

PUERTO PRÍNCIPE

1898 - 99



INTRODUCTION

Since August 1898, US troops took possession of many cities on the island of Cuba as a result of the Spanish-Cuban-American War. US troops occupied the town of Puerto Principe (today Camagüey) on November 24, 1898. Due to the need for communication by mail, Brigadier General R. Carpenter, the local commander of the United States, authorized the making of a provisional issue of postage stamps to meet the needs of the public since they had automatically taken out of circulation the last of the issues of the Spanish metropolis. For this purpose, low denomination stamps from the Spanish Cuba issues of Alfonso XIII of 1896 and 1898 were surcharged. The stamps were typographically surcharged in strips of five using a "Gordon" pedal machine in the "*Las Dos Repúblicas*" newspaper office. The stamps were officially valid from December 19, 1898, until January 22, 1899, when the American stamps authorized for use in Cuba were received. *Their ephemeral period of use and their short print run make these stamps true jewels of Cuban philately.*

OBJECTIVES

Demonstrate the existence of a provisional issue authorized by the US intervening authorities using stamps of the Spanish administration for use in Cuba. Show the ephemeral use of this issue through fragments and one letter, as well as study the postmarks used. Identify the position of the stamps in the strip of 5 through the specific typographic characteristics that the overprints have.

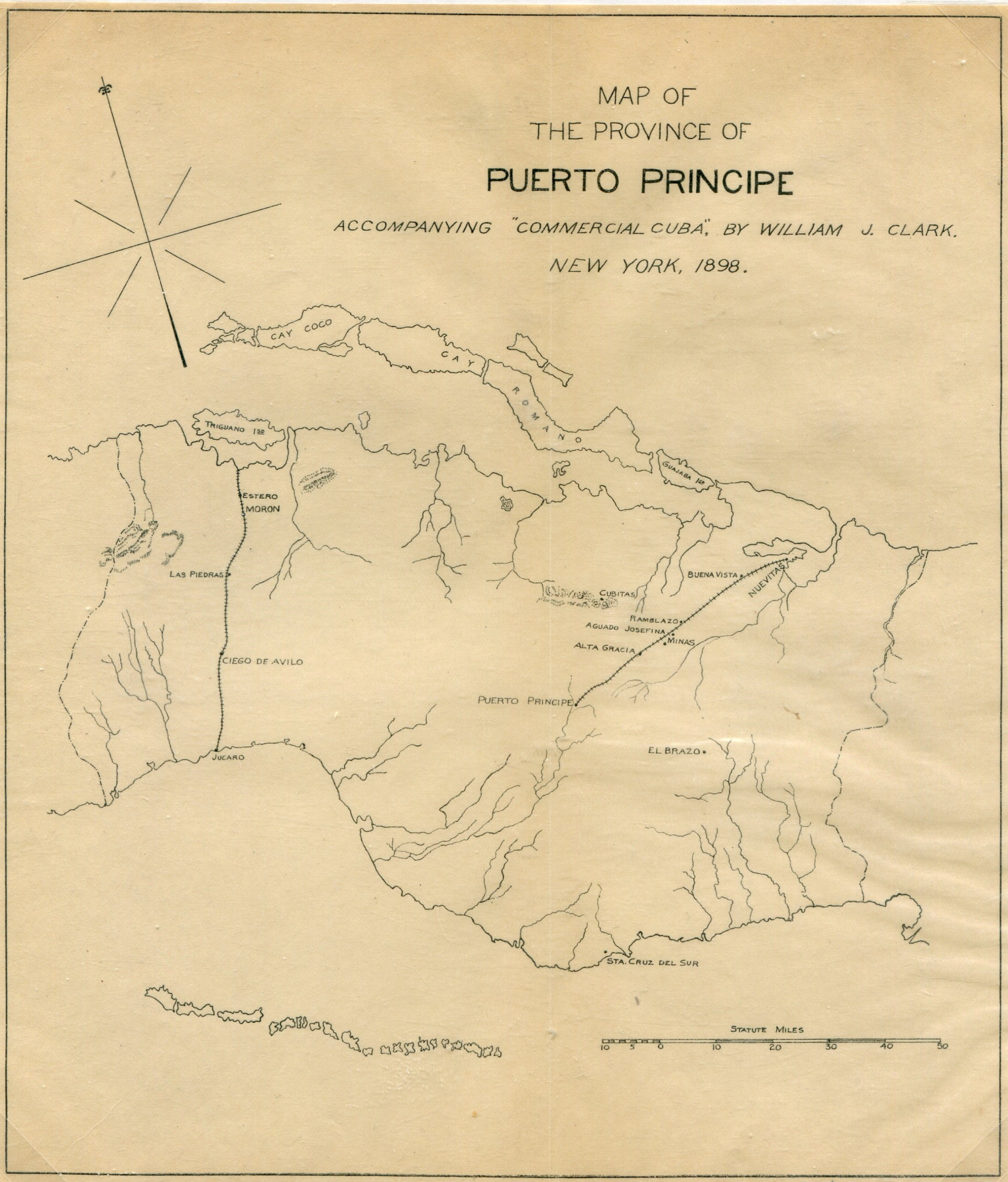
STRUCTURE

This collection has been divided into 5 parts, each of which covers one of the 5 different issues that were made to overload the stamps that make up this issue, studying each of these issues stamp by stamp.

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Original 1898 Lithograph Cuba Caribbean Map Province Puerto Príncipe.



The Puerto Principe Provisional Issues were used solely in the towns of Puerto Principe, Minas del Principe, Nuevitas and Santa Cruz del Sur.

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

1c. on 1m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
1	1	1	1	1
cent.	cent.	cent.	cent.	cent.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. There are not defects
3. C of cent: Fault impression at left side
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge

17 ½ mm. high

Dull black Ink

First Printing

Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.

Orange Brown

1898 Issue

*Complete Setting of Five in Strip*

HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge

17 ½ mm. high

Dull black Ink

First Printing

Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.

Orange Brown

1898 Issue



Complete Setting of Five in two blocks

Strip of three, pos 1, 2 & 3 and a Pair, pos 4 & 5.

HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

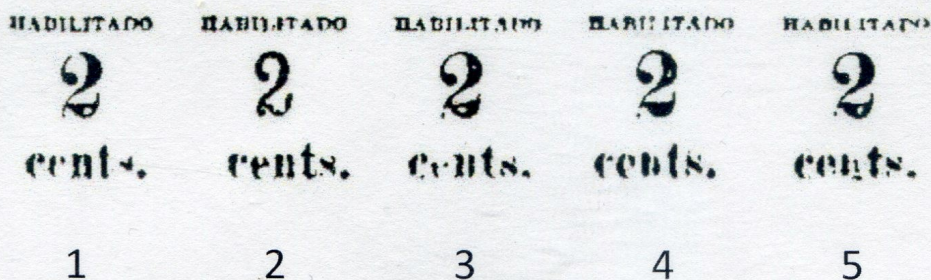
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Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



Complete Mint Set of five individual positions.



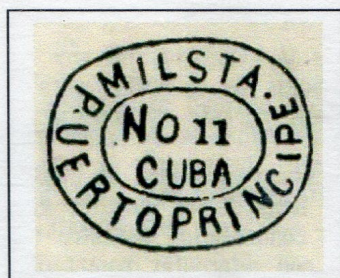
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4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
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Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
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First Printing
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2c. on 2m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge

17 ½ mm. high

Dull black Ink

First Printing

Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.

Orange Brown

1898 Issue



HABILITADO

2

cents.

1

HABILITADO

2

cents.

2

HABILITADO

2

cents.

3

HABILITADO

2

cents.

4

HABILITADO

2

cents.

5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
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C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

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Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
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Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

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Dull black Ink

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Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



Fragment with Puerto Príncipe and US Administration stamps.

Only a hand full of this type of combination have survived.

HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue

Inverted Surcharge



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

3c. on 3m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

3c. on 3m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

3c. on 3m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO HABILITADO HABILITADO HABILITADO HABILITADO
3 3 3 3 3
cents. cents. cents. cents. cents.

1 2 3 4 5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

3c. on 3m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge

17 ½ mm. high

Dull black Ink

First Printing

Dec. 19. 1898

3c. on 3m.

Orange Brown

1898 Issue

Inverted Surcharge



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Dull black Ink

First Printing
Dec. 19. 1898

5c. on 5m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

3c. on 2m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on 1m, 2m, 5m
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on ½ m.
Blue Green
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on ½ m.
Blue Green
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on ½ m.
Blue Green
1896 Issue



HABILITADO

5

cents.

1

HABILITADO

5

cents.

2

HABILITADO

5

cents.

3

HABILITADO

5

cents.

4

HABILITADO

5

cents.

5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
17 ½ mm. high
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on ½ m.
Blue Green
1896 Issue

Inverted Surcharge



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Shiny Ink

Third Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

1c. on 1m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



Cover bearing Puerto Príncipe stamp of 1c over 1m, First Position orange brown, and 1c "CUBA" on 1c, yellow green sent New York from Puerto Príncipe, Cuba. On reverse, 1c Postage Due with date February 6th, 1899.

Rare and Unusual use after the January 23rd DEMONETIZATION.

Ex. Robertson, Yamil Kouri and Ernesto Cuesta.

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Shiny Ink

Third Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

1c. on 1m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
1	1	1	1	1
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke
2. Numeral 1: Broken
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
HABILITADO: Shift surcharge
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Shiny Ink

Third Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

1c. on 1m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue

Mixed Used third and fourth printing



1c. on 1m Position 1

5c. on 1c. Position 5

HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
1	1	1	1	1
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke
2. Numeral 1: Broken
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
HABILITADO: Shift surcharge
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Shiny Ink

Third Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

3c. on 1m.
Orange Brown
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. There are not defects
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
HABILITADO: Shift surcharge
4. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
C of Cents: Up-stroke broken
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Shiny Ink

Third Printing
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on ½ m.
Blue Green
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
HABILITADO: Shift surcharge
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Red Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing
Dec. 27. 1898

3c. on 1c.
Black Violet
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken
C of cents: Out of alignment

Puerto Príncipe

Red Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing
Dec. 27. 1898

5c. on 1c.
Black Violet
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken
C of Cents: Out of alignment

Puerto Príncipe

Red Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Softly Painted Ink

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5c. on 1c.
Black Violet
1898 Issue

Military Cancelations In Fragment

Pos. 1



Pos. 2



Pos. 2



Pos. 3

HABILITADO HABILITADO HABILITADO HABILITADO HABILITADO

5 5 5 5 5
cents. cents. cents. cents. cents.

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken
C of Cents: Out of alignment



Pos. 4 (left stamp) and Pos. 3 (right stamp)

All pieces.

Ex. Ignacio Prats,
Jack Thompson

Puerto Príncipe

Red Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing
Dec. 27. 1898

5c. on 1c.
Black Violet
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
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D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
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4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken
C of Cents: Out of alignment

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5c. on 1c.
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In Fragment



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken
C of Cents: Out of alignment

Puerto Príncipe

Red Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing
Dec. 27. 1898

5c. on 1c.
Black Violet
1898 Issue



HABILITADO

HABILITADO

HABILITADO

HABILITADO

HABILITADO

5

5

5

5

5

cents.

cents.

cents.

cents.

cents.

1

2

3

4

5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken
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C of Cents: Out of alignment

Puerto Príncipe

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Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing
Dec. 27. 1898

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Black Violet
1898 Issue



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Black Surcharge
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Shine Black Ink

Fifth Printing
Jan. 11, 1899

3c. on 1m.
Blue Green
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	eents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. E of Cents: Nick in the bottom
S of Cents: Lower serif broken
2. Numeral 3: Dot inside at lower
3. Eents instead of cents
A and O of HABILITADO: Full of ink at lower right side
4. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
D of HABILITADO: Broken
5. N of cents: Nick in upper part of right stroke

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Shine Black Ink

Fifth Printing
Jan. 11, 1899

3c. on 2m.
Blue Green
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	eents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. E of Cents: Nick in the bottom
S of Cents: Lower serif broken
2. Numeral 3: Dot inside at lower
3. Eents instead of cents
A and O of HABILITADO: Full of ink at lower right side
4. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
D of HABILITADO: Broken
5. N of cents: Nick in upper part of right stroke

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Shine Black Ink

Fifth Printing
Jan. 11, 1899

3c. on 3m.
Blue Green
1896 Issue



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3	3	3	3	3
cents.	cents.	eents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. E of Cents: Nick in the bottom
S of Cents: Lower serif broken
2. Numeral 3: Dot inside at lower
3. Eents instead of cents
A and O of HABILITADO: Full of ink at lower right side
4. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
D of HABILITADO: Broken
5. N of cents: Nick in upper part of right stroke

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge
19 ½ mm. high
Shine Black Ink

Fifth Printing
Jan. 11, 1899

5c. on 3m, 4m, 8m.
Blue Green
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	eents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

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S of Cents: Lower serif broken
2. There are not defects
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A and O of HABILITADO: Full of ink at lower right side
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