

Communications Ministry Employees Retirement Benefit

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1¢ – 26,000 sheets printed



2¢ – 32,000 sheets printed

On October 8, 1868, a Spanish General, having heard of a planned revolt, sent a telegram to the Governor of Bayamo which read:

“Cuba belongs to Spain and for Spain she must be kept no matter who is governing. Send to prison (list of rebels)...

The telegraphist of Bayamo, Ismael de Céspedes intercepted the telegram and sent the information to Perucho Figueredo who, in turn, informed Carlos Manuel de Céspedes who, on October 10, 1868, freed his slaves and incorporated them into a disorganized and ill armed army. He also issued the historic Grito de Yara from his plantation. It proclaimed Cuba’s independence from Spain.

Ismael de Céspedes is honored on these stamps.



5¢ – 2,000 sheets printed