

Early Postmarks of Latin America

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PIURA

FIG. 1

JAUJA

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HUANCAYO

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TARMA

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CALLAO
NOV 12
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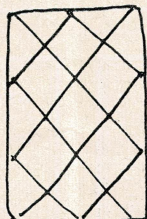
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TACNA
7
SEP
1860

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YQUIQUE
14
AGO
1873
PERU

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12



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PUNO

14

PUTINA
[Illustration of a llama]

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VAPOR

16

CALLAO
VAPOR

17

PERU (Period 1858-1871)

Pre-stamp covers of Peru are scarce, and, when found usually carry the name "PERU" in capital letters of several types. They are nearly always struck in red. The word FRANCA occurs upon them sometimes, usually in black.

Later, town cancellations, cut by the respective postmasters, came into use and these are found on the first adhesive stamps: PIURA, JAUJA, HUANCAYO, etc. (Figs. 1, 2, 3).

Subsequent to these came the town name in small capitals, usually abbreviated for places with more than five letters in the name, surrounded by a three-ring oval of dots (Fig. 4).

The circular date-stamp followed (Figs. 5, 6, 7). Of these there is an extensive range in a variety of types and sizes.

"DUMB" cancellations number only about 20, LIMA (Fig. 8), a five-pointed star (Fig. 9), flower-like cancels (Figs. 10, 11, 12, 13) among them.

"FANCY"-Town cancels are numerous, e.g. PUNO (Fig. 14) and PUTINA (Fig. 15).

This is the last article of this popular series introducing the early postmarks of Latin America. The earlier articles are still available (at the moment) as follows: **Argentine** (Jan. 8th); **Bolivia** (Jan. 22nd); **Brazil** (Feb. 12th); **Colombia** (April 2nd); **Costa Rica** (April 23rd); **Guatemala** (May 21st); **Mexico** (June 11th); **Nicaragua** (June 18th). Single articles can be supplied at 1s. post free, or the set of eight for 7s.6d.

"SHIP" cancellations, usually a hand-stamped VAPOR, sometimes with the name of the town, can be found in wide variety (Figs. 16, 17).

For an authoritatively complete list of all known postmarks and offices, collectors are referred to "Perou, Oblitérations Postales" by Georges Lamy & Jacques-Andre Rinck, published in 1960.