

Lima, March 19, 1887

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

POST OFFICE Mr. Munoz is complaining very much of bad times and says some time will have to elapse before he can make another payment on account of the balance due you. It appears that he thinks that you are not very pressing for an early settlement and that we urge him more than necessary; it would greatly facilitate our action if you would drop him a few lines direct supporting our demand for prompt payment.

Lima, April 2, 1887

Extract from PREVOST & CO.'s letter

Original filed in ^{them} ~~Peru Bank Note~~
Packet

POST OFFICE We are obliged for the statement you hand us, showing how this account how this account stands on your books. We hope you will soon address Mr. Munoz direct urging him for a prompt settlement of the old debt of the Post Office. Such a letter will greatly assist us in our endeavors to bring this account to an early settlement.

Lima, May 13, 1887

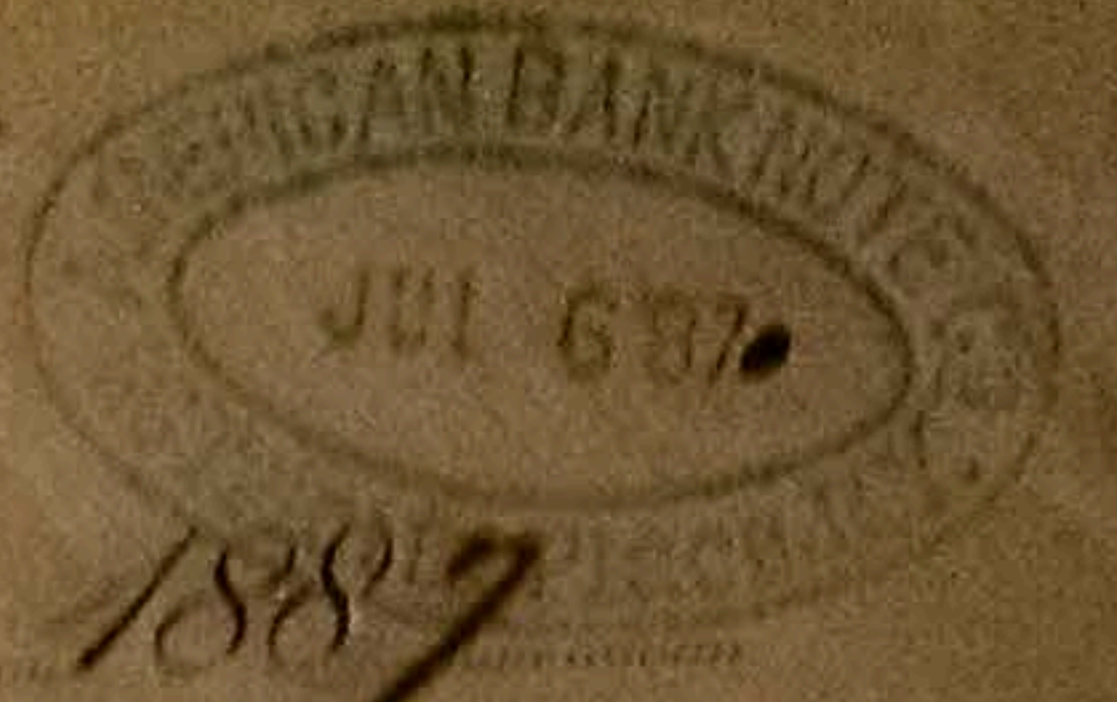
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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT We are much pleased to see that you have addressed Mr. Munoz in the proposed manner, which doubtless will assist us much in the difficult task of closing this old account. Mr. Munoz has promised to make soon another payment, especially as he is obliged to give a new order for books, etc.

OST & Co
No 276

Lima May 30th 1887

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

500,000. Five hundred thousand postage stamps of (diez centavos denomination) of shape as del size and color precisely similar to and accompanying sample.

Shipment by steamer, via Panama, under Bill of Lading to order of Henry S. Prevost.

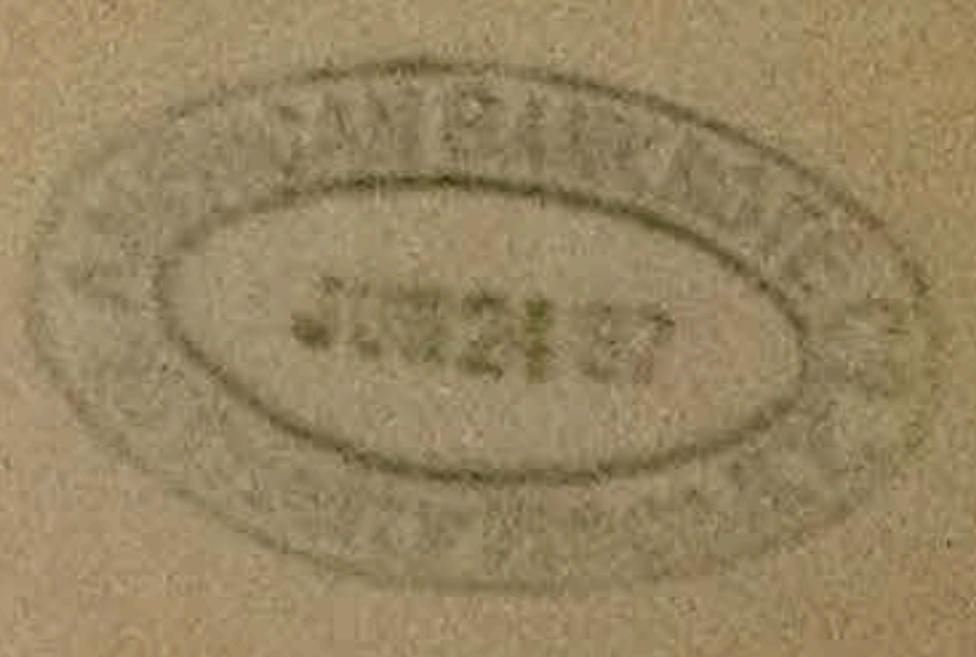
Commission & Repayment under usual conditions.

Lima, May 30, 1887

Prevost & Co
in list.



DIRECCION GENERAL
CORREOS del PERU.



Lima, Mayo 31 de 1857

No.

Señor

N 112

Con particular atencion he lido su muy
estimable carta de 20 de Abril del presente año relati-
va al pago de las cuentas que tiene la Compania de
la digna presidencia de U. contra la Direccion Gnal.
de mi cargo.

Numerosas causas, Señor Presidente, han
impedido que este Despacho cancelara, como era de su
propósito, dichas cuentas en el año 86.

Aparte de los considerables tropiezos que
se ha visto precisado a vencer el Correo para reorga-
nizar sus servicios en toda la Republica, despues de
los violentos contrastos que sufriera durante la ultima
guerra con Chile y los posteriores acontecimientos po-
liticos, - aparte de esta circunstancia, que naturalmente
se ha privado a la Renta de mayores ingresos, obligán-
dola a practicar no pocos descuentos; en este ultimo
año, ha sufrido un quebranto no menor serio con mo-
tivo de la aparicion del cólera - en su caracter epi-
demico - hacia el Sur de America, en las Republicas
del Plata y Chile.

En efecto, Señor Presidente, la enunciada

Señor Presidente de la
American Bank Note Company
Bot. J. Macdonough - New York

epidemia ha obligado a nuestro Gobierno, a adoptar muy estrictas medidas precautorias para impedir su propagacion en nuestro litoral; siendo una de ellas la interdiccion completa por tierra y mar con las antedichas Repùblicas.

Como consecuencia, la Compañia Inglesa de Vapores ha suprimido el mayor número de los viajes que antes hacian éstos - lo cual ha causado una marcada disminucion de la correspondencia pública, y, por lo tanto, de los ingresos del Ramo que sólo cuenta con los derechos de franqueto para sostener sus crecidas e inaplazables obligaciones; entre los que ha considerado siempre, como de los primeros los contraidos con la "American Bank Note Company".

Buena prueba de ello es, Señor Presidente, que sin embargo de tan lamentable y difícil estado de cosas, el Correo ha satisfecho, con relativa religiosidad, a esa Compañia, en mesadas proporcionadas, la suma de mil seiscientos doce libras - un chelin - un penique; restándole solo la de mil ochenta y tres libras - quince chelines - nueve peniques.

He ofrecido, además, a los Sres. Prevost y C^{as}, de esta plaza, abonar en la presente semana el pequeño saldo que se adeuda por la última factura de útiles que proporcionó esa Compañia al Correo; y en mérito de las poderosas razones aducidas por U. en la comunicacion que contesto, estoy decidido a pagar los pedidos de este género que en lo sucesivo se hagan, - aprovechando de su atento ofrecimiento, - tan luego como se reciban en esta capital.

No concluiré sin manifestar a U. que

La Direccion de mi cargo tiene fundadas espe-
ranzas de que una vez que se lleve á efecto la aper-
tura de los puertos del Sur, lo que sucederá muy pro-
to en virtud de haber desaparecido ya la epidemia
del Cólera, el Correo entrará de nuevo en una vida
normal, permitiéndole así sus entradas en una pro-
porcion en que pueda cubrir, sin interrupciones,
sus compromisos; lo cual me deja aguardar que en
el año que cursa quedará cancelado en su totali-
dad el resto de la antigua cuenta que el Ramo
adeuda á esa Compañia.

Honroso me es contestar en los precedentes
términos la apreciable comunicacion á que he hecho
referencia al comienzo de la presente.

Dios que á V.

S. P.

Francisco J. Muro

Dirección General de Correos del Perú.

Lima May 31st 1887.

Sir,

I have read with particular attention your favor of April 20th of the present year regarding the payment of the amounts which your Company holds against the Department of my charge.

Many causes, Mr President, have prevented this Department from cancelling, as it intended, these bills during the year 1886.

Aside from the many difficulties which the Post Office has been forced to surmount in order to reorganize its service throughout the Republic, after the violent crisis it passed through during the late war with Chili, and succeeding political events; aside from these causes which have deprived it of increased income and obliging it to disburse large sums; during this last year it has also suffered great loss through the appearance of the cholera, in an epidemic form, in the southern republics of La Plata and Chili.

In effect the epidemic has forced our Government to adopt the strictest precautions against the propagation of the disease in this country; one of them being the absolute cutting of communication by sea or land of these Republics. with this As a result of this the English Steamship Company has suppressed the greater portion of their trips which had

caused a most marked diminution in public correspondence and for the time being the income of the Department which is derived from the postage sales has been insufficient to pay its large and pressing obligations amongst which it has always considered as the most important those incurred to the American Bank Note Company.

A good proof of this is, Mr President, the fact that notwithstanding this deplorable state of affairs, the Post Office has religiously paid to your Company, in monthly instalments, the sum of one thousand, six hundred and twelve Pounds. one shilling and one penny there remaining to be paid only one thousand and eighty. three Pounds. fifteen shillings and nine pence.

I have also offered Mess Prevost & Co to pay them during the current week, the small amount which is due for the last invoice of office utensils and stationery which your Company sent to this Post Office, and in view of the powerful reasons expressed by yourself in the communication which I now answer I have determined to pay for the orders of this kind which we may send to you in the future, availing ourselves of your kind offer, as soon as they shall be received in this City.

I can not conclude without remarking, that the Department of my charge has well founded hopes that as soon as the Southern parts shall once more be open which will soon happen from the disappearance of the cholera; the Post Office will once more resume its