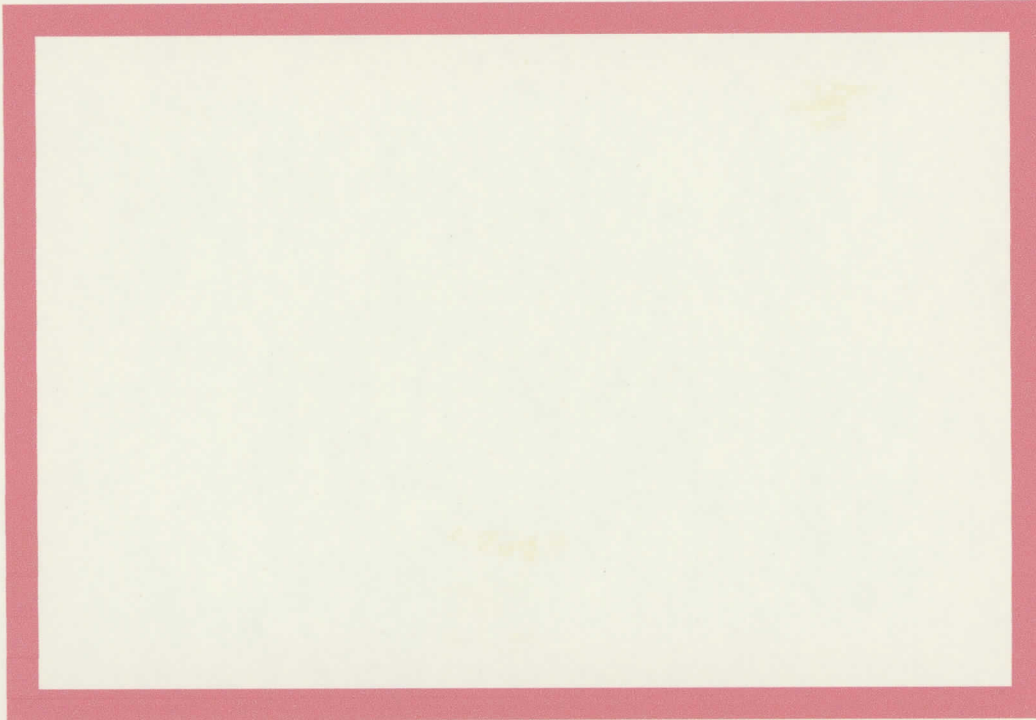


PANUCO



Green 2 reales; Panuco oval manuscript cancel. Two other similar items known. ***



Green 2 reales regular letter rate. Panuco box cancel. Docketed 20 April 1858.

1856 ISSUE

This, the first issue of postage stamps for Mexico, was introduced July 31, 1856, the first invoice of stamps sent to Mazatlán August 30, 1856. Stamps used in the Mazatlán district have a black "MAZATLAN" overprint that "validated" them for postal use. This was applied upon receipt of the stamps in the Mazatlán post office. The stamps were used in post offices throughout the Mazatlán district (all the State of Sinaloa). Most cancellations were red in color prior to 1858, and black in 1858 and later. The last stamp shipment was on September 14, 1858.

USED OUT-OF-DISTRICT

Few 1856 issue stamps were used out-of-district. Guadalajara District overprint on 2 reales. Mazatlán box cancel.



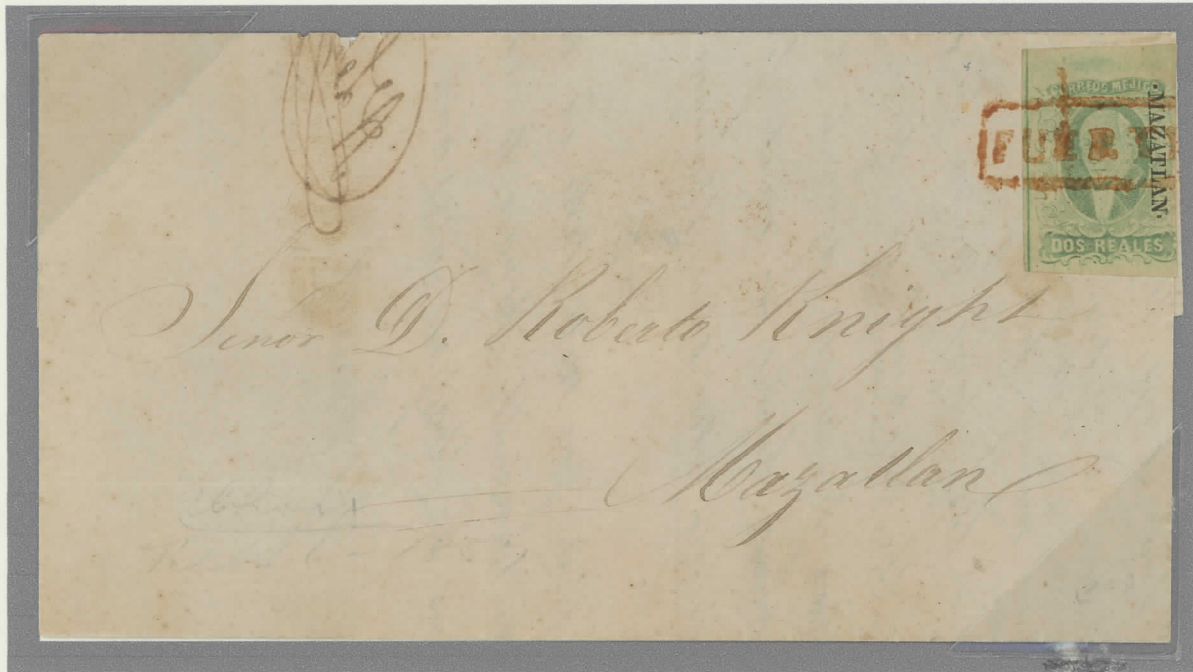
BADIRAGUATO

Badiraguato, a small mining town, used few stamps. Block of 4 ½ real, Badiraguato box cancel. ***

FRANCO EN
BADIRAGUATO



CHOIX



Carried from Choix to Fuerte out-of-the-mail, probably because mail dispatches were twice weekly. First printing emerald 2 reales stamp; red "FUERTE" box cancel. Docketed 6 Feb 1857.

CONCORDIA



First period 1 real stamp. Unrecorded Concordia oval cancel. ***

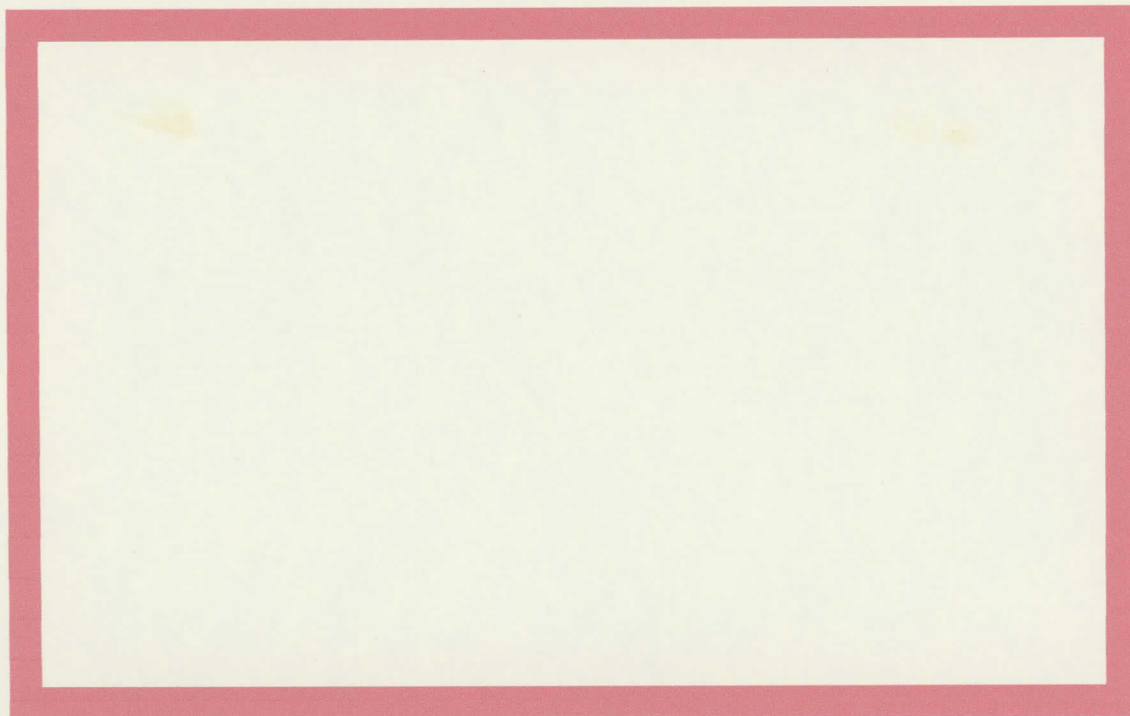
COSALA



Black wreathed "FRANCO EN COSALA".



Two pairs of 1/2 real stamps = 2 reales rate. Probable lack of a single 2 reales stamp.



Bisect 4 reales = 2 reales rate - lack of stamps. ***

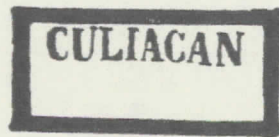
CULIACAN



Official Culiacan. Fancy wreath "Franco En Culiacan" + cachet: Secretario del Deschapado de Gobierno del Estado de Sinaloa. Docketed 15 Dec 1857. Official mail generally traveled without charge, so strike showed paid.



Culiacan was out of stamps. They used wreath "Franco en Culiacan" for paid postage and different oval "Culiacan Setie 4" cancel for date. Mazatlán added 1 + 2 reales (3 reales rate due to weight) stamps & canceled with large "O"s.



Seldom seen Culiacan box cancel. Manuscript date.



Six reales rate for 1 1/2 ounces, 2nd tariff.

FUERTE



Deep Green 2 reales; red box "FUERTE" cancel.



2 reales rate = strip of four blue 1/2 real - black box "FUERTE" cancel. All cancels now black. Docketed 1 Nov 1857.

MEXICO —ELMHURST PHILATELIC
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No 11556 _____ 3 June _____ 19 88

THE MEPSI EXPERT COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 18886, San Antonio, TX 78218-0886

We have examined the enclosed Mexico, Scott #1. Horiz
strip of 4 on Cover Front, Mazatlan ovpt.
and two FUERTE Box cancels (Schat #763).

submitted by E. Nissen

of which a photograph is attached and are of the opinion that it is
genuine. Upper right corner of right
stamp has significant Tear.

Karl G. Schimmer

Dr. Karl Schimmer
Chairman, Expert Committee



1 Oct. 1985

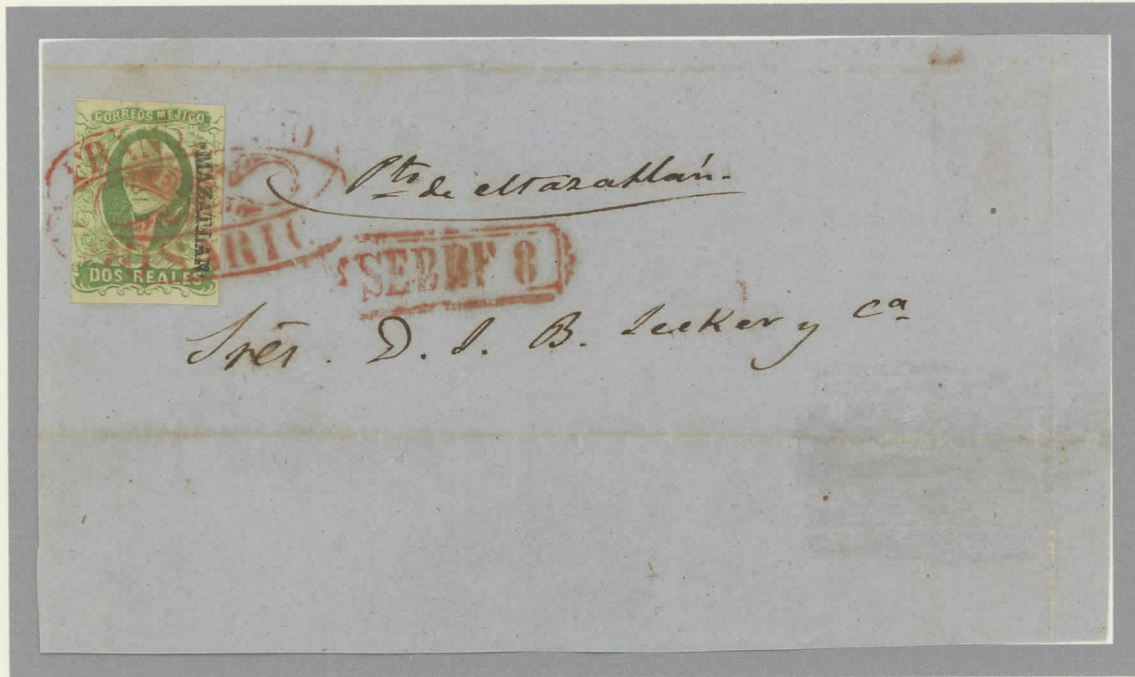


Pair 1 real = 2 reales rate.



2 reales green + 1 real yellow = 3 reales rate for over 1/2 ounce, 2nd tariff. Docket 17 Jan 1858.

ROSARIO DE LOS REYES



2 Reales green; red ribbon "FRANQUEADO EN EL ROSARIO" + date "SEPBE 8".



Carried out-of-the-mail from San Jose to Rosario. Cancel color now black. Docket: Oct. 14, 1858.

SAN IGNACIO



Strip of 4 - 1/2 real blue Hidalgos; boxed "S. Ignacio" cancel.



2 reales, San Dimas (Durango state) October 5, 1857 out-of-the-mail to San Ignacio; postage applied & cancelled in "S. Ignacio".



1 Real yellow first printing. Rated for 1 August - 19 December 1856 period.

SINALOA



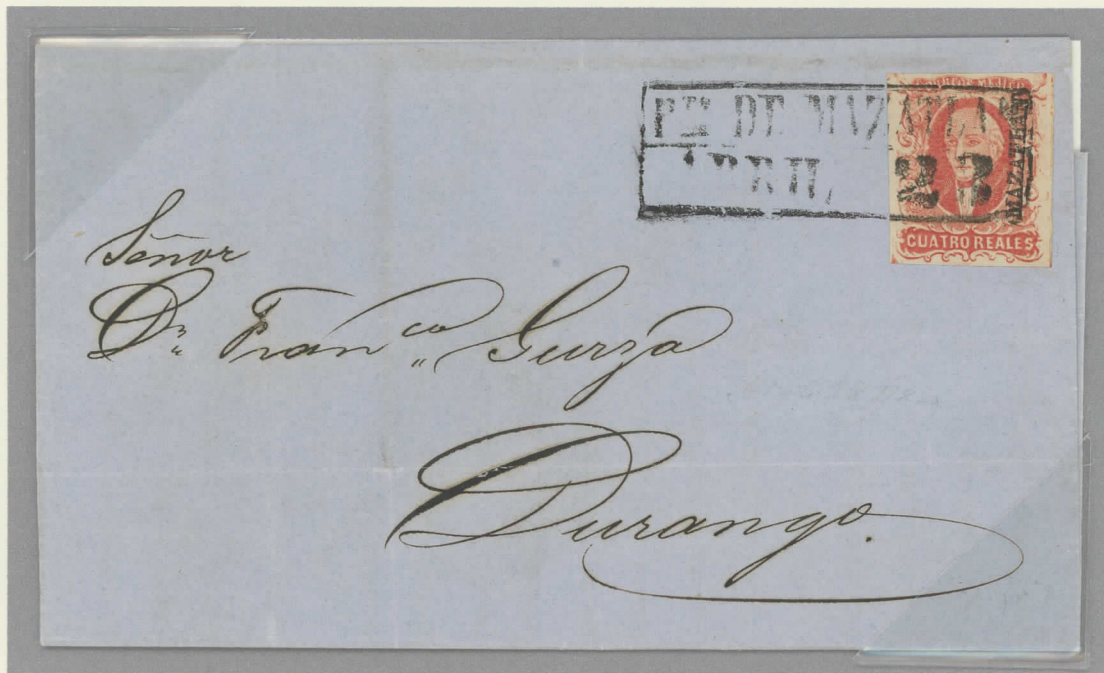
1st printing yellow 1 real. 1 real rate OK until 19 December 1856 but this sent 12 Jan 1857, so P. O. didn't know 2 reales was correct. Red Sinaloa "O" cancel.



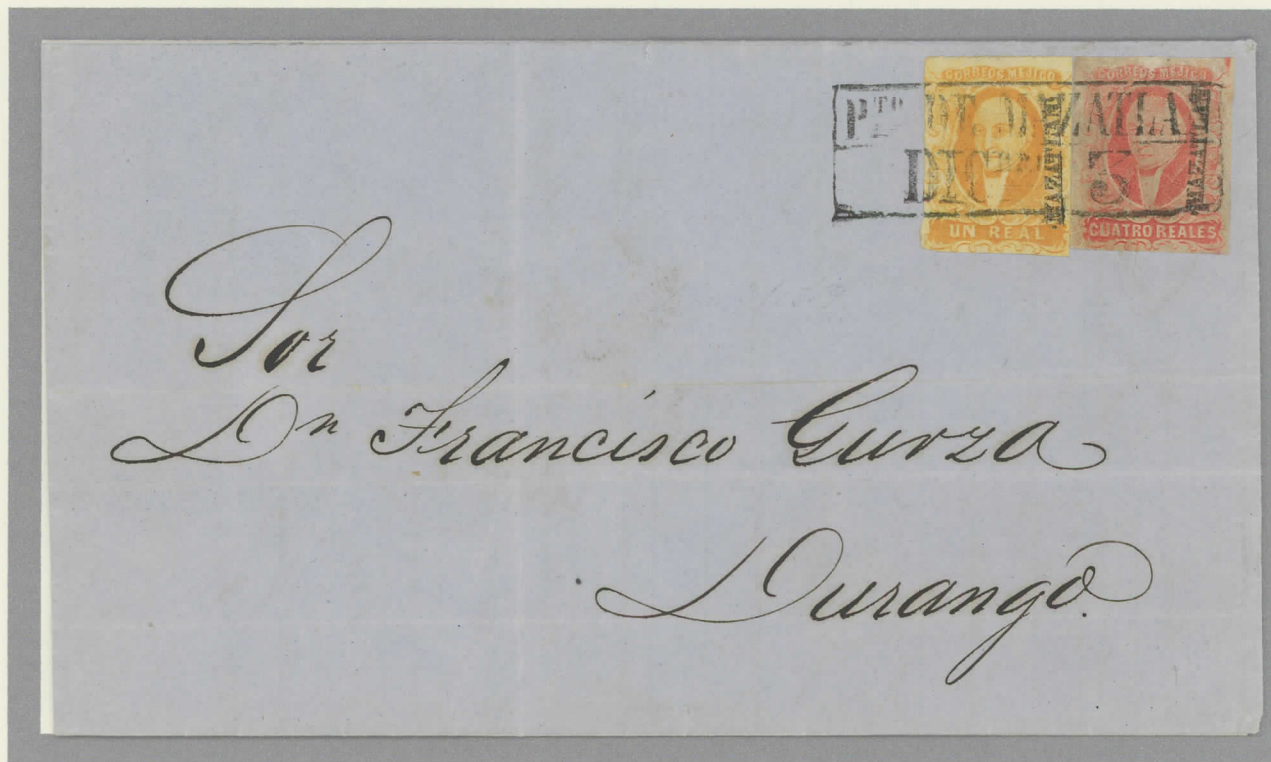
Pair green 2 reales + yellow 1 real = 5 reales rate - 1 ounce, 2nd tariff.
Docketed 29 May 1858.



Change of cancel color to black. 17 Feb 1859. 2 reales apple green stamp.
Mazatlán district switched to black cancels in 1859. Blume Kunhardt, family member, owning Teodoro Kunhardt factory. He became German consul.



4 reales - $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce traveling over 16 leagues (over 40 miles) - 2nd tariff.
 Re-entry at top. 28 Apr 1860.



5 reales rate: red 4 reales + yellow 1 real - $1 \frac{1}{4}$ ounces, 2nd tariff. 3 Dec 1859.

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No 11555

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THE MEPSI EXPERT COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 18886, San Antonio, TX 78218-0886

We have examined the enclosed Mexico, Scott #4.

4 Rls Red tied on Folded Wrapper by MAZATLAN

Box (Schat #739)

submitted by E. Nissen

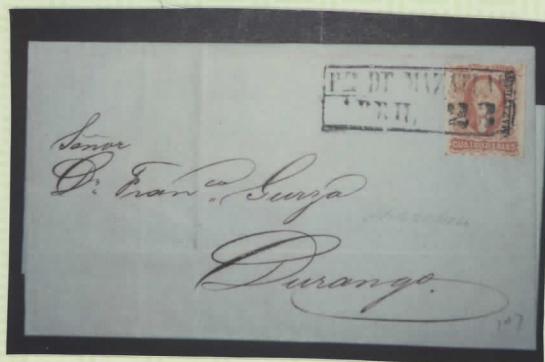
of which a photograph is attached and are of the opinion that it is

genuine and is the variety with reentry

at top. (Doubled Label).

Karl H. Schimmer

Dr. Karl Schimmer
Chairman, Expert Committee



1 Oct. 1985

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No 11670 25 July 1988

THE MEPSI EXPERT COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 18886, San Antonio, TX 78218-0886

We have examined the enclosed Mexico, Scott #2 & 4. One

R1 Yellow & 4 Rls Red MAZATLAN Name

tied on cover by MAZATLAN Box cancel.

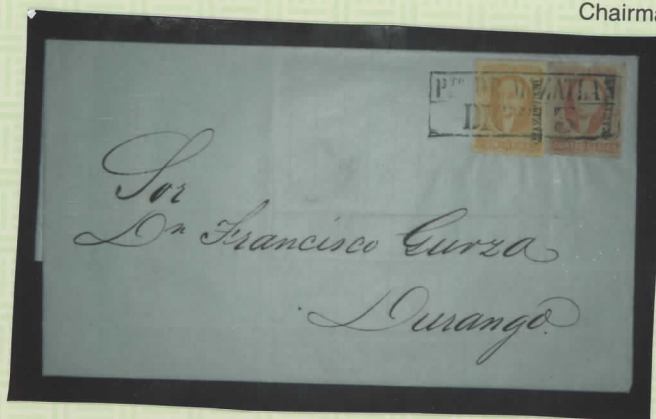
submitted by E. Nissen

of which a photograph is attached and are of the opinion that it is

genuine in all respects.

Karl Schimmer

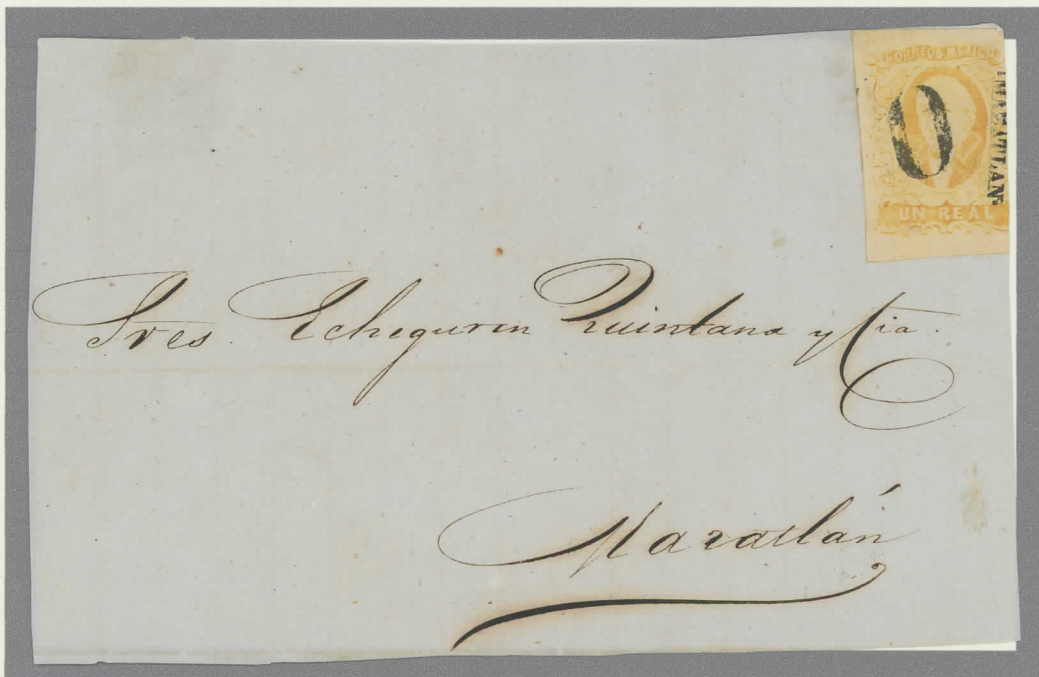
Dr. Karl Schimmer
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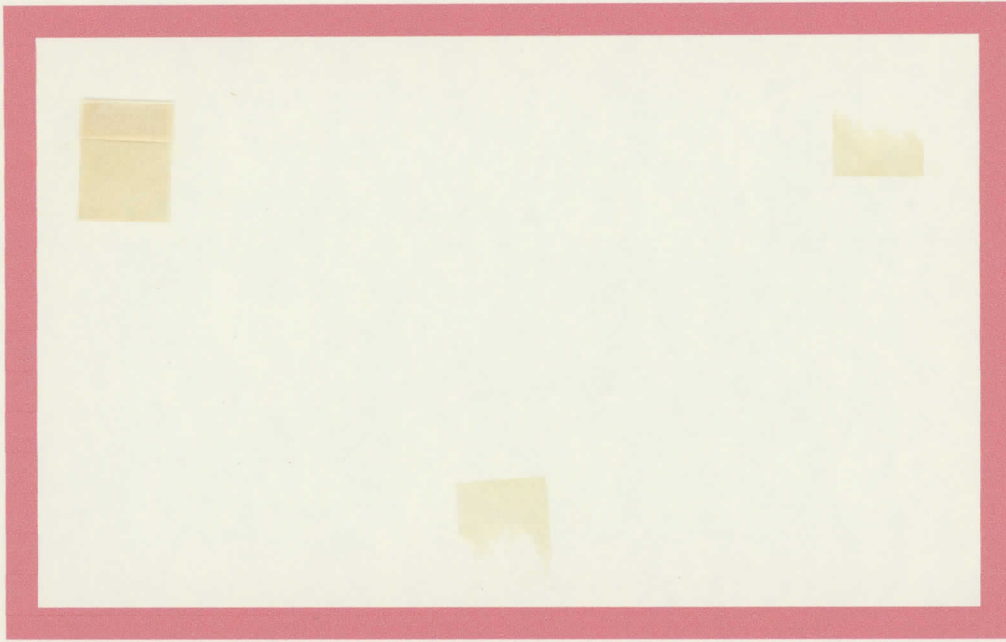


Diagonal Bisect 4 reales = 2 reales rate. The "O" typically used for registered covers. 2 reales stamps were out of stock, hence the bisect. Final supply of stamps sent September 14, 1858. Docketed 26 January 1861. ***



Mazatlán local delivery - yellow 1 real; mute small "O" strike. One real charged on ½ ounce less than 16 leagues (1st tariff).

INCOMING



7 Reales rate requiring bisect of 4 Reales. Tepic to Mazatlán 20 July 1858. ***



1 Real yellow first printing overprinted "ACAPULCO"; manuscript cancel. Undercharged. 1 Real = local handling between 1 August - 19 December 1856; should be 2 reales. No roads from Acapulco so sailed by ship. ***