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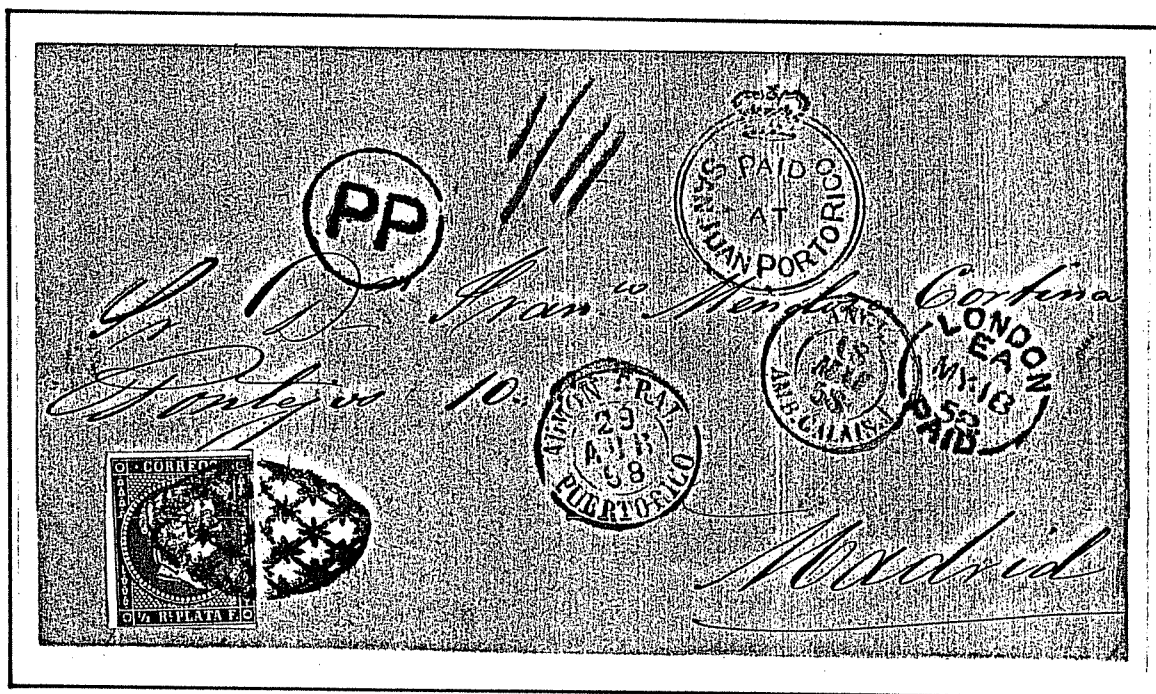
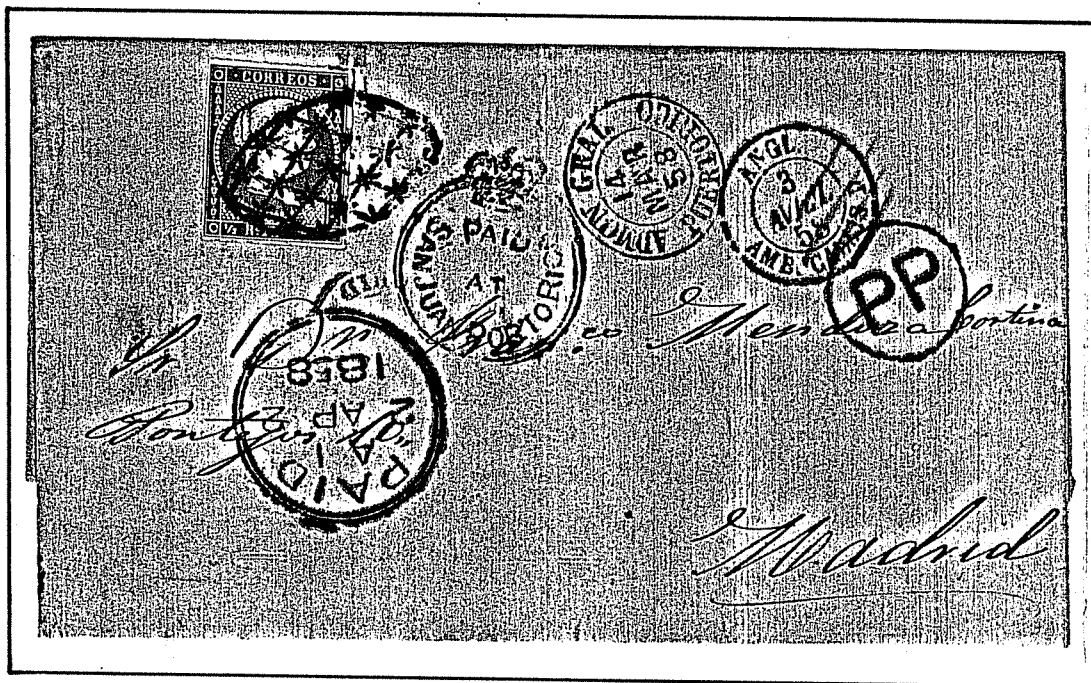
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Third Issue

1/2 Real Plata Fuerte

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Used in Puerto Rico





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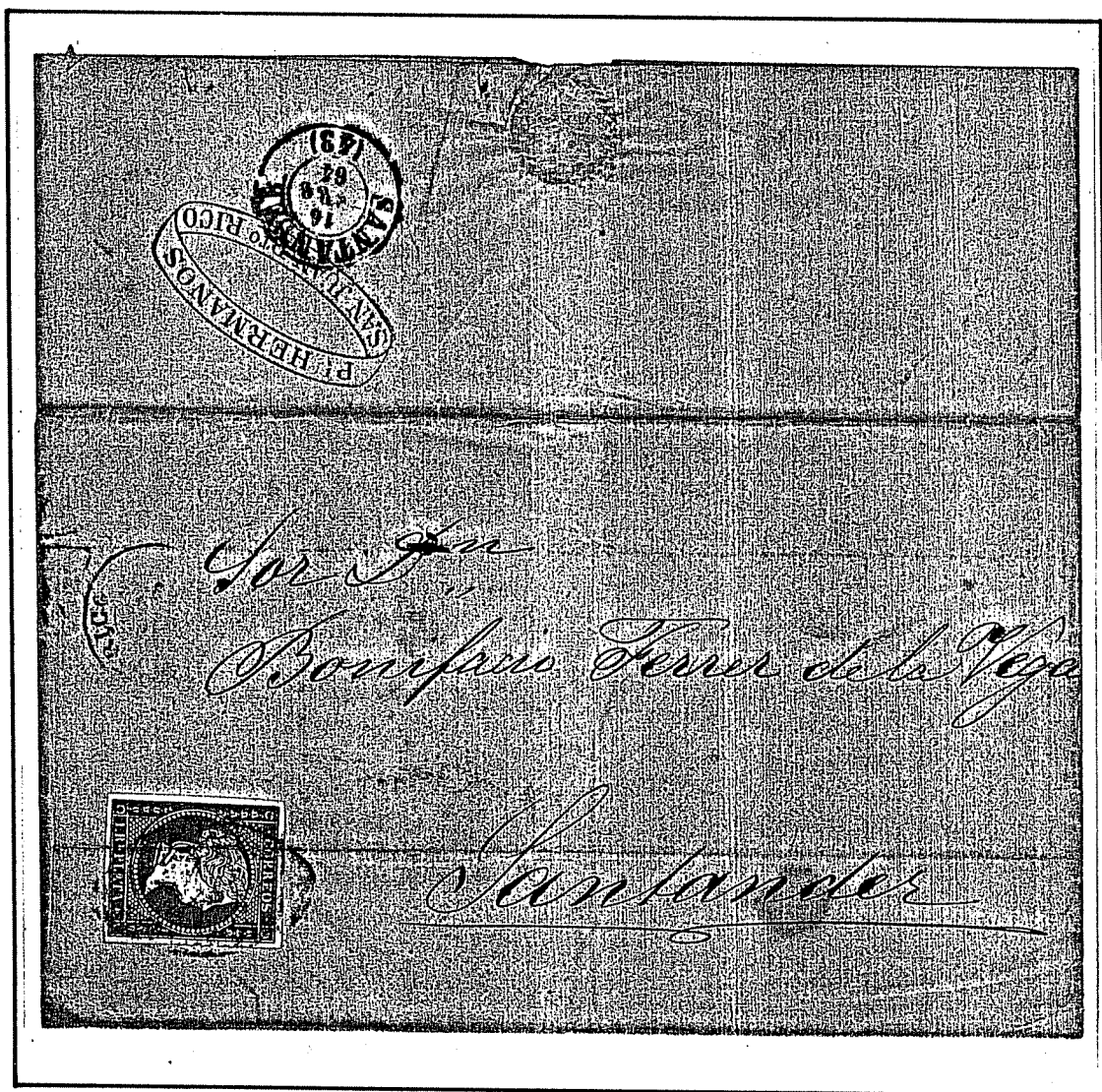
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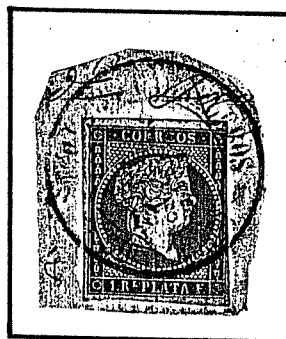
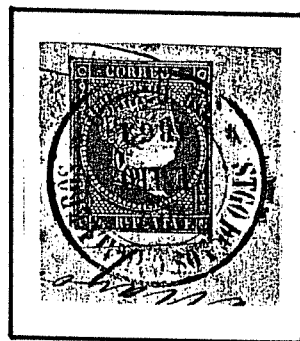


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Islands

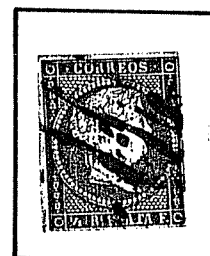
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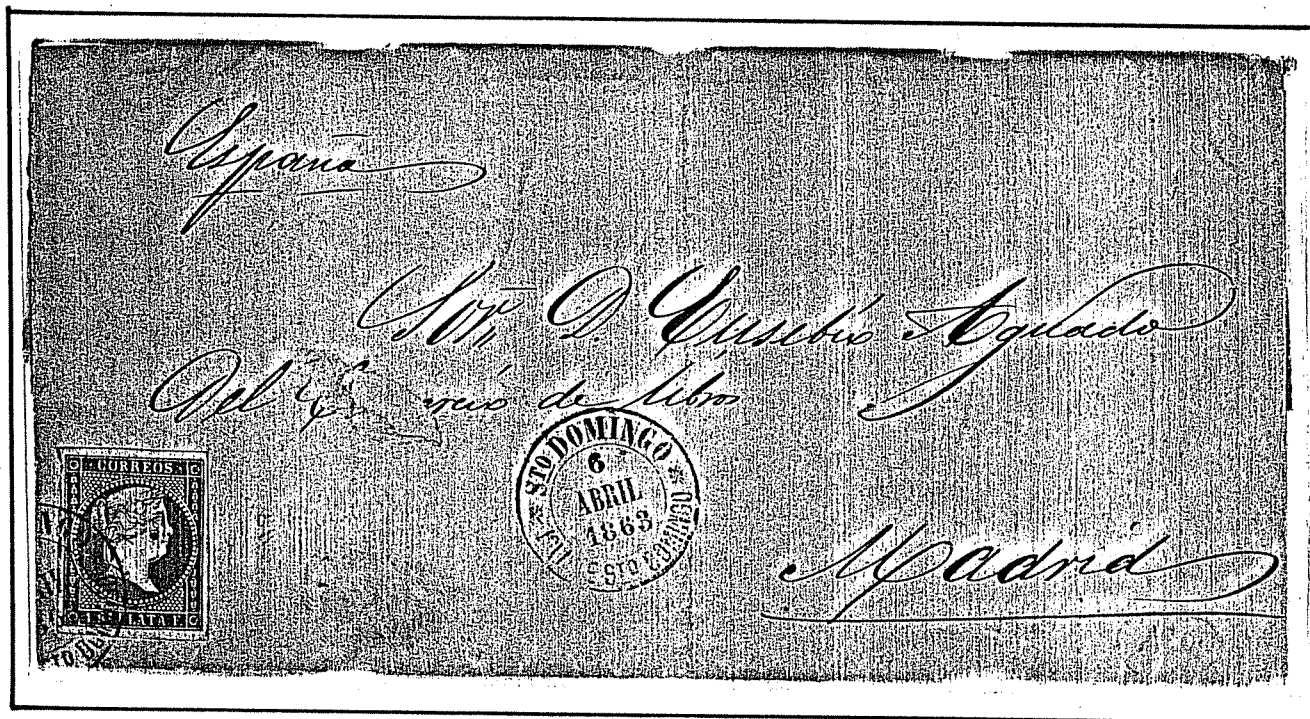




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Isabel II

Stamps used by the Expeditionary Forces of Spain,
from Cuba to Mexico and Santo Domingo.



Letter from Santo Domingo to Madrid, Spain, dated April 6, 1863. Postage paid covered by a 1 Real stamp of the 1859 issue, which was cancelled with the Santo Domingo C.P. 12.

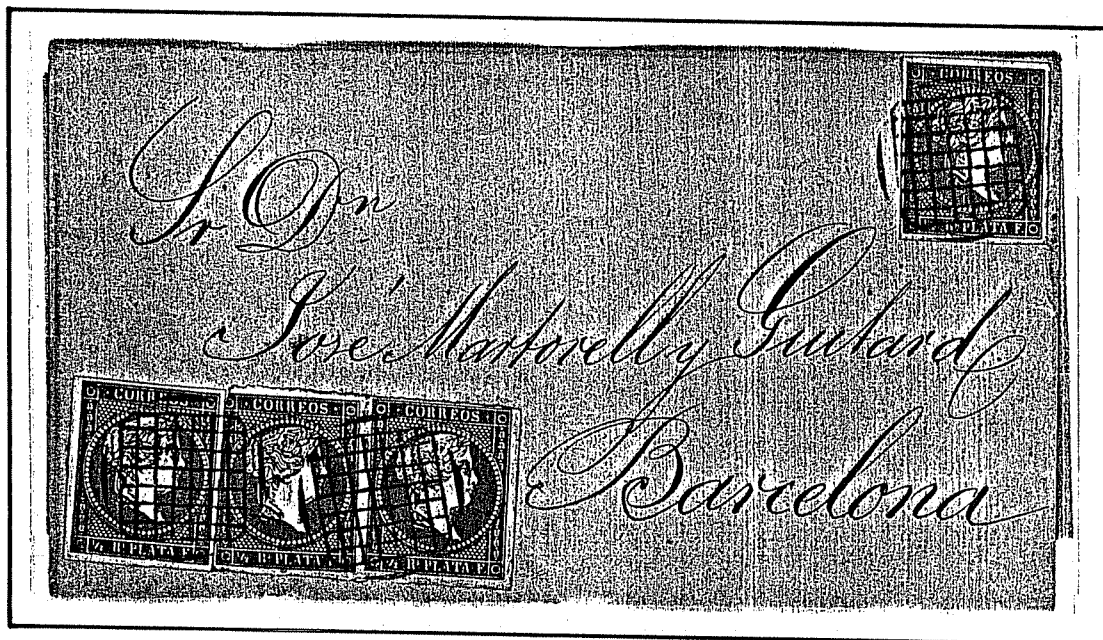
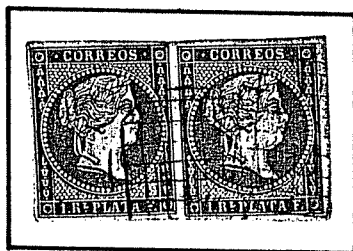
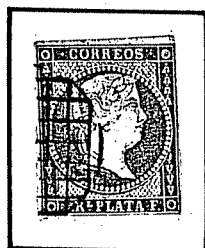
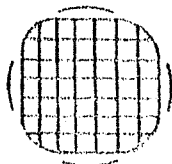


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Postage

Stamps used by the Expeditionary Forces of Spain,
from Cuba to Mexico and Santo Domingo.



Letter from Havana to Barcelona, Spain, dated March 6, 1862. Rate 2 P. is shown,
with four 1-cent postage stamps of the 1857 issue, cancelled with the
special 'Hate' Cancel assigned to the Spanish Expeditionary Forces.

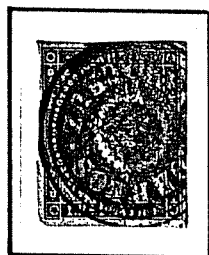


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Issued

Stamps used by the Expeditionary Forces of Spain,
from Cuba to Mexico and Santo Domingo.



Letter from Vera Cruz to Barcelona, Spain, dated, March 3, 1862. Rates 2 Pesetas, form with two 1 Real stamps of the 1857 issue - watermark marked paper - cancelled with the Mexican Negative Postmark of Vera Cruz. This letter went to Spain via the British Postal Agency in Vera Cruz and shows the Crown Post Circle Postmark of Vera Cruz.

Admission



Dr. Don Jose Martorelly Cuatrecasas



Barcelona



Manuel Oliver

*Manuel Oliver
1862*

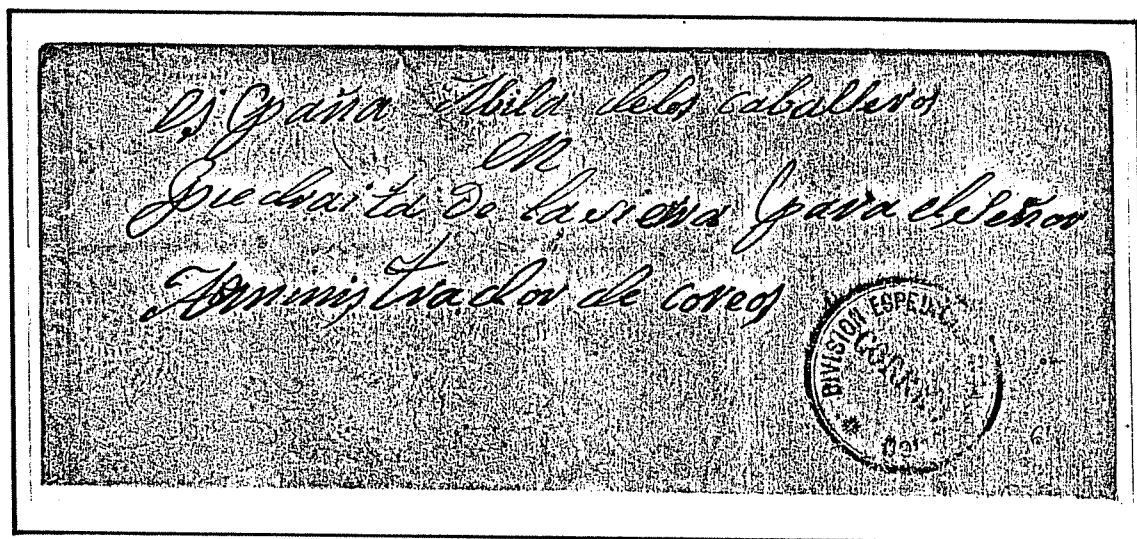


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Issues

Stamps used by the Expeditionary Forces of Spain,
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Letter to Spain showing usage of the Special Postmark of the Spanish Expeditionary
Forces



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Third Issue

1/2 Real Plata Fuerte

Mechanical paper - Unwatermarked

Postal Forgeries

Type 1

The letters of Correos are bigger.

The second O of Correos is flat on the right side.

The top branch of the letter F is wider.

There are 2 dents on the lower frame below the letter P and in the first letter A of Plata.

Used in 1859.





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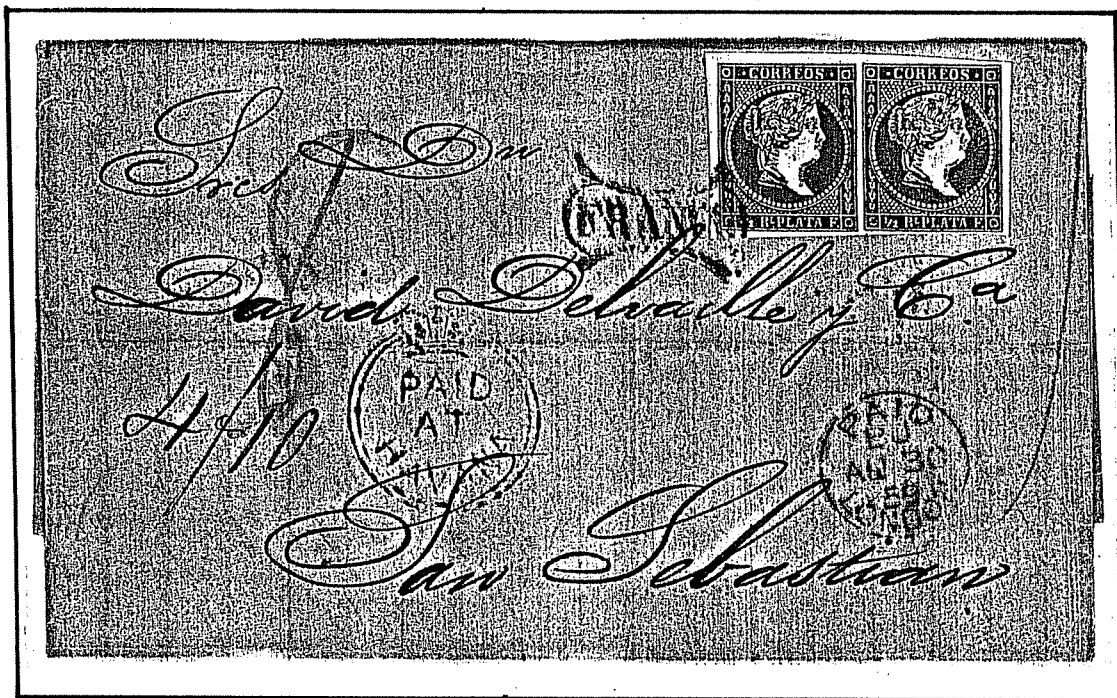
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Used in 1859.



Letter from Habana to San Sebastian, Spain, dated August 8, 1859. Rate: 1 Real, formed with two - Postal Forgery - stamps of 1/2 Real. This letter went to Spain, via the British Postal Agency in Habana, and shows the Crown Paid Circle Postmark of Habana.



Catálogo

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Third Issue

1/2 Real Plata Fuerte

Mechanical paper - Unwatermarked

Postal Forgeries

Type 2

The two letters O of Correos are smaller.

The lower left corner is rounded.

The fraction bar is thicker at the top.



Type 2 - A

The fraction bar looks like an inclined number 1.

The letters L and A of Plata are joined.

Used from Feb. 1860 until 1862.





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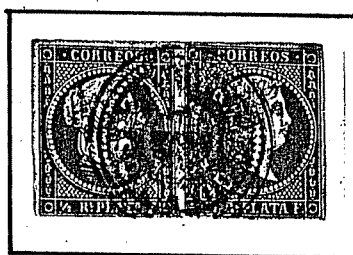
Type 3

The Queen's nose is flat.

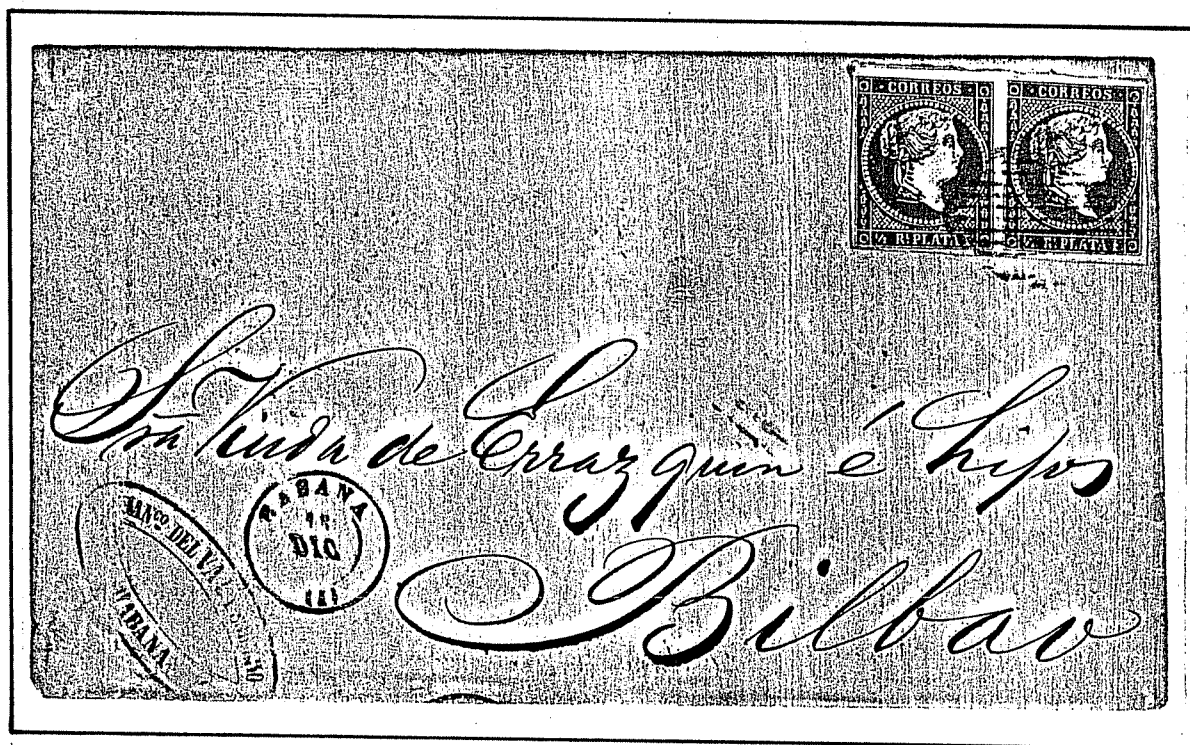
There is a white dot in the lower part of the fraction bar.

The lower right corner is rounded.

Used from July 1859 until Dec. 1863.



Used in Veracruz, Mexico during the Spanish Punitive Expedition. Shows the negative marking of Veracruz, a Mexican postmark. Probably carried by a soldier from Habana.





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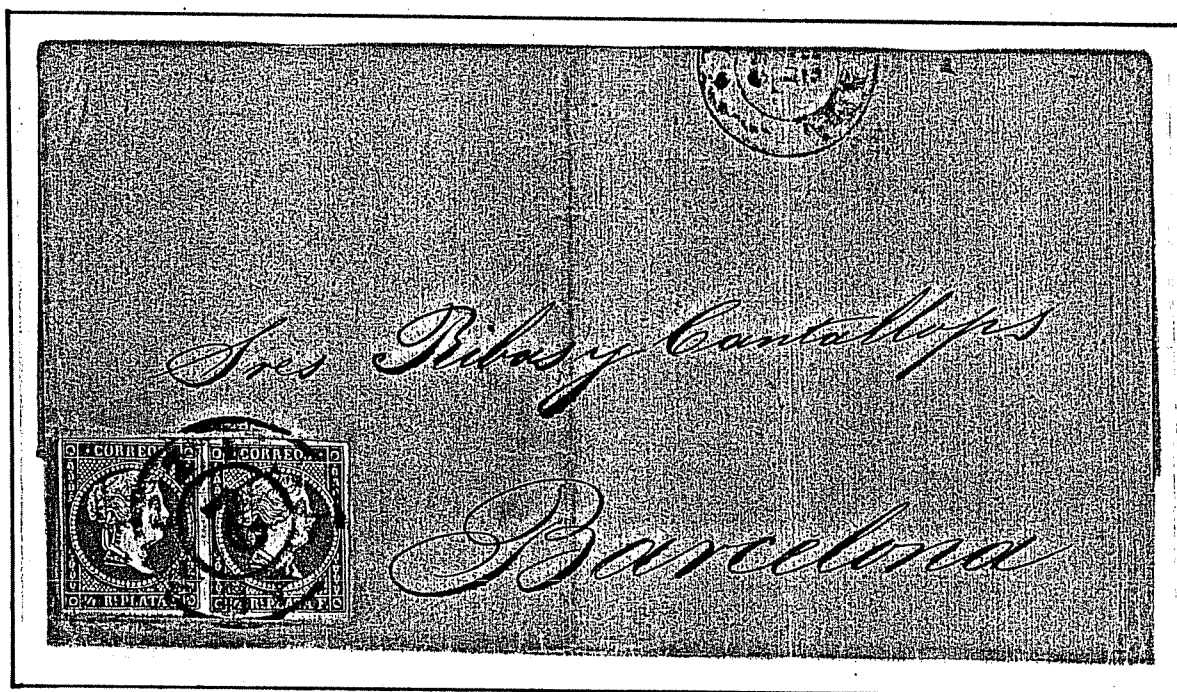
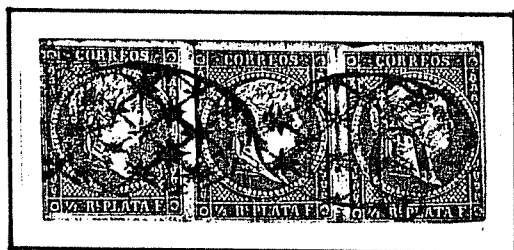
Type 3

The Queen's nose is flat.

There is a white dot in the lower part of the fraction bar.

The lower right corner is rounded.

Used from July 1859 until Dec. 1863.





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$\frac{1}{2}$ Real Plata Fuerte

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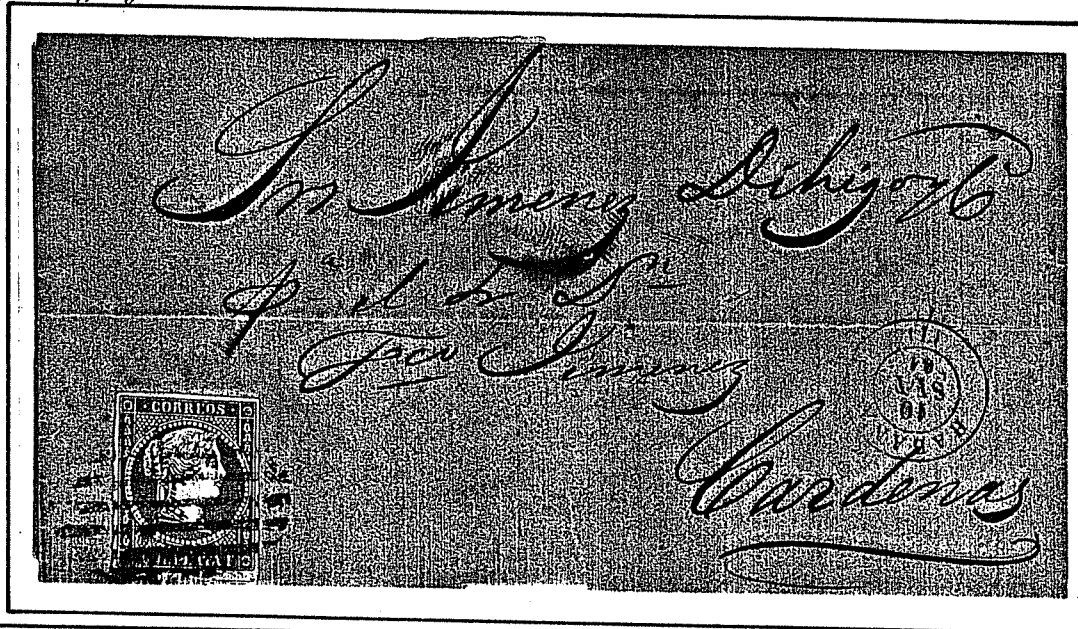
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1/2 Real Plata Fuerte

Mechanical paper - Uncountermarked

Postal Forgeries

Type 4

The letter C of Correos is closed.

The letter E of Correos is taller.

The numbers of the fraction bar are bigger.

Used in 1861.



Type 6 Habana Forgery

The letter C of Correos is taller and more open.

The ornaments in the four corners are bigger.

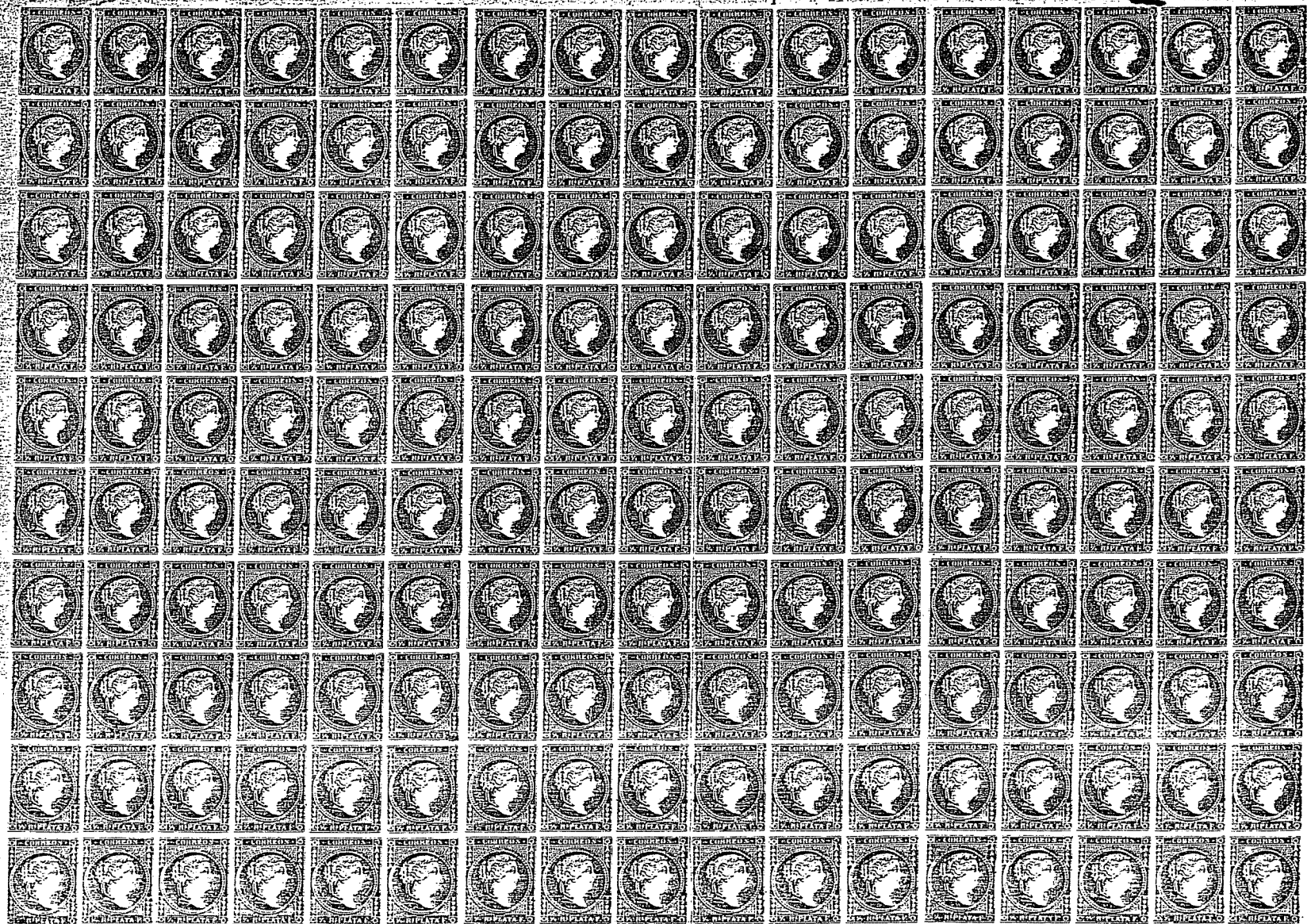
The fraction bar is longer.

Coarse impression.

Used in 1862.



Sellos de medio real plata



Type 6

Habana Forgers
Coarse impression.

Used in 1862.



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Mechanical paper - Unwatermarked

Postal Fraguas

Type 5

The letter C of Correos is inclined.

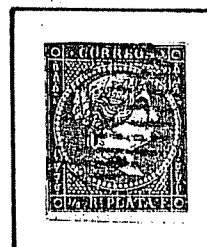
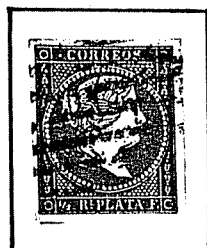
The second letter O of Correos is smaller and round.

The number 2 of the fraction bar looks like a number 3.

The Queen's lips are thicker.

Small dent below the letter P of Plata.

Used from April 1862 until Dec. 1862.





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Postal Frigories

Type 5

The letter C of Correos is inclined.

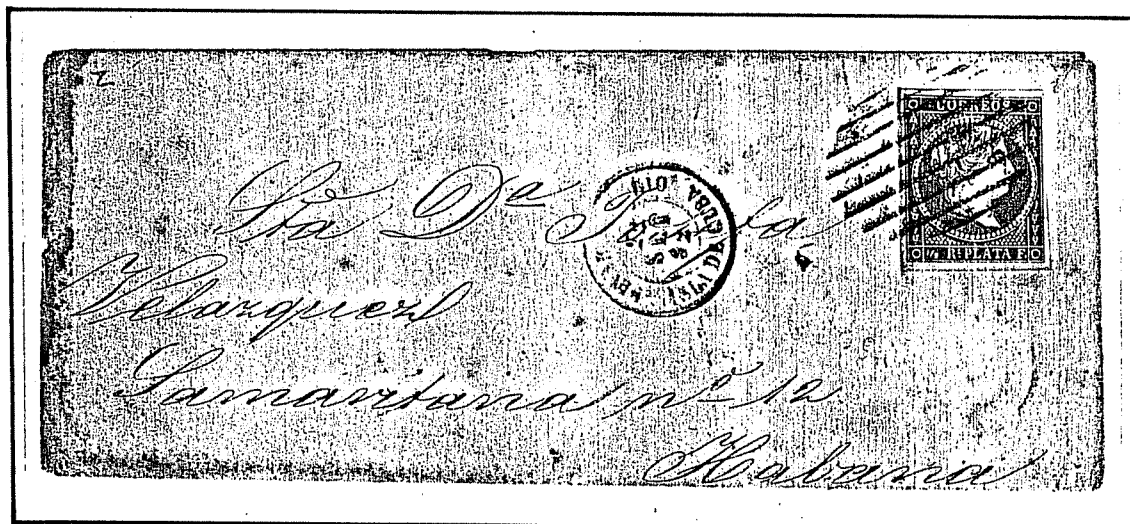
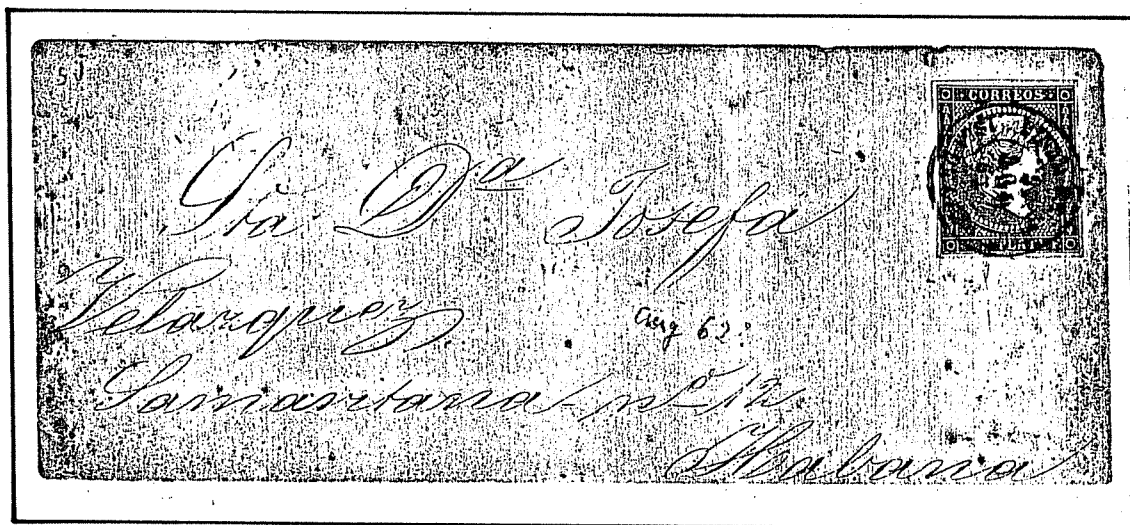
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Small dent below the letter P of Plata.

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Postal Frigories

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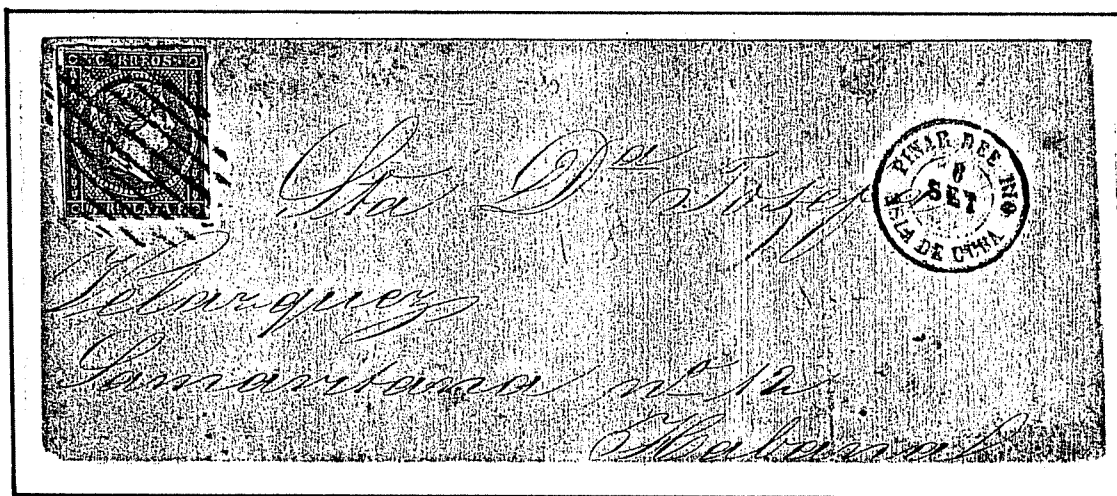
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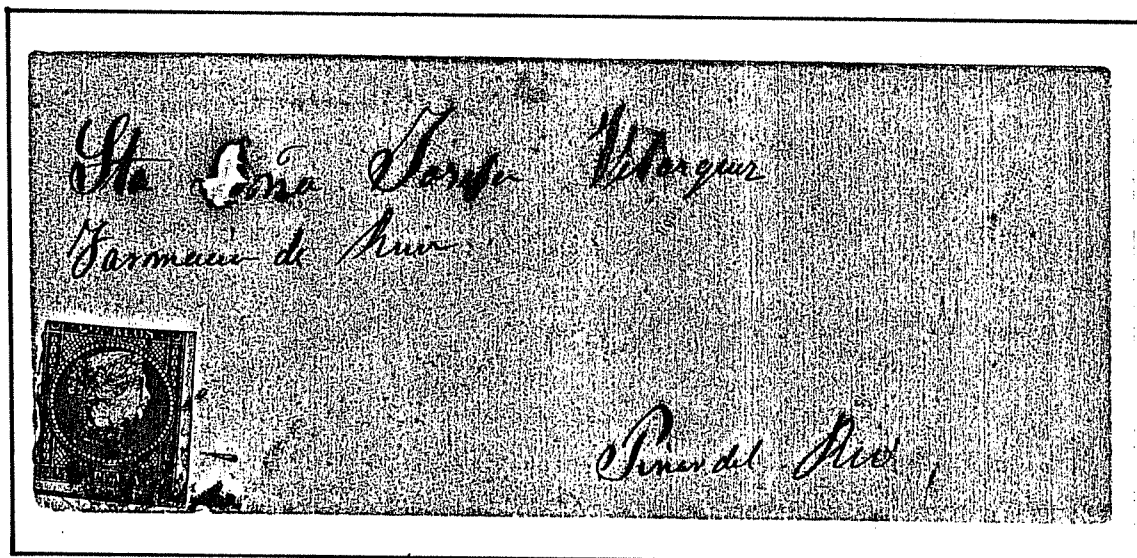
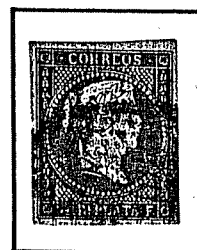
Type 7

The letter C of Correos is thinner and more open.

The two letters O of Correos are taller.

The letter F is thinner.

Used in 1864.





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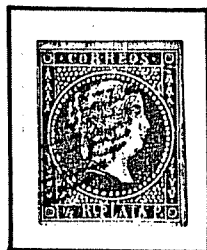
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Type 8

The letter C of Correos is almost closed.

The letters of Correos are of different sizes.

The number 2 of the fraction is bigger.



Type 9

The two letters R of Correos are bigger.

The letter R of R and word Plata are bigger.

The Queen's profile is different.



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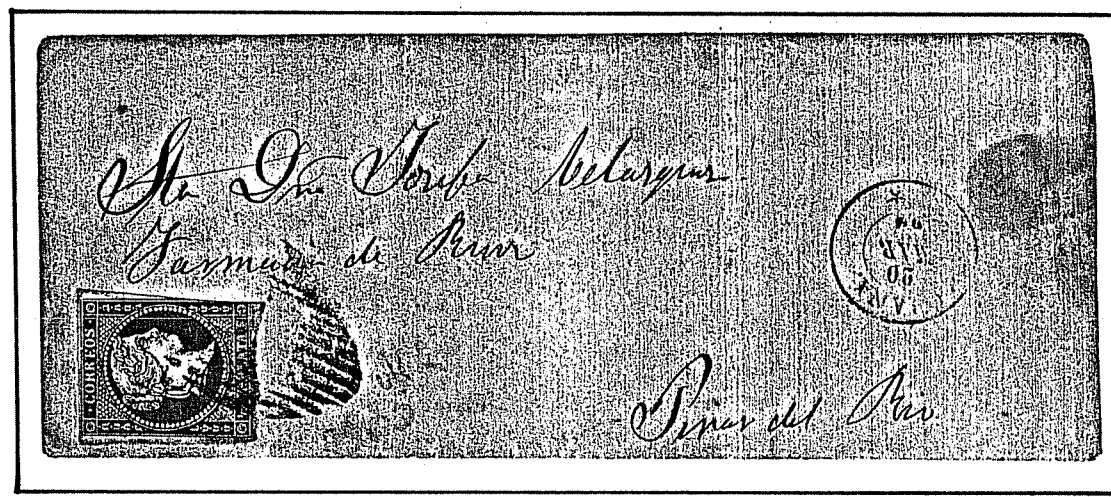
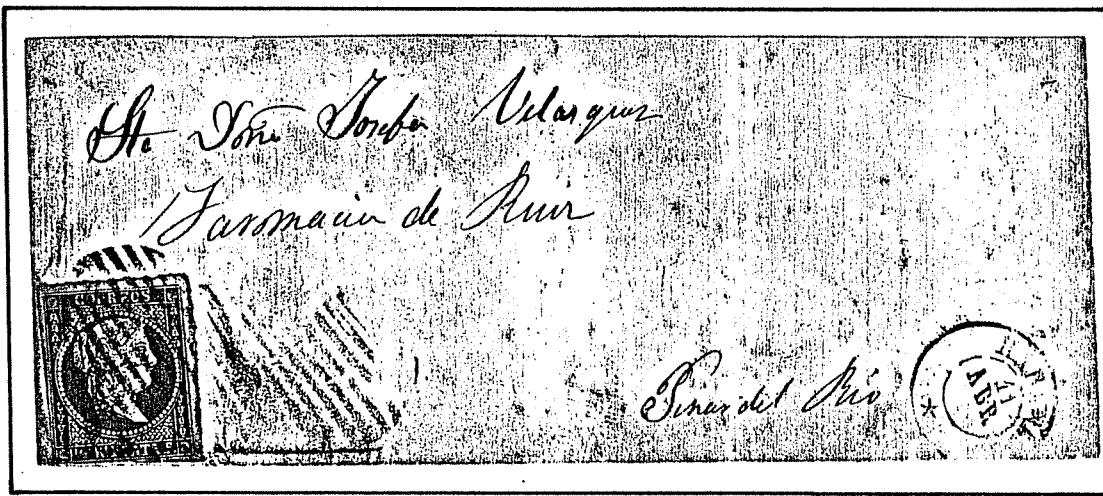
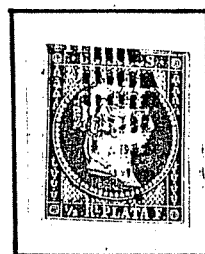
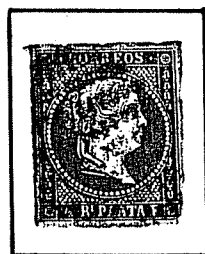
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Type 10

There is a gap between the second R and the E of Correos.
The letter F is thinner.

This is the best of the postal forgeries. It resembles the *Van Cliche* and is even missing a pearl in the upper left triangle.

Used in 1864.





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Type 1

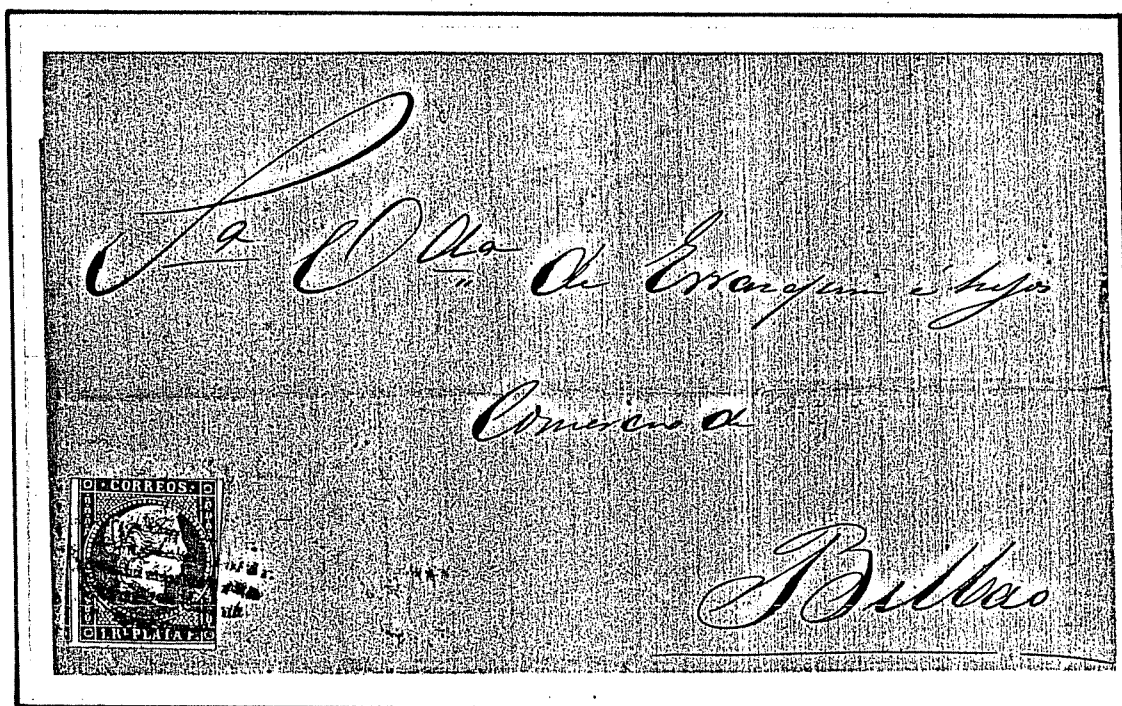
The letter C of Correos is wider.

The first letter O of Correos is smaller and round.

The number 1 is thinner.

The second letter A of Plata is inclined.

Used from April 1860 until Jan. 1863.





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Real Placa Fuerte

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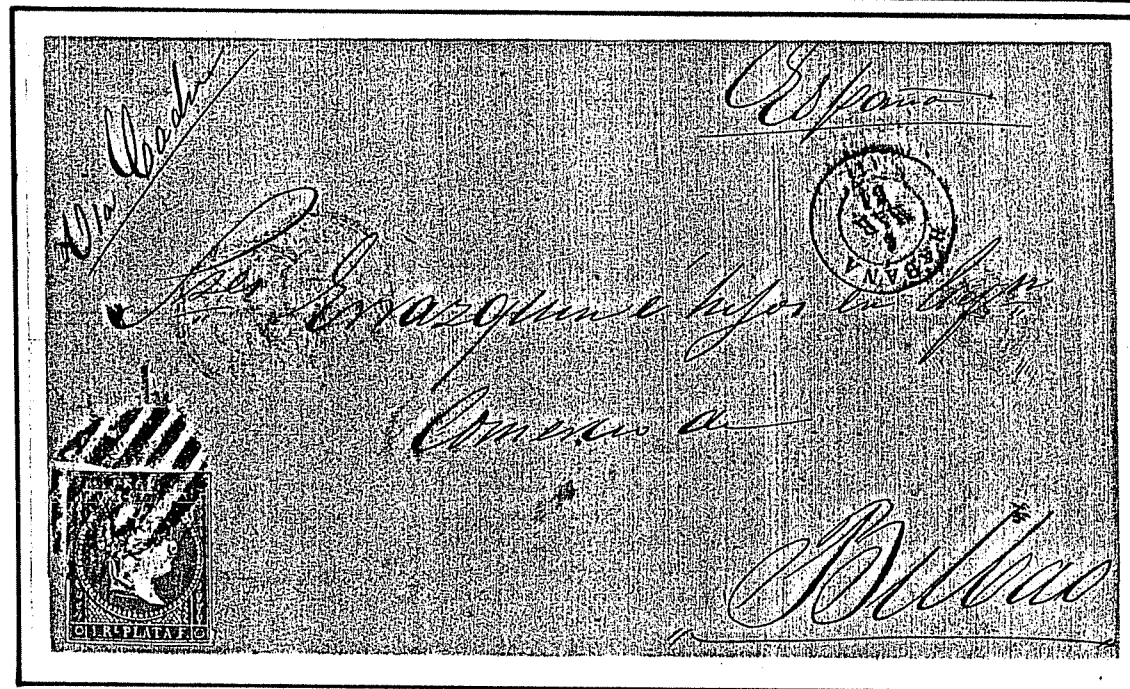
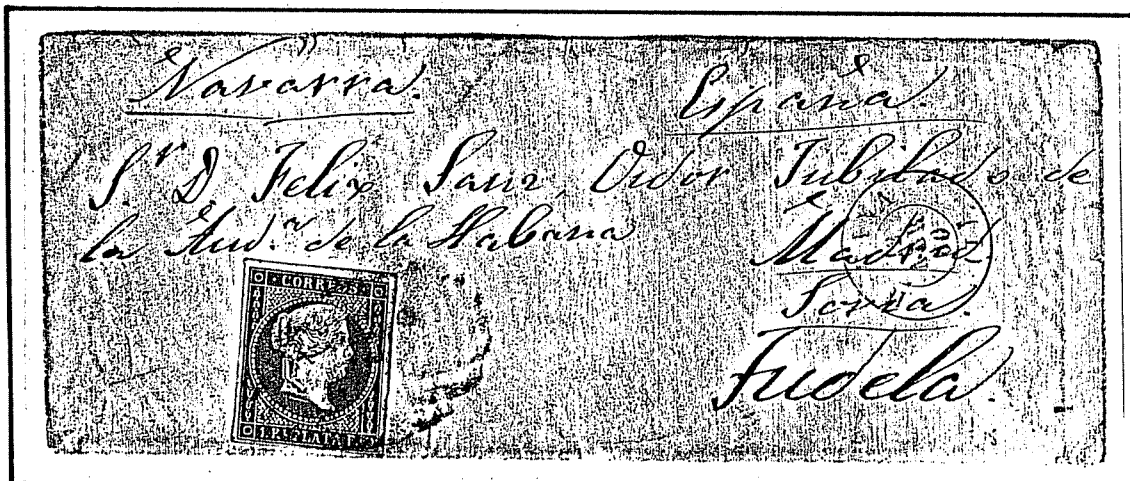
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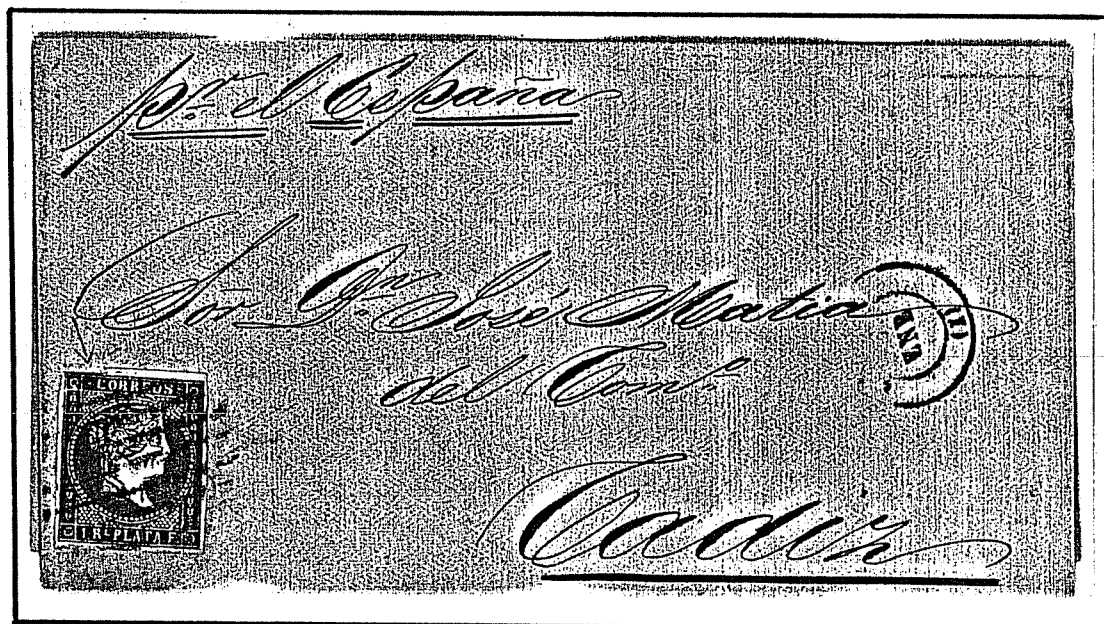
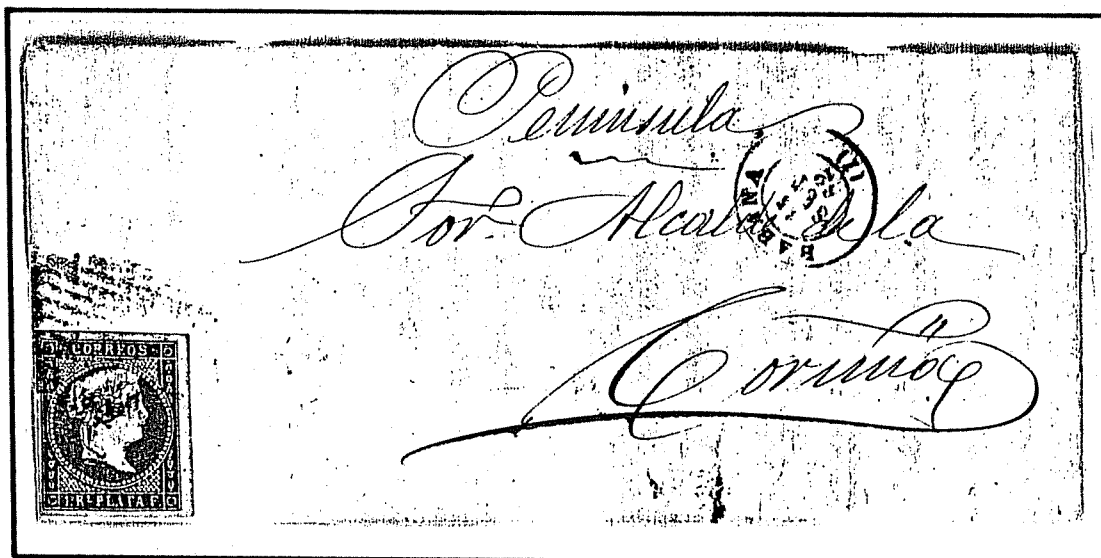
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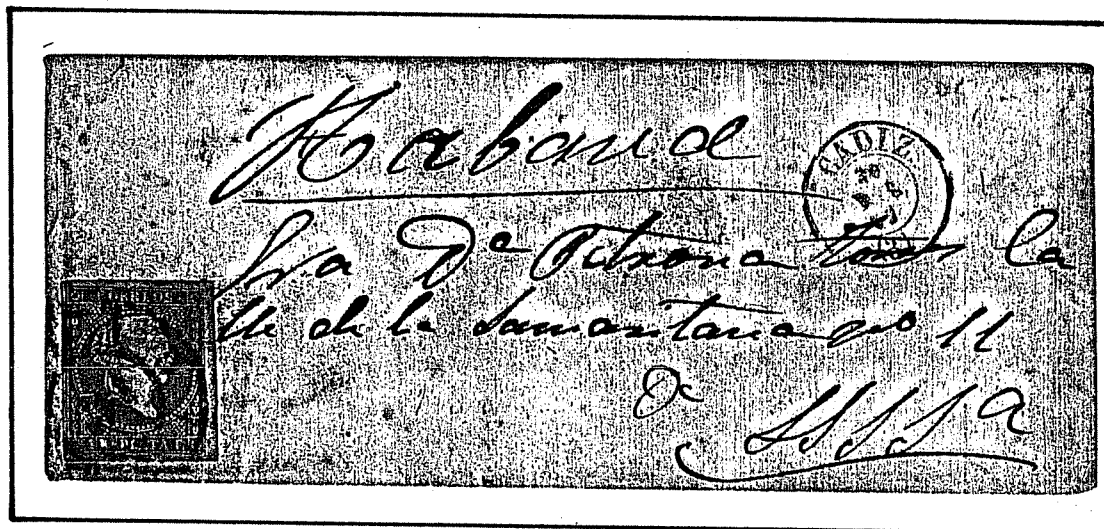
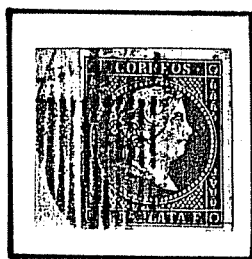
Postal Forgeries

Type 2

The second R of Correos is thicker and the S is inclined.

The letter F has no foot.

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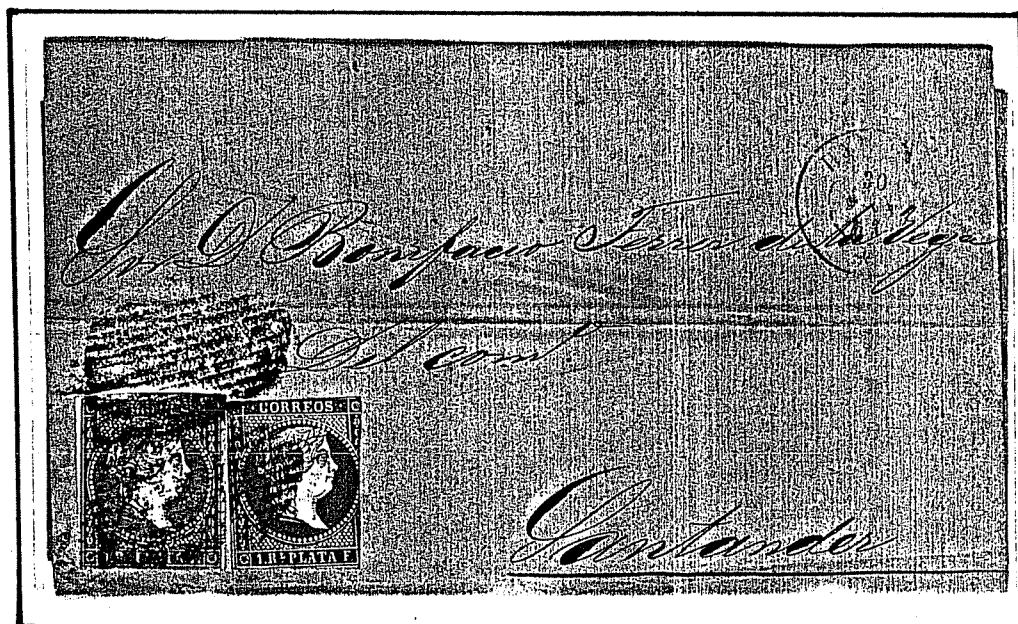
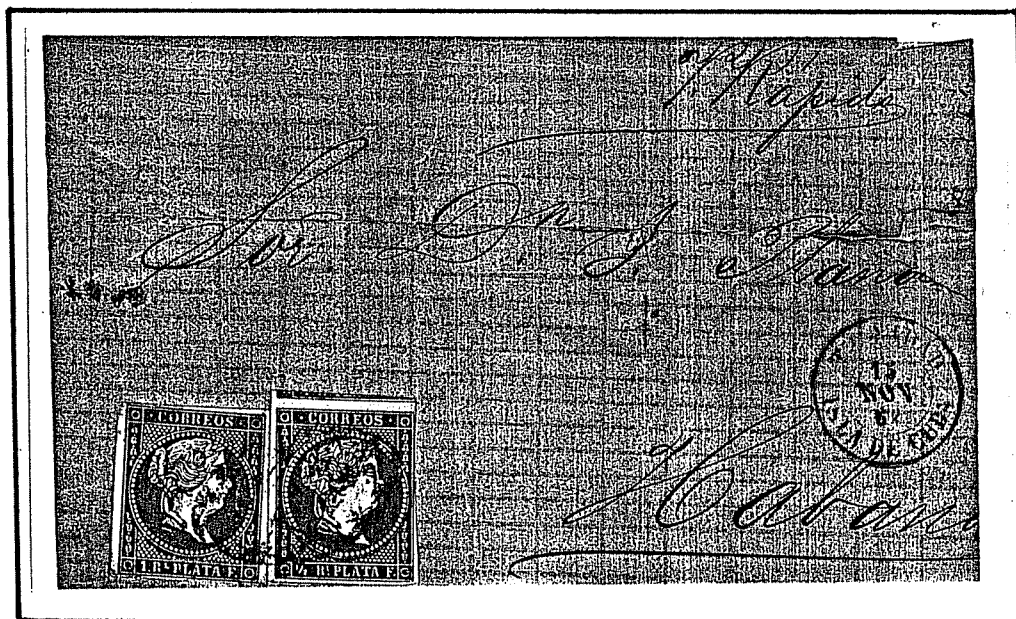
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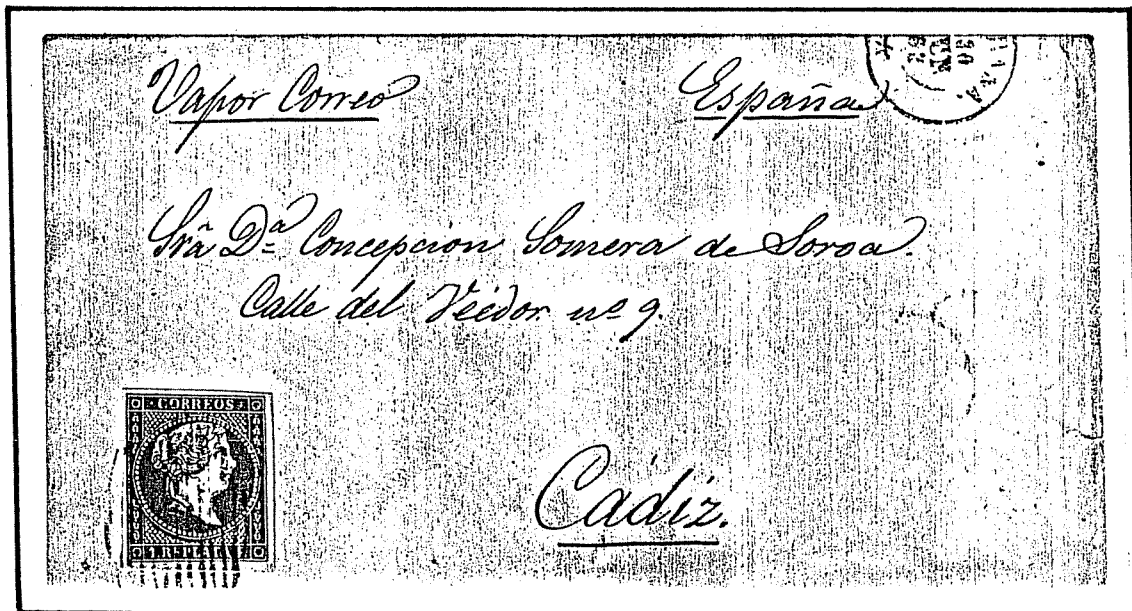
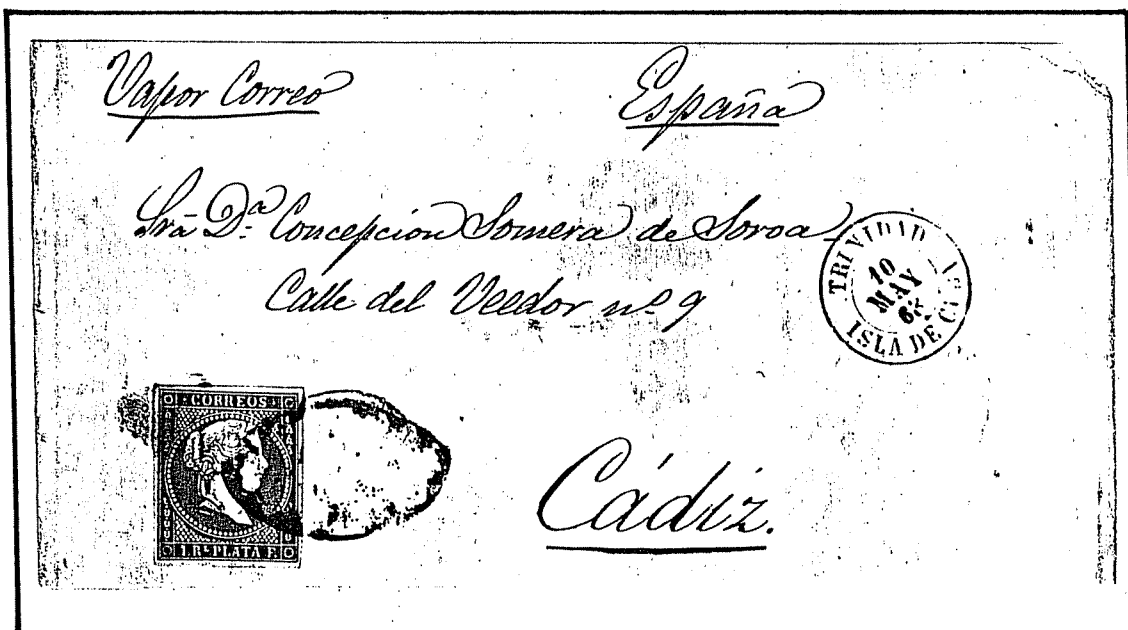
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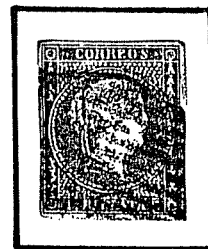
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Postal Forgeries

Type 3 Habana Forgery.

Similar characteristics as Type 6 of the $\frac{1}{2}$ Real value.



Type 4

Similar characteristics as type 10 of the $\frac{1}{2}$ Real value.





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2 Reales Plata Fuerte

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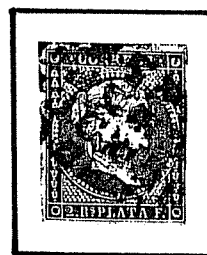
The 1/4 surcharge was crudely erased and the stamps were heavily cancelled with the oval mark of Matanzas in order to cover the remnants of the surcharge which can still be detected. This was done with the cooperation of a postal employee.



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1/4 de Real surcharged Type III on 2 Reales Plata Fuerte
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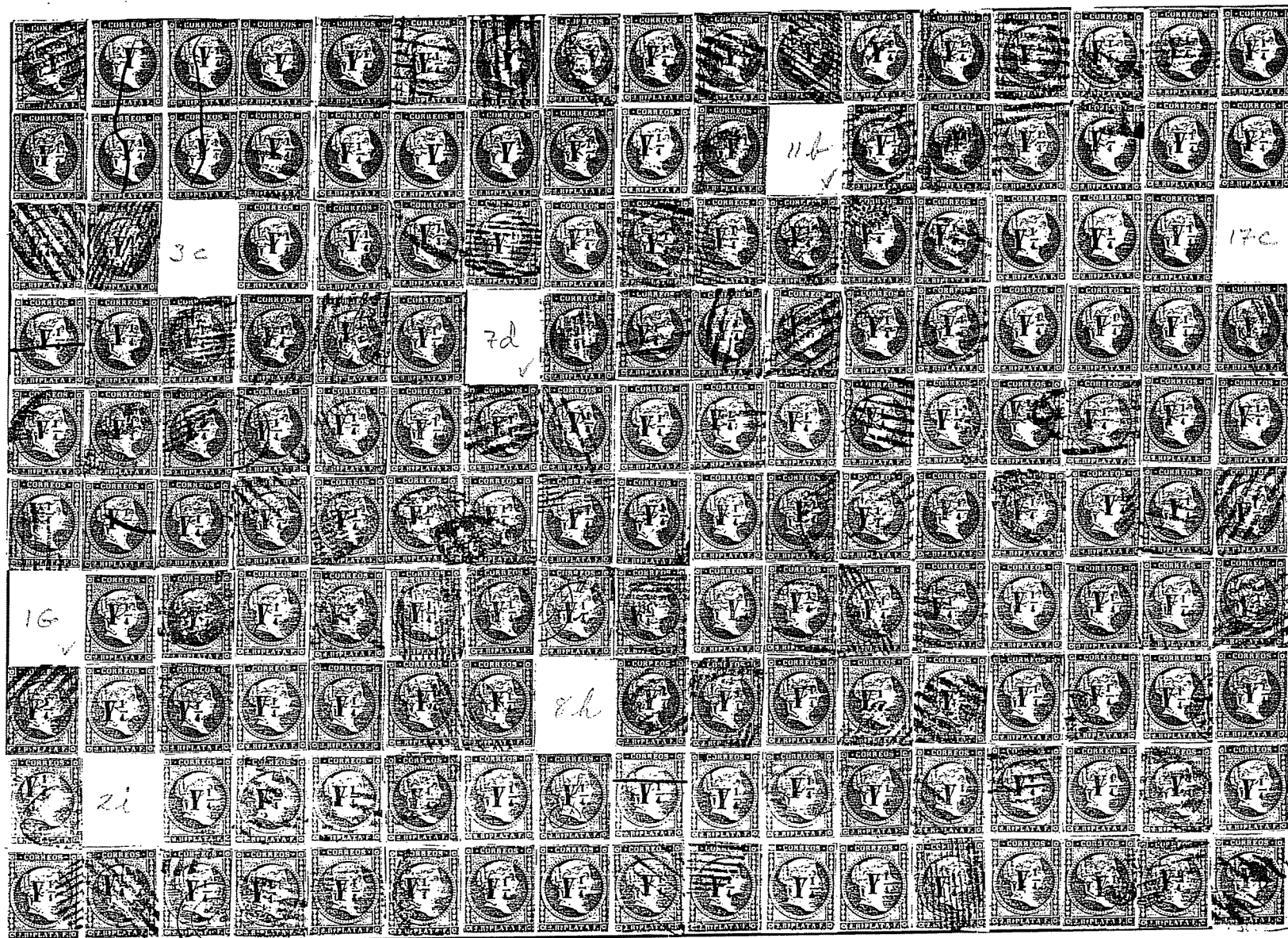
V¹₄

Quantities of each type and their positions on the plate

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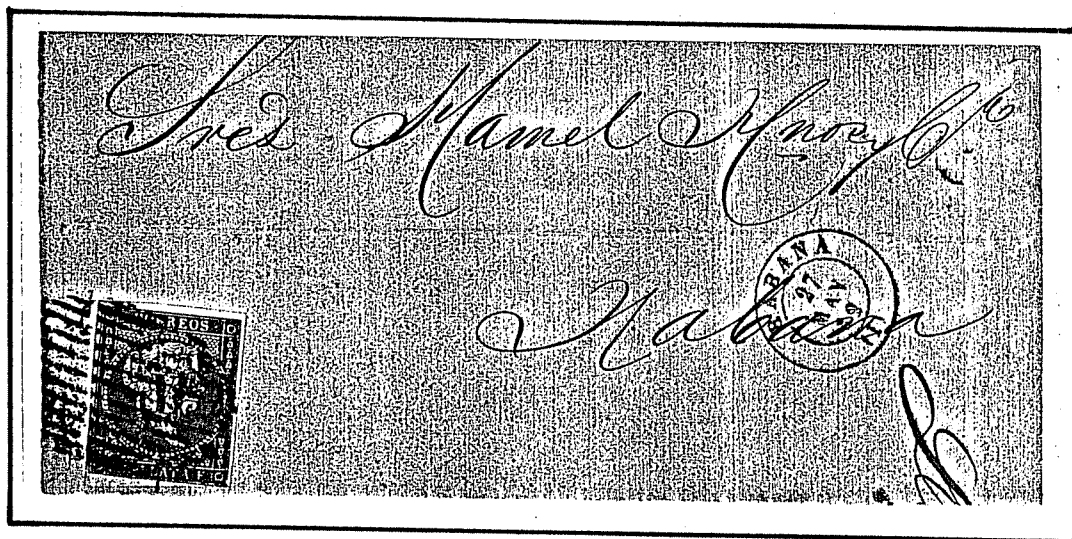
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Surcharge Type(a) **V¹/₄**

Normal surcharge. Thick numbers, the fraction bar is made of a letter "l" placed horizontally with the top facing left. This type occupies 75% of the positions on the plate.



Position No. 170 (17 I)



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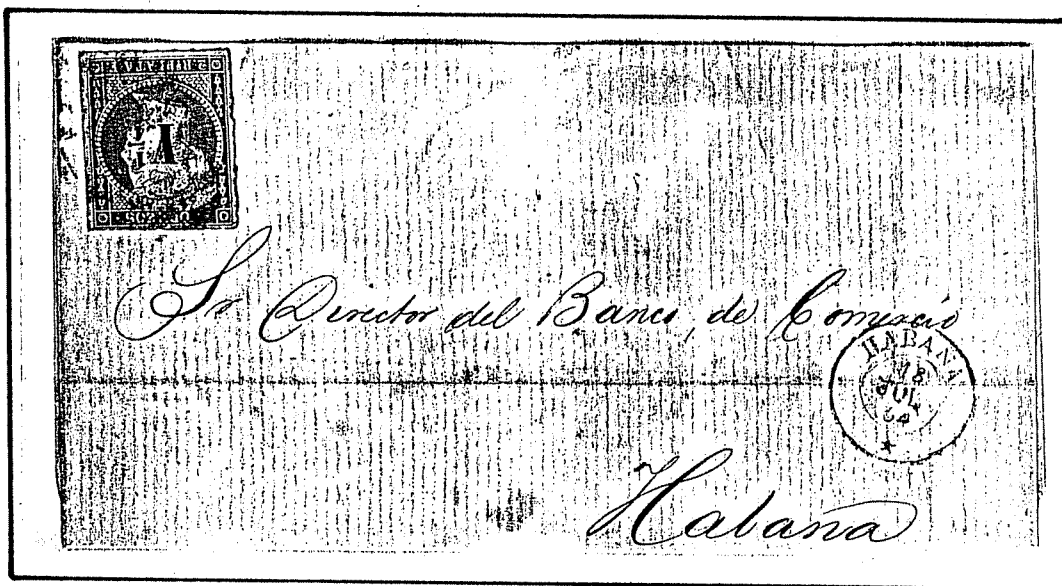
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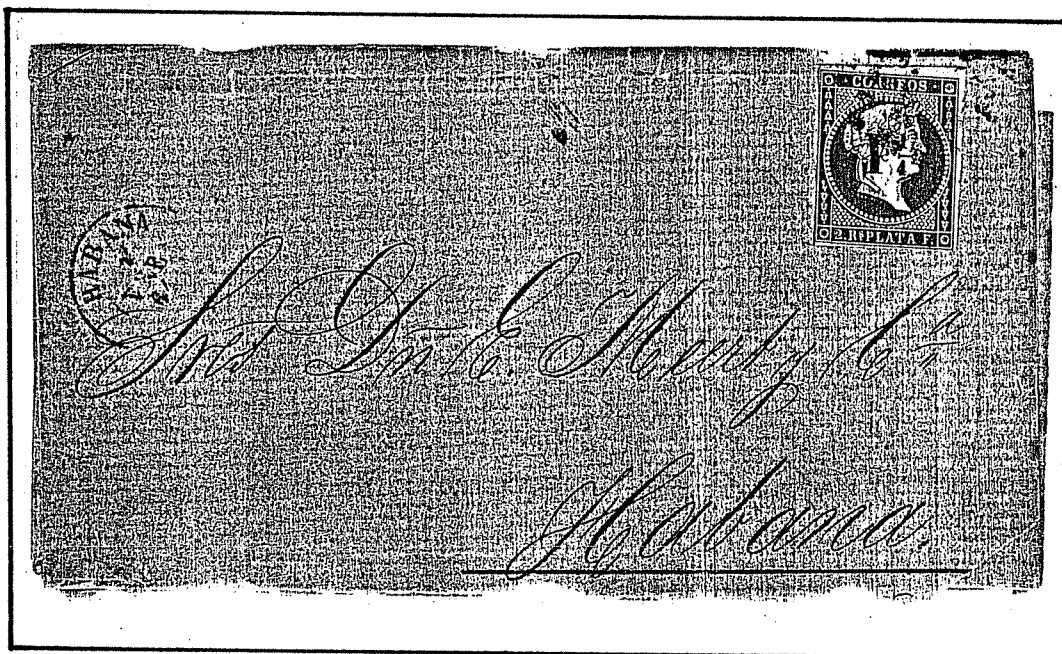
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V $\frac{1}{4}$

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Position No. 58 (7 D).



Position No. 146 (10 I)



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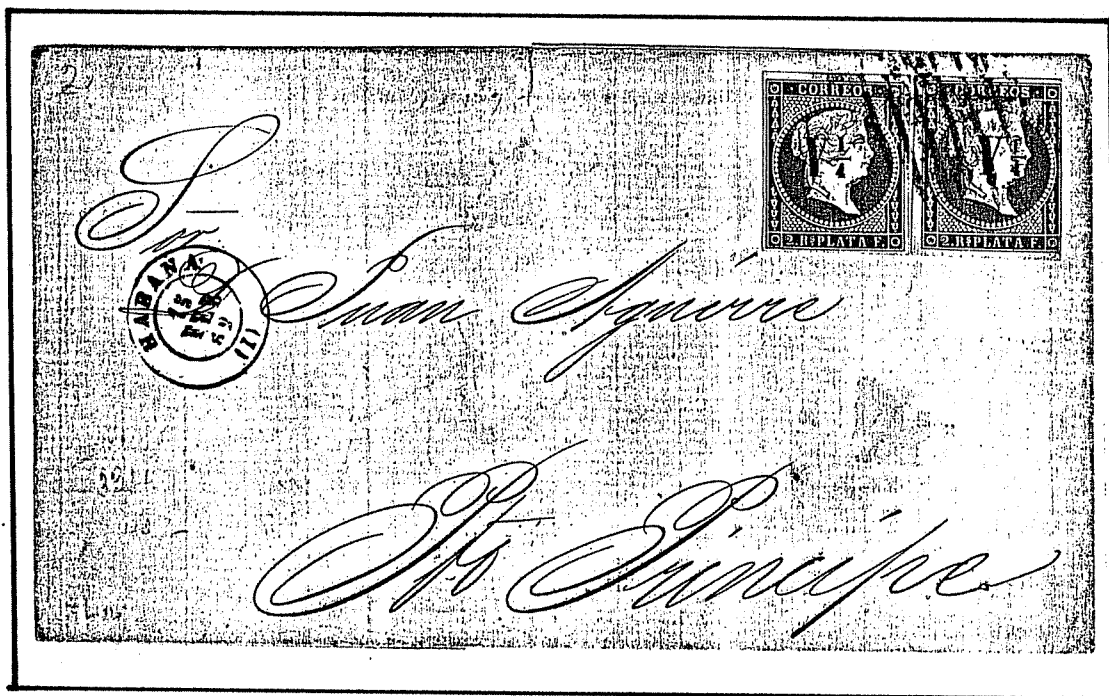
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Surcharge Type(d) **V¹/₄**

Similar to Type(c) but the "1" is inverted.



Position No. 106(4 G)

Position No. 28(11 B)



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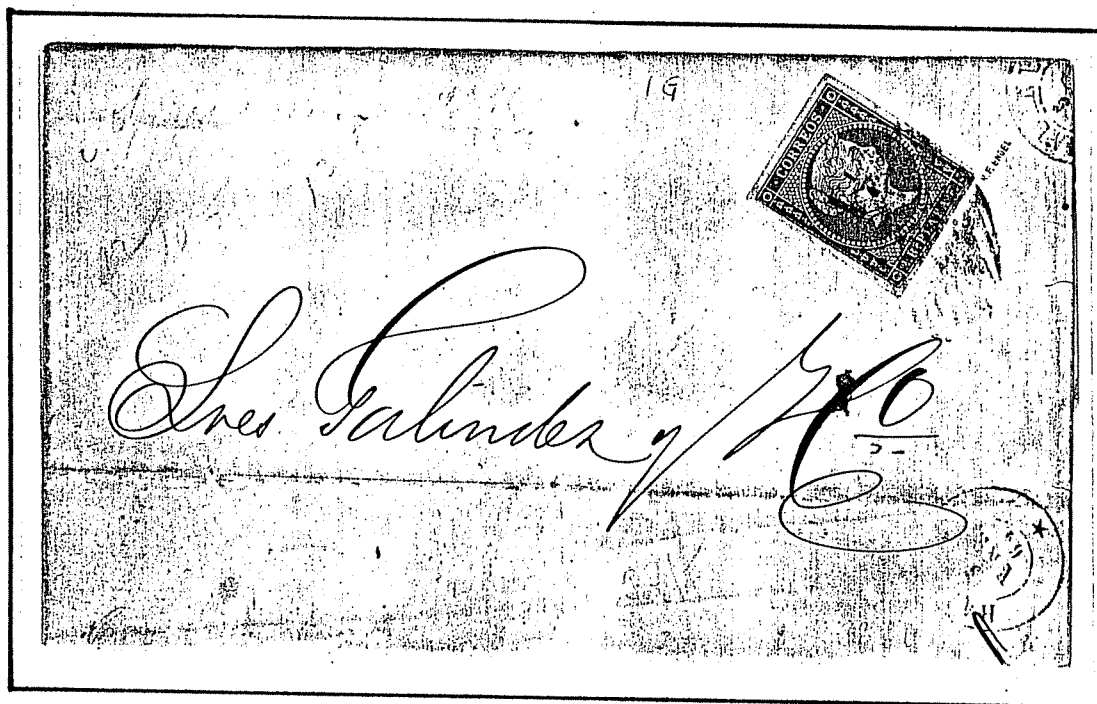
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Surcharge Type(k) **Y¹/₄**

Similar to type(a) but the right arm of the "Y" is broken.



Position No. 38(4 C)



Position No. 103(1 G)



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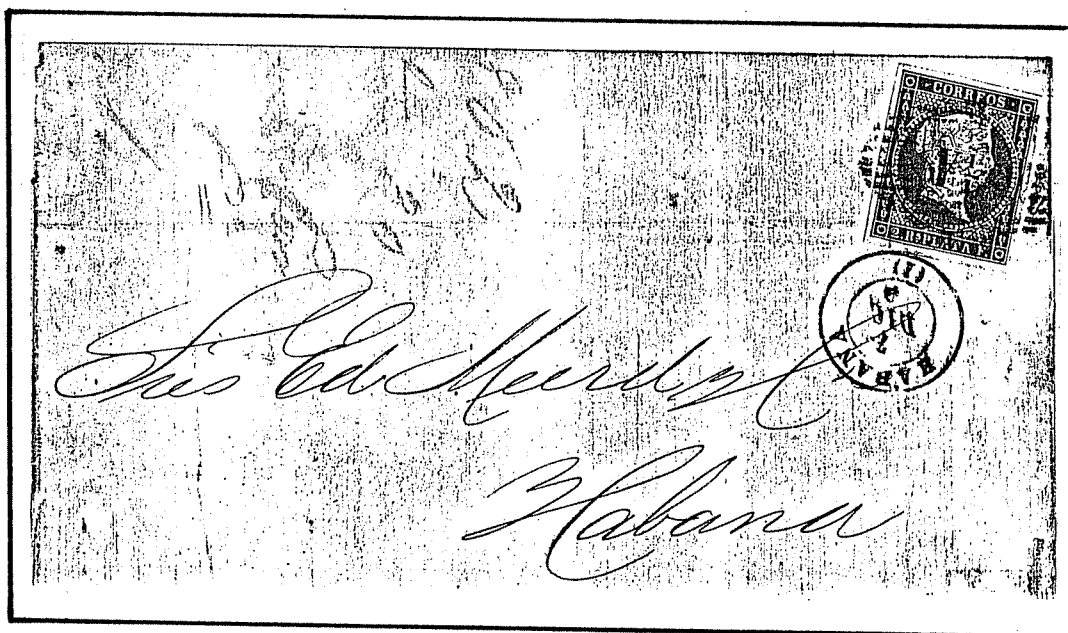
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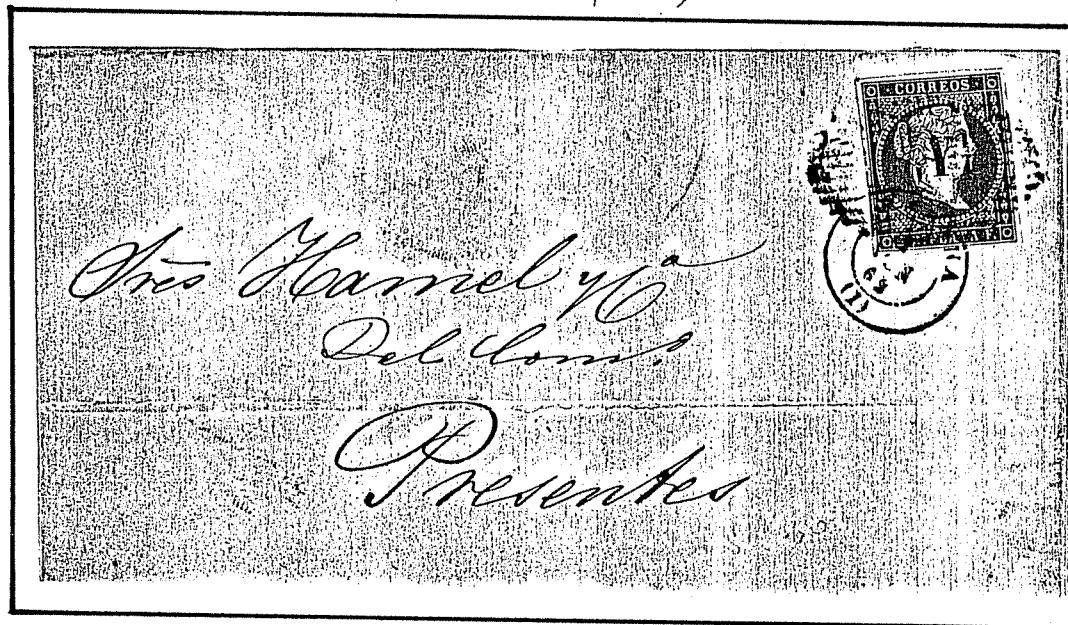
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Surcharge Type(a) **V $\frac{1}{4}$**

Normal surcharge. Thick numbers, the fraction bar is made of a letter "l" placed horizontally with the top facing left. This type occupies 75% of the positions on the plate.



Position No. 94 (9 F)



Position No. 134 (15 H)



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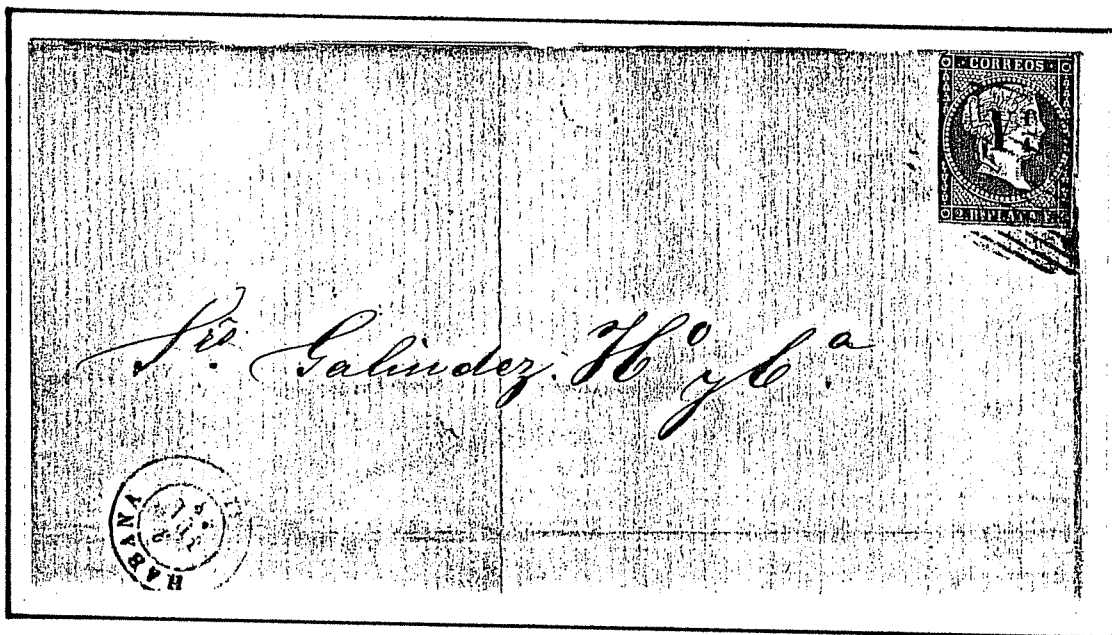
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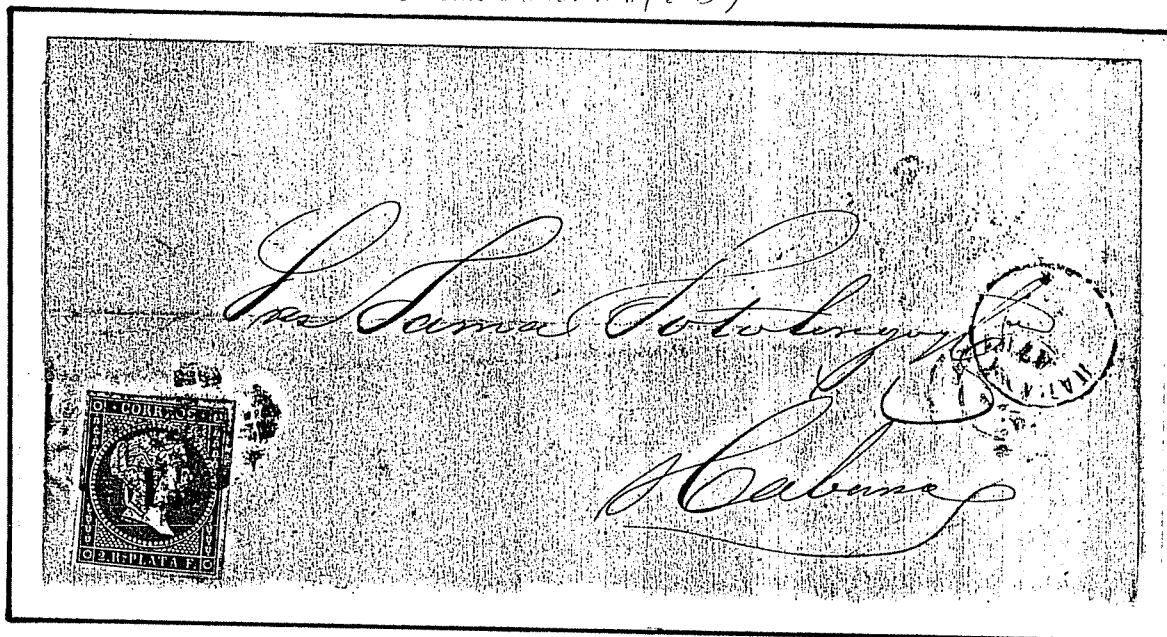
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Surcharge Type (α) **V¹/₄**

Normal surcharge. Thick numbers, the fraction bar is made of a letter "l" placed horizontally with the top facing left. This type occupies 75% of the positions on the plate.



Position No. 145 (9 I)



Position No. 149 (13 I)



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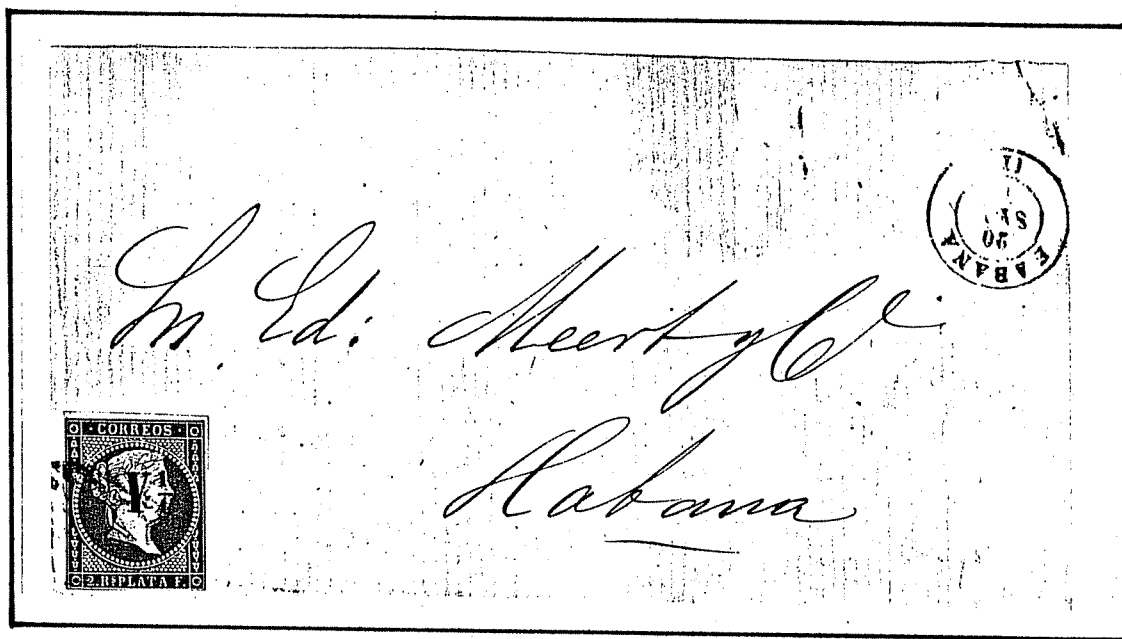
Surcharge Type (b)

V $\frac{1}{4}$

Similar to type (a) but the fraction bar is a straight thick line.



Position No. 139 (3 I)



Position No. 7 (7 A)



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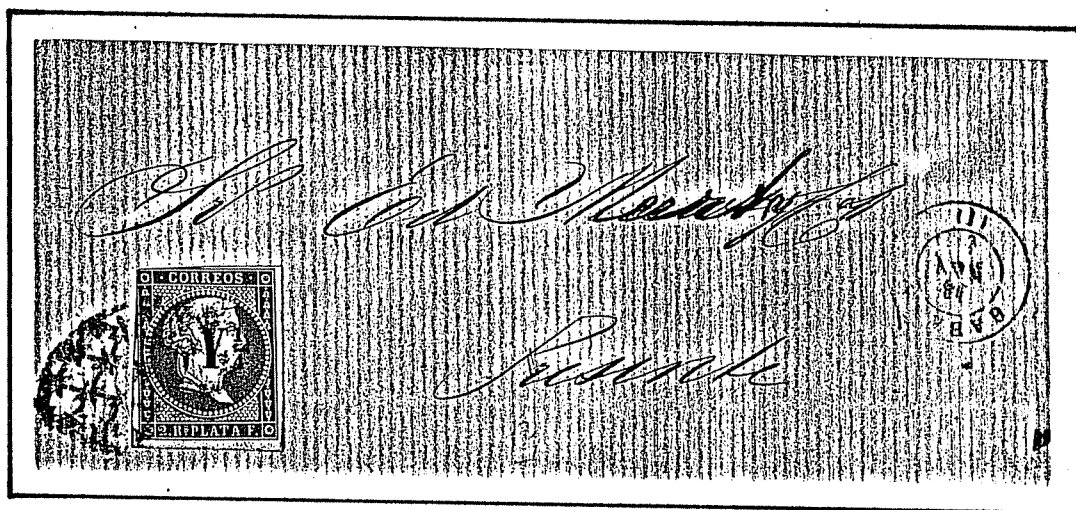
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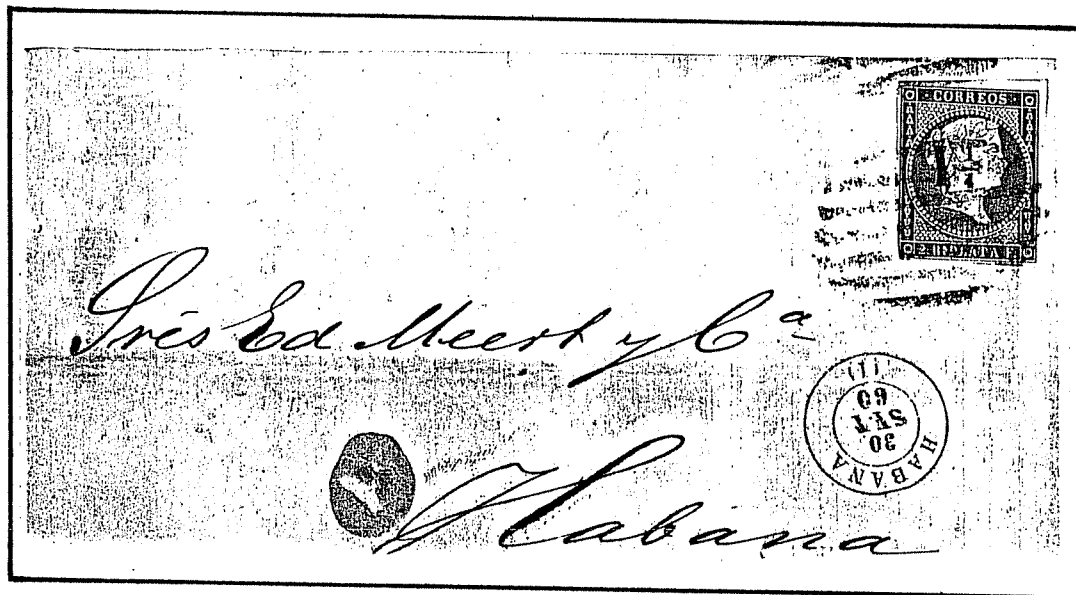
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*Surcharge Type(c) **V¹/₄***

The numbers 1 and 4 are thin instead of thick. There are 14 stamps of this type, all placed on the second horizontal line.



Position No. 24 (7 B)



Position No. 34 (17 B)



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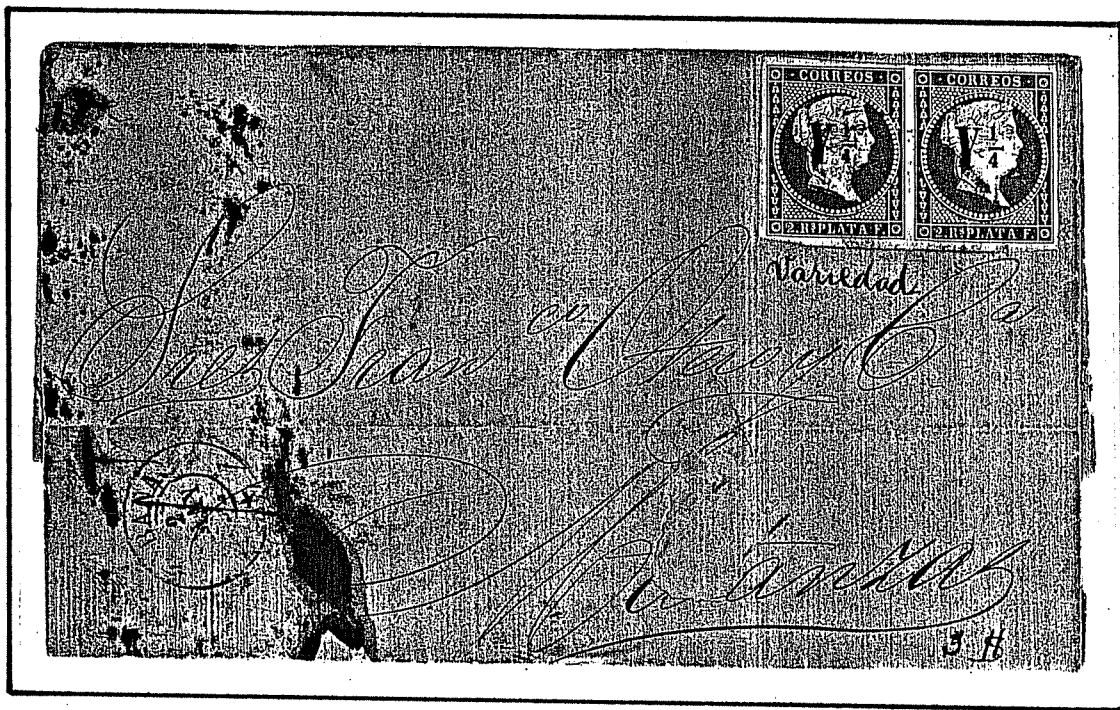
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*Surcharge Type(c) **V¹/₄***

The numbers 1 and 4 are thin instead of thick. There are 14 stamps of this type, all placed on the second horizontal line.



Position No. 29 (12 B)

Position No. 30 (13 B)

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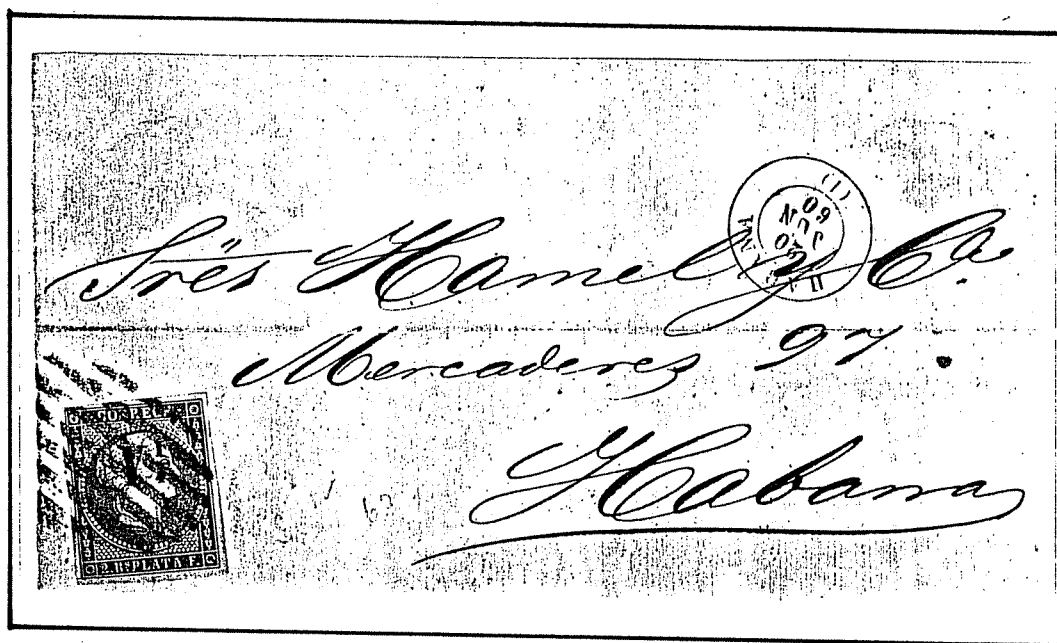
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Surcharge Type(h)

V¹/₄

*Similar to type(a) but with Roman type number "1". Also the right arm of the
"V" is broken.*



Position No. 90(5 F)



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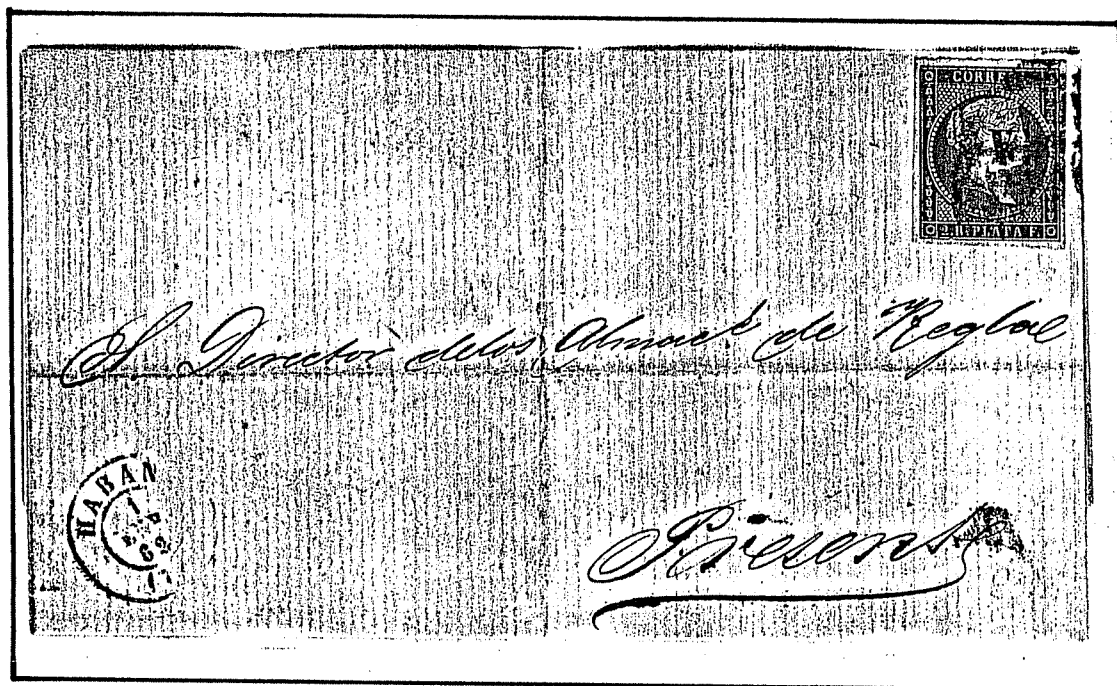
Surcharge Type(j)

V ¹/₄

Similar to type(a) but the bottom of the "Y" is missing. This is not a constant variety.



Position No. 71(3 E)



Position No. 1(1 A)



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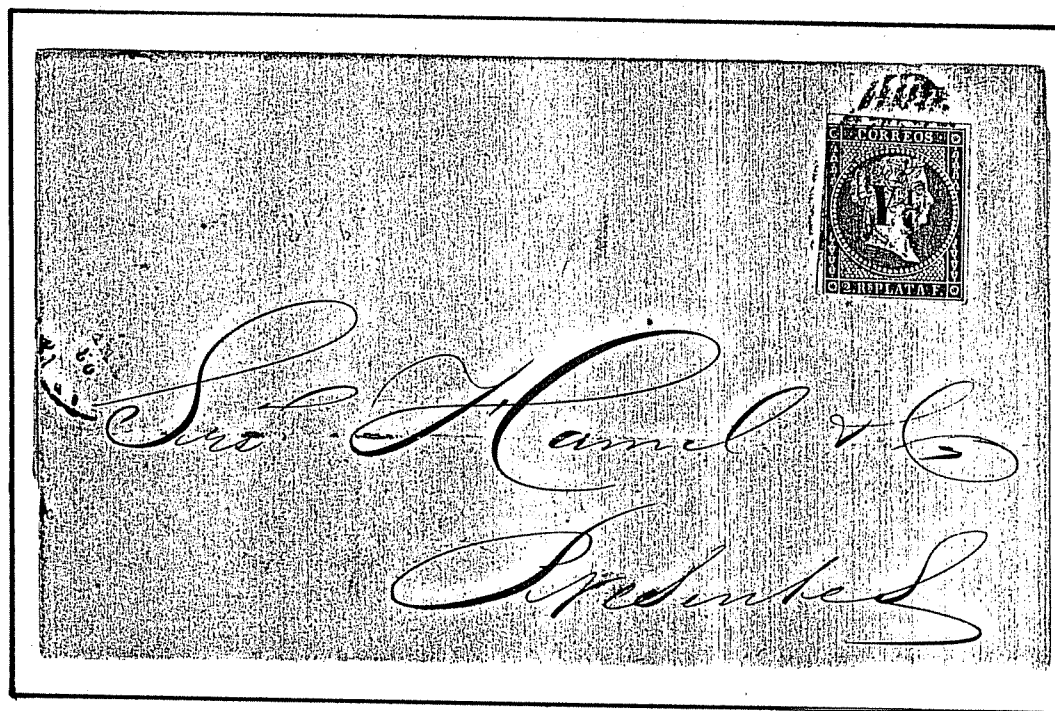
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Surcharge Type(n)

V¹/₄

Similar to type(g) but the "1" is inverted and broken at the bottom.



Position No. 123 (4 H)



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Varieties

Y $\frac{1}{4}$

Surcharge Type(s)

Position No. 80 (12 E)

*Similar to type(g) but the left
tip of the fraction bar is broken.*



Y $\frac{1}{4}$

Surcharge Type(y)

Position No. 150 (14 J)

*Similar to type(a) but the
right side of the bottom of the
"Y" is broken.*



Y $\frac{1}{4}$

Surcharge Type(z)

Position No. 158 (5 J)

*Similar to type(a) but the left
tip of the fraction bar is broken.*

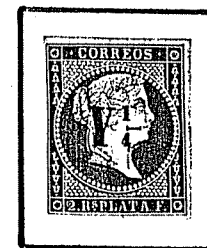


Y $\frac{1}{4}$

Surcharge Type(e)

Position No. 55 (4 D)

*Similar to type(a) but the
fraction bar is displaced to the
right. Also the top of the letter
"t" faces right instead of left.*



Y $\frac{1}{4}$

Surcharge Type(l)

Position No. 43 (9 C)

*Similar to type(a) but the
"4" is deformed.*

