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Surcharge Type "a" on 5 c.

Period after 5.



No period after 5



Period before .5

Large comma after 5,

Inverted surch.



Missing numeral 5 of surcharge



Genuine

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Counterfeit surch.
Altered year of CDS

Multiple surcharges

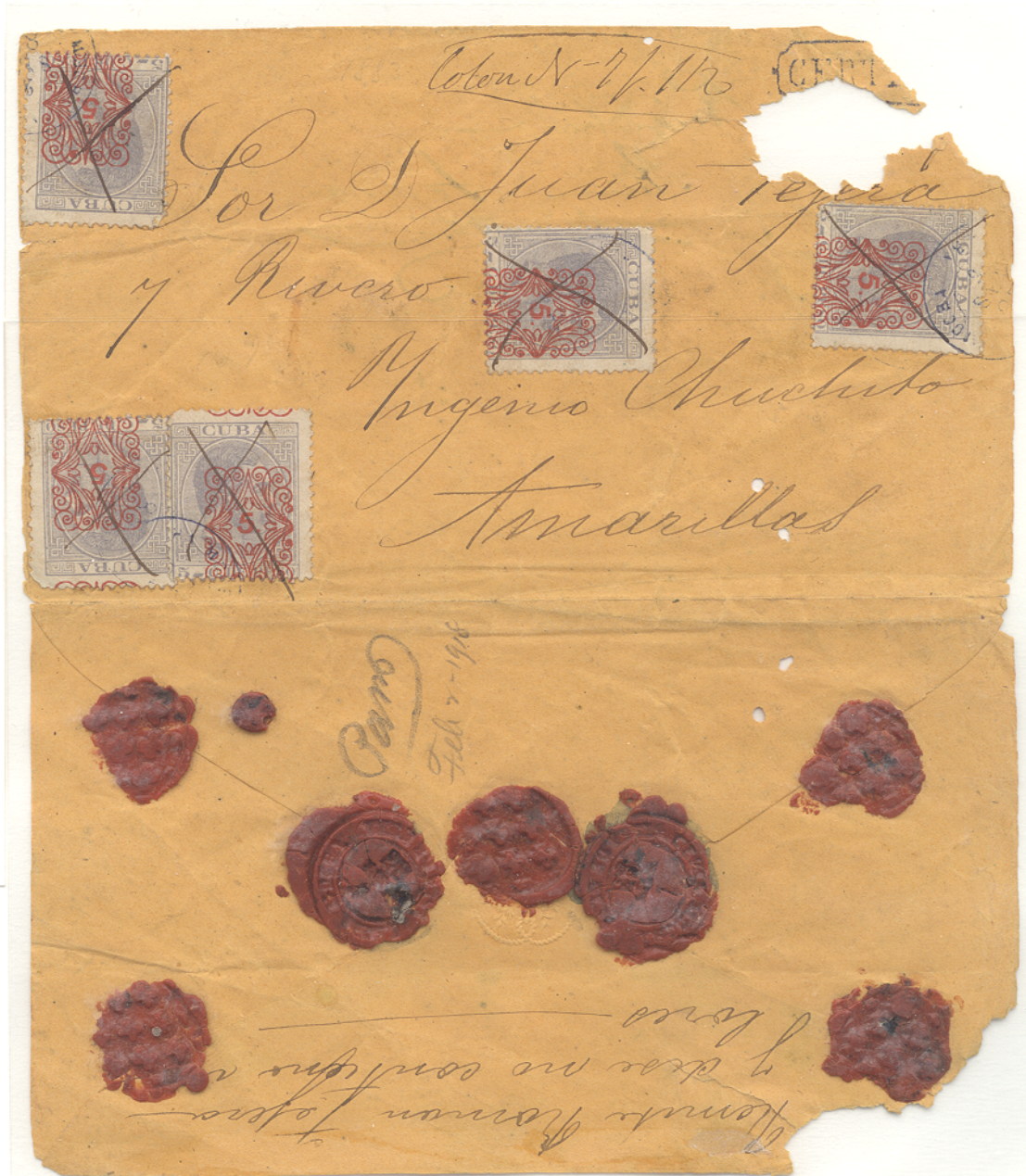


Genuine

Counterfeits

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5 c. surcharge type "a" on cover



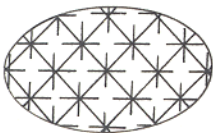
CERTIFICADO h.s.



CEIBA MOCHA c.d.s.



PARRILLA



Registered cover posted at Ceiba Mocha 2 September 1883 to Amarillas, both towns in the province of Matanzas. Postage was paid with 5c. type "a" surcharge stamps cancelled with pen cancellations and faint Ceiba Mocha blue CDSs. The cover bears a partial CERTIFICADO registry handstamp on the top right corner and was officially sealed on the back at the post office of origin with wax imprinted with the Ceiba Mocha CDS and a "parrilla" canceller. The sender stated on the back of the cover that it contained no valuables and the addressee signed it on the inside for use as a return receipt.