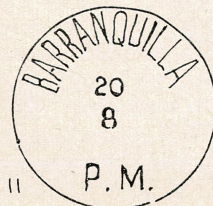
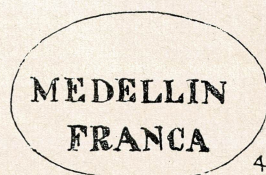
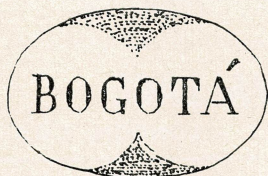


# Early Postmarks of Latin America

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## COLOMBIA (Period 1859-1883)

Stanley Gibbons, who refer to Colombia as "this interesting country", record that "the early issues were mostly cancelled with pen and ink as hand-stamps were furnished to very few places".

Herein lies the reason for the small range of postmarks.

DUMB cancellations are very few: *Fig. 12* in black and *Fig. 13* in scarlet are two examples.

TOWN cancels predominate and these are generally contained in a single-line oval. BOGOTA employed at least three types, viz.: *Fig. 1*—1859 issue, in black; *Fig. 5*—1865-70 issue, in black; *Fig. 6*—1868-70 issue, in black: also in blue.

For MEDELLIN (*Fig. 4*) and [SANTA-MARTA, among other towns, and on the 5 cent Registration stamp of 1865, the cancellation is known in blue. VELEZ (*Fig. 3*) in black and blue is typical of several towns.

BARBACOAS (*Fig. 7*), BUCARAMANCA and other towns used this cancellation together with *Fig. 10*.

COLOMBIA (*Fig. 8*) in purple is found on 1883 issues.

COLON (*Fig. 9*) in blue, was used in PANAMA when Panama was part of Colombia.

BARRANQUILLA (*Fig. 11*) in circle is found in black.

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