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International Large Gold
Collection of Spanish Antilles and Cuba*

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SYMBOLS

★★ Mint, Never Hinged
 ★ Mint, Hinged
 (★) Mint, no gum (unused)
 ★○ Mint & Used
 ○ Used
 △ Used on piece
 ☒ Cover
 ☐ Block of 4 or larger
 ☐ Plate Block
 ☐ Booklet Pane
 A Autograph
 D Document
 E Essay
 FDC First Day Cover
 P Proof

ABBREVIATIONS

S Specimen	LR Lower Right
B Bottom	ms manuscript
b/s backstamp	NH Never Hinged
B-O-B Back-of-the-Book	o/w otherwise
cds circular date stamp	OG original gum
c/c corner card	ovpt(d) overprint(ed)
cto Cancelled to Order	pmk(d) postmark(ed)
E.C.V. Estimated Cash Value	PPC Picture Postcard
FDC First Day Cover	R Right
FL Folded Letter (with contents)	SE Straight Edge
FLS Folded Letter Sheet	S/L Straight Line
..... (no contents)	S-O-N Socked-on-the-nose
HR Hinge Remnant	S/S Souvenir Sheet
h/s handstamp(ed)	surch. surcharge
incl. including	T Top
invtd inverted	UL Upper Left
L Left	UR Upper Right
LH Lightly Hinged	VLH Very Lightly Hinged
LL Lower Left	Wmk(d) Watermark(ed)

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Sale #186

NOTE: PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE UNSOLD LOTS. PRICES INCLUDE THE 15% BUYER'S PREMIUM.

Lot #	Hammer
0001	575000
0002	276000
0003	138000
0004	299000

The prices realized without the 15% buyer's commission were Lot 1 -- \$500,000 to an unknown buyer; Lot 2 -- \$240,000 to Jack Thompson and Yamil Kouri; Lot 3 -- \$120,000 to a telephone bidder; Lot 4 -- \$260,000 to Patrick Mangan; Lot 5 was apparently not sold (Lot 5 was not part of the Prats holdings).

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The Ignacio Prats International Large Gold Collection of Puerto Principe Provisional Surcharges, a fabulous collection of mint and used singles, numerous multiples including complete settings, setting reconstructions of nearly every denomination and printing, fabulous errors, varieties, Military Station cancellations and ten out of the fewer than 30 recorded covers, including three out of the six known to foreign destinations, all mounted on Mr. Prats' exhibition pages in two Lighthouse binders. **This collection ranks among the finest ever formed of this rare and fascinating issue**, with numerous items being from the two other great collections of the past, Tows and Robertson, as well as having been featured in numerous philatelic publications over the decades. This issue is notorious for its poor quality as the paper upon which the stamps were printed is of a soft and fibrous nature and climatic conditions were difficult, the quality of the material in the Prats collection is generally the finest obtainable. 42 certificates accompany the collection and a great many of the other items have been signed by acknowledged experts in the field. *Please review the previous 21 pages for some highlights from the collection.....* **E.C.V. \$200,000-300,000**

This lot was sold for \$240,000 plus 15% commission (\$276,000) to Jack Thompson and Yamil Kouri.

Excerpts from the Ignacio Prats Collection
of
Puerto Principe Provisional Surcharges

First Printing



Trial impression of the complete setting of five on green paper. Only three are recorded. 1989 P.F. certificate.

The Complete Setting of Five



Scott 176 1975 P.F. certificate. Ex-Tows.



Scott 178 Signed Roig.

Large Fragment to France



Scott 178.



Scott 178.

Complete Setting of Five on Cover



Scott 178. Ex.-Tows.

Combination Strip of Three



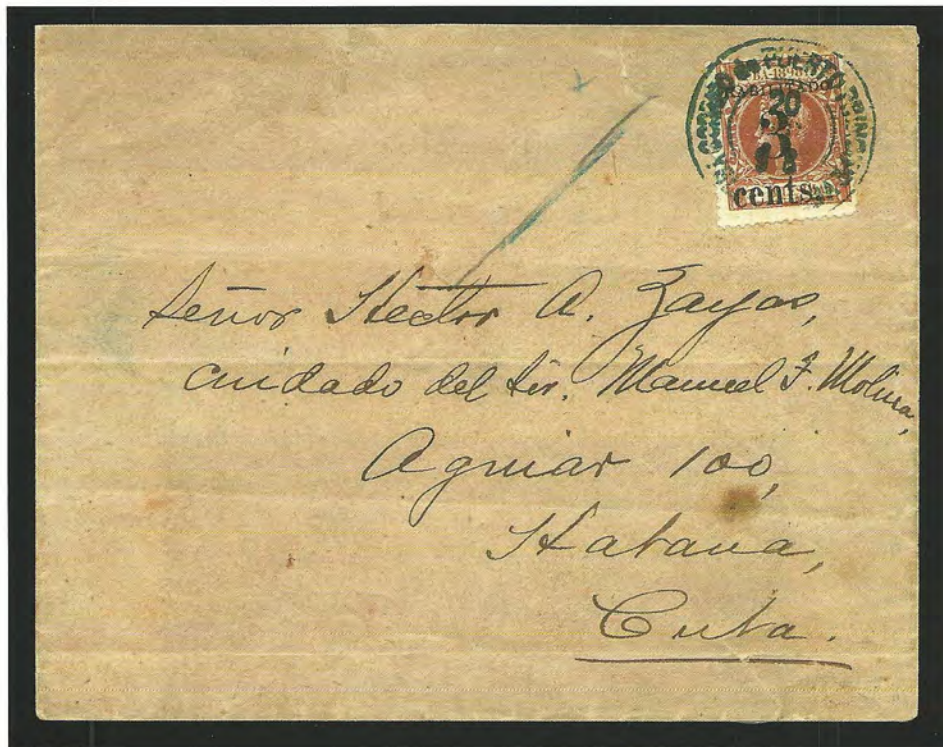
Scott 180 on left and right, center stamp Scott 181. Signed Bloch.

Inverted Surcharge Combination Pair



Scott 180a, 181a. Signed Bloch. Ex-Tows.

Cover to Habana



Scott 180.

The Complete Setting of Five



Four stamps Scott 188, one Scott 189. Signed Colson.

Used in Combination With U.S. Postage



Scott 188 and U.S. 279c. P.F. certificate. Ex.-Tows.

Inverted Surcharge Combination Pair



Scott 188a, 189a.

Second Printing



Scott 179G. P.F. certificate.

Combination Pair



Scott 182, 183. Signed Bloch. Ex.-Tows.



Scott 182. P.F. certificate. Ex.-Tows.

Inverted Overprints



Scott 182a, 183a. Both signed Bloch. Left stamp Ex.-Tows.

Combination Pair



Scott 184, 185. Signed Bartels and Bloch.

The Unique Strip of Three



Scott 184.

Inverted Surcharge



Scott 186a. Signed Bloch. Ex.-Tows.

Pair, One Without Surcharge



Scott 190b. Signed Bartels.

Pair With Gutter



Scott 190. Signed Bloch. Ex.-Tows.

Third Printing
Double Surcharge



Scott 179Bc.

Cover to Habana



Scott 179B.

Combination Pair



Scott 190, 191. Signed Bloch.

Pair With Gutter Margin



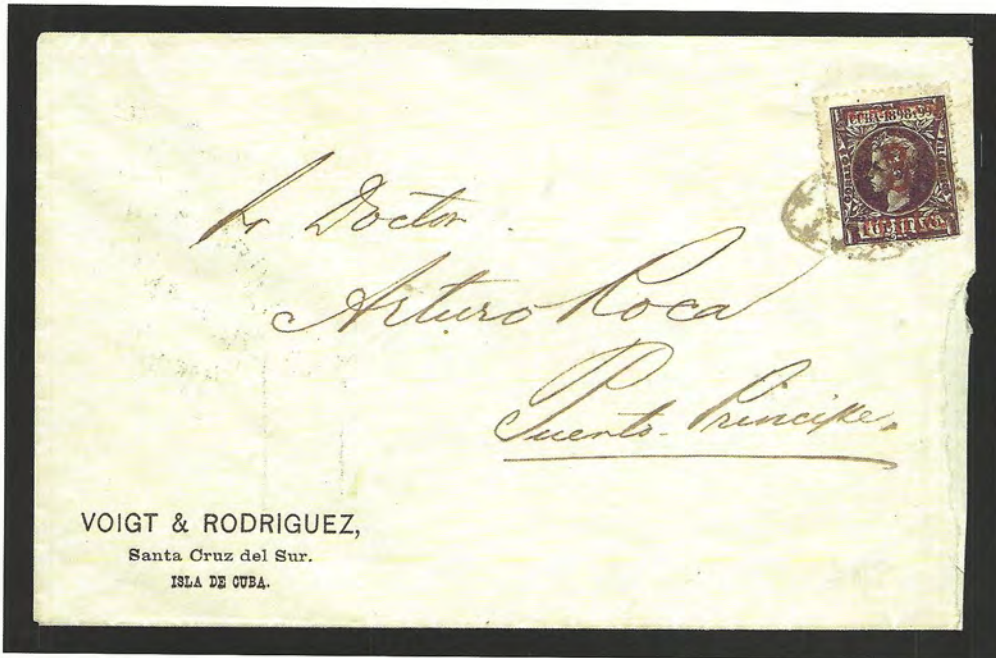
Scott 192. Signed Bloch Ex.-Tows.

Fourth Printing Inverted Surcharges - The Complete Setting



Scott 196a (4) and 197a.

One of Only About 30 Recorded Puerto Principe Covers



Scott 197.

The Only Recorded Puerto Principe Cover to Spain



Scott 196, 178. Signed Roig.

Cover to Habana



Scott 196. Signed Bloch. Ex.-Tows.

The Unique Strip of Five Showing the Complete Setting



Scott 198 (4) and Scott 199.

One of Only Two Known Puerto Principe Frankings
on a Spanish American War Patriotic Cover



Scott 198.

Inverted Surcharges - The Complete Setting



Scott 198a (4) and 199a.

Double Surcharge Combination Pair



Scott 198c, 199c. Ex.-Tows.

Fifth Printing
One of Three Known Pairs



Scott 201.

Combination Pair



Scott 202, 201.

Inverted Surcharges - The Complete Setting of Five



Scott 201a (4), 202a.

Unique Inverted Surcharge With Surcharged Sheet - Margin Showing "cents" Variety



Scott 201a, 201c Var., signed Bartels and Bloch.

Unique Type L Surcharge With Type K Surcharge in Gutter Margin



Scott 202a, 201 Var. Signed Bartels and Bloch.

Combination Pair With Shifted Overprint



Scott 201 Var., 202 Var.



Scott 204. A.P.S. certificate. Ex.-Tows.

Inverted Surcharge



Scott 203b

The Complete Setting of Five



Scott 205 (3), position 3 with "eents" variety Scott 205b and 206.



Scott 206. A.P.S. certificate. Ex.-Tows.

Inverted Surcharges



Scott 205a, 206a. Each signed Scott Stamp & Coin.

Type L Surcharge With Type K Surcharge In Sheet-Margin



Scott 206, 205 Var. Signed Bloch. Ex.-Tows.

Unique Example From Position 1 of the Fourth Printing



Formerly Scott 183B. P.F. certificate. Ex.-Tows.

The Unique Complete Setting of Five



Scott 211 (3), position 3 with "eents variety", Scott 211a, and Scott 212.



Scott 213.

Exceedingly Rare Mint Example



Scott 213. P.F. certificate. Ex.-Tows.

The Complete Setting of Five



Scott 215 (3), position 3 shows the "cents" variety, Scott 215a, and position 4 is an extremely rare mint copy of Scott 216.

The Complete Setting of Five - Probably Unique



Scott 217 (3), position 3 with the "cents" variety, Scott 217a and 218.



Scott 218. Signed Economist.

The Greatest Puerto Principe Cover - Combination Pair on Registered Cover to New York



Scott 218, 217. Friedl certificate. Ex.-Tows.

The Complete Setting of Five



Scott 219 (3), position 3 with "cents" variety, Scott 219b and position 4 is Scott 220.

Inverted Surcharges - The Complete Setting of Five



Scott 219a (3), position 3 with "cents" variety, Scott 219c and position 4 is Scott 220a.

Gibara Provisional Handstamp



"No stamps available/Postage paid Military/Govt."

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