



Circulars franked with 25 c. de peseta stamps used as 12 1/2 c. de peseta. The top circular is dated at Santiago de Cuba on 19 April 1879 and is addressed to Manzanillo; the middle circular is dated at Havana on 1 April 1879 and is addressed to Puerto Príncipe; the bottom circular is dated at Havana on 10 September 1879 and is addressed within the city.

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YTABO cds and Oval Killer



Rare cds from the town of YTABO in Matanzas Province combined with an unusual oval killer of small crosses. The cover bears a 25c ultramarine stamp paying the single weight letter rate to the U.S. A magenta oval date stamp indicates routing through Habana.

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"CARTERIA DE LAS CAÑAS" CDS



Cover from Nuevitas in the province of Camagüey to the postal station at the "Paradero las Cañas", a train stop on the western railroad at the "Neptuno" sugar mill in the province of Habana. The cover was posted at Nuevitas 12 January 1879 with a 25 centésimos de peseta ultramarine stamp paying the single weight letter rate. A black CDS on the back of the cover shows transit through the city of Habana post office on January 14. A magenta "CARTERIA DE LAS CAÑAS" CDS was finally applied upon receipt at the postal station on the train stop at the "Neptuno" sugar mill. This last postal marking is extremely rare--probably unique.

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25 c. ultramarine



Pairs of 25 c. ultramarine stamps paying the single weight foreign letter rate on covers to Bordeaux, France. Both letters were routed via the United States as indicated by manuscript notations. The top cover bears a very rare "CUBA - V. E. UN. PARIS" cds.

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Bar cancels on 25 c. ultramarine



Black rectangular cancellations formed by 5 and 6 thick bars tying 25 centésimos de peseta ultramarine stamps to folded letters. The top letter was posted at Cienfuegos 3 February 1879 and should have paid 50 c. de pta. postage to the U.S. It has a New York receipt CDS of 12 February 1879 on the back, but no postage due marks. The bottom letter was also posted at Cienfuegos 13 July 1879 and correctly paid the single weight letter rate to Barcelona with two 25 c. de pta. stamps.

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CORREOS HABANA on 25c ultramarine



Purple and rose oval CORREOS HABANA date stamps on single weight letters franked with pairs of 25 centésimos de peseta ultramarine stamps. The top letter was routed via New York and London to Amsterdam and bears a red LONDON PAID 18 August 1879 transit CDS. The bottom letter was posted at Cienfuegos 3 April 1879 and was routed through Habana to New York.