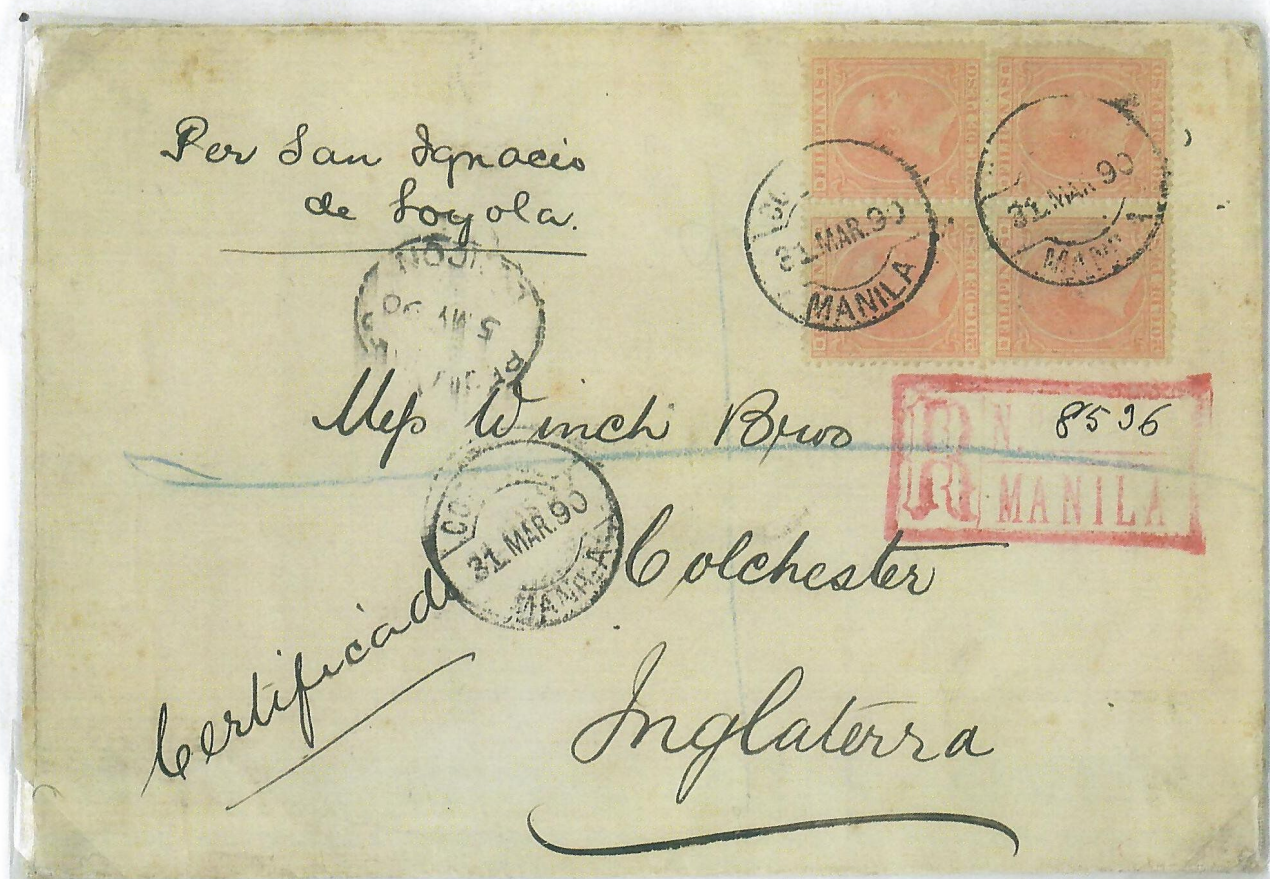


## CONFIRMATION OF 1890 ISSUANCE OF THE 20c SALMON STAMP

One of the primary references for Spanish Philippine stamps (Mencarini, 1896) and all subsequent catalogs state that a 20 centavos salmon stamp was issued on April 20, 1891. However, the cover below with a March 31, 1890, Manila cancel to Colchester, England, and May 6, 1890, receiving cancel (on reverse); a February 1890 cover to Spain (ex. Nestor Jacob); and several single stamps with 1890 cancel dates, confirm an early 1890 issuance date (likely January 1) for the 20c salmon stamp.

## SECOND KNOWN EARLIEST USAGE OF THE 20c SALMON STAMP



1890 (March 31) Manila to Colchester, England registered cover with block of four 20c salmon stamps with scarce red registration mark. Carried by Spanish steamer SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA.