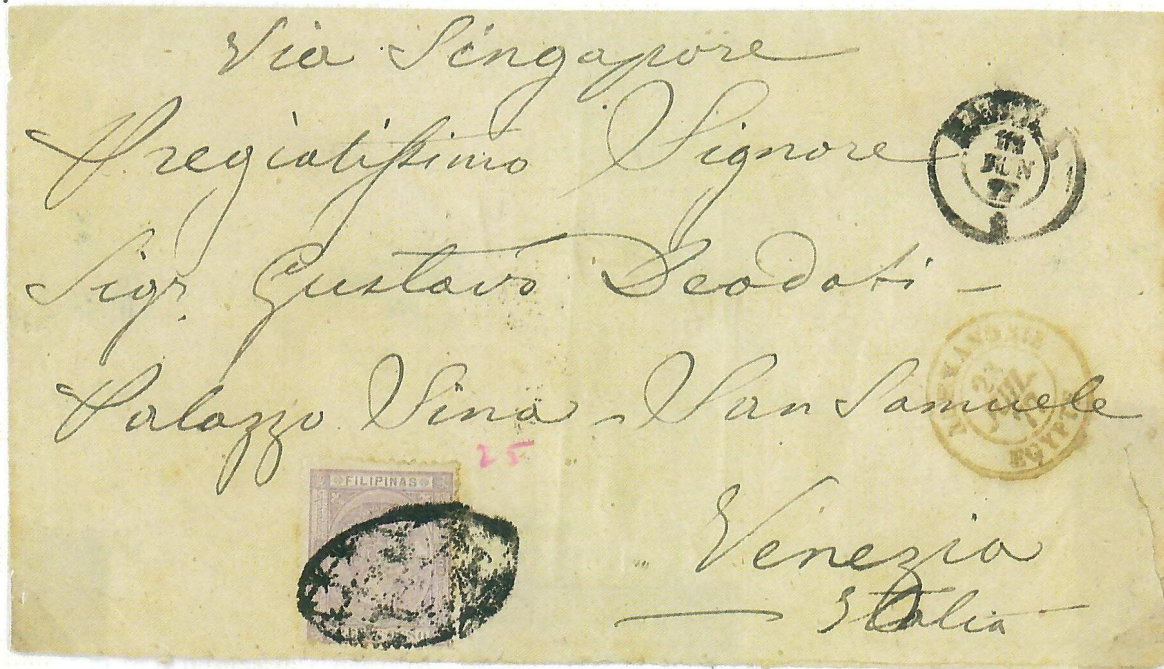


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OVERSEAS MAIL

VIA PRIVATE FRENCH STEAMER AND PACKET

Occasionally, mail to Europe departed the Philippines on private French steamers. However, such mail was frequently transferred somewhere along the route to a French or British packet en-route to the final destination.



1877 Manila (June 13) to Venice, Italy by private French steamer from Manila, connecting with the French packet at Alexandria, Egypt, on July 22, 1877. Arrived in Venice on August 29, 1877. Posted at 12 centavos for overseas single-weight letter to Italy (2 centavos more than required).