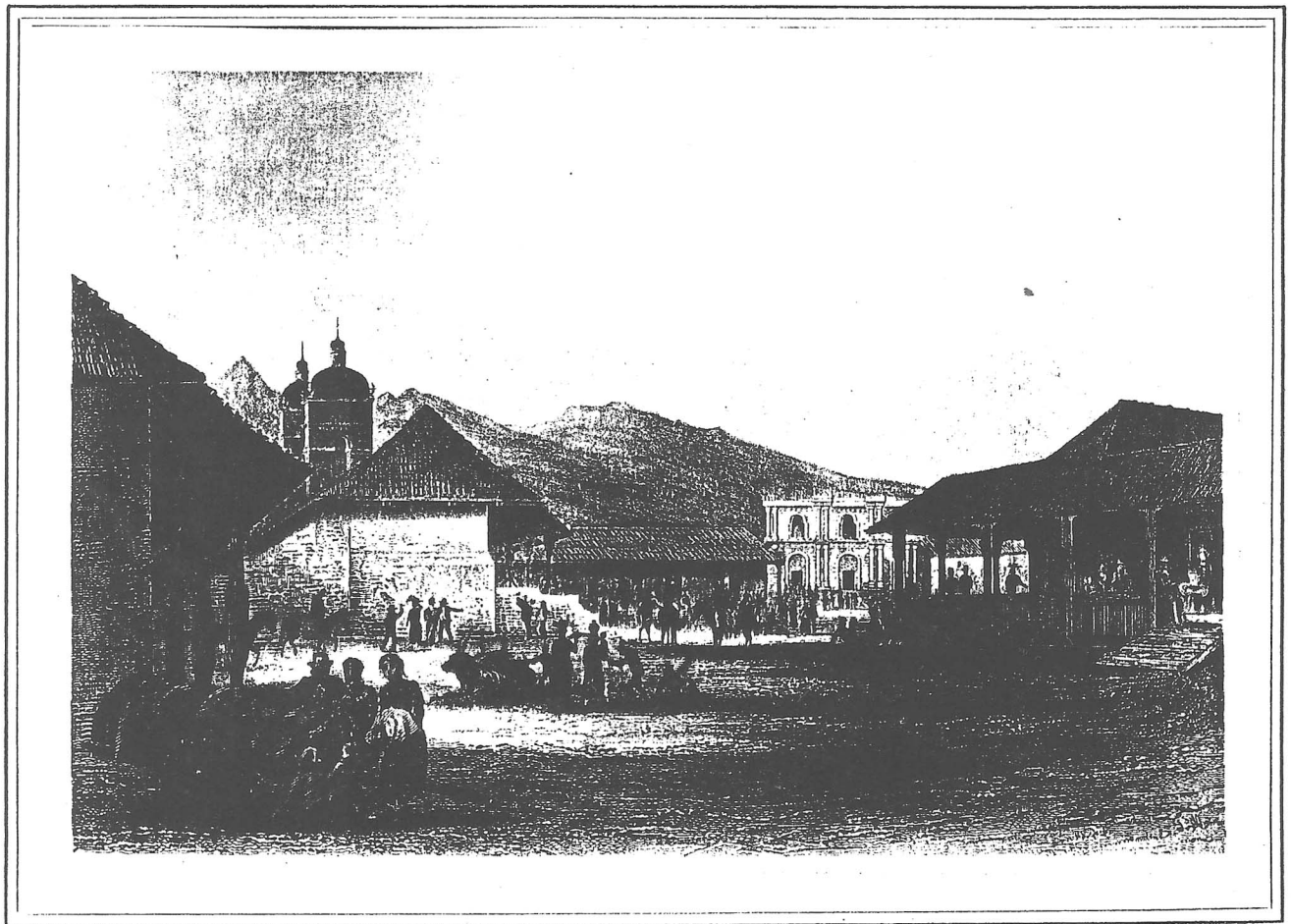


REPUBLICA
NICARAGUA

THE MARKET PLACE IN GRANADA



HAND COLORED ENGRAVING

About 1840

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EARLY FRANKS - Pre - stamp period

GRANADA

ORIGINAL design of postmark

No Factor de Tabacos, José Mariano Valenzuela
Cruce No 36
Cuentas de la Dom. de Granada. *JCM.*
GRANADA

"Front" from Granada to Leon, about 1780

GRANADA
Cruce No 6
José Mariano Valenzuela
Factor de la Rta. de Tabacos.
De la Dom. de Granada a Leon.

"Front" from Granada to Leon, about 1790 with "worn out" postmark: *

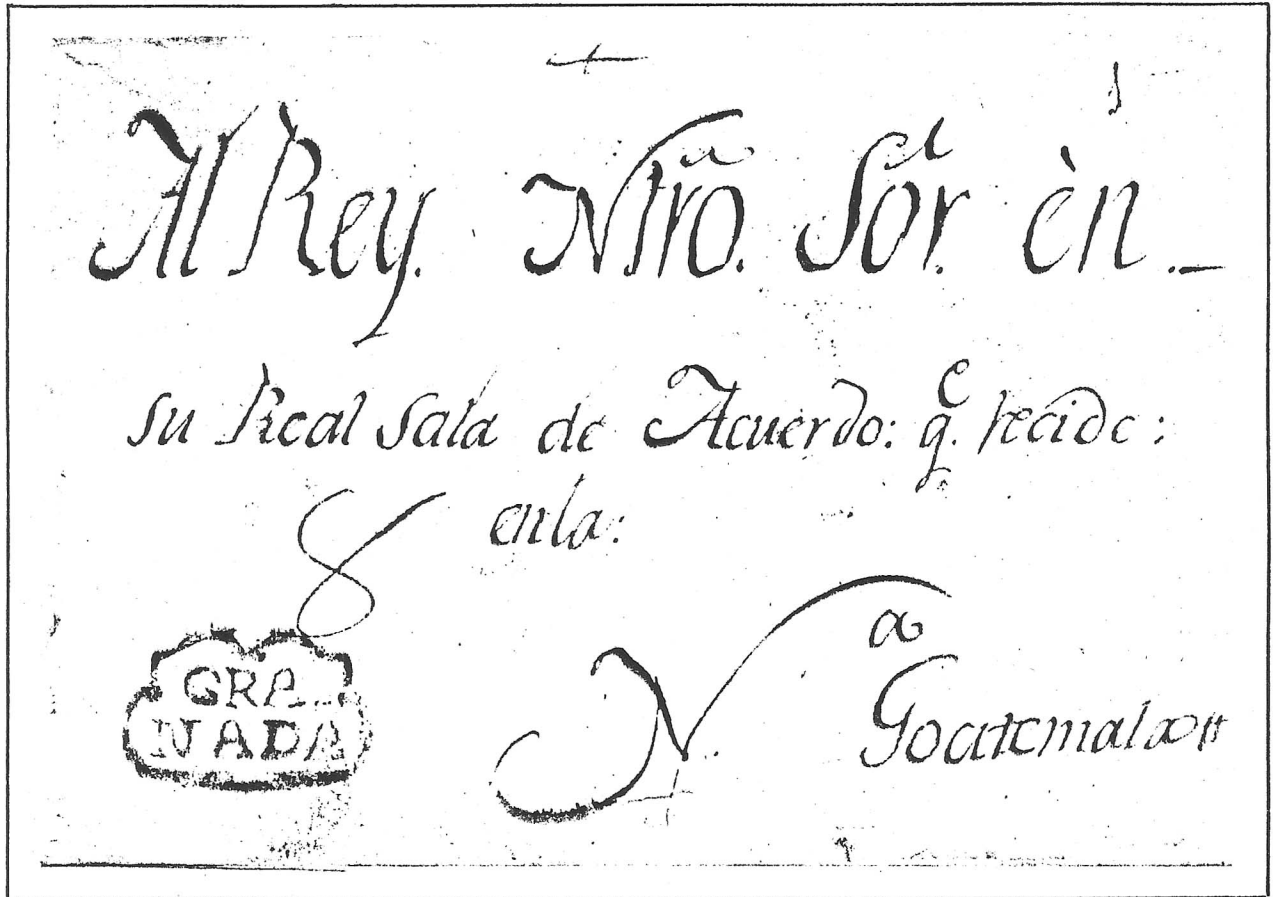
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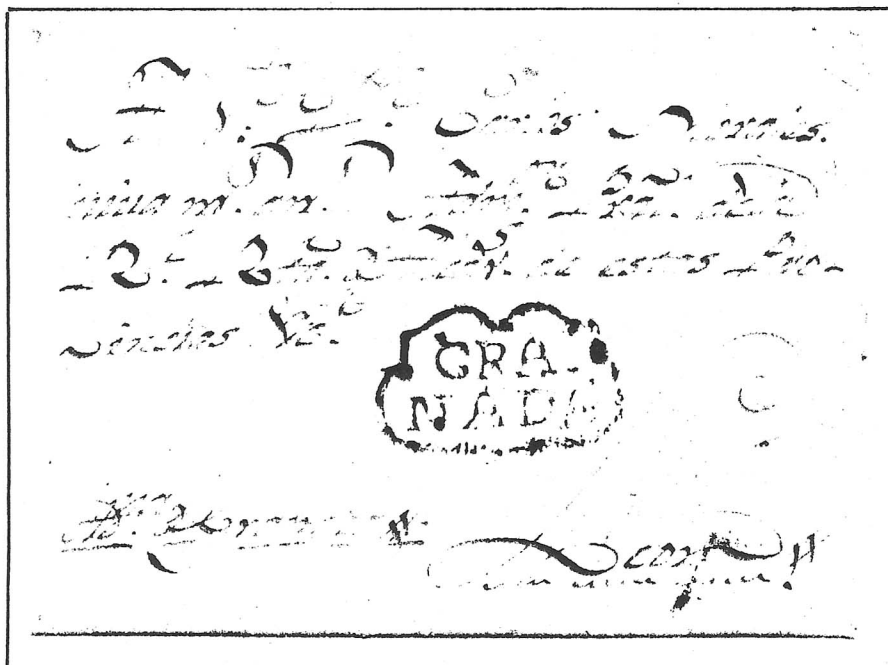
Pre - stamp period

about 1780



↑ Paper watermarked: Royal Emblem

↓ about 1800



GRANADA (continued) :



date unknown color blue

8. *Granada

1823 color

LEON :

about 1850



on a cover to New York
colour black



before 1777 color violet-black



June 7, 1771 color red
Jan. 6, 1777 color carmin
Aug. 14, 1780 color red - rose
Nov. 2, 1793 color black



dated 1796 color black-violet
together with Leon strike No. 2



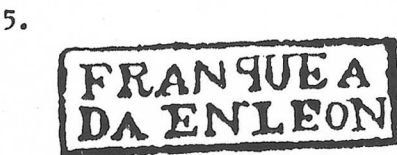
about 1800 color black-violet
together with Leon strike No. 2
Don VICENTE DE YCAZA was Administrator of
the Leon Postoffice.



about 1786 color red



about 1820 color black



Jan. 8, 1842 color green
This cover is probably the first "OFICIAL" cover
known after the declaration of independence. An
additional strike in black reads:
MINISTERIO GENERAL DEL GOBIERNO
INTERINO DEL ESTADO DE NICARAGUA

5 a.

about 1847 color black



Feb. 4, 1843 color red
1847 - 1851 color black

N I C A R A G U A

Pre - stamp period

Don VICENTE DE YCAZA was Administrator of the LEON postoffice.

N^o 7 A
 D Juan Hurtado Esño
 de Cam.^a de la R.^a Aud.^a de es
 te Reino.

a N. Guatem.

LEON



LEON



LEON



Letter dated LEON 1796

A D. Juan Hurtado Esño
 Escribanoma de la Aud.^a
 de este Reino

a N. Guatem.

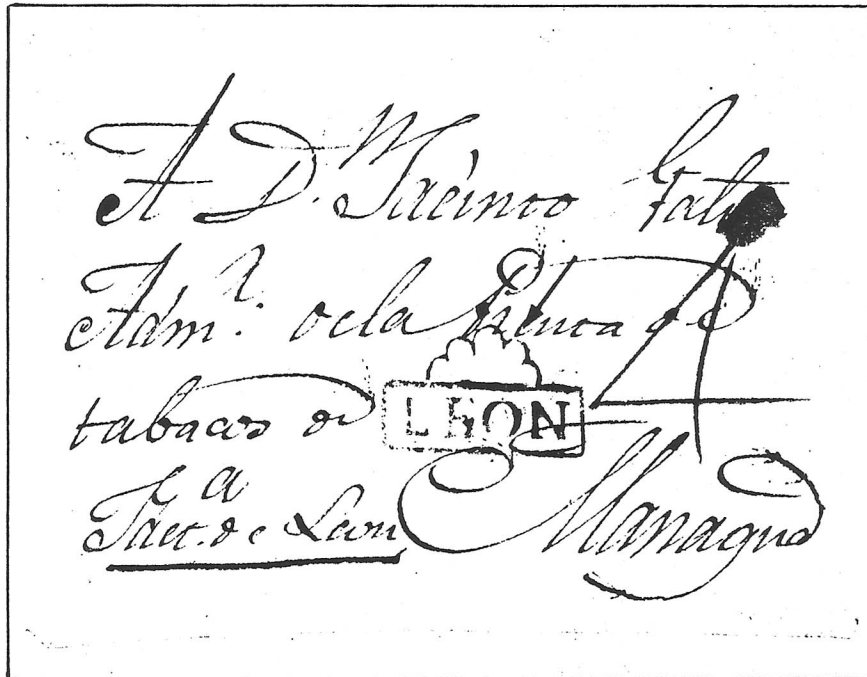
LEON



"Front" from LEON to Nueva Guatemala. - about 1800

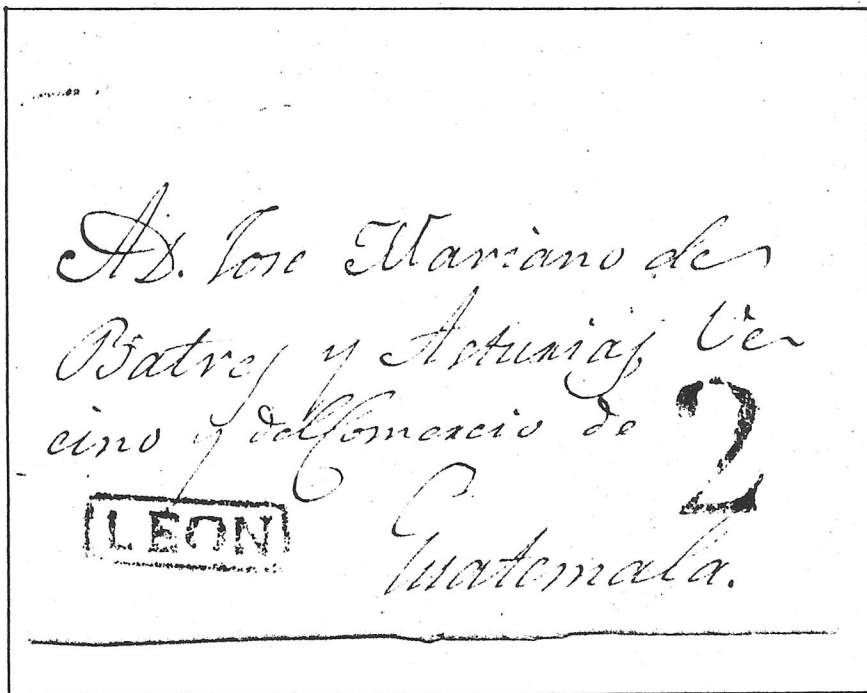
N I C A R A G U A
Pre - stamp period

Early stage of rectangular LEON postmark
with "fancy" ornament on top.



Probably before 1770

Later stage of rectangular LEON postmark



About 1790

Showing the LEON handstamped TAX mark 2 (reales)
Paper of cover WATERMARKED: King on horseback !

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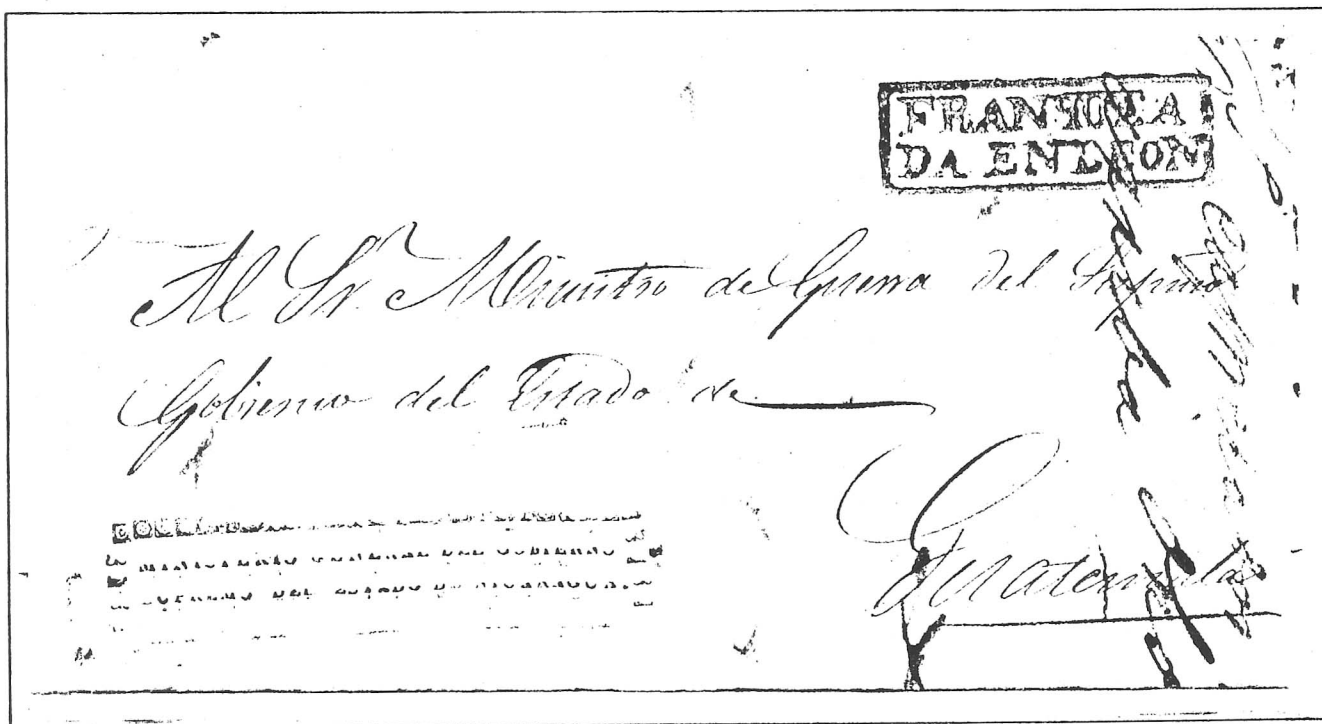
FRANQUEADA
EN LEON

EARLY FRANKS

Pre - stamp period

1842

Letter from Leon to Guatemala



Letter dated LEON August 1, 1842

Sender's cachet very difficult to read, but saying: MINISTERIO GENERAL DEL GOBIERNO INTERINO DEL ESTADO DE NICARAGUA

Framed strike FRANQUEADA EN LEON in GREEN color !

Very early OFFICIAL mail

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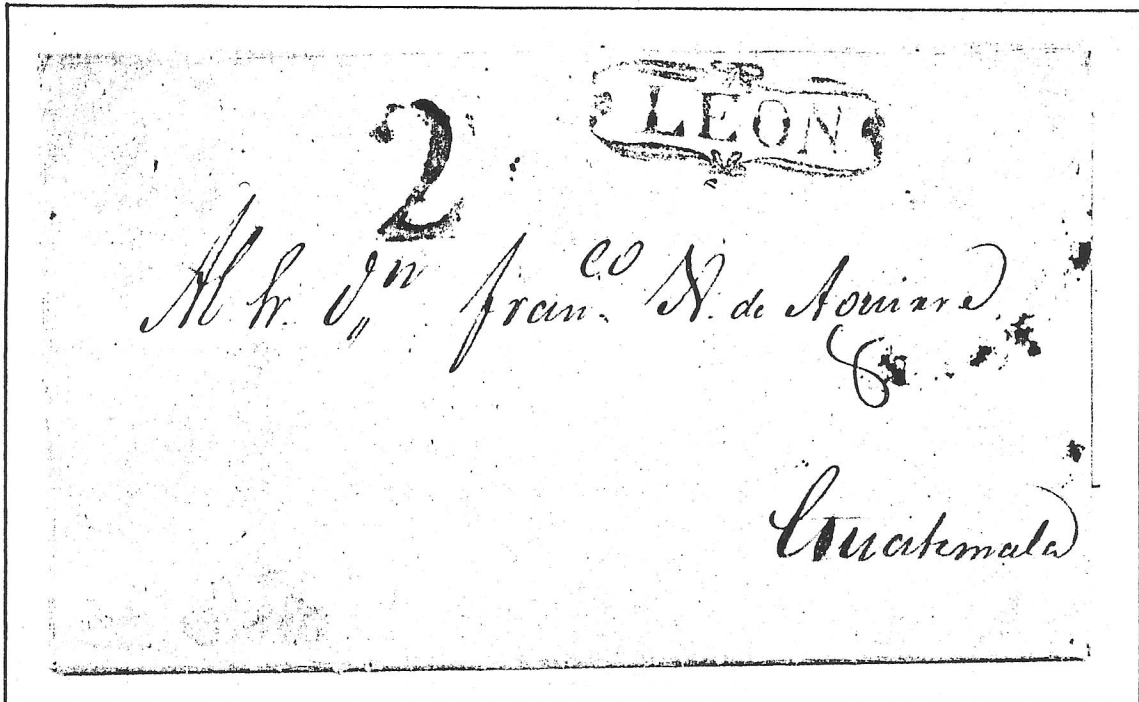


EARLY FRANKS

Pre - stamp period

1849

Letter from LEON to Guatemala




Letter dated LEON February 26, 1849

Fancy framed cancel LEON in black


Tax mark "2" (reales) for Guatemala in red

2





LEON (continued) :

7.  Feb. 26, 1849
April 14, 1850 color black
color black

MANAGUA :

1. *Managua* about 1780 color black
also recorded in brown + red
2. *Managua* about 1800 color black
also recorded in brown + red
3.  about 1810 color black

MASAYA :

1.  about 1786
to 1819 color black-brown
also recorded in red and
in yellow (1819)
2.  about 1805 color black
(could be a variety of No.1)
3.  about 1790 color black-brown
4.  1832 - 1836
May 5, 1832 color black-brown

N I C A R A G U A

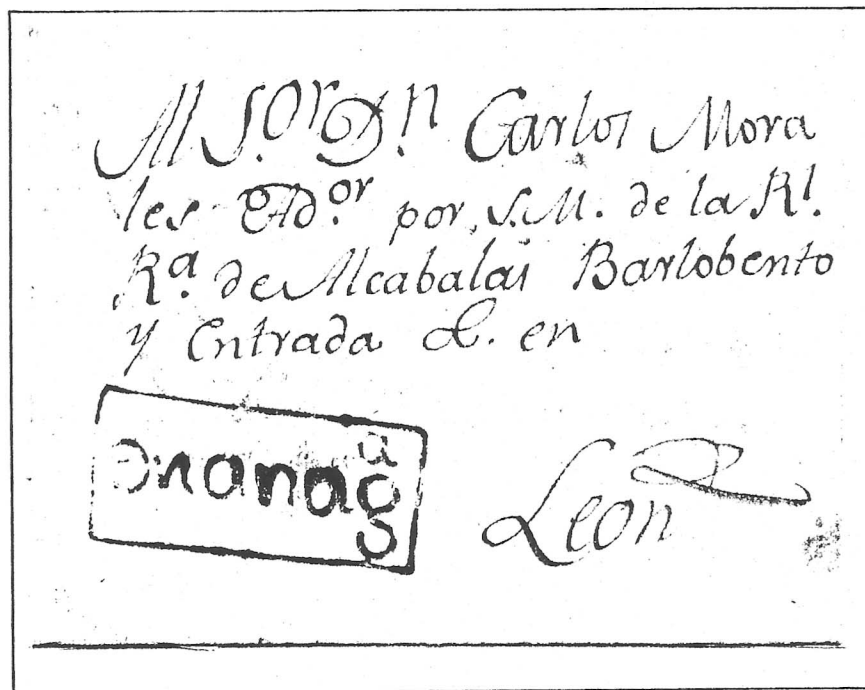
Managua

EARLY FRANKS

Pre - stamp period

1810

Envelope from Managua to Leon



Framed strike MANAGUA in black

Managua

El Sr. D. José María de Ca-
 lantuela, Factor de esta Prov.^a
 Managua
 De la Alm. de Leon

about 1790

Managua

El Cño José María de Valen-
 suela Factor Gral. de la Renta
 Nacional de tabacos de la
 Prov.^a de Nicarag.^a
 de la Alm. de Managua Leon

about 1810



Del Sr. Don
Cns. Don
Marino Pulquerria, Sacra
de Fab. de Val Verde

MASAYA

Leon

about 1780



H. Comandante Don
Gonzalo de la Cruz

On la

MASAYA

Don

about 1800

N I C A R A G U A

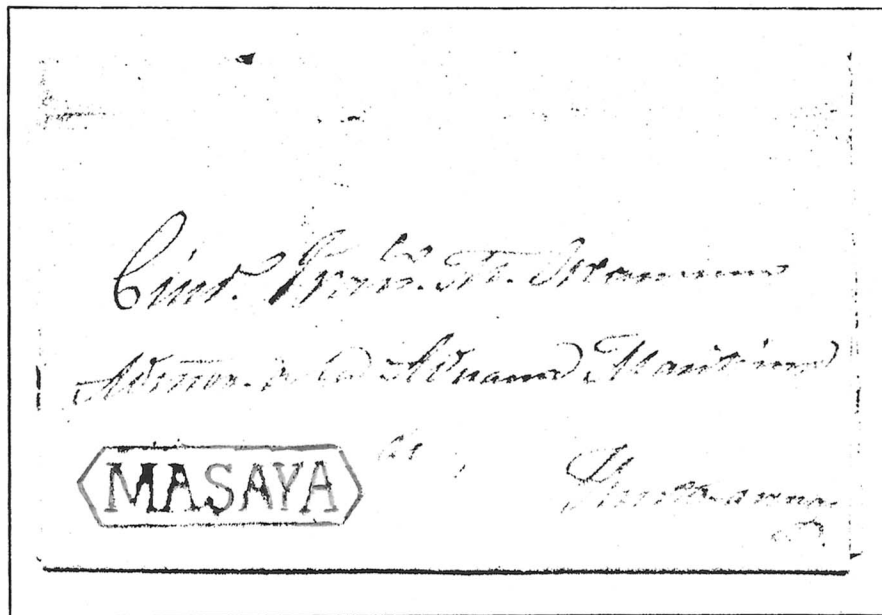
MASAYA

EARLY FRANKS

Pre - stamp period

1832

Letter from Masaya to Santa Ana, Salvador



Letter dated MASAYA May 5, 1832

Black MASAYA strike in "pointed" frame

N I C A R A G U A :

(R I V A S)

This town, actually called RIVAS, was - during about 200 years - and until the 29th of May 1720 called VALLE DE NICARAGUA. From then on it was named VILLA DE LA PURA Y LIMPIA CONCEPCION DE RIVAS DE NICARAGUA. Since about 1840 it was simply called RIVAS. Rivas c his name to a country - teacher, Don Francisco Rodri guez de Rivas, who was President of the "Audiencia d Guatemala" in 1717.

1. 

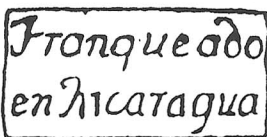
about 1790
to 1810

Color black, black-brown
and black-violet. Also re-
corded in blue (1806 - 1810)
green (1806), red (1808)

2. 

June 7, 1839

color black

3. 

about 1816
Nov. 14, 1818

color black
color black

1. 

about 1810

color black

A. 

This strike is so far only known on an early cover with "First Issue" postage stamps but most certainly already existed during the late pre-stamp period. (See also Art. 8 of the Decree dated SEP 29, 1862)

2. 

about 1855

Color grey black
(on a wrapper to Liberia, Costa Rica)

S A N J U A N :

(SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, by then called SAN JUAN DE NICARAGUA)

1. 

Oct. 24, 1847

color black

V I E X O :

(EL VIEJO)

1. 

about 1810
March 3, 1820
March 29, 1822

color black-brown
color black-brown
color black-brown

This cancel shows the ancient spelling of "J" with an "X" and is emanating from a little town already known in the 16th Century, situated not far from Chinandega.

POSTAL RATE MARKINGS:

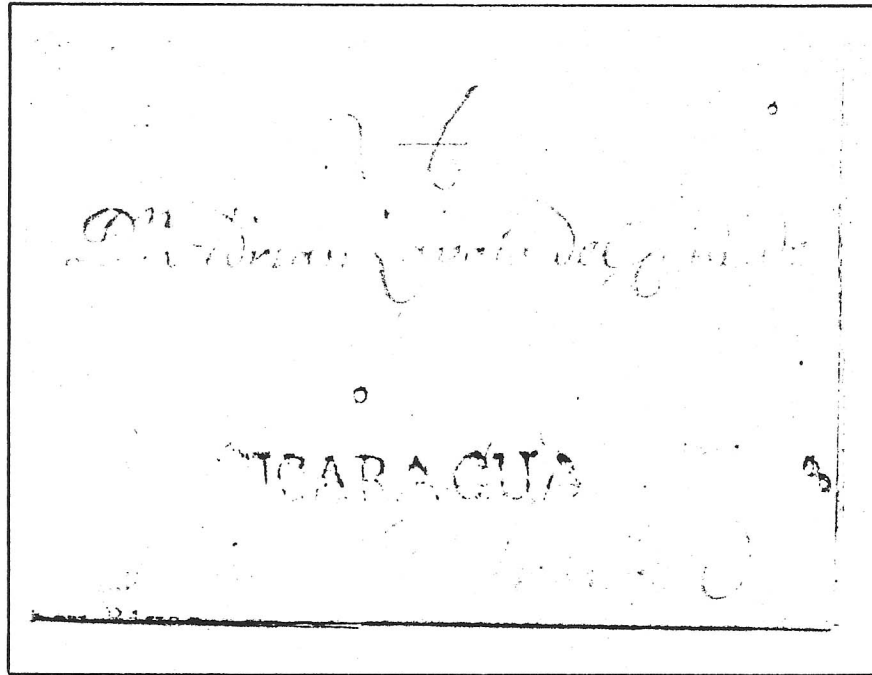
The marking of postal rates on Nicaragua pre-stamp mail was generally manuscript. After independence of the country, the basic rate for a letter up to 1 ounce was 4 reales. Up to now only two mechanically applied rate markings from Nicaragua are known, i.e. a rather large slanting form from

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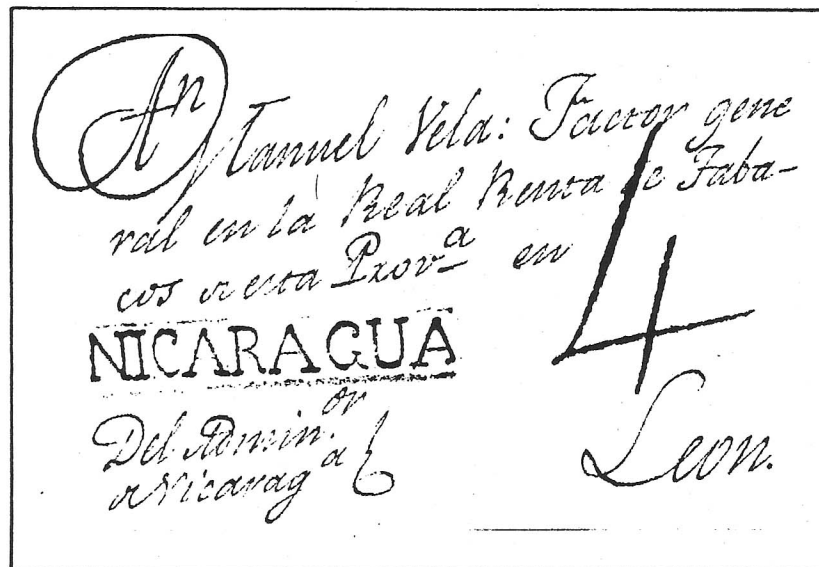
NICARAGUA

EARLY FRANKS

Letter from Nicaragua (Rivas) to Granada, dated Jan 11, 1803



"Front" from NICARAGUA (Rivas) to Leon, before 1835



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RIVAS owes its name to a country teacher, Don Francisco Rodriguez de Rivas who was President of the "Audiencia de Guatemala" in 1717.

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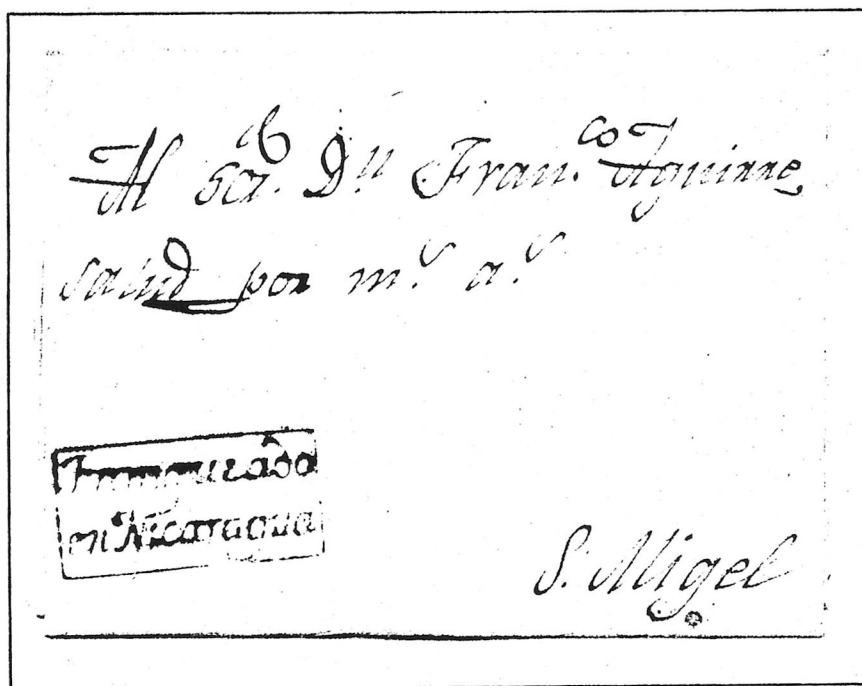
Franqueada
en Nicaragua

EARLY FRANKS

Pre - stamp period

1818

Letter from Nicaragua (Rivas) to San Miguel, Guatemala



Letter dated Nicaragua November 14, 1818

Framed double line strike Franqueada en Nicaragua in black

N I C A R A G U A



EARLY FRANKS

Pre - Stamp - Period

"Front" from large bundle
of juridical papers

OCOTAL to GUATEMALA

Period about 1810



269

Joaquin José Calvo. Secretario de
Real Sala del Crimen de este Reyno



Guatemala

Carta postal de Nra. Leg. a Hond.

Dr. Adm. general de correos
de la Rep. de Honduras

Con el q.º regreso remit
á U. la correspondencia q. sigue.

Impresos. (paquetes) - - - - 9.

OCOTAL

Abre. 6 de 1865

A. Amador

REPUBLICA DE NICARAGUA.

Señor Administrador de correos de Leonayagua
Con el del día dirijo á U. la correspondencia siguiente.

| CERTIFICADOS. | SENC. | DOBL. | TRIP. | PGOS. | VALOR. | TOT. |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| De particulares... | | | | | | |
| De otras estafetas. | | | | | | |
| Francas de oficio.. | | | | | | |
| Id. para empdos.. | | | | | | |
| Id. de particulares. | | | | | | |
| Id. para E..... | | | | | | |
| Impresos..... | | 5 | | | | 5 |

ENCOMIENDAS

Administracion de correos

186

OCOTAL

Feb. 18 de 1866.

A. Amador

REPUBLICA
NICARAGUA

SAN JUAN DE NICARAGUA

PORT AT ATLANTIC END OF "THE NICARAGUA ROUTE"



HAND COLORED ENGRAVING

About 1840

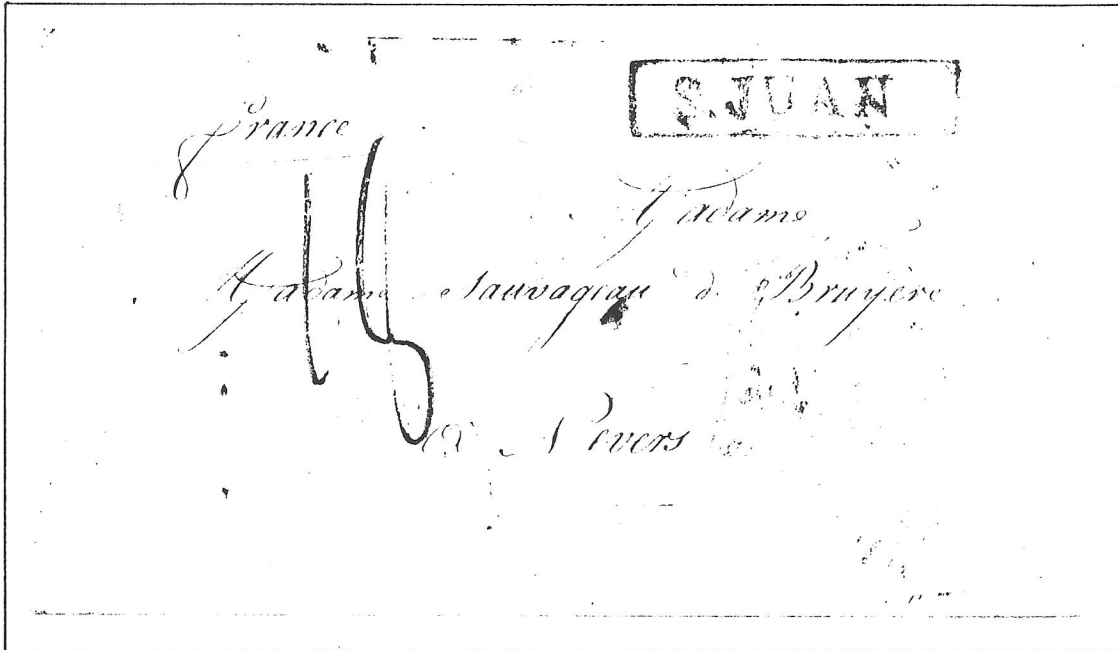
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S. JUAN

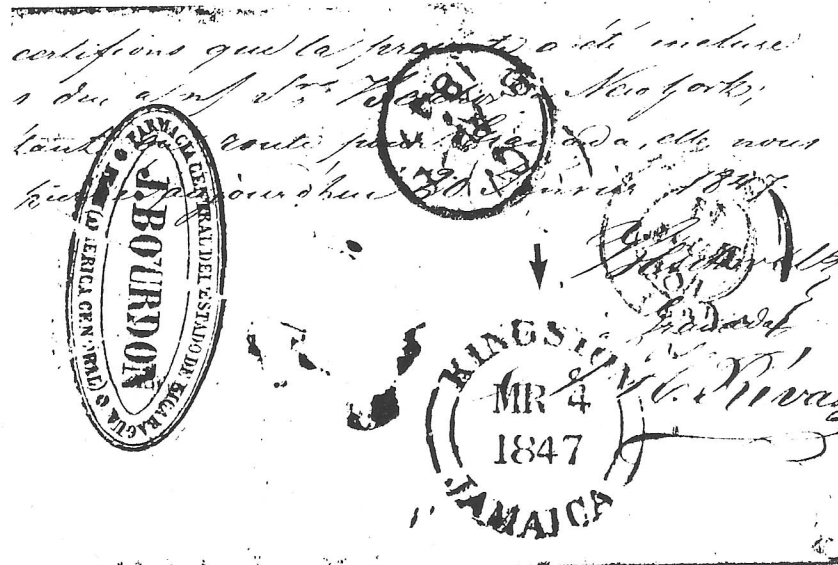
EARLY FRANKS

Pre - stamp period
1847

Cover from LEON to NEVERS, France



Cover hand - dated in transit at Granada January 20, 1847
 Transit postmark **S. JUAN** (San Juan del Norte)
 Transit postmark KINGSTON, JAMAICA March 4, 1847
 French transit postmark in red COLONIES & c. ART.13 in frame
 Transit postmark in red BS (British Ship) April 07, 1847
 Transit postmark in blue ROUTE DE MOULIN April 10, 1847
 Arrival postmark NEVERS April 11, 1847



N I C A R A G U A

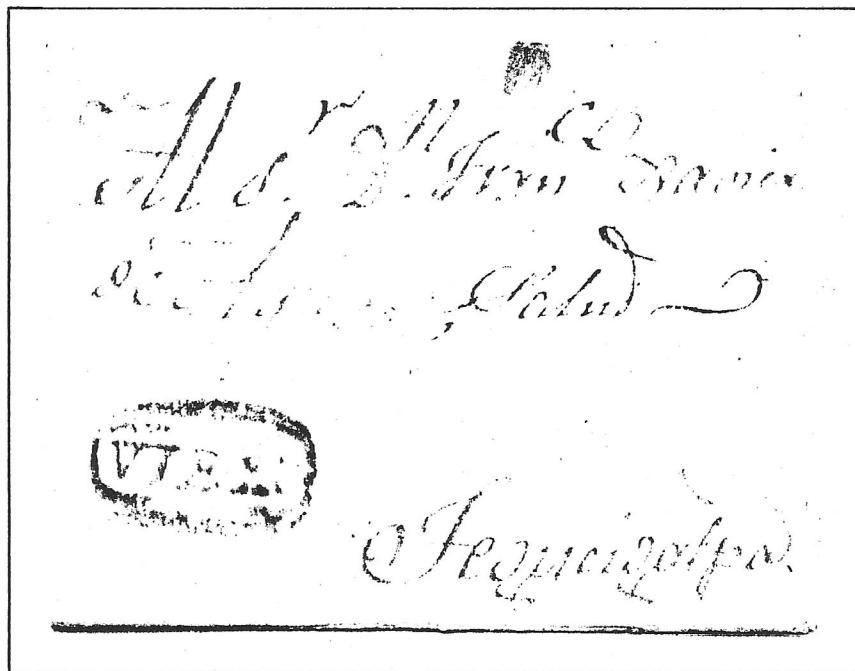


EARLY FRANKS

Pre - stamp period

1820

Letter from VIEJO (El Viejo) to Tegucigalpa



Letter dated VIEJO October 3, 1820

This is a very interesting piece to Nicaragua Postal History. The cancel shows the ancient spelling of "J" with an "X" and is emanating from "EL VIEJO", a little town, already known in the 16th century, not far from Chinandega.