

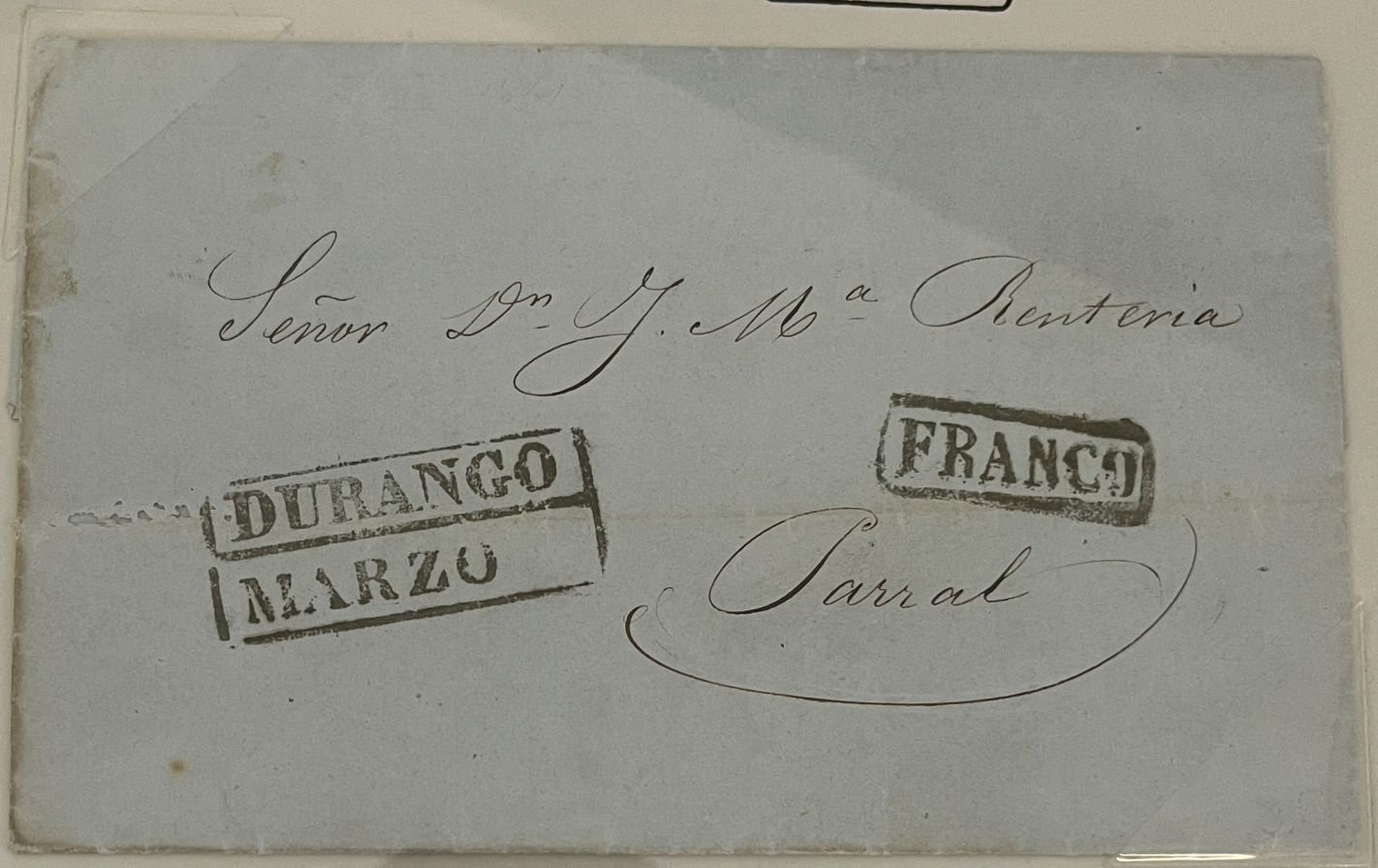
Durango Main Post Office

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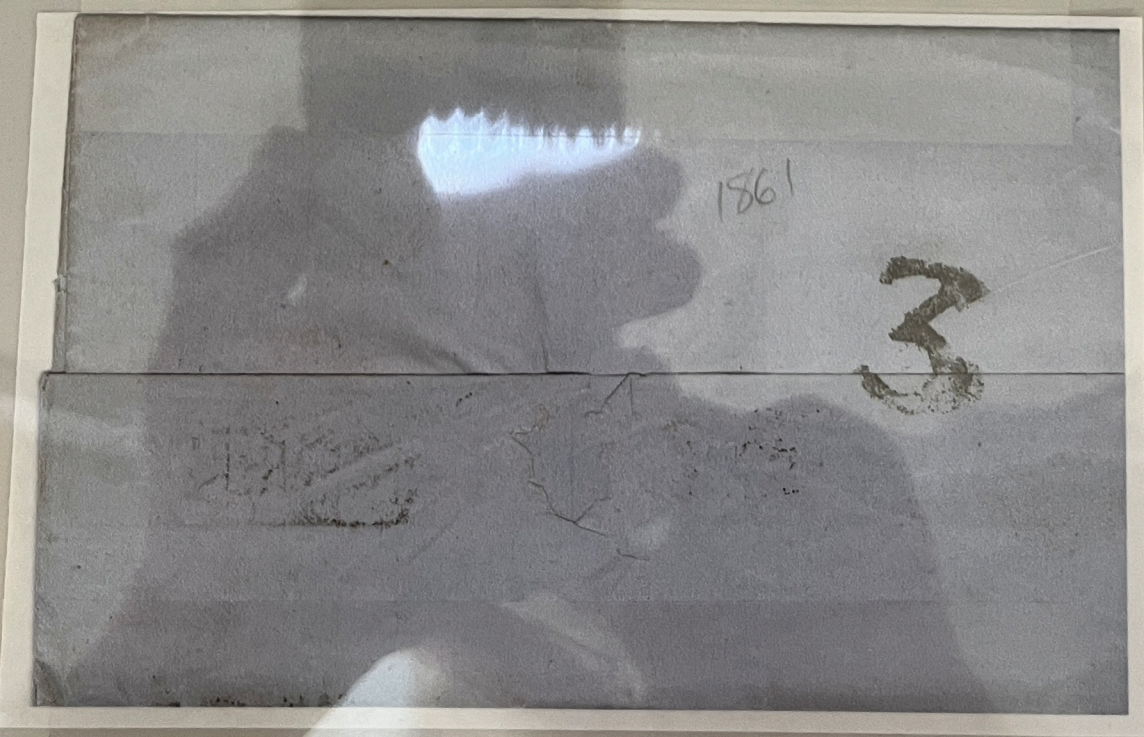
Sello Negro

After post offices ran out of fractionals to make up necessary rates, officials "made do" by collecting fees and cancelling to indicate that fees had been paid. These markings are called *Sello Negro*, "Black Stamp" although they were not always black.

DURANGO
ABRIL 28 **FRANCO**



Durango --- Parral, March 5, 1861



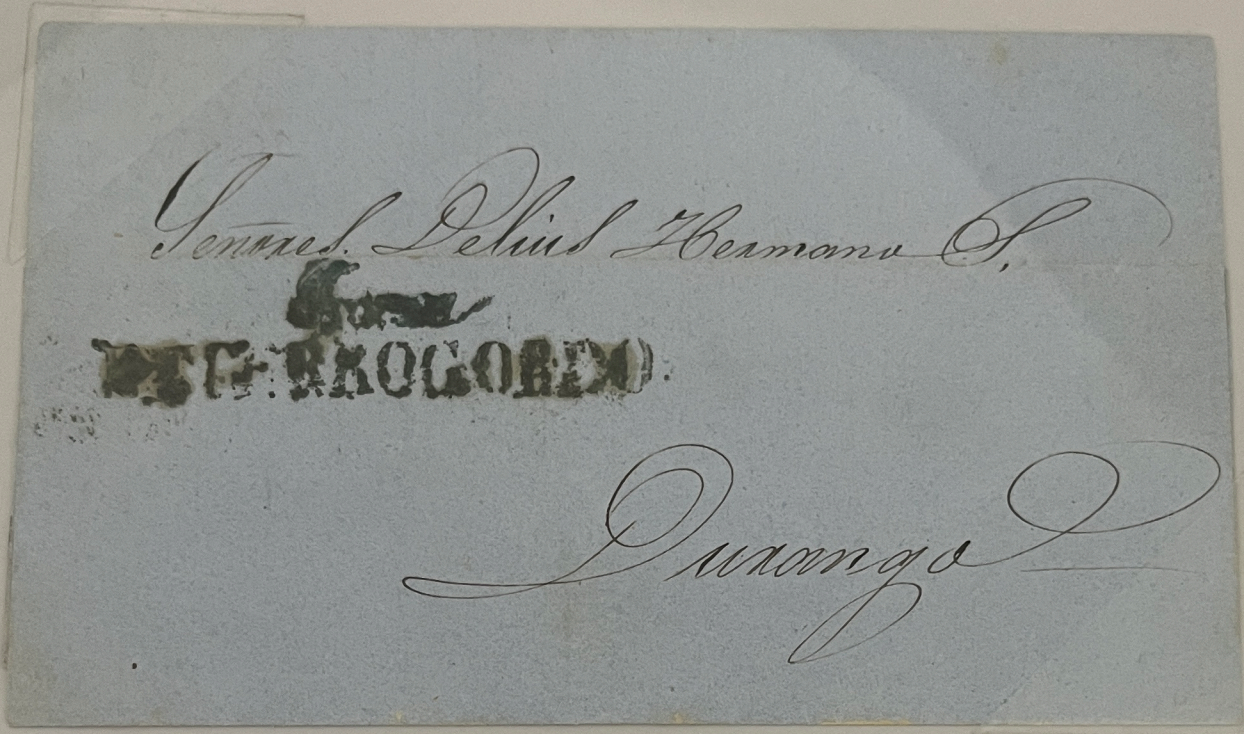
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Sello Negro rate usually on Back

Durango—
Cerro Gordo

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Sello Negro

Francis
ENCERROGORDO

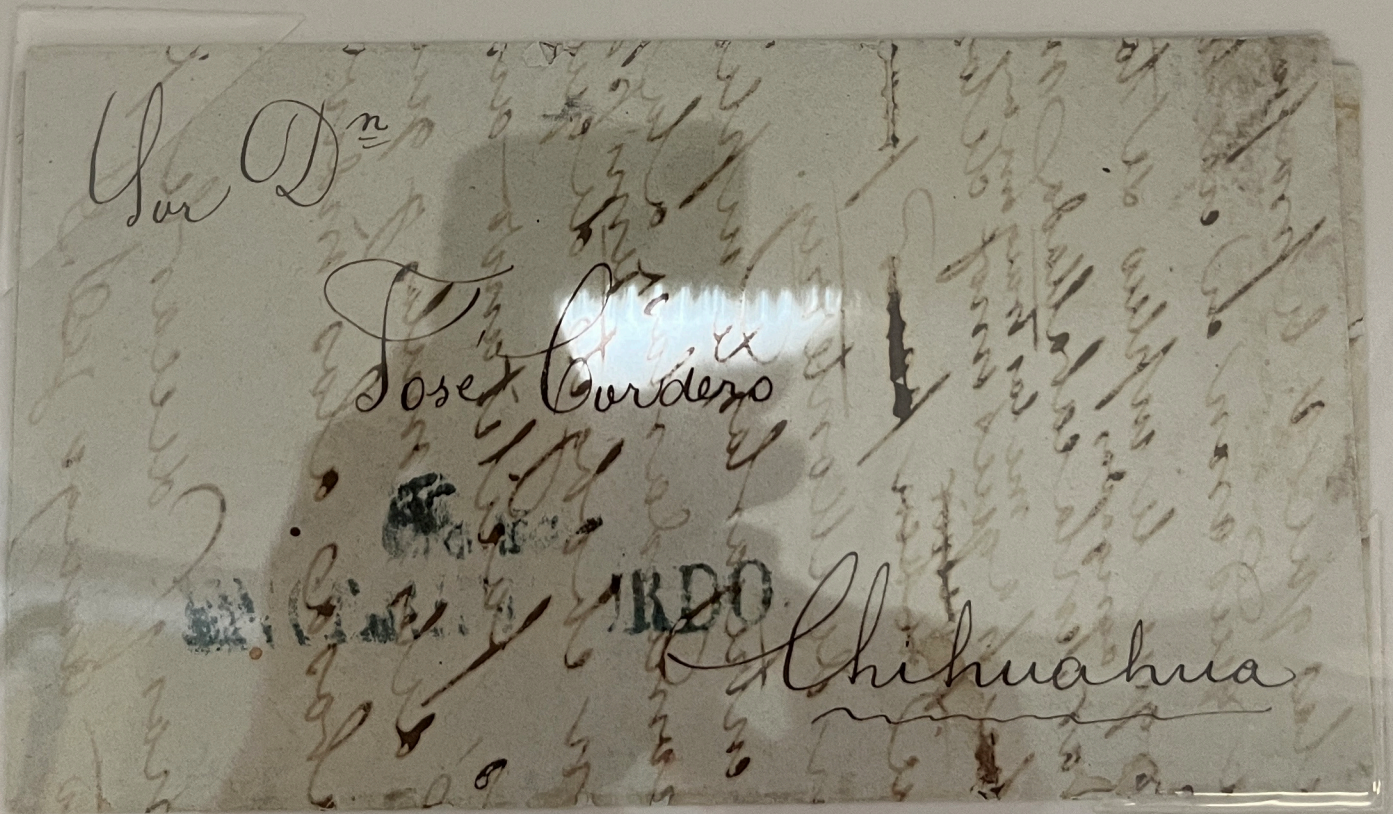


Letter sheet

Cerrogordo —
Durango

December 17, 1858,

cancel appears black to
black-green



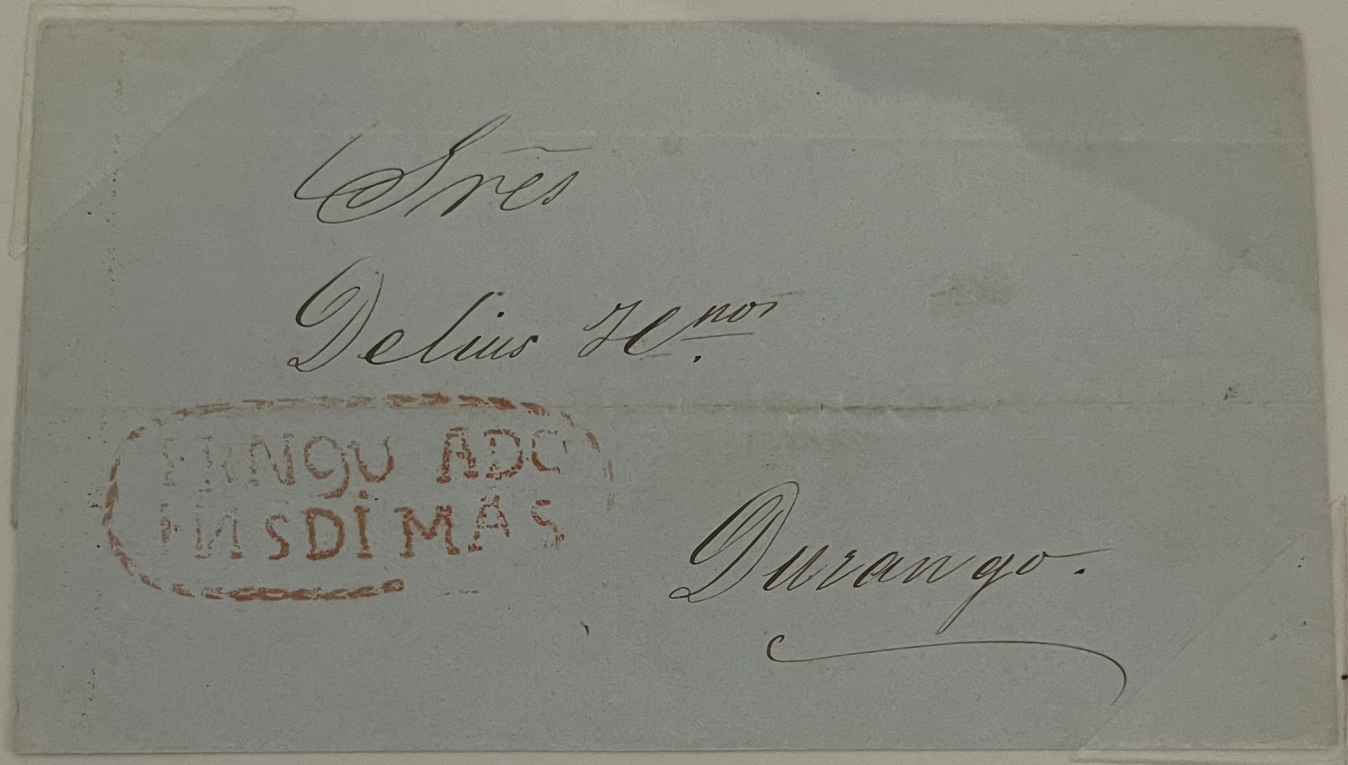
Letter sheet Cerrogordo --- Chihuahua November 10, 1859.-Cancel appears blue green

Schatzkes lists cancel as blue

Durango
Real de San Dimas

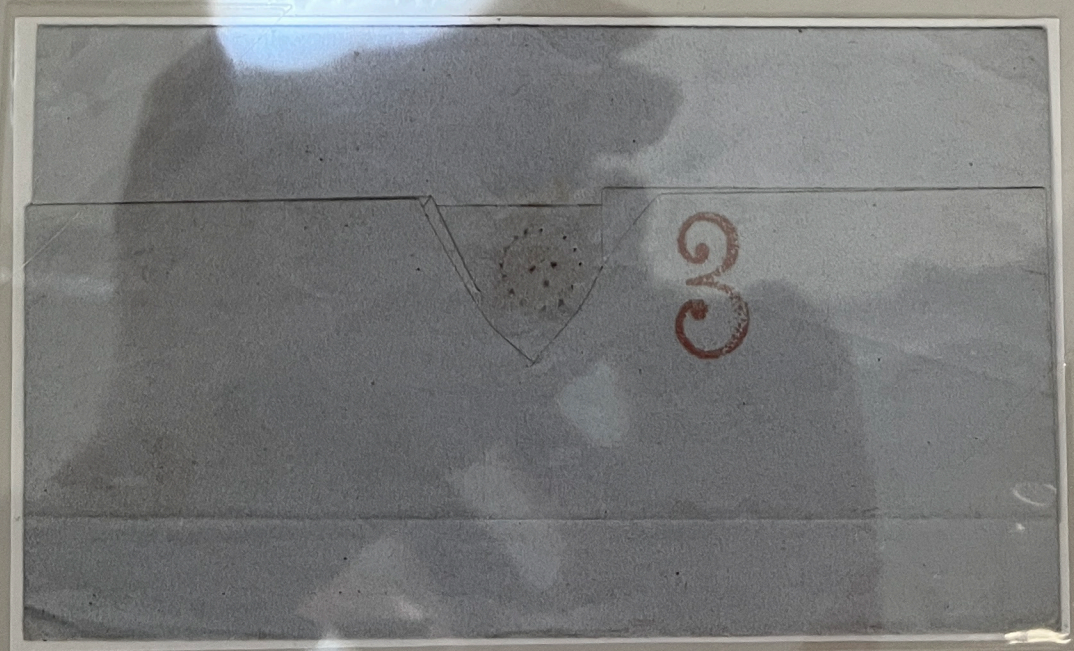
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FRAQUEADO
EN SDIMAS



San Dimas --- Durango January 8, 1861

Franquedo indicates paid Red three (3) on back is Tariff paid

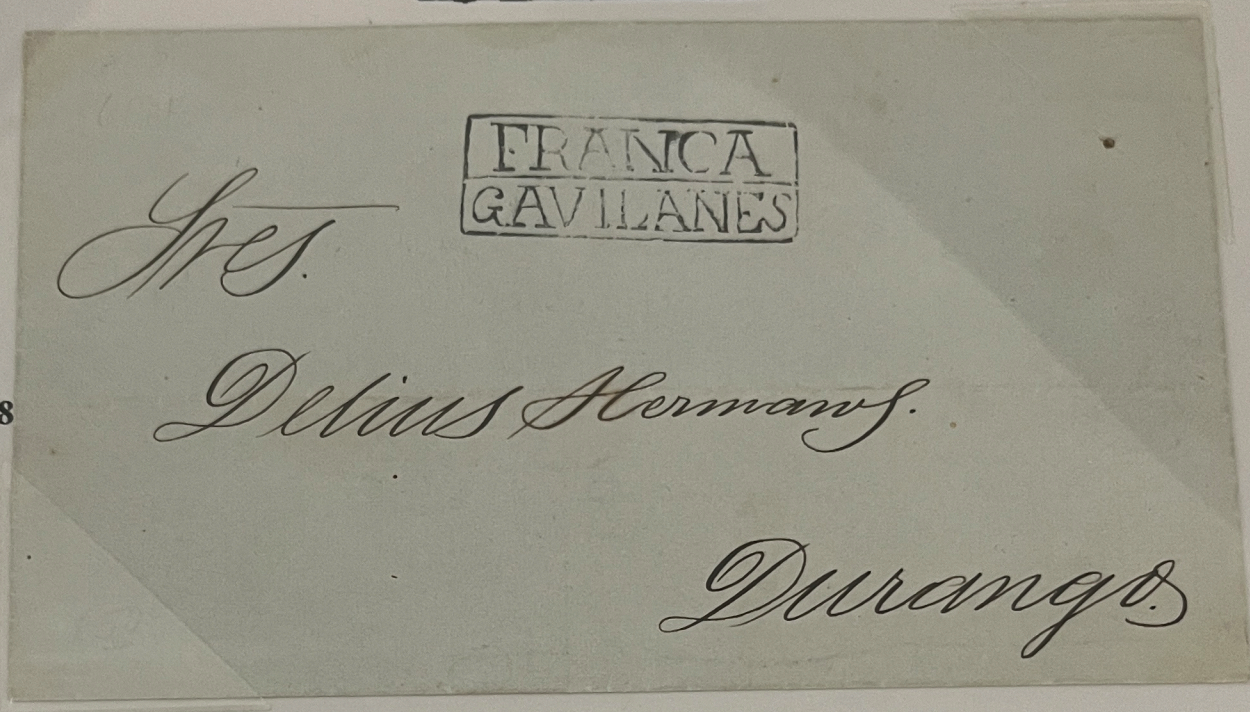


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Durango—
Gavilanes/Guichapa

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FRANCA
GAVILANES



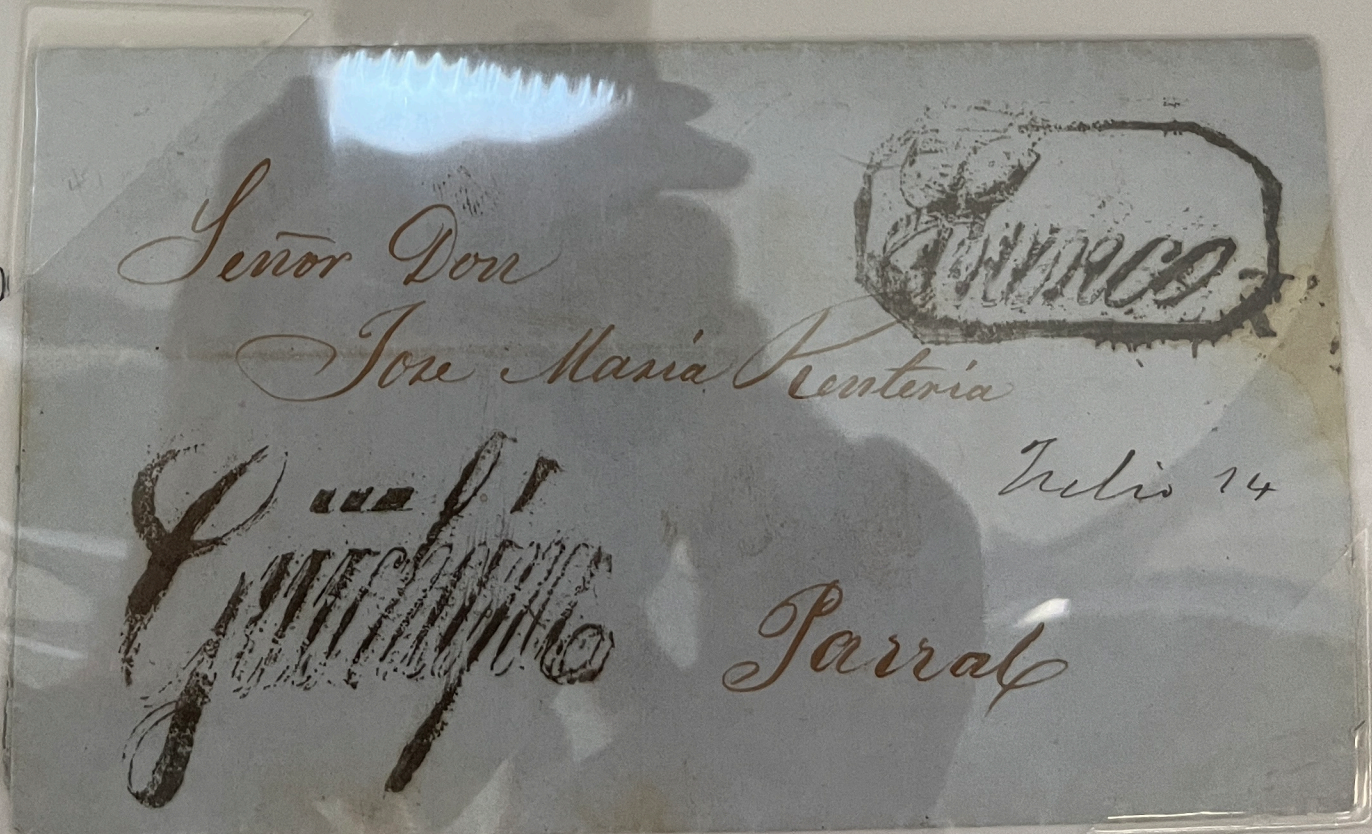
Hacienda del
Pilar ---
Durango

Octubre 6, 1858

FRANCA
Guichapa

San Salvador (sic)
--- Parral
(Chihuahua)

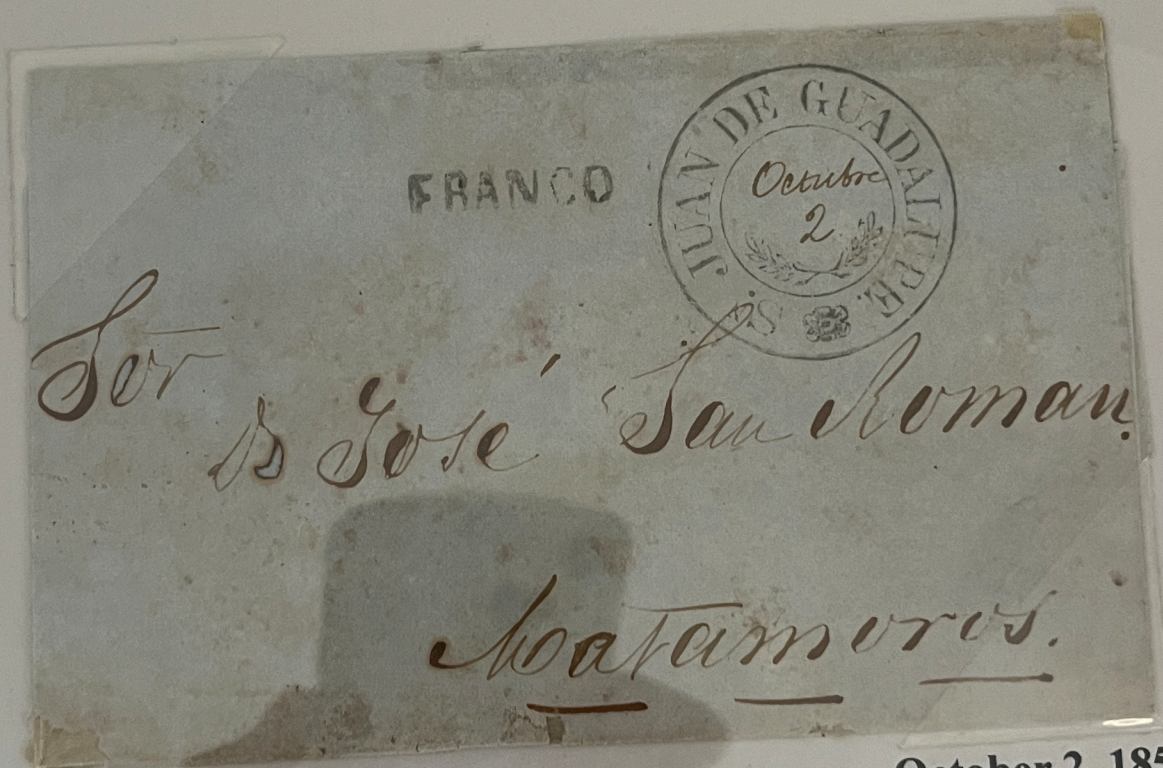
June 27, 1861



Durango
San Juan de Guadalupe

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FRANCO



San Juan de Guadalupe --- Matamoros

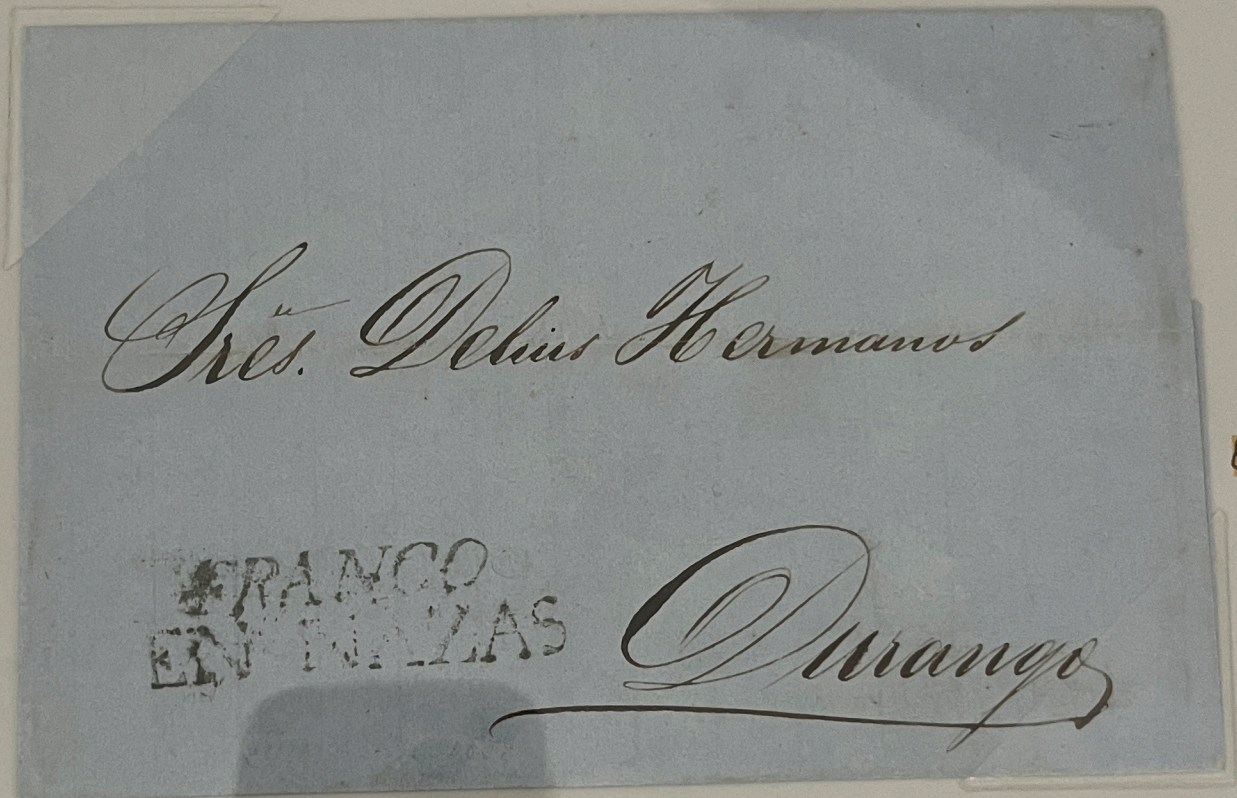
October 2, 1857

Rarely seen markings are extremely rare.

Durango
Nazas

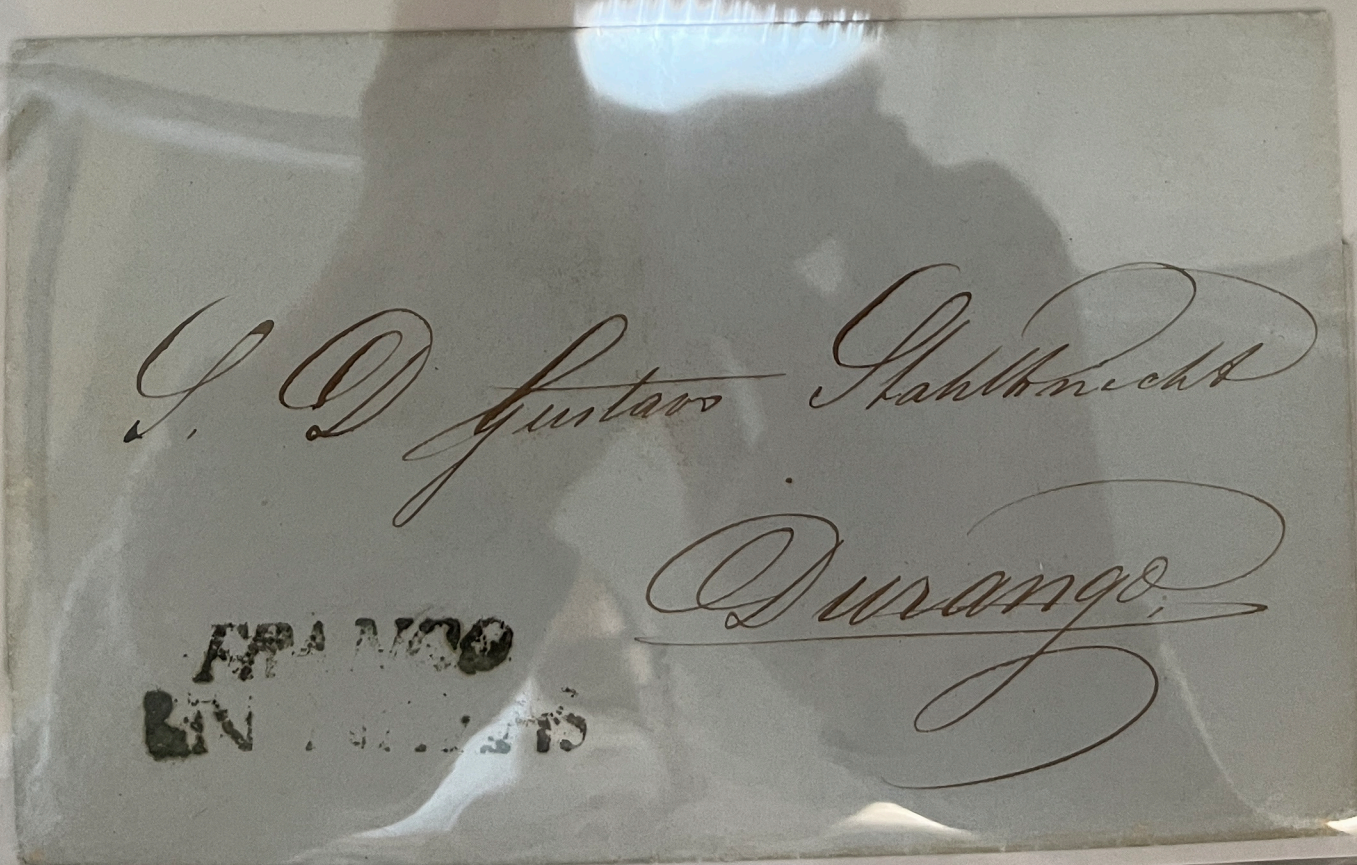
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FRANCO
EN NAZAS



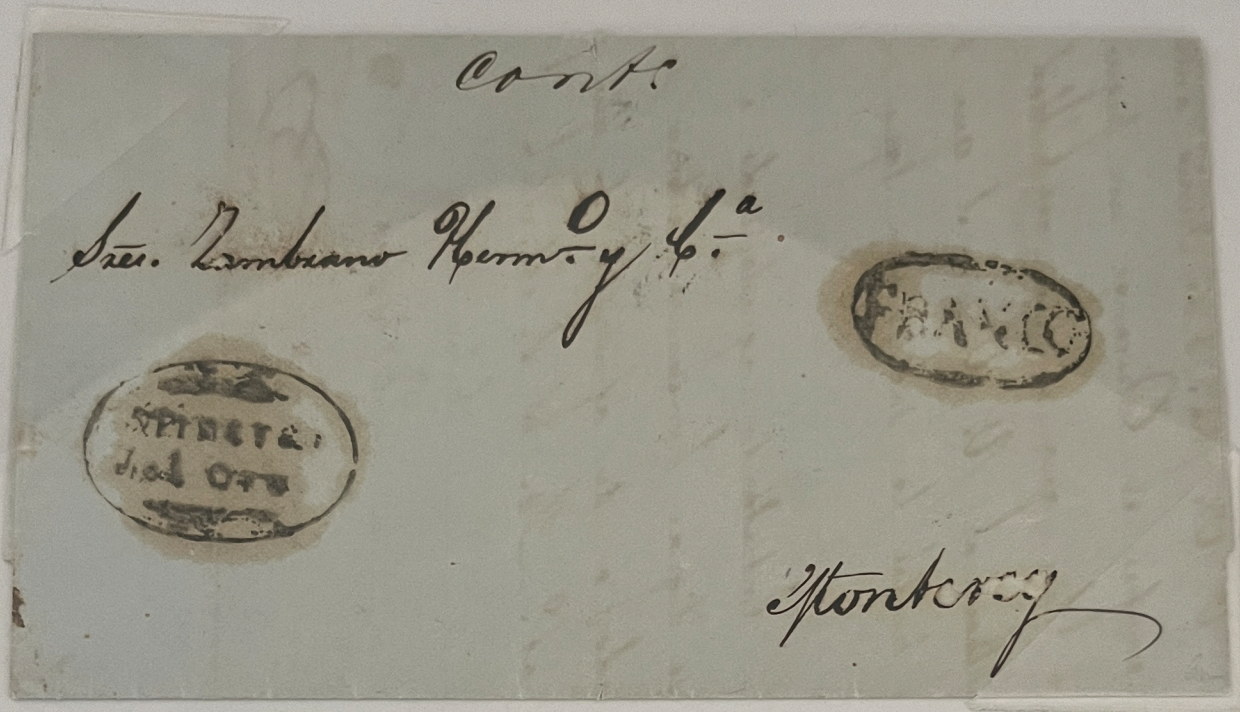
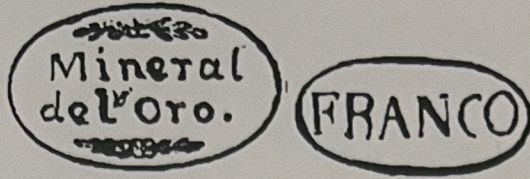
Nazas --- Durango . May 25, 1858 without rate

Schatzkes lists as 1861 Sello Negro but not an 1856 Sello Negro



Durango
Mineral del Oro

First Issue 1856
Sello Negro



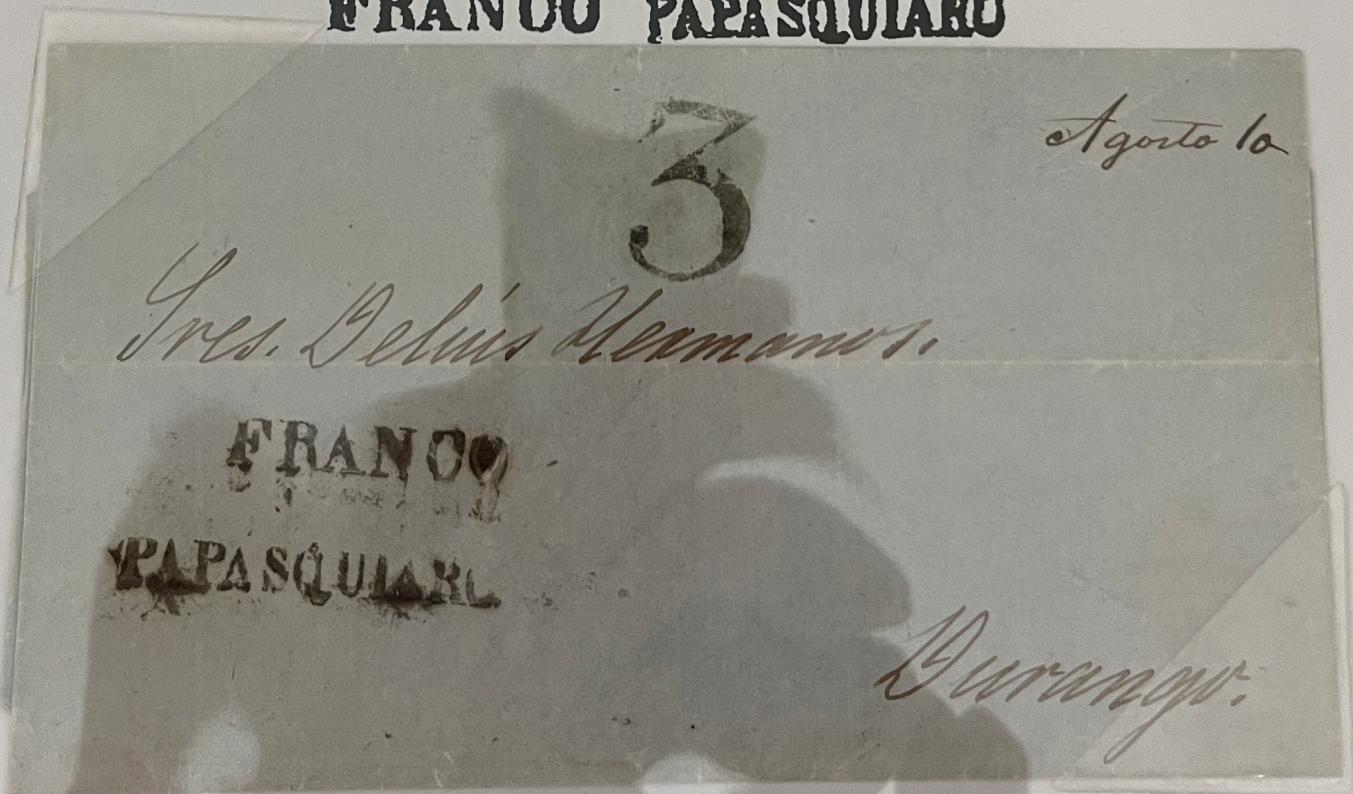
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On back

Mineral del Oro --- Monterey

January 8, 1861

FRANCO PAPANQUIARO



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On front

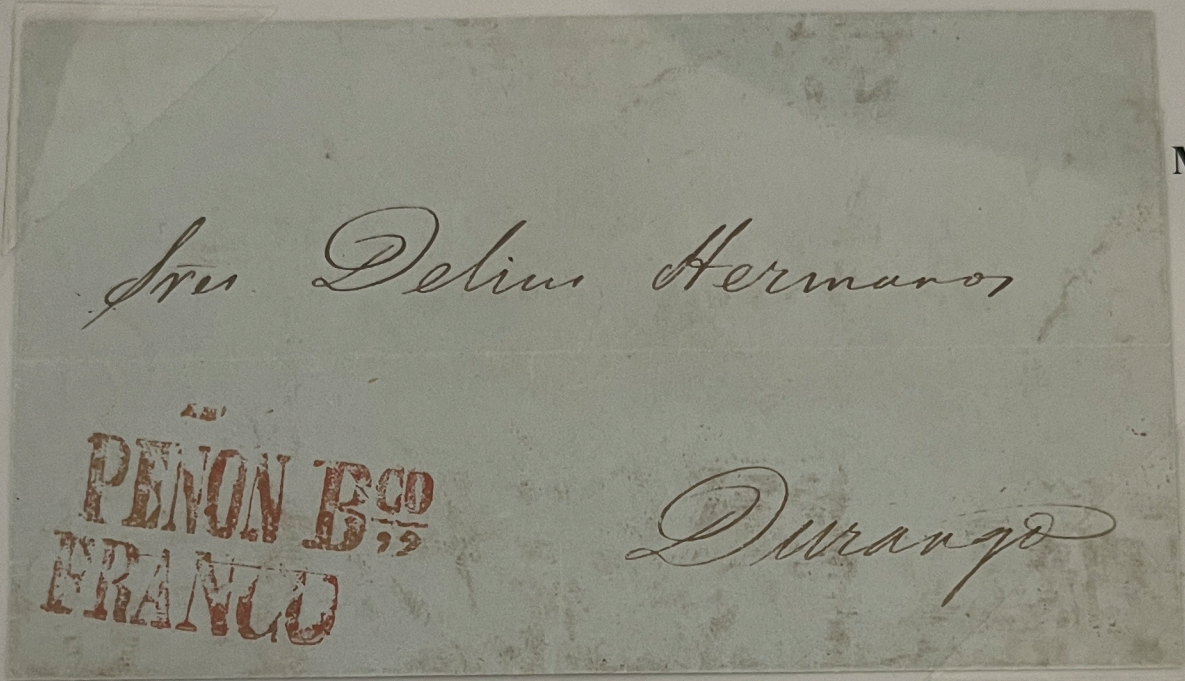
Papasquiario --- Durango

10 Agosto, 1861

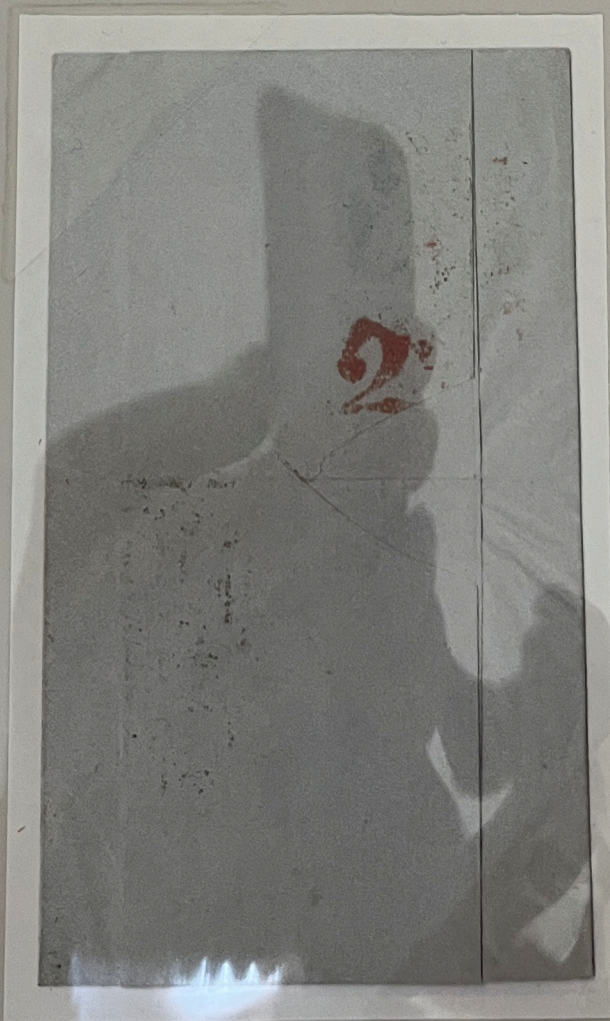
Durango-
Peñon Blanco

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PEÑON B^{CO}
FRANCO



May 25, 1858
Peñon Blanco
--- Durango



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