

Lima, Jan'y 9th, 1884

Extract from PREVOST & CO.'s letter      Original filed in their packet

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT      At the request of this department and under authorization from the Minister of Government we have handed the Director a small portion of the stamps we received from the Chilian authorities and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cases of your last shipment of 3 cases on this account which we had laying in Guayaguil in Deposit with an agent there until lately.

The Minister of Government expressed to us that the Post Office was in urgent want of these stamps he asked of us and it was on the strength of his repeated assurances that he was not overlooking the indebtedness to yourselves, that we acquiesced to his call, a refusal of which would not have been "politic" under the circumstances. The Minister has promised us that he will effect monthly payments on account of the P.O.'s indebtedness and the Director has just sent us on account \$/500 in silver, which we shall remit to you per next opportunity after having explained to Director that the indebtedness of the Department is in sterling money and not in silver and agreed with him the rate at which we are to turn the said silver into sterling. Unfortunately our friend Mr. Munoz is not the present Director General de Correos. He has, however, "ex-officio", done much already towards assisting us in bringing/ <sup>before</sup> the Government the debt in question and the necessity of its being met without very great delay. .... and we further intend, on the matter being broached to us through the proper channel, to exact from the Government the assurance that the amount of your credit against the P.O. Dept. is to be added to the guarantee which we shall require before asking you to proceed on with the Notes"

Lima, Feb. 6, 1884

Extract from FREVOST & CO.'s letter

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT We have much pleasure to inform you that Mr. Munoz has been again named "Director General de Correos" of Peru and has made the payment of s/500 - silver corresponding of the present month on account of the P.O.'s indebtedness and we have arranged with Mr. Munoz to remit you the s/1000 so far recovered, at the exchange of  $39\frac{1}{2}$  s. Please therefore find under this cover our 1st and 2nd of exchange at 90 d/s in favor of the American Bank Note Company on Messrs. Henry Kendall & Sons, London for £ 164.11.8 in cancelment thereof. It was not possible for us to make the remittance of the first payment of s/500 before, as, on account of the changes made in the management of the Post Office, it has been quite impossible to fix the remittance at an earlier date.

The appointment of Mr. Munoz as Director of the P.O. will doubtless greatly facilitate the settlement of the pending debt of this Government Office.

Mail close May 9<sup>th</sup>

Lima March 12<sup>th</sup> 1884

A. J. Goodall, Esq.

Pres of the Am. Bk. Note Co. N. Y.

Dear Sir:

(Finding myself) again placed at the head of the Post Office Department, I take pleasure in announcing to you that I retain, as ever, the earnest desire to maintain the credit and pleasant relations which this office has constantly, since 1876, preserved with the Establishment you so worthily represent.

Up to 1880, this Department punctually complied with its obligations. Since that date, the difficulties arising out of the war, obliged the Post Office to suspend the payment of the debts due the Company for stamps and stationery.

Later on, other misfortunes overtook Peru, as you are aware, and it became impossible to arrange the payment of these accounts. So soon as the National Administration was re-established, I used every endeavor with the Government to induce it to order the payment of (\$500) five hundred silver soles monthly to Messrs Prevost & Co. Agents of the Co. over which you preside, so that this sum might be credited to the balance of pending accounts. I ought to mention to you that, when I took these steps, I was not yet in charge of the Post Office, and I did it, prompted by the desires which have always influenced me in favor of your Company and by the wish to preserve the credit of this branch of the Administration - proofs of which I have already given the Co.

With the same object this Department has the earnest intention to avail itself of the earliest opportunity when the revenue shall improve after the crisis through which it has passed, to proceed

to the payment of pending accounts, to which end, I beg you to be pleased to instruct your agents, Messrs Prevost & Co. that when the time for settlement of accounts shall arrive, they waive any charges against this office for the involuntary delay in payment or for any other extraordinary expenses, the which would only aggravate the difficulties of the situation of the Postoffice brought about by the war.

I may remind you that while you were in Lima, I had the pleasure of causing an old account to be paid to you, and that you then made no charge whatever for the delay. Since the Country and all branches of the Administration were then in conditions very greatly better than now; this, and the fact that no charge for any such indemnity appears in our contract, oblige me to insist upon this point, so that Messrs Prevost & Co. in settling up the account, may not insist upon any claim that might cause embarrassments & difficulties in the final cancellation of the same.

I deem also to know whether the Company is disposed to fill such orders for stamps and stationery as this Department requires, as the Post Office is today using countermarked stamps in order to avoid fraud & confusion with those taken by the Chilean forces upon their occupation of the different points of the Republic.

I avail myself of this occasion to salute you and to subscribe myself

Your obt. Servt  
Francisco de P. Muñoz.

Lima Marzo 19/84

Dr. A. G. Goddall  
Presidente de la "Améri-  
can Bank Note & Co."  
Nueva York

Muy Señor mío:

Colocado nuevamen-  
to al frente de la Direc-  
cion de Correos, me es grato  
anunciar á Ud. que conser-  
vo, como siempre, la mejor  
disposicion para mante-  
ner el crédito y las buenas  
relaciones que ésta Direc-  
cion ha conservado des-  
de 1876 con la casa  
que Ud. tan dignamen-  
te representa

Hasta 1880 la Di-  
reccion cumplió por

Amended  
May 19. 1884  
by

formal propósito de aprovechar el primer momento en que la venta mejore de la crisis por que ha atravesado para proceder á la cancelacion de las deudas pendientes, á cuyo efecto suplico á U. se sirva dar instrucciones á sus Agentes los S. J. Prevost & Co. para que cuando llegue el caso de la liquidacion, presinda de hacer cargos á esta oficina por la demora involuntaria del pago ó por cualesquiera gastos extraordinarios, lo que vendrá á agravar las dificultades de la

tuamente sus compromi-  
sos, despues de esa fecha  
las dificultades crea-  
das por la guerra obli-  
garon al Correo á sus-  
pender el pago de las  
deudas, contraidas, con  
la Casa, por estampillas  
y útiles de escritorio

Posteriormente sobrevinieron  
al Perú otras desgracias  
que N. conocerá y se hizo  
imposible atender á la  
cancelacion de esas cuen-  
tas. Tampoco como se  
restableció la Admonsta-  
cional, interpusé toda mi  
solicitud ante el Gobierno  
para conseguir que se  
decretase el pago de (5000)  
quinientos soles plata

mensuales a los S. S.  
Prevost y C<sup>o</sup>, Agentes de la  
Casa que U. dirige, a fin  
de que los aplicasen  
al saldo de las cuen-  
tas pendientes. Debo ad-  
vertir á U. que cuando  
practiqué estas diligen-  
cias no me hallaba  
aun al frente del Correo,  
y lo hice guiado por los  
deseos que me han a-  
comado siempre en favor  
de la casa y de conser-  
var el crédito de este Ramo  
de la Administración,  
de los que tengo dadas  
á la Casa algunas  
pruebas.

Con el mismo fin  
esta Dirección tiene el

situación creada al  
Corredor por la Guerra  
Recordaré al Sr. que  
durante su permanencia  
en Lima tuve la satisfac-  
ción de hacerle abonar  
una cuenta atrasada y  
que en esa época no hizo  
N. cargo alguno por la  
demora. Sin embargo de que  
entonces el País y todos los  
Ramos de la Admon  
se hallaban en condicio-  
nes muy superiores á las  
de ahora, esto y la circuns-  
tancia de haberse incluido  
en nuestro contrato toda in-  
demnización ó cargo se-  
mejante me obligan á in-  
sistir sobre este punto, á fin  
de evitar que los S. S.

Prevost y C<sup>o</sup>, al liquidar  
la cuenta pretenden hacer  
algun cargo que ocasiona  
trampas y dificultades pa-  
ra la definitiva cancela-  
cion

Desco tambien saber  
si la Casa esta desmes-  
ta á atender los pedidos  
de estampillas y útiles de  
escritorio que esta Recepcion  
tiene necesidad de ha-  
cer, por que hoy se esta sir-  
viendo el Correo de las es-  
tampillas con contramarcas  
para evitar fraudes y con-  
fucion con las que to-  
maron las fuerzas de  
Chile al ocupar los  
diferentes puntos de la  
Republica

Aprovecho esta oportu-  
nidad para saludar  
á Ud y suscribirme en  
atth y s.s.

Juan P. Muñoz.



July 9, 1884

extract from Prevost & Co. letter ..... orig. in their pkt

"We have taken due note of your correspondence with the Director General de Correos on the subject of their indebtedness and have the opportunity of fully impressing on Senor Munoz the liberal extent of the concession which you have granted by remitting all claim for interest. We have also led him to believe, towards inducing him to be more diligent in his payments, that this concession can only hold good in case of his effecting a prompt settlement. Mr. Munoz has promised to use his best efforts to this end and that, in addition to the monthly payments of S/500, which he has so far continued to make regularly, he will devote to you a sum of about \$1000 which he is in good hopes of obtaining by the sale to collectors, of a considerable number of stamps which for various reasons it is not desirable to put in circulation. You can rely that we shall continue to use our best efforts towards bringing this old standing account to a settlement.

We further enclose our 1st of Exchange at 3 d/s to your order, on Messrs D. de Castro & Co. for \$36.80 which, as shown in the statement likewise accompanying, cancels all payments received to date from Mr. Munoz with deduction of our commission and of expenses incurred by us here on acc't of the Department and appearing to your debit in our books, as explained by our Senior to your Mr. Goodall when in New York.

We have now handed to Mr. Munoz all the stamps in our possession received from the Chilian authorities. He was exceedingly anxious that we should do so and, under the circumstances, we thought it wise to accede to his desire. We doubt not you will approve of our action"

Copia

Inferno 13 Aug 84

Lima Julio 10 de 1884

Señor Francisco de P. Muñoz  
Director General de Correos  
Pte

Señor Director,

Oportunamente recibimos en  
favorecida nota fecha 14 de Mayo ult<sup>o</sup>  
en la que se pedia Ud<sup>o</sup> tuvieramos a bien  
entregar a esa Direccion el saldo de  
las Estampillas que hasta esa fecha  
conservabamos en nuestro poder y  
el depósito que nos fue hecho en Oc-  
tubre del año pasado por el Cuartel  
General Chileno y ahora nos es gra-  
to decir a Ud<sup>o</sup> en contestacion a la  
citada nota que, accediendo gustoso  
a la indicacion de Ud<sup>o</sup>, tenemos ya  
entregada a la Contaduria de esa  
Direccion las citadas Estampillas  
-casi como tambien aquellas que ten-  
mos en nuestro poder represen-  
tando el resto de los 3 cajones que he-  
cimos venir de Guayaquil, ulti-  
mamente, todo ello segun consta de  
los recibos de esa Contaduria que  
obran en nuestro poder.

Ponemos ahora en manos de  
Ud<sup>o</sup> el Extracto de la Cuenta Corrien-  
te de esa Direccion en nuestros li-  
bros por suministrados de la American  
Bank Note Company de Nueva York.  
Segun dicho extracto, la deuda de  
esa Direccion a la citada Compania

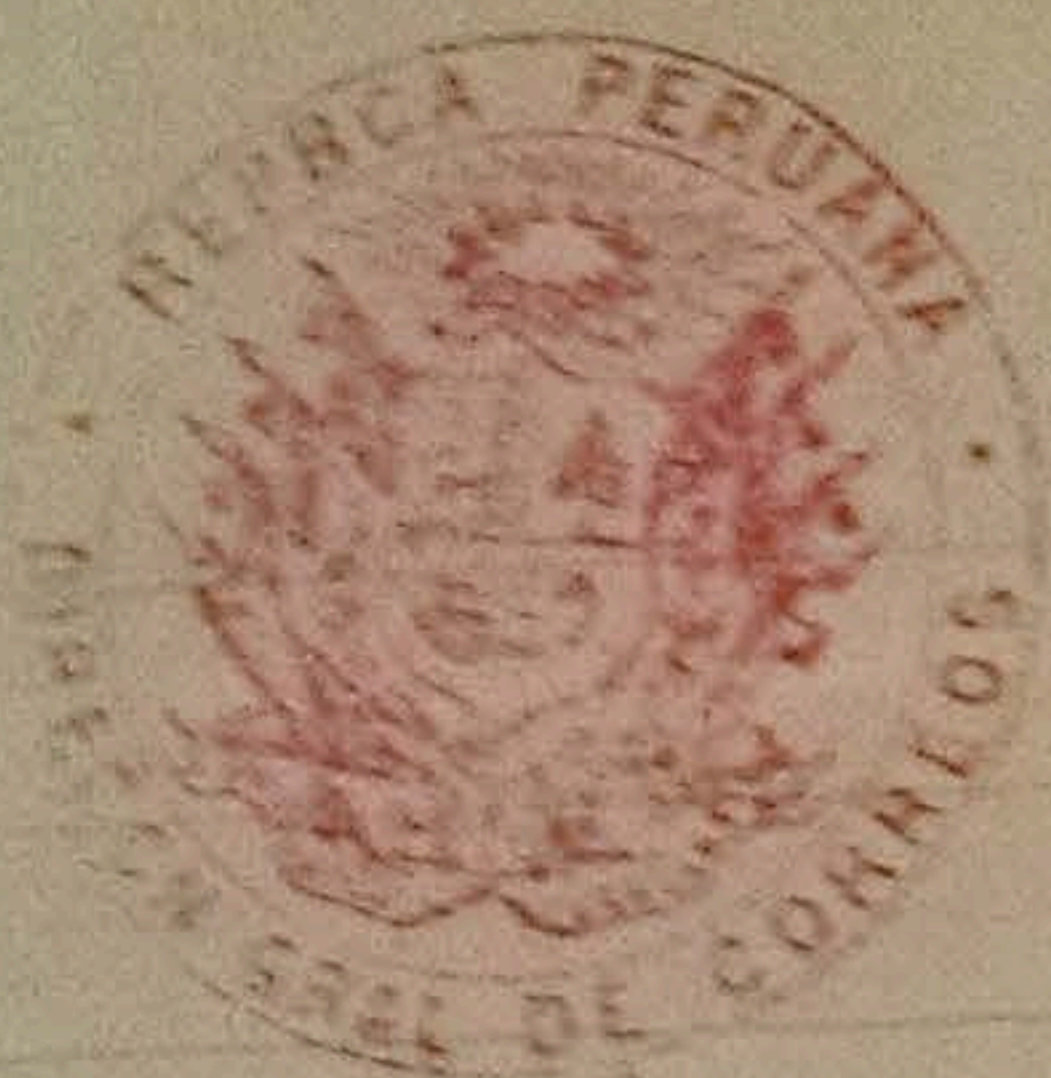
muestra representada, es de £ 3031.9.3<sup>d</sup>  
cuya fecha media el 22 de Setiembre de  
1880 contra cuya suma hay que dedu-  
cir las 6 entregas de £ 500 plata efectua-  
das por una Direccion desde Enero del  
presente año y representando en conjun-  
to £ 4972.7<sup>d</sup>.

Mover de que en el citado extrac-  
to de Cuenta Corriente hemos hecho cono-  
cer que las £ 3031.9.3<sup>d</sup> al débito de esa  
Direccion son valor 22 de Setbre 1880,  
observara V<sup>o</sup> que no hemos hecho el car-  
go correspondiente por intereses, que re-  
presenta, al 7% al año por 1384 dias, la  
suma no pequeña de £ 815.16/-!  
Al proceder en ese sentido cumplimos  
con instrucciones recibidas ultimamente  
de la American Bank Note Company  
la que, al acompañarnos copia de su  
carta dirigida a V<sup>o</sup>, por su Presiden-  
te bajo fecha 19 de Mayo último y en  
contestacion a la particular de V<sup>o</sup> de  
12 de Marzo del corriente año, nos ha-  
ce presente que tanto por el deseo de aten-  
der a las razones expuestas por V<sup>o</sup>, cuan-  
to como muestra de la particular esti-  
macion que a V<sup>o</sup> dispensa la Compa-  
nia, esta dispuesta a condonar todo  
cargo por intereses en la inteligencia  
de que el saldo del principal que aún  
adunda esa Direccion sea cancelado  
en su totalidad a mas tardar dentro  
de 3 meses de la fecha lo cual no du-  
damos se esforzara V<sup>o</sup> por cumplir

con tanta mas razon cuanto que la economia de la suma que representan esos intereses va muy lejos hacia compensar cualquier sacrificio que tuviera que hacer esa Direccion para saldar el principal dentro del plazo citado. —

Nos es muy grato aprovechar esta oportunidad para repetirnos una vez mas de Ud. Sr Director,  
Sus muy attos y Sd.

= Firmado = Prevost & Co  
Agentes de la American Bank Note Co



Lima, Agosto 8 de 1884.

ENTERED  
11/26

Señor A. G. Goddall.  
Presidente de la C. Americana de  
Billetes de Banco.  
Nueva York.

Muy Señor mío:

Poco tiempo después de haber tomado posesión de las oficinas del Ramo en esta Capital los empleados del Correo Militar del Ejército de Chile, sorprendieron el local particular en que se hallaba depositada una gran existencia de libros y útiles de los que esa Compañía me remitió en conformidad con los pedidos que al efecto se hicieron.

Por esto, y haciendo uso de la generosa oferta que contiene su apreciable carta de 19 de Mayo último, me es preciso á pedirle la remisión de los útiles cuyo empleo es estrictamente necesario; al efecto he puesto, con esta fecha, en manos de los Sres. Prevost y C<sup>ta</sup> una factura y una nota por la que solicito la fabricación de Estampillas de franqueo de los tipos de 1-2-5-50-y 100-centavos. Como Ud. notará he variado únicamente los colores de los que hoy existen en uso para evitar los perjuicios que el Ramo pudiera sufrir en sus intereses, á causa de existir en poder de particulares muchas estampillas de las que fueron tomadas por fuerzas chilenas durante su ocupación militar.

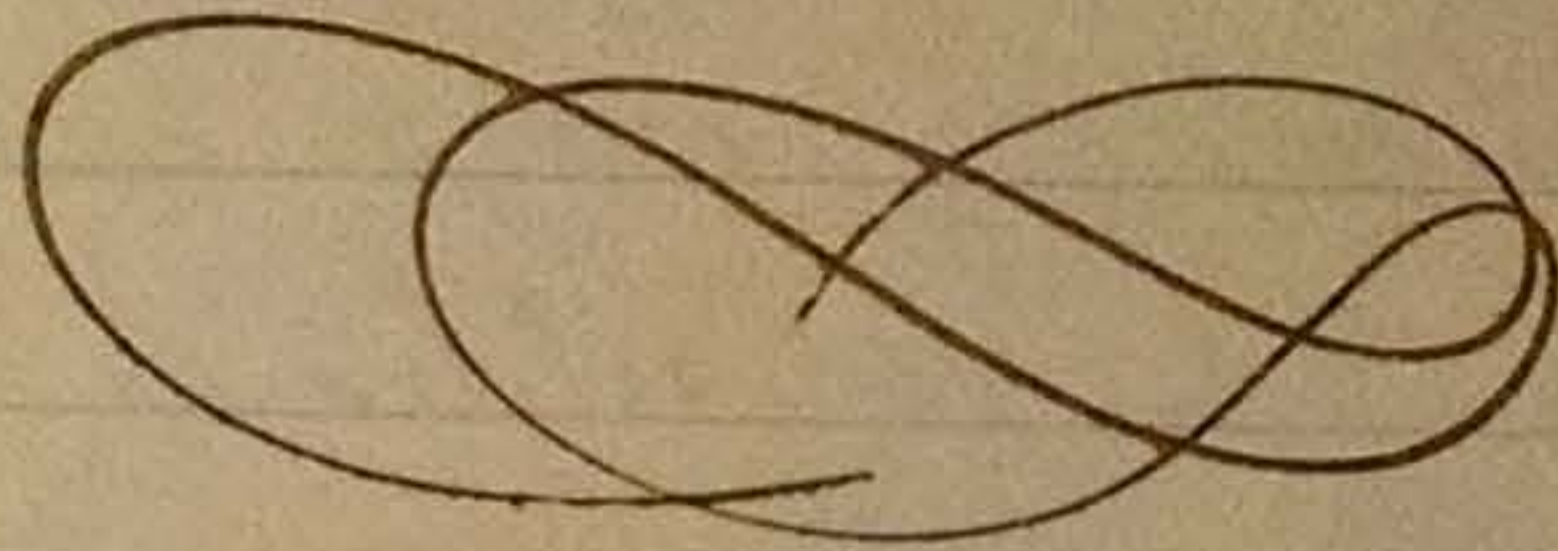
Convencido del interés que en favor del Ramo ha demostrado siempre esa Compañía, así como del

loable desprendimiento que encierra su atento oficio de  
19 de Mayo ya citado, me acompaña la idea de que los pe-  
didos que las circunstancias que dejó anotadas, me impelen á  
practicar, merecerán la favorable acéfida que siempre  
ha dispensado á la Direccion de mi cargo pareuformen-  
te, durante el tiempo que ha estado bajo mi autoridad.

Con este motivo me es grato reiterar á U.  
las consideraciones con que me es satisfactorio suscribir-  
me de U.

Atento y Seguro Servidor.

Juan P. de O. Munoz



Copia

Lima, Agosto 8 del 884

Mrs Prevost y Cia Agentes Generales  
de la Cia de Billetes de Banco de Nueva York, pte

Muy Sr Mios

Viendo una amenaza continua  
a los intereses del Ramo que dirige el uso de las  
Estampillas que se emplean hoy para el fran-  
-queo de la correspondencia pública por existir  
-grandes cantidades de estas en poder de parti-  
-culares con motivo de los acontecimientos de  
-la guerra, me veo precisado a efectuar un  
-cambio completo de colores a fin de evitar los  
-males que puedan sobrevenir — Para  
-lograr este objeto me es grato acompañar a la  
-presente una nota de las cantidades, tipos y  
-colores que con mayor urgencia se hace necesario  
-emitir a la circulación. —

Persuadido del interés que  
-siempre han dispensado Vds al Ramo de mi  
-cargo, así como de la bondadosa aceptación que  
-a todos sus pedidos ha hecho la Cia de Billetes  
-de Banco de Nueva York que tan dignamente  
-representan Vds en esta Capital expongo que  
-la orden adjunta sea favorecida con la

atencion acostumbrada.

Desearo a la posible brevedad proceder a retirar de circulacion las Estampillas del tipo de Cinco Centavos,uego a Uds se diran solicitar de la expresada Compañia, la impresion de las de este tipo con preferencia a las otras.

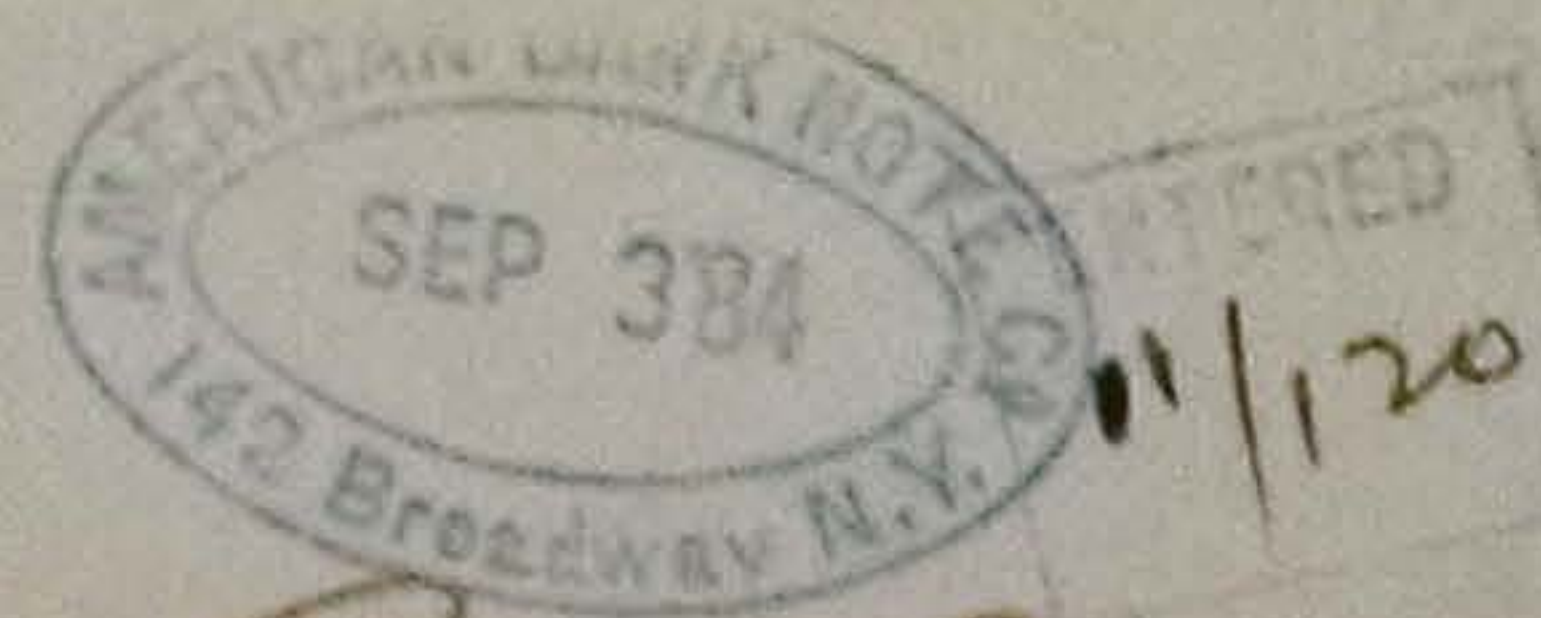
Aprovecho esta oportunidad para reiterar a Uds mis Consideraciones

Dios que a N. S. C.

Firmado / Francisco de S. Muñoz

En  
Cienfuegos  
Oct 13 1884  
Cienfuegos

Aug 9/1895



Order to be executed by the American Bank Note Co.  
for acct. of La Direccion General de Correos del Peru

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1.000.000.	Postage stamps un centavo, lilac tint
1000.000.	- do - dos centavos, green tint
2.000.000	- do - cinco centavos, yellow tint
200.000	- do - cincuenta centavos, red tint
200.000	- do - un sol, brown tint

Shipment by steamer via Panama  
covering marine insurance and  
under B/Lading to address of Revost  
& Co. -

Copia

Lima, Agosto 11 del 1884

Dios Prevost y Cia Agentes Grates  
de la Cia de Billetes de Banco de Nueva York.  
Pte.

Muy D<sup>o</sup> Mios,

Procediendo la Direccion de mi cargo conforme a las prescripciones del Reglamento General, ha solicitado siempre la compra por mayor de los libros y utiles para el Servicio de sus oficinas pues este medio proporciona tanto la economia en el costo de ellos, como la exactitud en la especial forma que los libros deben tener para sus diversas aplicaciones. —

Careciendo hoy de los expresados tiles en razon de que las existencias que tenian en deposito para llenar sus necesidades fueron tomadas por los empleados de Correos del Ejercito de Chile, me veo precisado a solicitar de la Comp<sup>a</sup> de Billetes de Banco de Nueva York y Cia que se hacen indispensables para atender al Servicio y con tal objeto me permito acompañar a la presente la factura de utiles y los modelos convenientes para el rayado de los libros que deben remitirse. —

Confiando en la bondadosa acogida que siempre han dado Vds a todos los pedidos que ha hecho la Direccion de mi cargo y el interes que se han dignado tomar a fin de que estos llenen las aspiraciones de ella, me hace esperar que el presente sera atendido con su acostumbrada benevolencia, sirviendose recomendar a la Compa que tan dignamente representan en esta Capital, su remision tan pronto como sea posible —

Con este motivo me es grato ofrecer a Vds mis respetos

(firmado) Francisco de S. Muñoz

Recibido en la Direccion de la Compa de Seguros de San Pedro de Nolasco el 13 de Mayo de 1882



Lima, 13<sup>th</sup> August 1884

ENTERED  
11/120

PREVOST & Co  
Casilla 9.

American Bank Note Co  
New York.

Gentlemen,

Since addressing you on 9<sup>th</sup> ulto, we have not had the pleasure of again hearing from you.

We herein accompany for your reference a copy of the communication which we addressed the Director General de Correos on 10<sup>th</sup> ulto, expressing to him the terms on which, as your Agents, and in accordance with your instructions, we were willing to accept the adjustment of the heavy indebtedness of the Department to your good selves. You will observe that we therein make reference to the delivery of all the stamps in our possession (to which allusion was made in our last letter to you) also that we lay great stress on the sacrifice to which you have been subjected, and which, we add, ought to be compensated by a prompt final settlement of all the old outstanding. We fear however, in spite of our efforts, that it will not be easy to get Señor Abunoz to do more than, to pay us 500 every month as he has lately been doing, for, not only are the revenues of the Department very meagre, but he has also, so far, failed in disposing of the unserviceable stamps to collectionists. He may be successful in this connection yet, nevertheless, as he is addressing parties in your city and in Europe on the subject, and we do not fail to push him, as much as we can, towards his using every effort


to get an extraordinary revenue from this source.

Enclosed you will find our list of exchange @ 10% on 10000  
D de Castro to your order for \$ 650.62, which, as shown in the  
statement likewise accompanying, cancels our recoveries from  
Señor Abuñoz on your account, since date of our last advices.

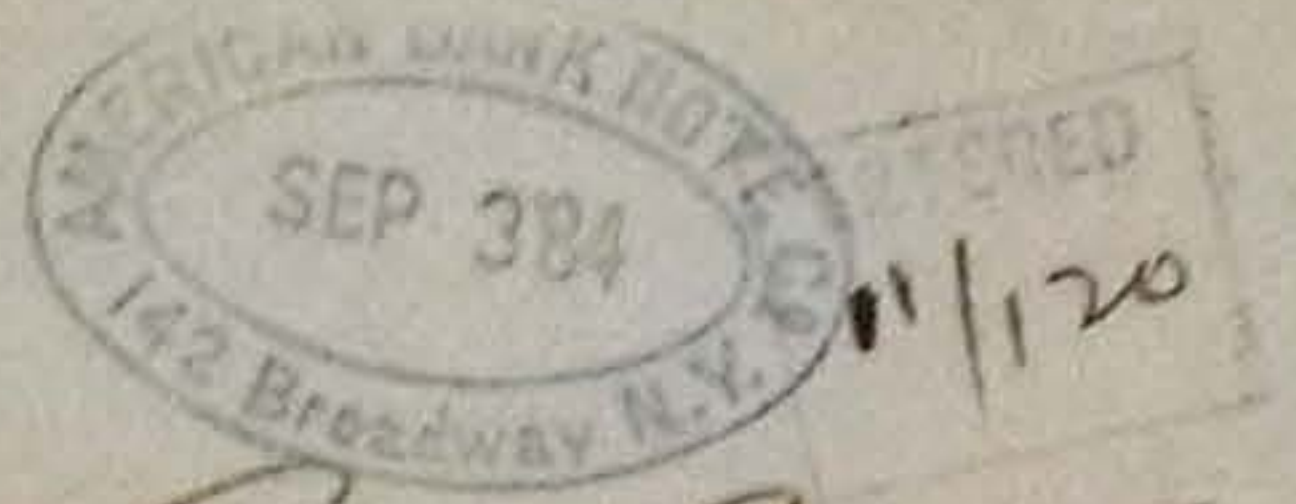
We further accompany two orders, which this gentleman  
has placed in our hands for execution, through your good-  
relves, and which we have been unable to avoid taking. Both  
so fully explain themselves that it is needless for us to do more  
than to refer you thereto for all necessary particulars. In  
the order for stationery, which is also accompanied with sam-  
ples of the books and papers asked for, you will observe that  
we shall be satisfied if the prices on your invoices cover a  
nett commission of only 2 1/4% for us. You should however,  
considering the probable delay to accrue in the recovery, further  
overcharge them so as to provide, for, say one years interest on  
your cash outlay.

We remain, Gentlemen,

Your obed<sup>t</sup>: Servants,

Prevast 

Handwritten notes in the left margin, including a large 'C' and some illegible scribbles.



all 9/18/85  
Order to be executed by the American Bank Note Co.  
for acc<sup>t</sup> of La Direccion General de Correos del Peru

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Shipment by steamer via Panama  
covering marine insurance and  
under B/Lading to address of Prevost  
& Co. -

Invoice cost to cover a commission  
of 10% in favor of Prevost & Co. -  
Lima, August 13<sup>th</sup> 1884  
Prevost & Co.

Copy is further accompanied, for your reference,  
the letter of the Direccion General handing us  
the aforementioned order. -

Lima, October 8th, 1884

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We have read to the Director General de Correos your remarks in reference to payment of the orders now under execution and to the necessity of his effecting such at once, independently of his monthly deliveries against the old standing indebtedness. He has promised to meet your views in this connection, specially as regards the order for stationery.

In accordance with your request we are cablegraphing to you after consulting with the Director General as follows:

"Omit legend"

which you will understand to mean that the second printing in black referred to in your favor under reply is to be omitted in the stamps for the Universal Postal Union now under execution.

Enclosed please find statement of account, embracing our last recovery from the Post Office Department, balanced with first of exchange at sight, likewise accompanying, for \$235.24 to your order on Messrs. D. de Castro & Co. of your city.