

# Handstamps and manuscript markings on Gibraltar mails up to 1885

## Overland mails to Spain and beyond until 1854

## San Roque transit markings

In 1824, the fourth type three-line handstamp was introduced at San Roque - peculiar and important inasmuch as it is the first of its kind incorporating a reference to the origin of the letters on which it was applied through the wording 'DE GIBr.' ('from Gibraltar') in its top line. It is usually found struck in red (some sources also mention it struck in a mixture of red and black inks on rare occasions) through to 1840 when it was replaced by an almost identical one.



The two entire letters shown on this page (9 OCT 1826 and 31 AUG 1826 respectively) bear a strike each of the first 'DE GIBr.' handstamp, together with the two-line 'S. ROQUE FRANCA' marking denoting prepayment. The latter is found struck in red only between 1824 and 1833. The letters travelled through Spain on a western transit route as evidenced by the French 'ESPAGNE PAR BAYONNE' - regardless of their destination which would have suggested an eastern route.



GIBRALTAR  
1841

S<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Daniel McPherson

PAID  
39  
PAID

1841 letter from  
Gibraltar with  
three-line handstamp

Estafetas

L<sup>o</sup> Sr<sup>te</sup> L<sup>o</sup> de la Sierra

S. ROQUE  
IND-BAT

Cadix

GIBRALTAR  
1854

1854  
letter from  
Gibraltar with  
three-line handstamp



SANDAFAYRE  
THE STAMP COMPANY

LOT: 6380

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Stampless wrapper from Gibraltar to Genova bearing the three-line marking of 'FI GIBR./ S.ROQUE / ANDA.BAXA' in red. A dc French datestamp on front shows in red as 'ESPAGNE/ PAR ST. JEAN DE LUS' dated 12 Mar 46.