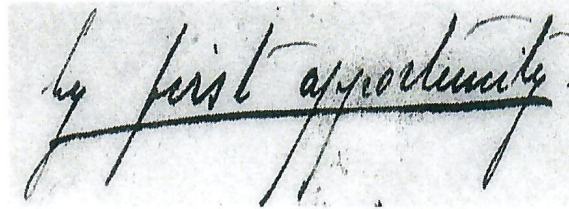


OVERSEAS MAIL

PER FIRST OPPORTUNITY



by first opportunity.

The manuscript marking, “PER FIRST OPPORTUNITY”, is believed to have the same meaning as Ker and Company’s “PER FIRST MAIL”, that is, the letter was to have the first priority on the next departing ship out of Manila. However, it probably was from a different (unknown) firm, rather than Ker and Company.

ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLE



1893 Manila to Hamburg, Germany.