



1860. Baeza II handstamp in black (R). It was used from 1859 to 1861. Rate 1 real (on the back), corresponding to a letter weighing between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 ounce. The use of oval parrilla marking indicated previous payment of postage due. Route Bejucal - Havana.



1860. Baeza II handstamp in blue (R); applied between 1852 and 1860. This handstamp was made in Cuba and started to be applied in 1852, replacing the original handstamp made in Spain. Rate 4 reales (on the back), corresponding to a letter weighing 4 ounces. The use of oval parrilla marking indicated previous payment of postage due. Route Remedios - Villa Clara - Havana.



1855. Baeza II handstamp in blue; applied from 1851 to 1856. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 ounce. Route Havana - Cardenas.



1856. Baeza II handstamp in green (RRR). It was used from 1854 to 1857. Rate 1 real, corresponding to a letter weighing between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 ounce. Route Guanajay - Havana.



1851. Baeza I handstamp in blue; used from 1848 to 1851. Baeza II handstamp in green (RRR) indicating arrival, applied from 1851 to 1860. Rate 1 ½ reales, corresponding to a letter weighing between ½ and ¾ ounce. Route Havana-San Cristobal by "Vuelta Abajo".

1851. Baeza I handstamp in green; applied from 1851 to 1860. This marking was first used in Santiago de Cuba until 1845, and then it was used in Santiago de Las Vegas. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. Route Santiago de Las Vegas-Bejucal.

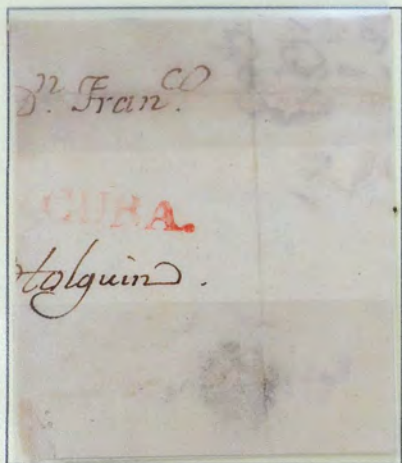


In 1842, straightline markings were replaced by Baeza handstamps in almost every town. There were two main types of the Baeza marking and were applied in red, blue, green and black ink.



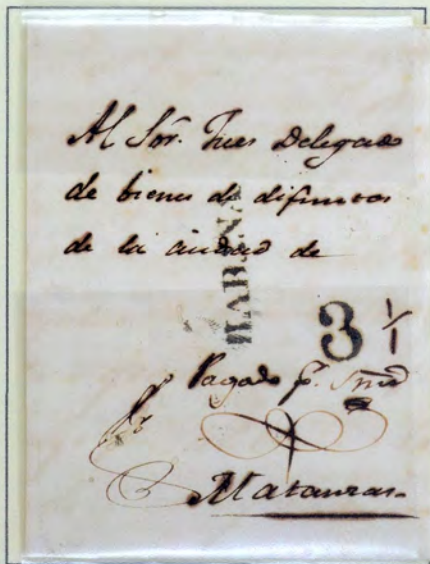
PINAR DEL RIO straightline marking in red (RR); used from 1830 to 1845. Baeza handstamp I in red, applied in Havana to indicate arrival. It was used from 1842 to 1848. This marking is dated in 1842, its first year of use (R). Rate 4 reales, for a letter of 1 ½ ounces. Route Pinar del Rio-Havana.

Straightline markings were the first kind of markings used in Cuba. Although they were replaced in 1842, they continued to be used in some towns until 1860s.



CUBA straightline marking in red (R), applied to indicate origin. This marking was used between 1802 and 1826. No rate marking. Route Santiago de Cuba-Holguin.

HABANA straightline marking (32 mm) to indicate origin, in black (RR). It was used during the year 1820. Rate 3 reales corresponding to a double letter. PAGADOS manuscript to indicate previous payment of postage due. Route Havana - Matanzas.

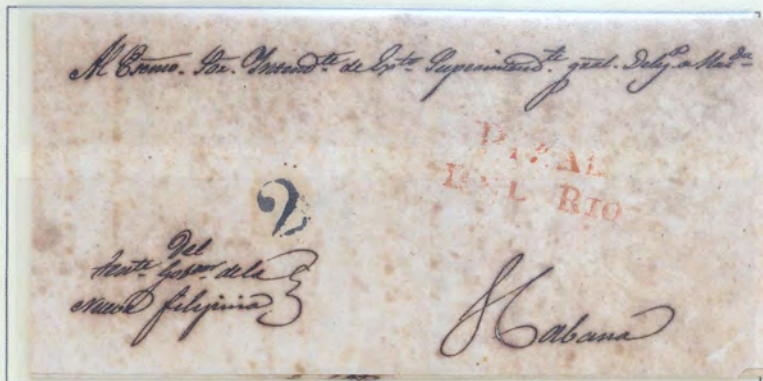




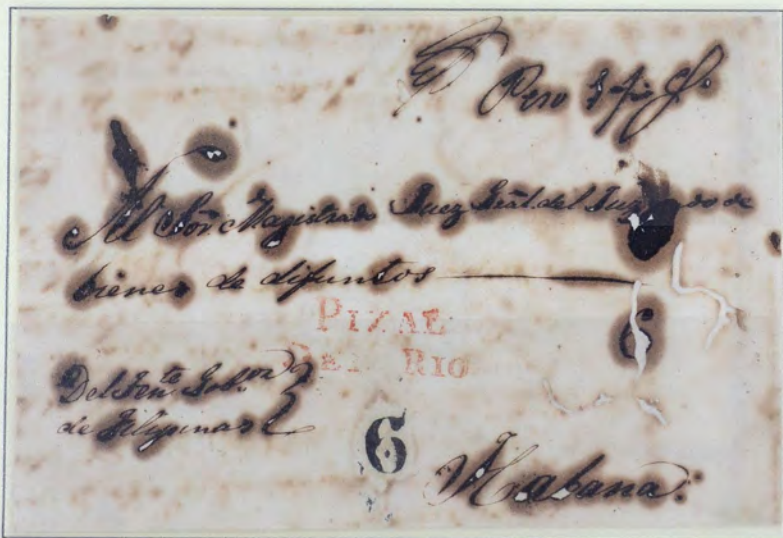
**MATANZAS** straightline marking in black, to indicate origin. It was used from 1828 to 1842. No rate marking. Route Matanzas-Havana.



**HABANA** straightline marking (34 mm) indicating origin, in black; used from 1823 to 1837. No rate marking. Route Havana-Matanzas.



PINAR DEL RIO straightline marking in red (RR); applied to indicate origin. This marking was used between 1830 and 1845. Rate 2 reales, corresponding to a triple letter (from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 ounce). Route Pinar del Rio - Havana.



PINAR DEL RIO straightline marking, indicating origin, in red (RR). It was used between 1830 and 1845. Rate 6 reales, for a letter weighing 2 ounces. Route Pinar del Rio-Havana.

Red was the first color used for the Baeza marking, between 1842 and 1848 approximately.



The Baeza I identifies by having the letter E inside the D in ISLA DE CUBA. It was used until 1851, when got replaced by the Baeza II in most towns.

1843. Baeza I handstamp in red; used between 1842 and 1848. Rate 1 real, corresponding to a letter weighing up to 1 ounce. Route Havana - Matanzas - Nueva Bermeja.

1843. Baeza I handstamp in red; used between 1842 and 1848. Rate 2 reales, for a triple letter (from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 ounce). Route Havana - Matanzas.



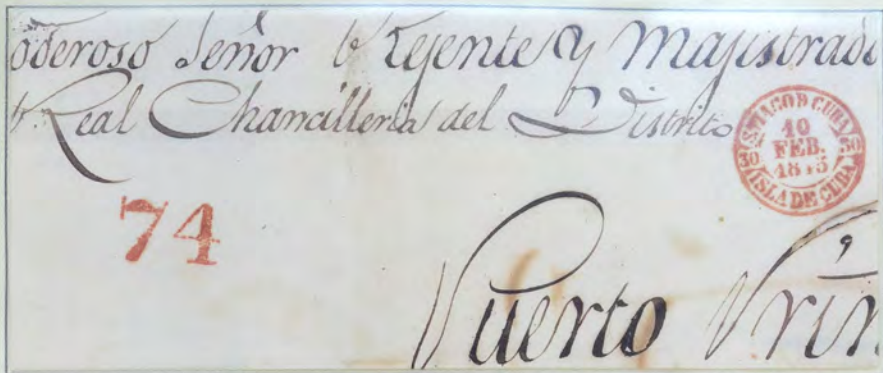




1844. Baeza I handstamp in red. It was used from 1842 to 1848. Rate 22 reales, for a letter of 7 ½ ounces. Route Havana-Matanzas.



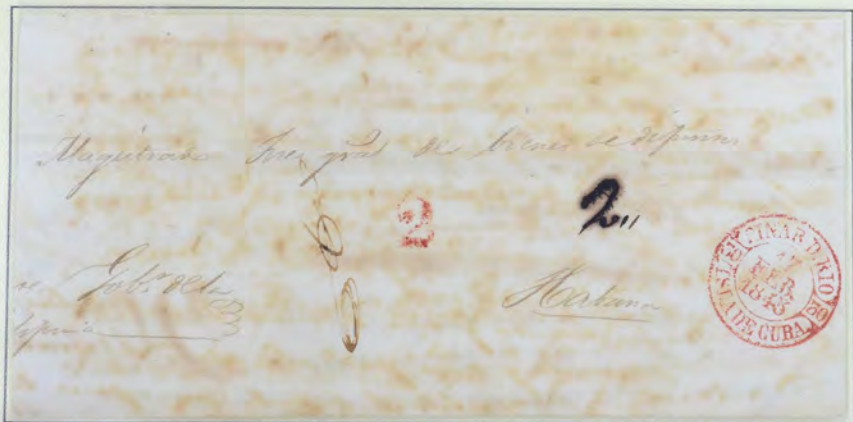
1844. Baeza I handstamp in red; used between 1842 and 1848. Rate 24 reales, corresponding to a letter weighing 8 ounces. Route Puerto Principe-Santiago de Cuba.



1845. Baeza II handstamp in red, with text S.TIAGO D CUBA (R), used from 1842 to 1848. Rate 74 reales, for a letter between 24  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 25 ounces. It was a high rate for the period, found on official letters mainly. Route Santiago de Cuba - Puerto Principe.



The Baeza II identifies by having the word DE in ISLA DE CUBA. It was first used in those towns not having the Baeza I. In 1851 Baeza II markings replaced the Baeza I; with some exceptions.



1845. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR); used between 1845 and 1848. Rate 2 reales, corresponding to a letter between  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 1 ounce. Route Pinar del Rio-Havana.



1845. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR); used from 1845 to 1848. Rate 1 real for a simple letter (up to ½ ounce). Route Guines - Havana.



1846. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR); used between 1845 and 1848. Rate 7 reales, for a letter between 2 and 2 ½ ounces. Route Pinar del Rio - Havana.



1846. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR). It was used between 1844 and 1848. Rate 1 ½ reales, corresponding to a letter weighing between ½ and ¾ ounce (double letter). Route Guanabacoa - Havana.



1847. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR); used from 1846 to 1848. Rate 3 reales, for a letter weighing 1 ounce. Route Limonar - Matanzas.

1847. Baeza II handstamp in red; used from 1845 to 1848. Rate 1 ½ reales, corresponding to a letter between ½ and ¾ ounce. Route Pinar del Rio-Havana.



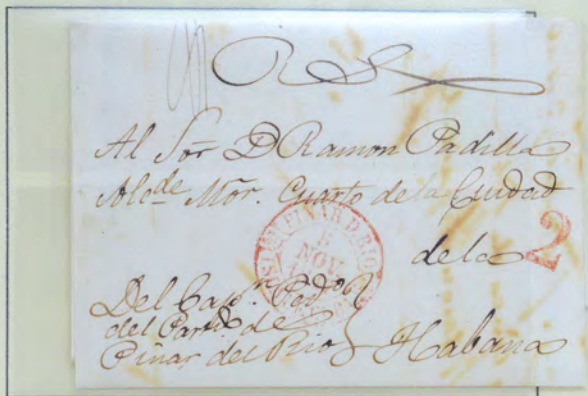
1847. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR). This marking was applied between 1845 and 1848. Rate 1 reales, for a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. Route Guines - Havana.



1847. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR); used from 1844 to 1847. Rate 6 reales, corresponding to a letter weighing 2 ounces. *PAGADOS* manuscript to indicate previous payment of postage due. Route Santa Catalina - Santiago de Cuba.



1847. Baeza II handstamp in red (R). It was used between 1844 and 1847. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. *R. S.* manuscript on top, meaning it was an official letter. Route Santa Catalina - Santiago de Cuba.



1847. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR); used from 1845 to 1848. Rate 2 reales, for a letter between  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 1 ounce. R. S. manuscript on top, indicating it was an official letter. Route P. del Rio - Havana.



1847. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR). It was applied between 1845 and 1848. Rate 3 reales, corresponding to a letter weighing between 1 and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ounces. Route Guines-Havana.

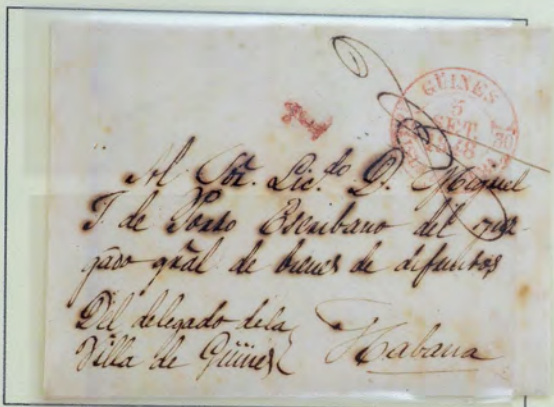
1847. Baeza II handstamp in red (R);  
applied from 1844 to 1848. Rate 1  
real, for a letter weighing up to ½  
ounce. Route Cardenas - Havana.



1848. Baeza II handstamp in red (R). It was used from 1844 to 1848. Rate 1 ½ reales,  
corresponding to a letter weighing between ½ and ¾ ounce. Route Cardenas - Havana.



Red ink was last used in 1848; by the end of this year,  
Baeza handstamps started to be applied in green or blue ink.



1848. Baeza II handstamp in red (RR); applied between 1845 and 1848. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. Route Guines - Havana.



1848. Baeza II handstamp in red (R); used from 1844 to 1848. Rate 1 real, corresponding to a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. Route Cardenas - Havana.



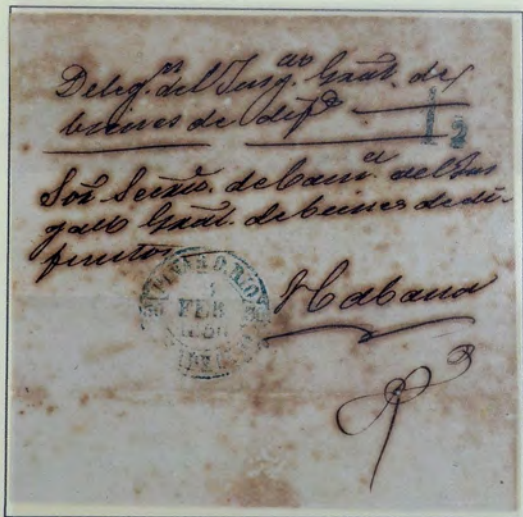
1848. Baeza II handstamp in green (RR); applied from 1848 to 1849. Rate 1 ½ reales, for a letter weighing between ½ and ¾ ounce. Route Cardenas-Matanzas-Havana.



1849. Baeza II handstamp in blue. It was used between 1848 and 1858. Rate 22 reales, corresponding to a letter weighing 7 ½ ounces. Route Cardenas - Matanzas - Havana.



1849. Baeza II handstamp in green. This marking was applied from 1849 to 1851. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce. Route Guines - Havana.



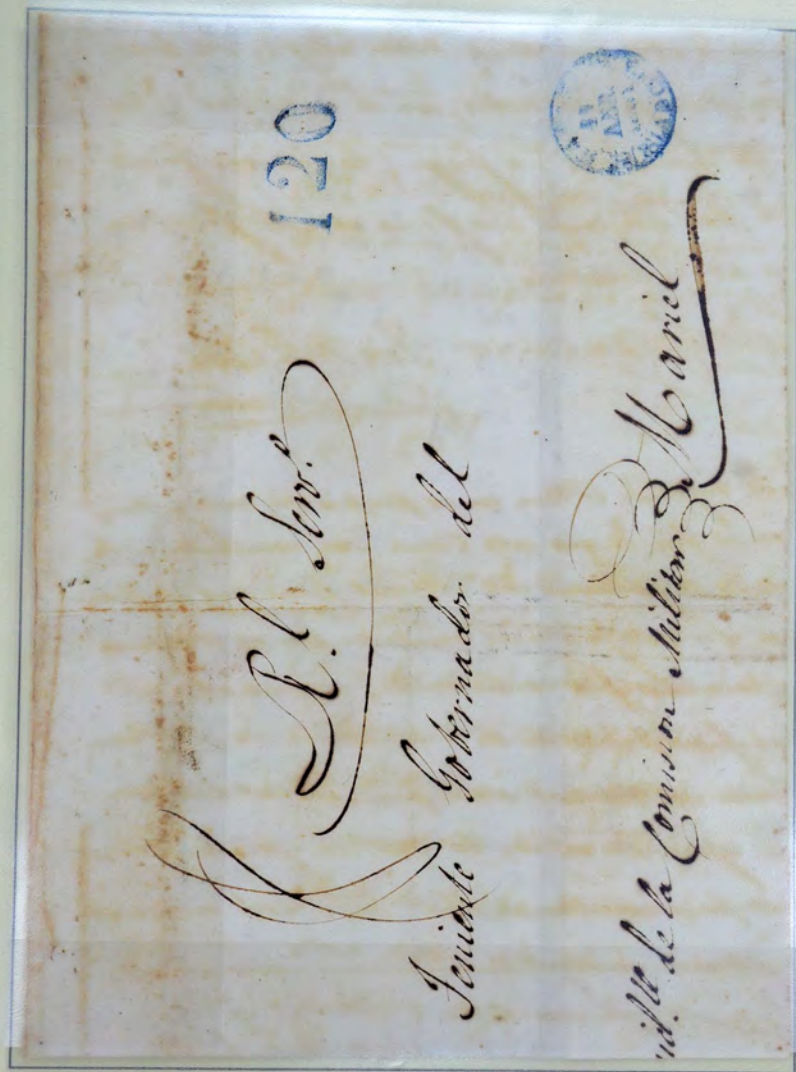
1850. Baeza II handstamp in green; used between 1850 and 1856. Rate  $1\frac{1}{2}$  reales, for a double letter (between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounce). Route Pinar del Rio - Havana.



1850. Baeza I handstamp in blue; applied from 1848 to 1851. FRANCO marking in blue indicating previous payment of postage due. This was used between 1850 and 1859. No rate marking. Route Havana - Matanzas.



1850. Baeza II handstamp in blue. (R) It was used from 1849 to 1858. Rate 3 reales, for a letter weighing between 1 and 1 ½ ounces. Route Mariel- Havana by "Vuelta Abajo".



1850. Baeza I handstamp in blue; applied from 1848 to 1851. Rate 120 reales, for a letter weighing 40 ounces. This was a very high rate, found on official letters mainly. R. S. manuscript on top, meaning it was an official letter. Route Havana-Mariel by "Vuelta Abajo".



1850. Baeza II handstamp in blue (R); used from 1849 to 1858. Rate 4 reales, for a letter weighing between 1 and 1 ½ ounces. Route San Antonio - Havana by "Vuelta Abajo".



1850. Baeza I handstamp in blue. It was applied from 1848 to 1856. Rate 78 reales, for a letter weighing 26 ounces. This was a high rate, found on official letters mainly. It was cancelled by a cross to indicate previous payment. Route Puerto Principe - Santiago de Cuba.



1851. Baeza II handstamp in blue; used between 1848 and 1858. Rate 1 1/2 reales, corresponding to a letter weighing from 1/2 to 3/4 ounce. Route Havana-Cardenas.



1851. Baeza II handstamp in blue (R). It was applied from 1849 to 1858. Rate 3 reales, for a letter weighing 1 ounce. Route Mariel - Havana by "Vuelta Abajo".

Baeza I handstamps were last used in 1851, when they were replaced by the Baeza II in almost every town using the previous one. Towns having type II continued to use it.



1851. **Baeza I handstamp in blue**; applied from 1848 to 1851. Rate 1 real, corresponding to a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. Route Havana-Cardenas.



1851. **Baeza II handstamp in blue**. It was used between 1848 and 1858. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. Route Cardenas-Havana.



1852. Baeza II handstamp in blue; used from 1851 to 1856. FRANCO marking in blue indicating previous payment of postage due. This was used between 1850 and 1859. No rate marking. Route Havana - San Antonio by "Vuelta Abajo".



1852. Baeza II handstamp in blue (RR); applied from 1850 to 1860. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. Route San Antonio-Havana.



1852. Baeza II handstamp in blue. It was used between 1850 and 1857. R. S. manuscript on top, meaning it was an official letter. Rate 1 ½ reales, for a letter weighing between ½ and ¾ ounce. Route Cienfuegos - Puerto Principe.



1852. Baeza II handstamp in blue; used from 1849 to 1858. Rate 5 reales, for a letter weighing between 1 ¼ and 2 ounces. Route Guanabacoa-Havana.



1852. Baeza II handstamp in green; applied from 1849 to 1860. Baeza I handstamp in green, indicating arrival; used between 1852 and 1858. Rate 24 reales, for a letter weighing 8 ounces. R. S. manuscript, meaning this was an official letter. Route Nuevitas-Puerto Principe.



1853. Baeza II handstamp in blue; used from 1851 to 1856. Rate 1 real, corresponding to a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. FRANCO marking, indicating previous payment of postage due. It was used from 1850 to 1859. Route Havana - Guanabacoa.

1853. Baeza II handstamp in blue. It was used between 1848 and 1858. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. Route Cardenas - Havana.





1853. Baeza II handstamp in blue. It was used between 1848 and 1858. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce. Route Cardenas - Havana.



1853. Baeza II handstamp in green (RR); applied from 1853 to 1857. Rate 7 reales, for a letter weighing  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  ounces. Route Puerto Principe - Havana.

1853. Baeza II handstamp in blue (R). It was used from 1849 to 1858. Rate 1 ½ reales, for a double letter (between ½ and ¾ ounce). Route Mariel - Havana - Guira.



1853. Baeza II handstamp in blue (R); applied from 1849 to 1860. *R. S. manuscript on top, indicating this was an official letter.* Rate 1 ½ reales, for a letter weighing between ½ and ¾ ounce. Route Pinar de Rio - Havana by "Vuelta Abajo".



1854. Baeza II handstamp in green (RR). It was applied from 1854 to 1857. Rate 2 reales, for a letter weighing up to ½ ounce. Route Puerto Principe-Havana.



1854. Baeza II handstamp in green (R); used between 1849 and 1854. Rate 12 reales, corresponding to a letter weighing 3 ounces. Route Sancti Spiritus-Villa Clara-Havana.



1854. Baeza II handstamp in blue; applied from 1848 to 1858. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce. Route Cardenas - Matanzas.



1854. Baeza II handstamp in blue with text S.TIAGO D CUBA; used from 1849 to 1856. Rate 2 reales, for a letter weighing between  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 1 ounce. Route Santiago de Cuba - Mayari.

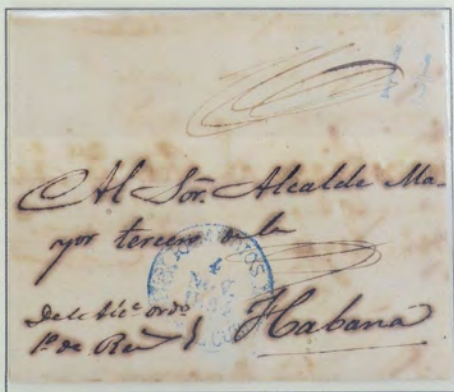




1854. Baeza II handstamp in blue; applied from 1848 to 1858. Rate 1 ½ reales, corresponding to a letter weighing between ½ and ¾ ounce. Route Cardenas-Havana.

1854. Baeza II handstamp in blue (R); used from 1852 to 1860. Rate 1 ½ reales. Route Remedios - Villa Clara - Havana.

This handstamp was made in Cuba and started to be applied in 1852, replacing the original handstamp made in Spain.





1854. Baeza II handstamp in green with text S.TIAGO D CUBA (R). It was used from 1849 to 1855. Rate 3 reales, for a letter weighing between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounce. Route Santiago de Cuba - Havana.



1855. Baeza II handstamp in blue; used between 1850 and 1857. Rate 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  reales. Route Cienfuegos-Matanzas-Puerto Principe-Nuevitas.

In 1855, new postal rates were introduced. They had to be paid by the person sending the letter, depending on the weight only.



1855. Baeza II handstamp in blue; applied from 1848 to 1858. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 ounce. Route Cardenas - Havana.



1855. Baeza II handstamp in blue. It was used between 1848 and 1858. Rate 2 reales, corresponding to a letter weighing 2 ounces. Route Cardenas - Havana.



1856. Baeza II handstamp in blue; applied from 1851 to 1858. Rate 1 real, for a letter weighing between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 ounce. Route Guanajay - Havana.



1857. Baeza II handstamp in blue (R); used between 1849 and 1858. No rate marking. Route Nuevitas - Puerto Principe.



1858. Baeza II handstamp in green (RR); used from 1848 to 1858. Rate 1 real (on the back), for a letter weighing between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 ounce. The use of oval parrilla marking indicated previous payment of postage due. Route Cardenas-Havana.

In 1859 new rates were introduced. They were in use until 1865.

1859. Baeza II handstamp in blue (RR); applied from 1849 to 1861. Rate 1 real (on the back), for a double letter (between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 ounce). The use of oval parrilla marking indicated previous payment of postage due. Route Santa Catalina-Santiago de Cuba.

