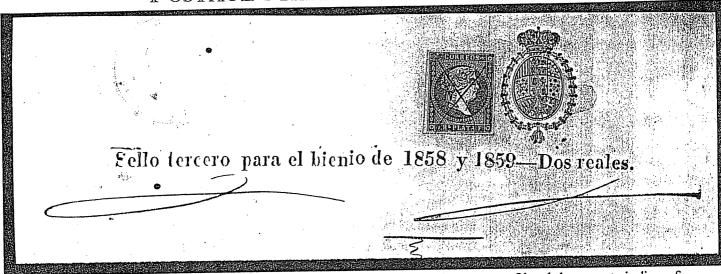
Cuba - Colonial Period Postage Stamps Used as Revenue



Postage stamps were used occasionally as revenue stamps on various types of legal documents in lieu of regular revenue stamps when these were not available. Official authorization for this usage in Cuba has not been identified, but it can be presumed that the use of regular postage stamps for such purposes was widely accepted whenever there were no regular revenue stamps available as a way to prevent delays in business transactions until the appropriate revenue stamps were available. The wide acceptance of the fiscal use of postage stamps in lieu of revenue stamps is amply demonstrated in this exhibit by the cancellation of these stamps by numerous governmental offices and businesses throughout many cities and towns in Cuba.

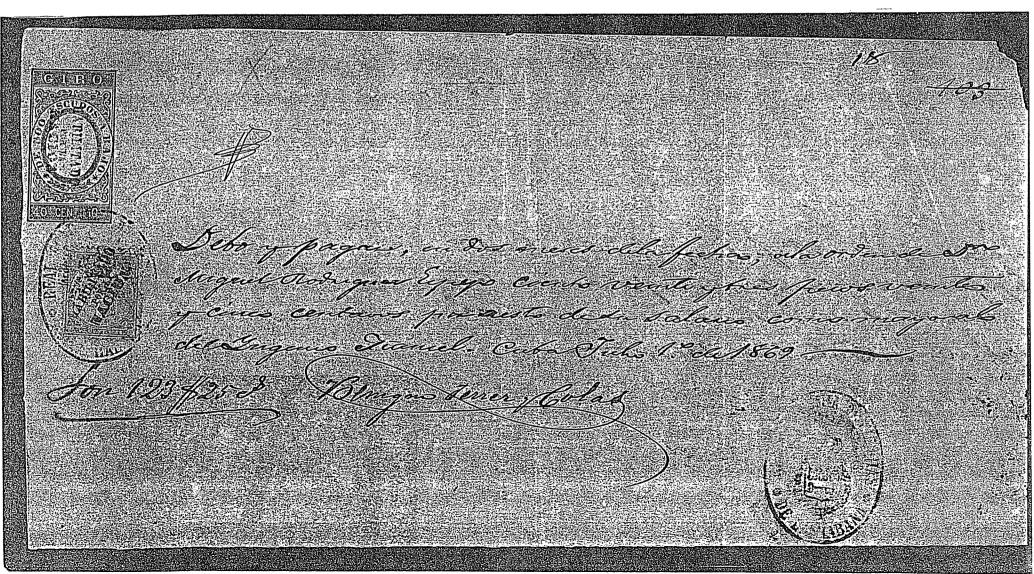
It is also to be noted that this revenue use of postage stamps started from the inception of the use of postage stamps in Cuba in 1855. Fiscal use of postage stamps is far rarer than postal use. This exhibit contains examples of the revenue use of postage stamps starting with the first issue of Cuban postage stamps and continues with examples of this use throughout the entire Spanish Colonial period. Their use is also widespread in all types of legal documents. This exhibit contains uses on receipts, identification papers, birth certificates, marriage licenses, wills, property titles, and all other sorts of business and legal transactions. Finally, the exhibit illustrates the various modes of canceling fiscally used stamps. There are numerous hand stamps from various government agencies and private businesses, but equally common is to find the stamps pen canceled with the signature or flourish of the person handling the transaction, the date of the transaction, a simple pen stroke, or no cancellation at all, just the stamp affixed to the legal document.

This is one of the most fascinating of Cuban philatelic specialties, not only because of the variety of uses and governmental and business cancellations, but primarily because of the enormous and widespread historical content of the documents on which these stamps were affixed. These documents provide a very personal looking glass into various aspects of Cuban society in the latter half of the 19th Century until the 1899.

This exhibit is presented chronologically by stamp issue.

40 CENT. Overprinted HABILITADO POR LA NACION

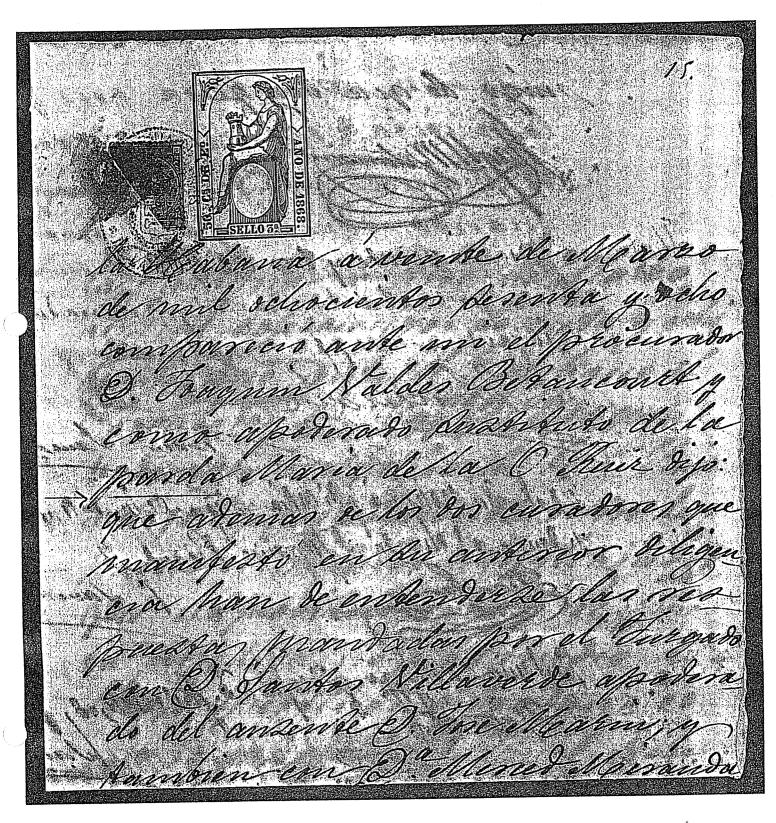
Used on a 40 C. Fiscal Paper also Overprinted HABILITADO POR LA NACION for an IOU. Document. This is the only Reported Example of any of the Four Values of the 1868 Overprinted Stamps Used either Postally or Fiscally.



10 C. Blue. Diagonal Used as 5 C. UNCATALOGUED

Used on a Notarized Affidavit

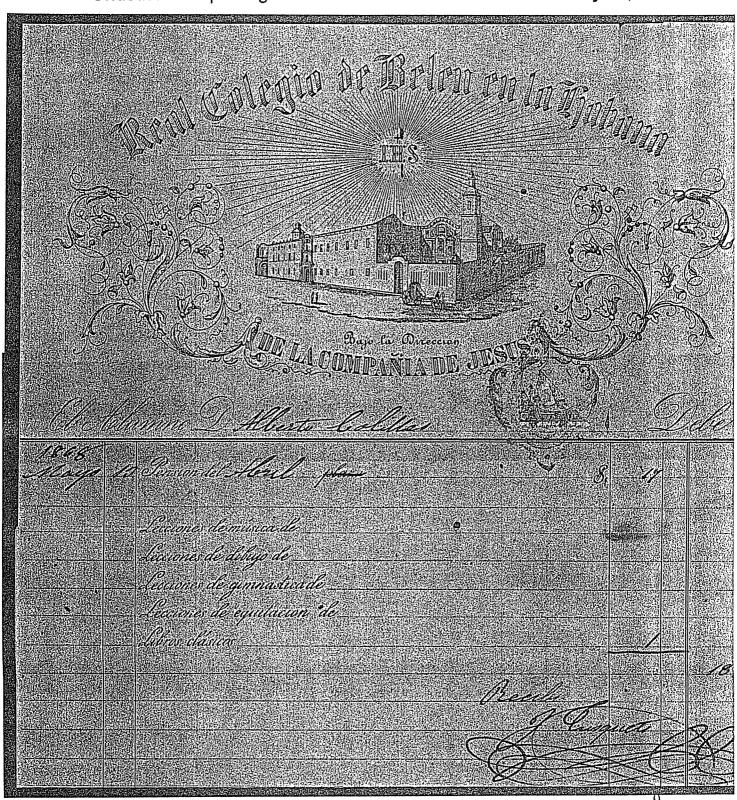
Mar. 20, 1868



20 CENT. (Céntimos) Bisected Diagonal Half Used as 10 C.

Tuition Fee Receipt Issued by a Private Catholic School. Unusual Stamp Usage.

May 10, 1868



10 CENT.

Used on a Land Property Tax Receipt

Apr. 1, 1869

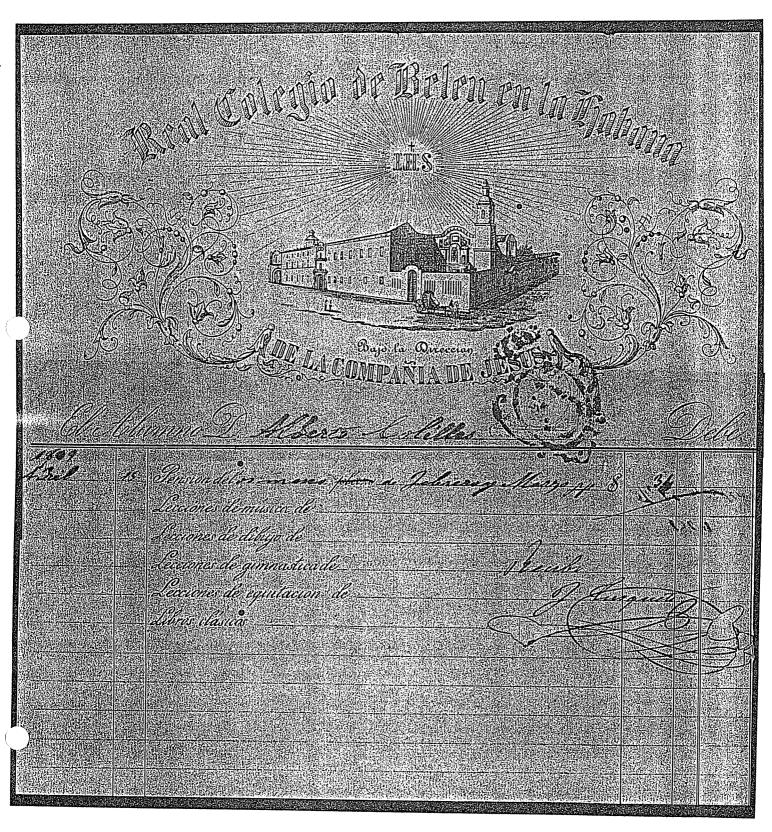
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Tuition Fee Receipt Issued by a Private Catholic School.

The Only Piece Known.

Apr. 10, 1869



10 Cs (Céntimos)

Used on a Certificate of Baptism "Book of Spaniards."

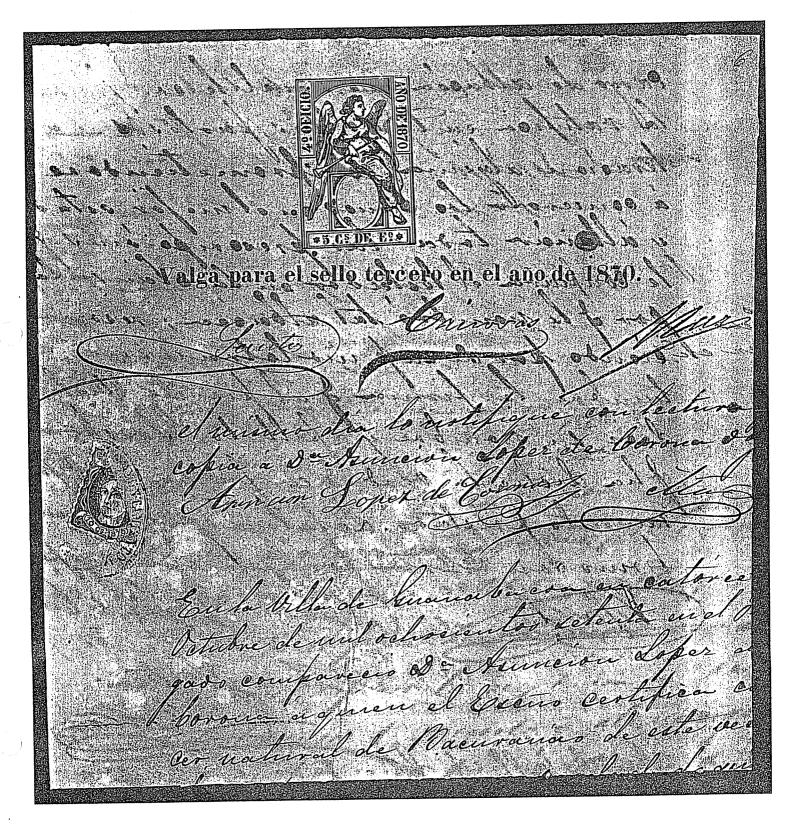
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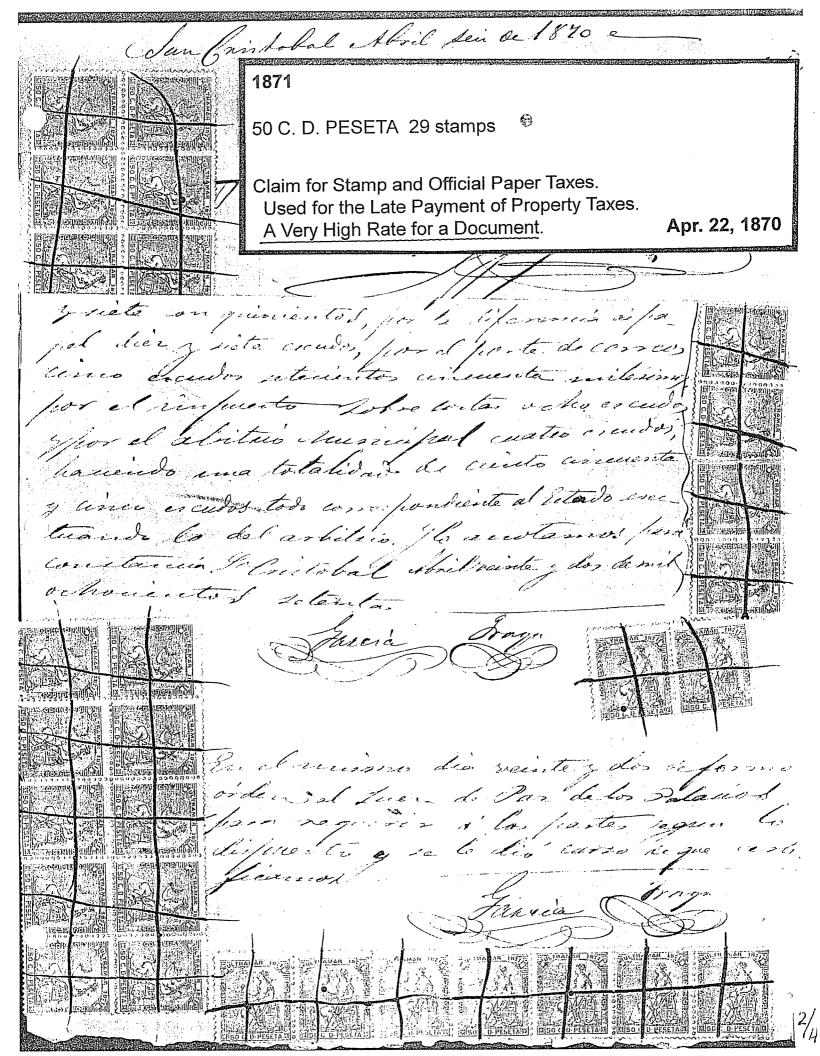


10 Cs. 1870. Diagonal Half Used as 5 Cs.

Used on a Fiscal Paper Accepting the Position of Executor

Oct. 14, 1870

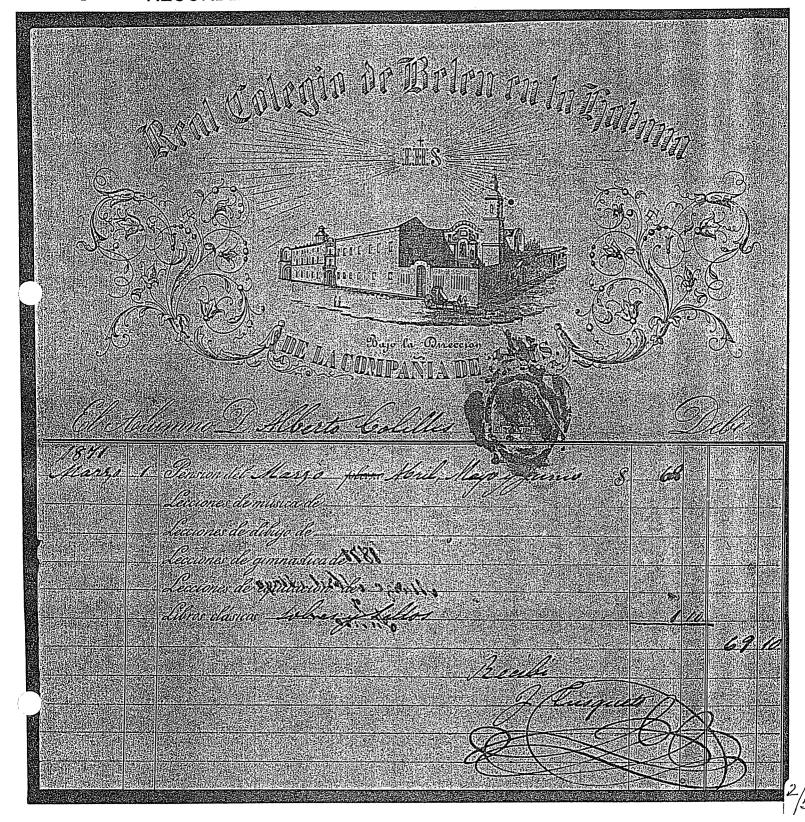




50 C. DE PESETA. Diagonal Half Used as 25 C. UNCATALOGUED

Used on a Tuition Fee Receipt of the "Real Colegio de Belén" a Catholic School in Habana. THE ONLY PIECE RECORDED.

Mar., 1871

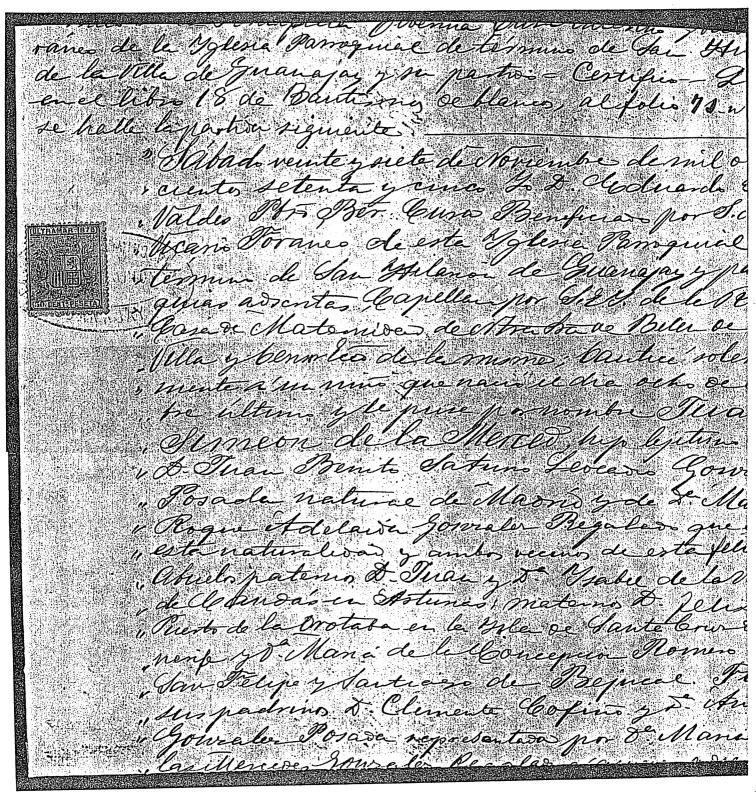


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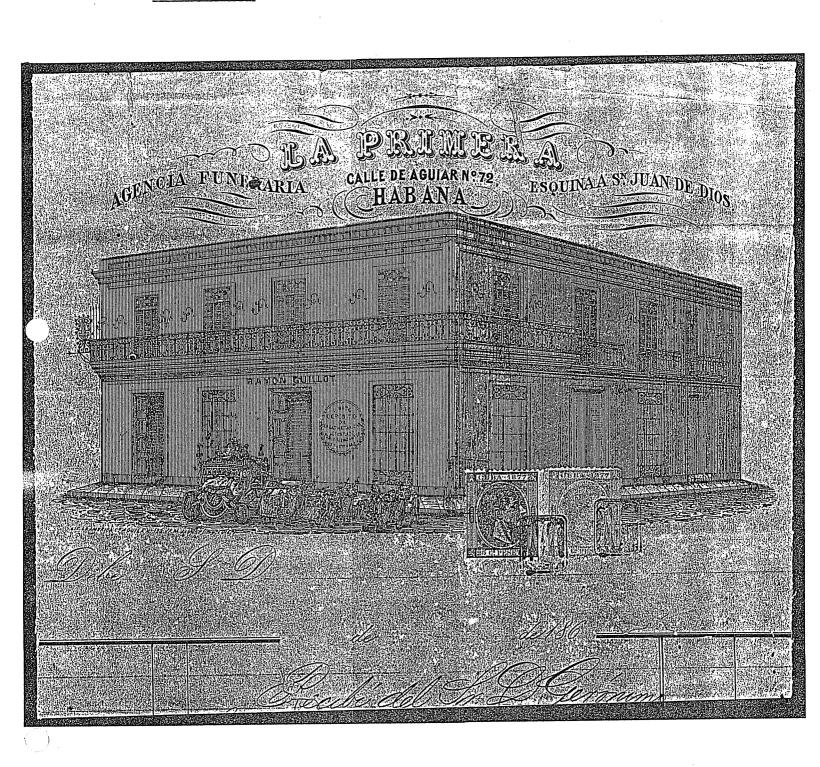
Used on a Certificate of Baptism Taken from the Book of White Persons. An Uncommon Document

Nov. 27, 1875



121/2 C. and 25 C. DE PESETA

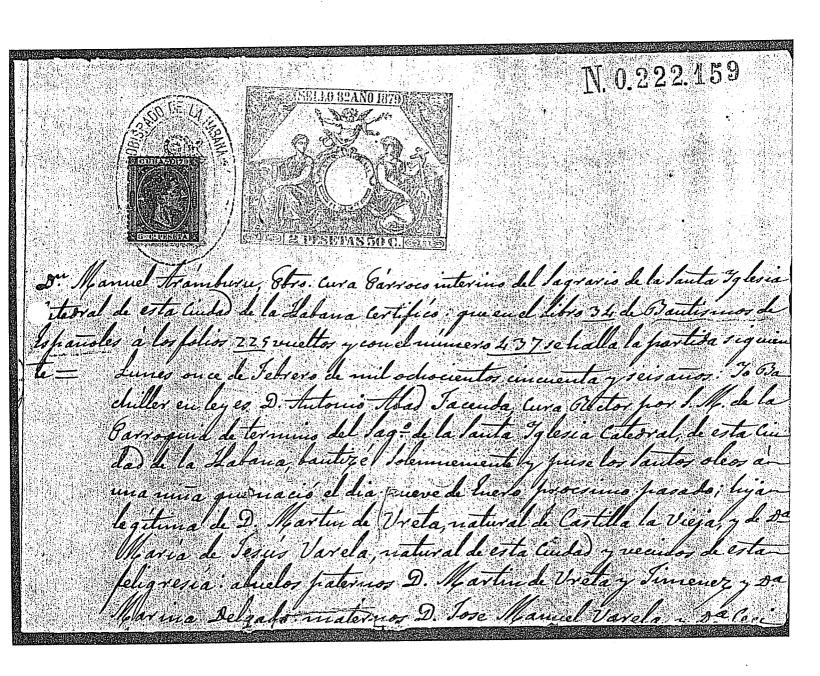
Used on a Private Receipt of a Funeral Home. Paid in Gold



5 Cs. PESETA

Used on a Baptism Certificate Taken from the Book of Spaniards

Jan. 13, 1879



25 Cs. DE PESETA

Used to Notify the Payment of Debt Guaranteed by a Certificate of Deposit.

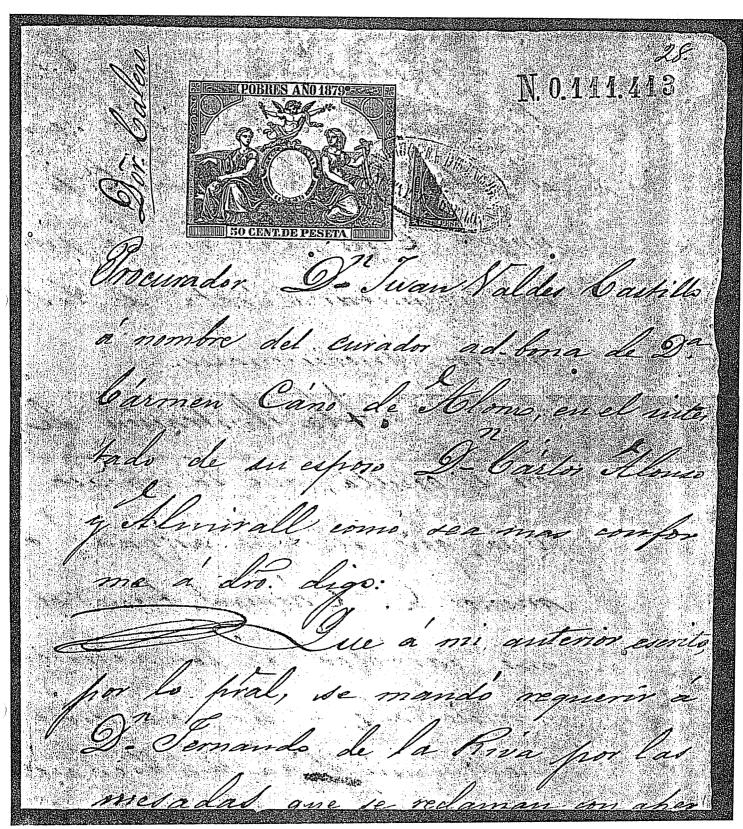
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50 Cs. de Peseta. Diagonal Half Used as 25 Cs.

Used on Fiscal Paper for PAUPERS
Claiming Monthly Payments Overdue

1879



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25 Cs. DE PESETA

Used on a Receipt for Real Estate Taxes

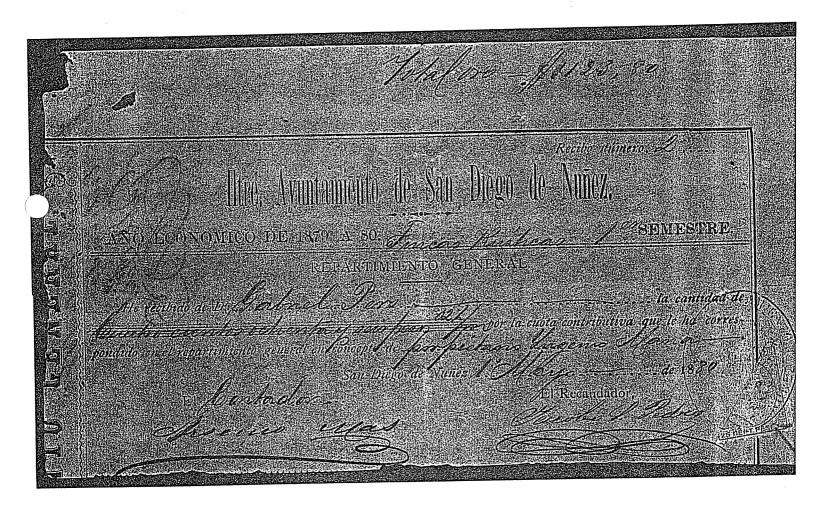
Feb. 9, 1881

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25 CENT. DE PESETA. Diagonal Used as 121/2 CENT.

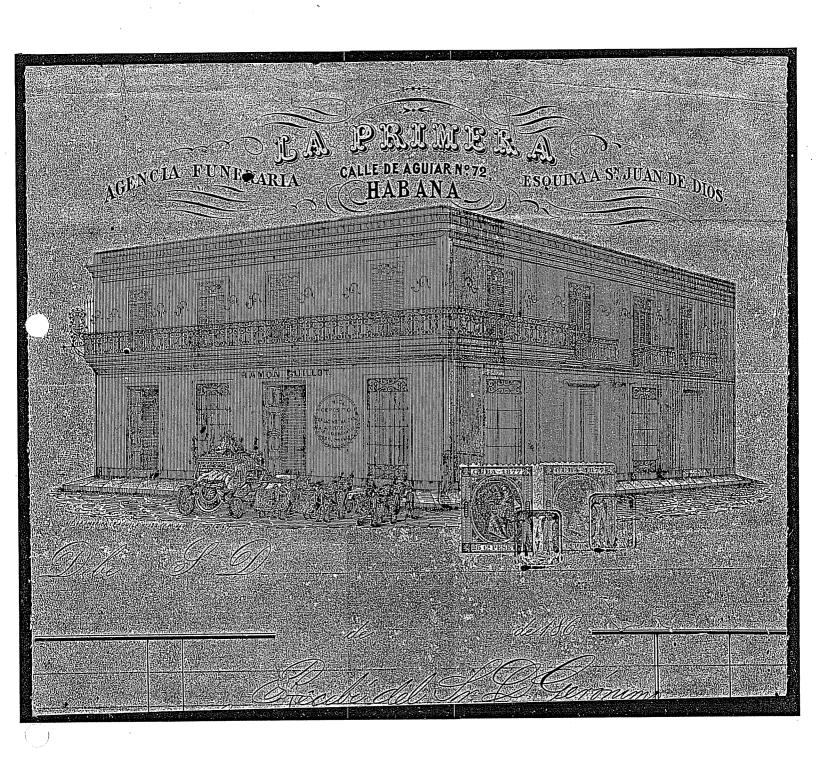
Used on a Receipt from the San Diego de Nuñez City Government

May 1, 1880



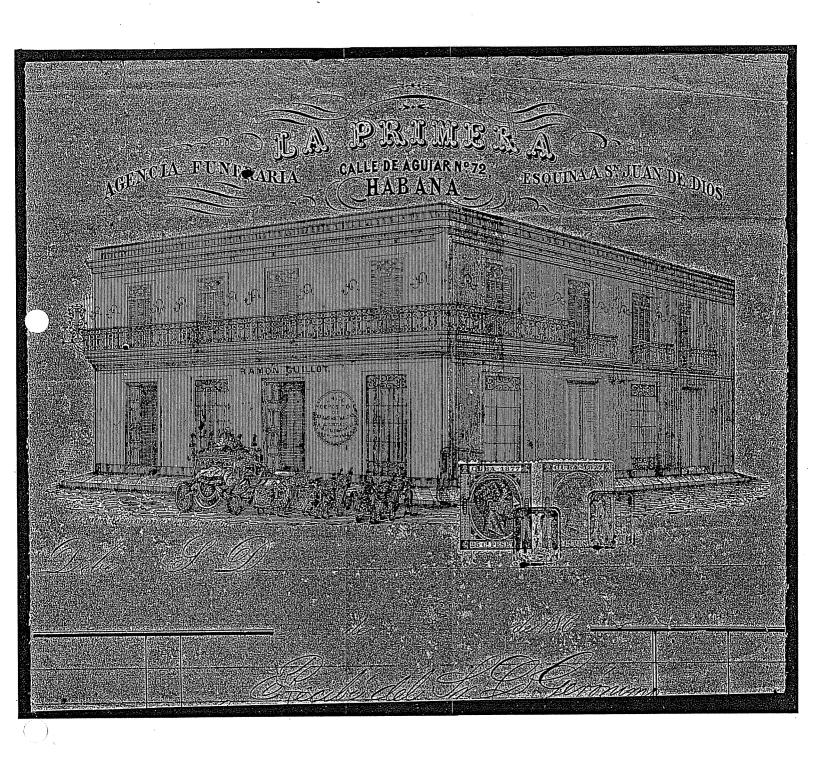
121/2 C. and 25 C. DE PESETA

Used on a Private Receipt of a Funeral Home. Paid in Gold



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Used on a Private Receipt of a Funeral Home. Paid in Gold



25Cs. PESETA

Used on a receipt for work performed

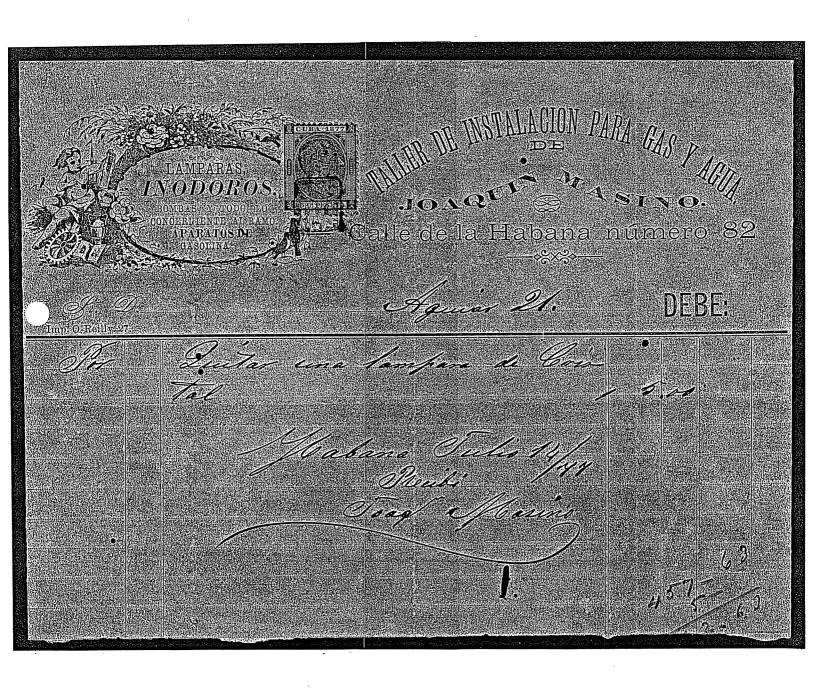
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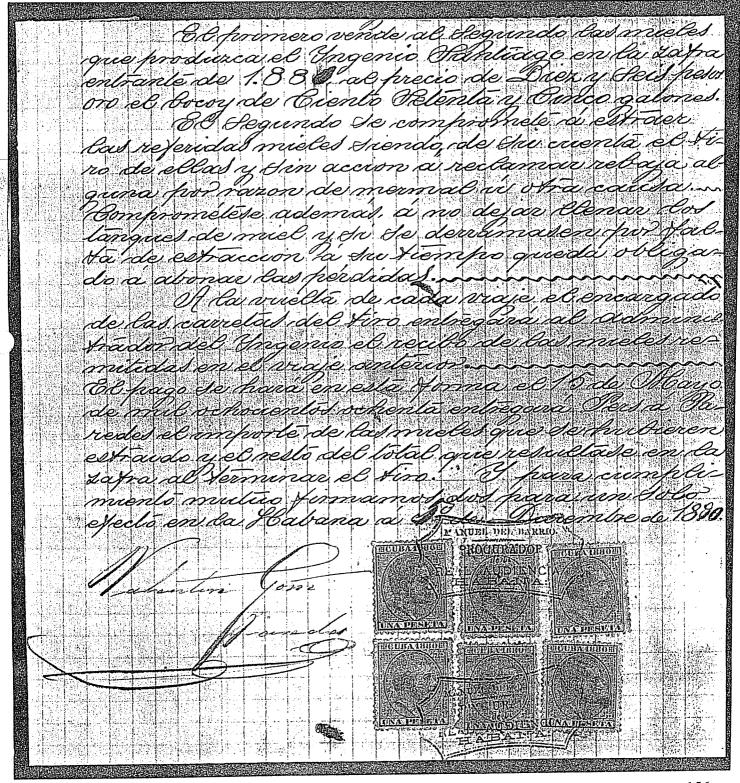
Habana



UNA PESETA (Six stamps. Very high rate)

Used in a Private Contract for the Sale of Molasses

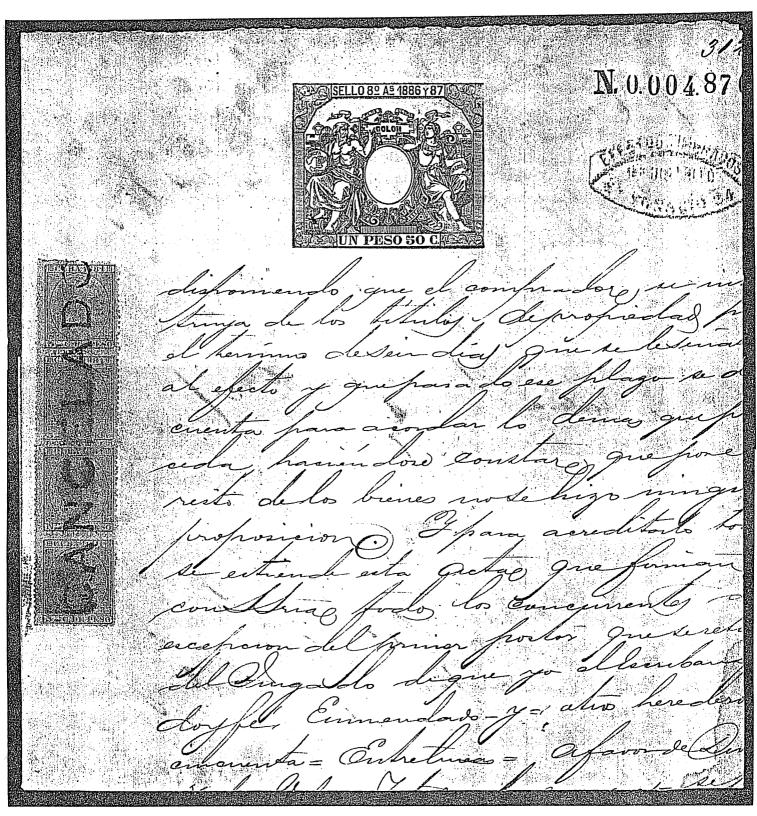
Dec 5, 1880



5 C. DE PESO. With Long "<u>CANCELADO</u>" Handstamp. The Only One Known for Nullifying Stamps

Used on an Inform on Real Estate Taxes

1886



10 C. DE PESO. Diagonal Half Used as 5 C.

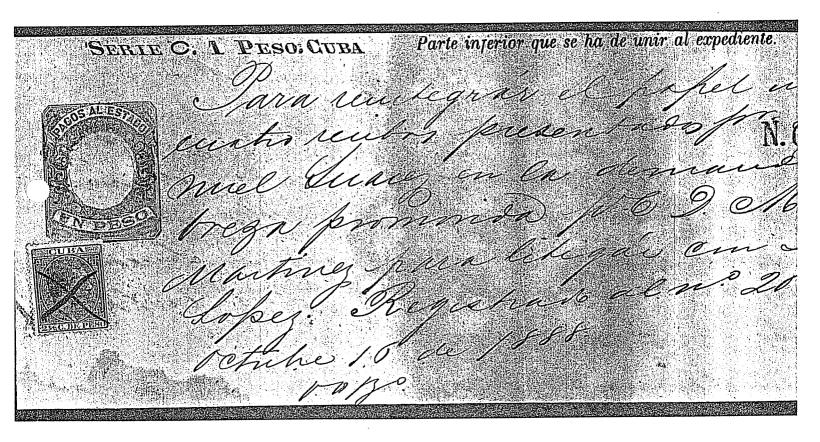
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Used on a Payment for Official Paper Used in a Legal Claim with Ink Strokes Nullifying the Stamp.

Oct. 16, 1888



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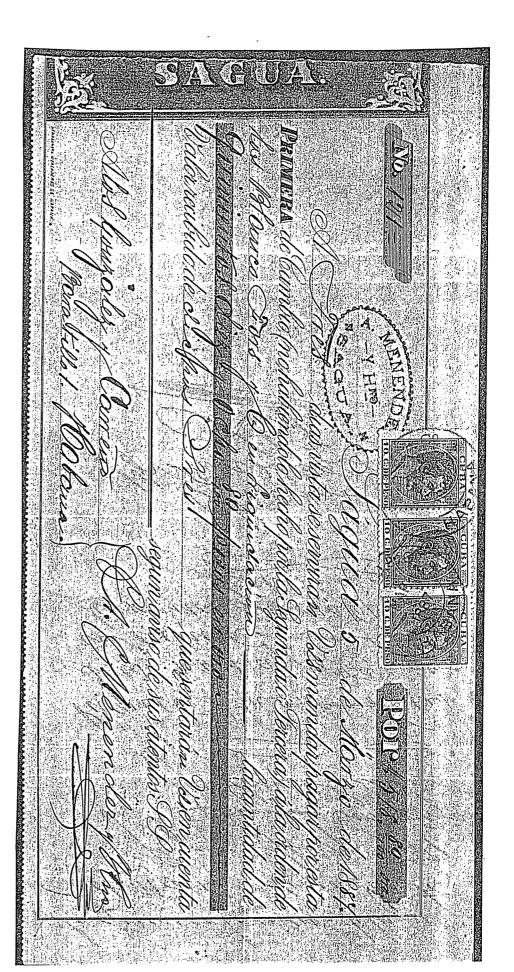
Exchange for a

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in Sagua (Santa

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March 5, 1887



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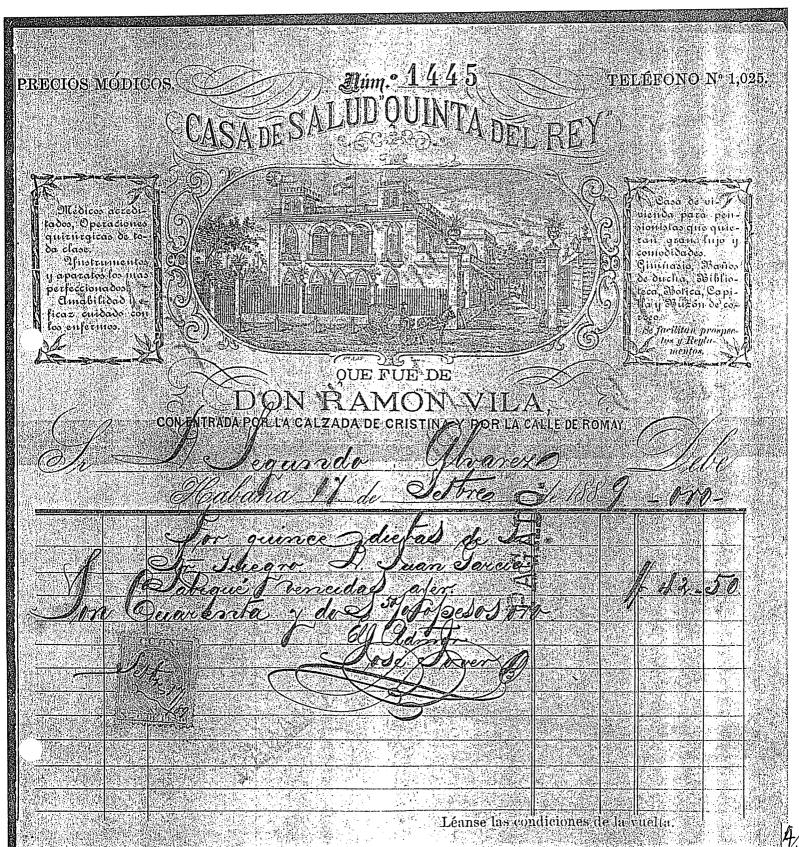
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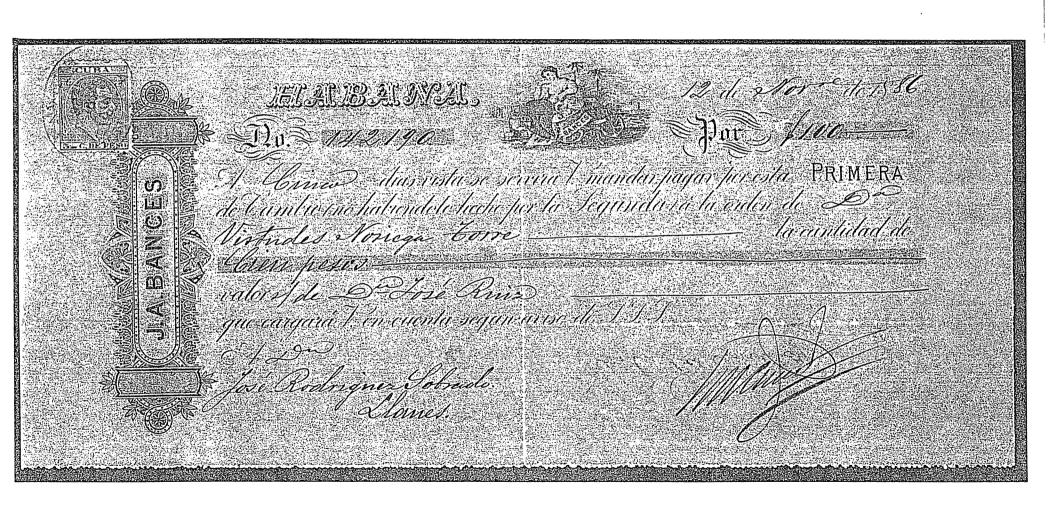
Used on an Invoice of a Health Maintenance Organization With Date Nullifying the Stamp.

Sep. 17, 1889



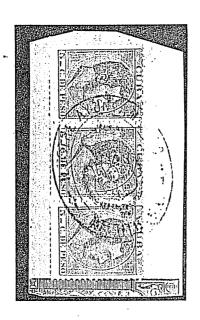
Used on a Bill of Exchange at J.A. BANCES BANK in Habana

Nov. 12, 1886



CANCELLED BY DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

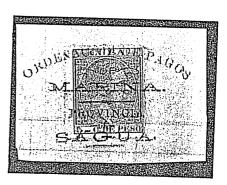
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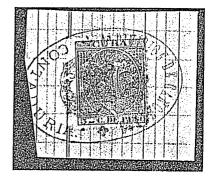
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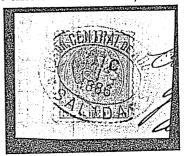
"ORDENACION DE PAGOS DE MARINA PROVINCIA DE SAGUA"



"DIVISION DE CAÑONEROS CONTADURIA"



"ADMON. CENTRAL DE ADUANAS SALIDA ~ DEC 1, 1886"



5 C. DE PESO

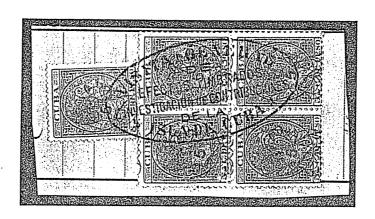
Block of Four With Two Different Overprints (Types b & c).

Plus One Stamp (Type d). All of Them Cancelled With

Blue Oval "VISITA GENERAL DE EFECTOS TIMBRADOS

E INVESTIGACION DE CONTRIBUCIONES DE LA ISLA

DE CUBA." Unusual Use of This Type of Stamps.



• 1883 - Mixed Stamps

5 C. on 5 C. Red Surcharged Postal Stamps 25 C. de PESO Black Surcharged Revenue Stamp.

Unusual Combination and Uncommon Use of the Postal Stamp.

Used on a Private Agreement

Aug. 8, 1883



May 5, 1887

A Two-page Document

1885

21/2 C. DE PESO Red Lilac Color Variety

The Provisional Use Was Authorized by Order of the Controller of Finance by a Blue Oval Handstamp "HABILITADO PARA EL SELLO 13." Used from 1886 to 1889

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Second and Last Page of Document

1885

21/2 C. DE PESO Red Lilac Color Variety

May 5, 1887



Used on a Request for a Civil Marriage

The Requirements to Be Married Are Printed on the Left

Side of the Document	Oct. 18, 1888
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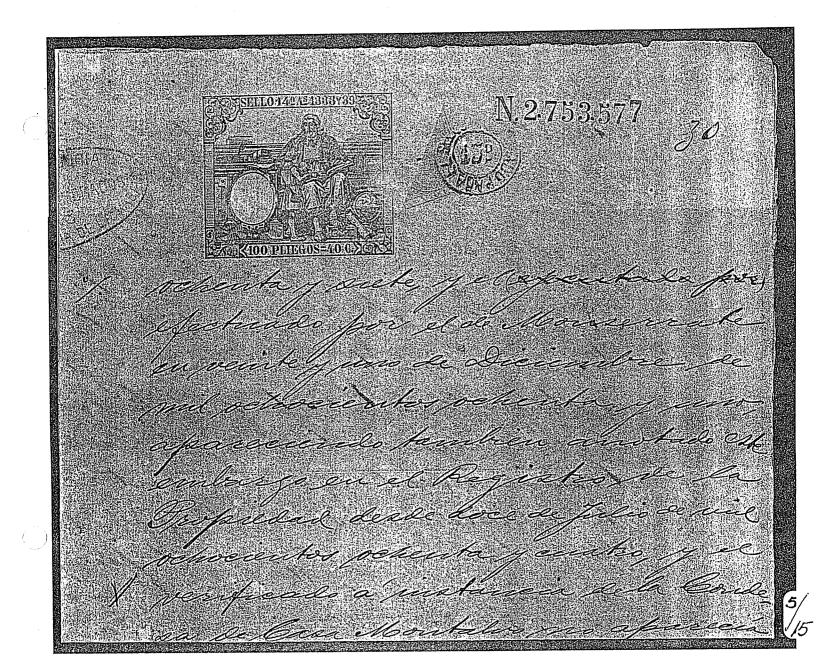
Postal Stamp Cut in Half and Overprinted with a Metallic Handstamp in

Blue with Circular Inscription "HABILITADO PARA EL SELLO" and the

13º Category. This Usage Was Authorized by the Controller of Finances

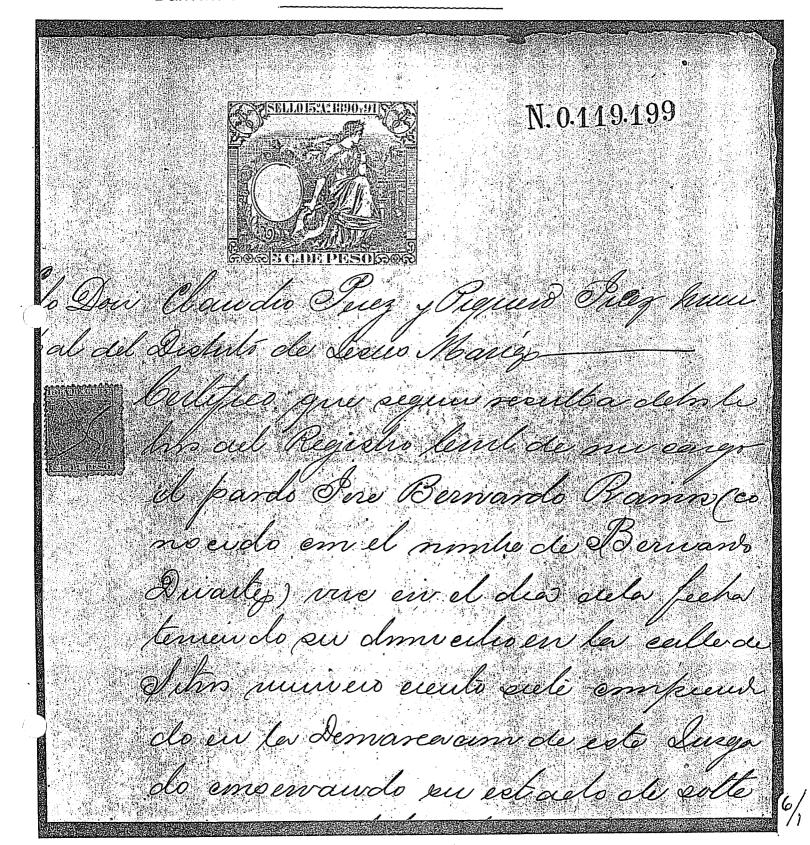
Dated December 31, 1888 and January 25, 1889.

1889



Used on Revenue Paper (1890-91, 5 C. DE PESO Value) for Certificate of Residence and Civil Status of a "Dark Mulatto." An Uncommon Document.

Nov. 20, 1890



Used on a Receipt Thirty-four Gold Pesos Paid for Two Pints of Blood and Six Medical Visits.

Nov. 8, 1892

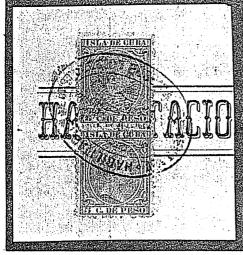


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"Habilitación de Timbres y Efectos Públicos"

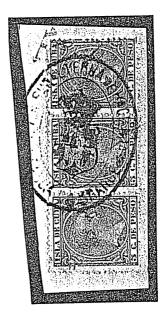
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de Hacienda"



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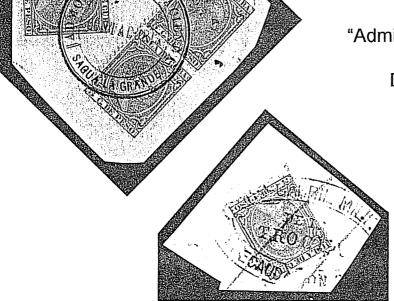
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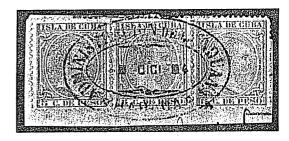




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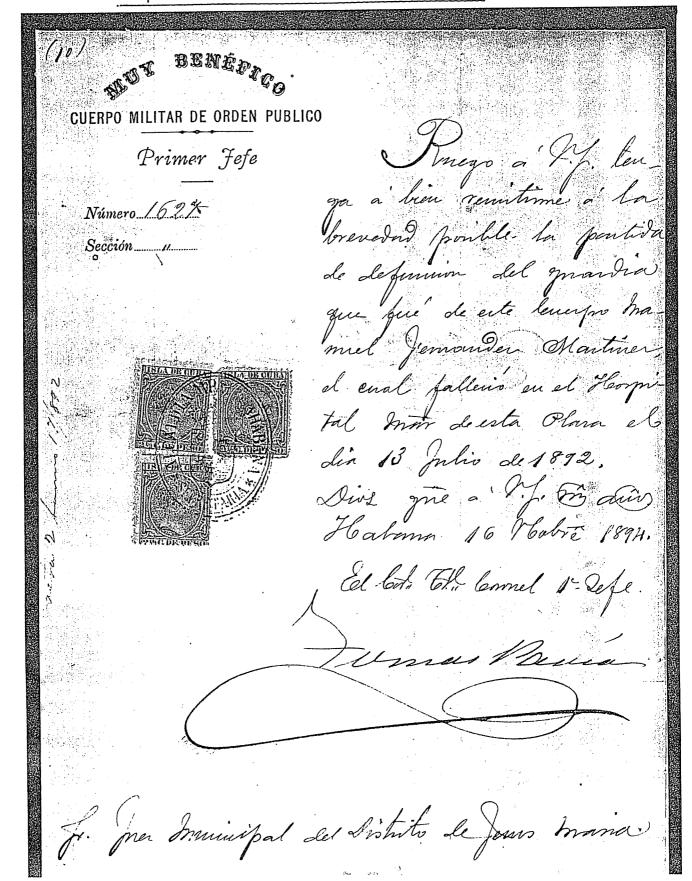


"Ferrocarril Militar · de la Trocha · Recaudación"

2½ C DE PESO

Used to Request a Death Certificate of Police Officer

Oct. 6, 1894



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UN C. and 5 C. DE PESO

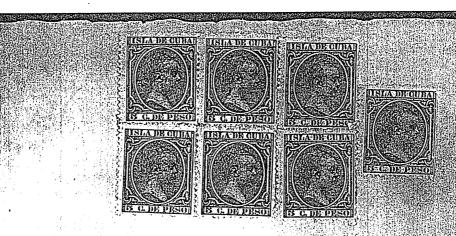
Used on a <u>Petition to Send Four Cows to the Slaughter</u> House

Feb. 11, 1897

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Used on a Baptism -Parish- Certificate From the BOOKS OF SPANIARDS. High Rate and Uncommon Document.

Nov. 14, 1896



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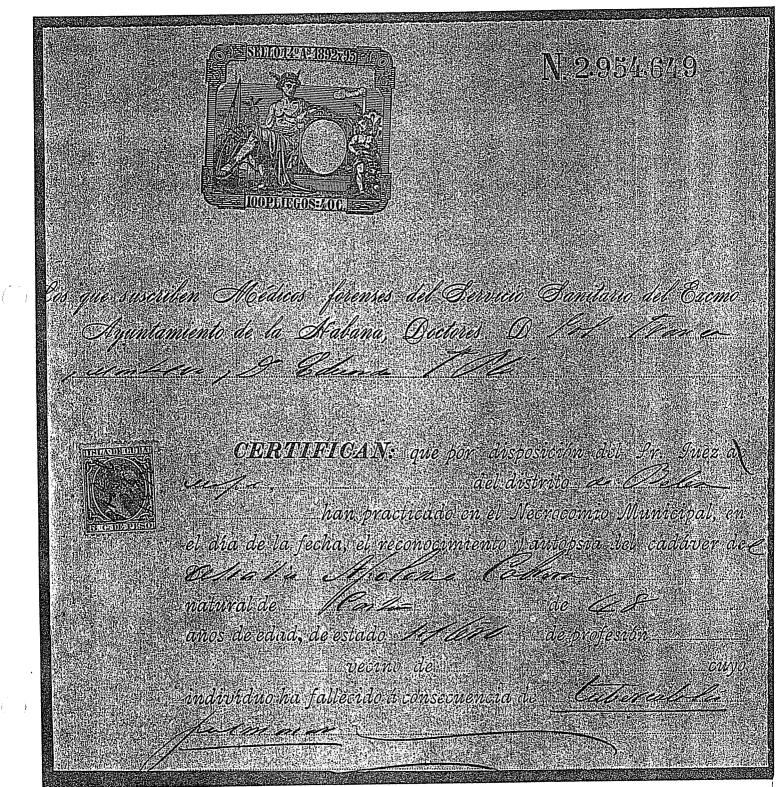
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Used on 40 C. DE PESO Revenue Paper (1892 & 93)
as Additional Tax on an <u>AUTOPSY CERTIFICATE OF</u>
AN ASIAN MAN (from Canton) Who Died of
Tuberculosis. A Very Elusive Document

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(SLAVE)

Apr. 28, 1896



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- 20 CENTAVOS. Diagonal Half Used as 10 C. UNCATALOGUED
- Used on a Death Certificate Taken from the Book of Burials of Whites

June 8, 1899

