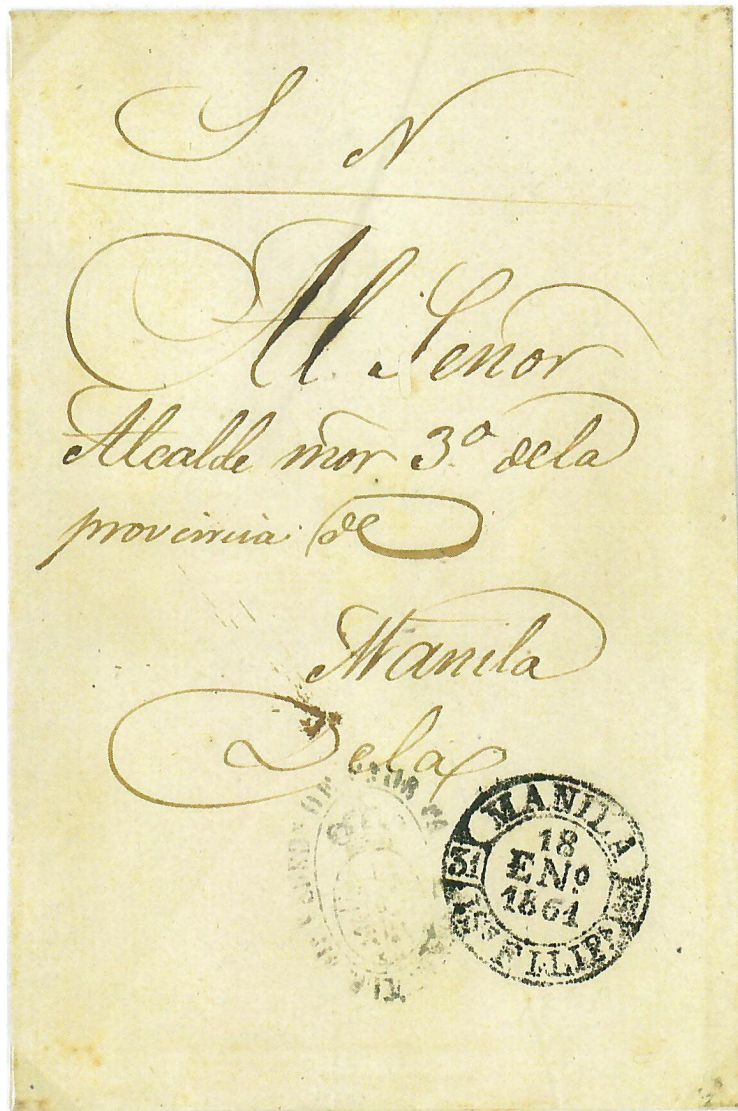


Free franking privilege was granted to government and ecclesiastical offices and officials beginning in 1846. Official (usually stampless) mail was marked in manuscript either by "R.S." (meaning REAL SERVICIO) or "S.N." (meaning SERVICIO NACIONAL). Both appear to be interchangeable on such mail.

**"S.N." OFFICIAL MAIL**

Used on official mail from 1845 through 1887.



1861 Manila local official mail.