

HABANA FRANCO  
Sr. Juan de la Vega  
Emp. n.º 1.  
Santander.

HABANA  
F. D.ª José Guell y Precondo.  
981  
Por la Fragta Española  
Para Habana: Su  
Cap. D. Ant.ª Pallas.  
Cádiz.  
Cataluña.  
Villanueva y Geltru.

Señor de la Pera  
ISLAS DE BARLOVENTO.  
Madrid

A. D. Ramon Carrillo  
ISLAS DE BARLOVENTO  
Venerable  
Correos Ceres  
1822 HAVANA

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C.ª Ambrosia Sant.  
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INDIAS  
Vera Cruz  
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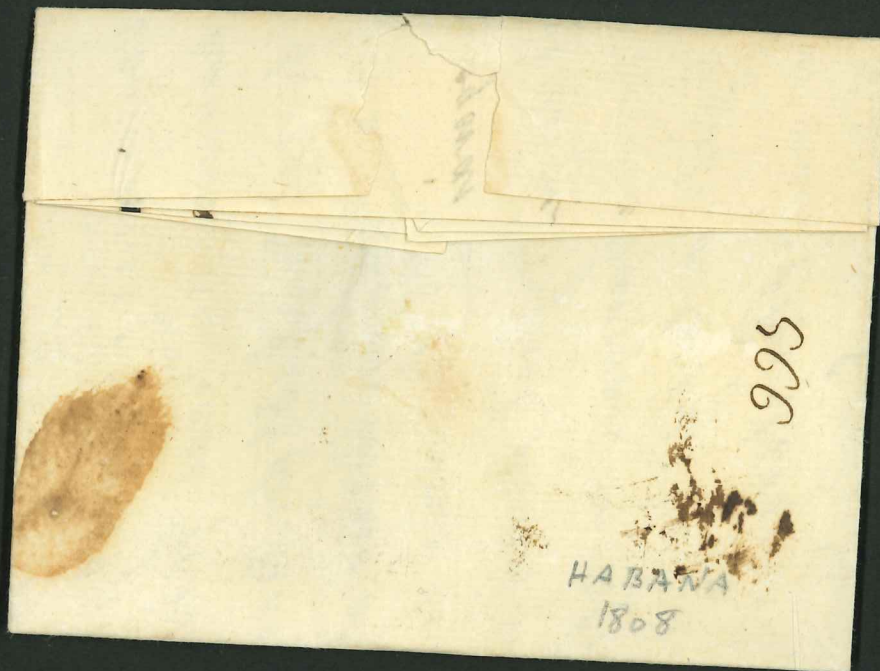
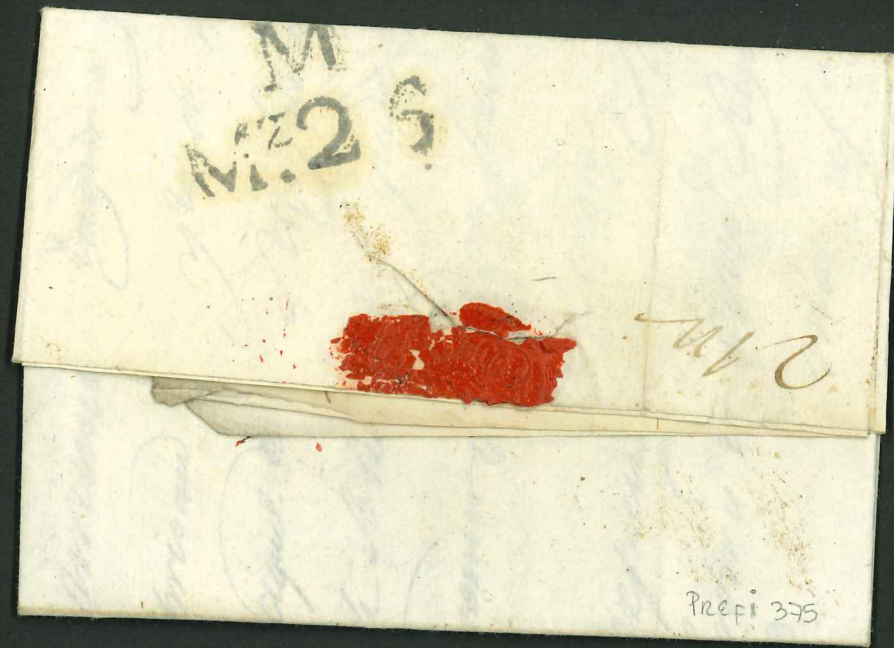
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San Sebastian

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Madrid

INDIAS DE BARLOVENTO  
D.ª Jeronimo Martorell  
y Com.ª  
Barcelona  
Calella  
Cor.ª el Príncipe  
de Asturias

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Sr. D. Juan Codruch  
pr.ª Numa HAVANA  
Barcelona







## 1.3 The Intermediate Period (1851 -1861)

### 1.3.1 Non-Contract mail

For a period up to 1854 the administration was unable to find a dependable contractor for mails to Spain. In the meantime it arranged for Spanish naval vessels to take more or less regular mails, augmented by dispatches by merchant vessels. Whether the naval sailings were specifically dedicated for the mail service or were incidental to other military operations is not reported.



**HABANA (30), June 4, 1852**, endorsed "*per Caledonia*" to Barcelona; arrival: **July 1, 1852**  
rated 5 Reales de velón + 6 Maravadies (*local charge for street building and repair in Barcelona 1852 - 1856*)



**HABANA (30), November 8, 1852**, endorsed "*per Isabel la Católica*" to Cadiz  
arrival: **December 7, 1852**, rated 5 Reales de velón



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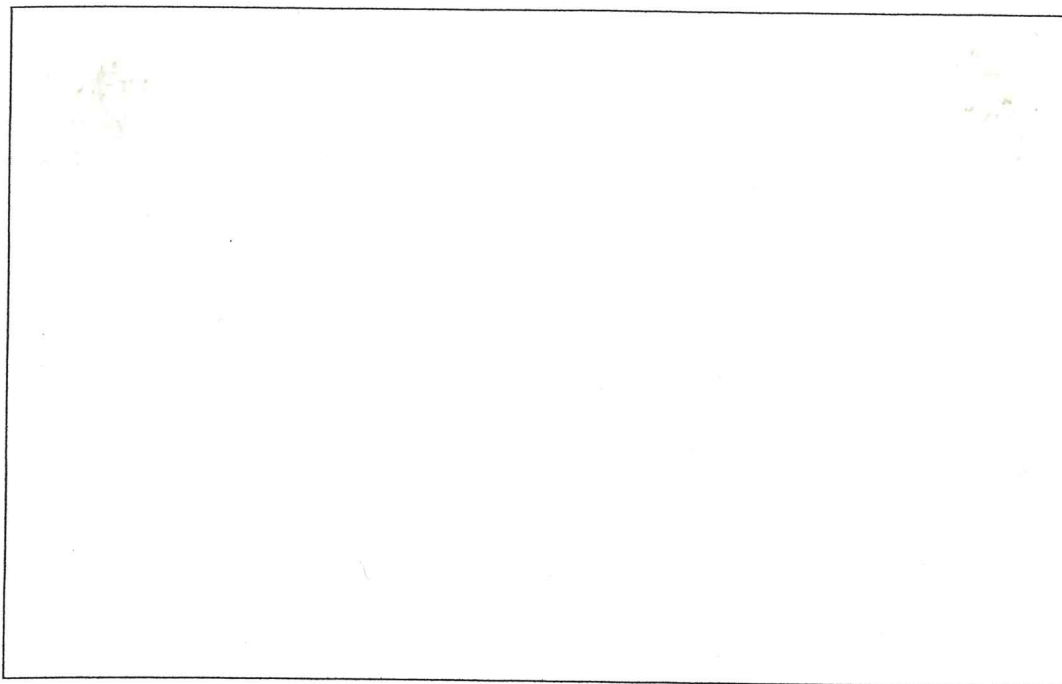


**HABANA (30), October 9, 1855**, forw. twice by DEMESTRE & LESER and LESER/Paris via Le Havre and Paris (31. Oct.) to Madrid; arrival: **November 4**, - unpaid letter weighing up to 1 ounce – 4 Real plata to pay

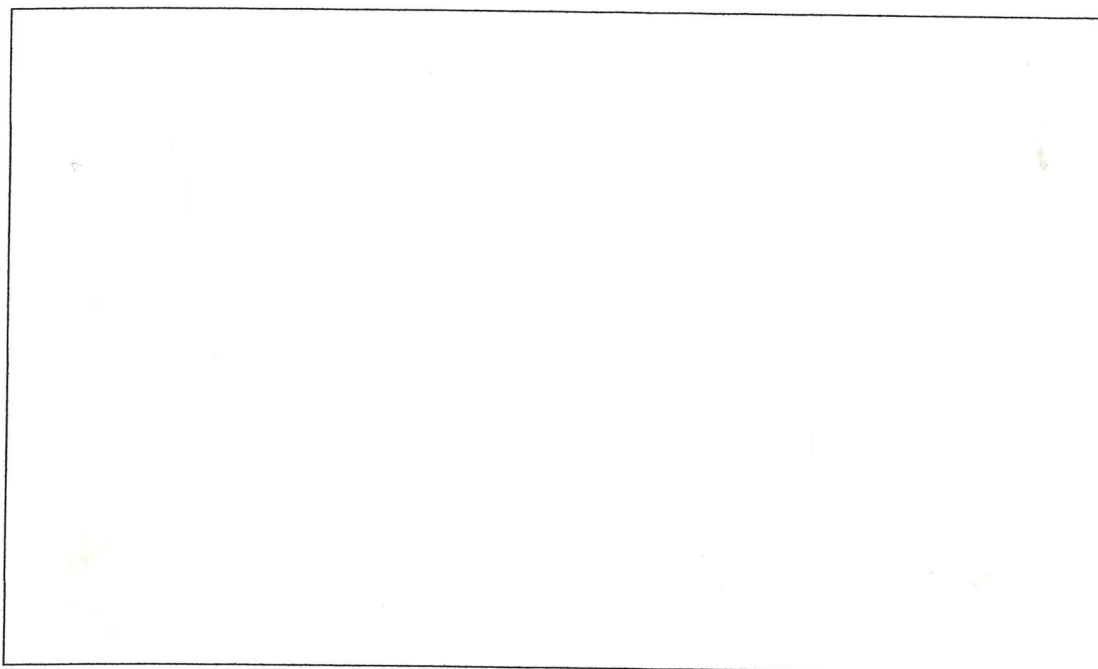
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### 1.1.2 Military and Charity Mails

Military and charity mails were free of charges in Spain but local charges were levied on arrival.



Crowned VALENCIA / DEL CID, February 25, 1839, to the "Regimiento de Leon" on Cuba, shipped by the Empresa (E)



Madrid, November 3, 1851, sent by the NUNCIATURA APOSTOLICA / MADRID to Havana; heavy letter up to 23 adames (nearly two ounce in weight) – to pay 24 Real de vélón local charge