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**AN UNREPORTED SCOTT 8 LIBERTY COVER WITH ESCUINTLA LARGE NUMERAL 14**

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This cover bears the ½ real 1875 Liberty issue which was printed by the Columbian Bank Note Co. and issued on April 15, 1875. Four covers franked with this stamp and used to pay the interior rate as intended are listed in *Guatemala 1* (“G1”)<sup>1</sup>. A search of *El Quetzal*, including specifically ‘Project Cover Log’, did not disclose any additions to the four covers described in G1.



The cancels are all genuine and appropriate to the cover’s use. The cover is cancelled Escuintla Jun 22, 1877 by cancel CDT 8, which postmark was in use from 1875-82, and addressed to San Juan Ostuncalco which is a small town west of Quezaltenango. The reverse has a Correos de Guatemala / Paquettes transit postmark, CDT 4, which marking omitted the year indication subsequent to 1876.



The stamp is cancelled with a large numeral ‘14’ and this now verifies that Escuintla was assigned that numeral cancel. All sources including *Postal Markings of Guatemala* indicate