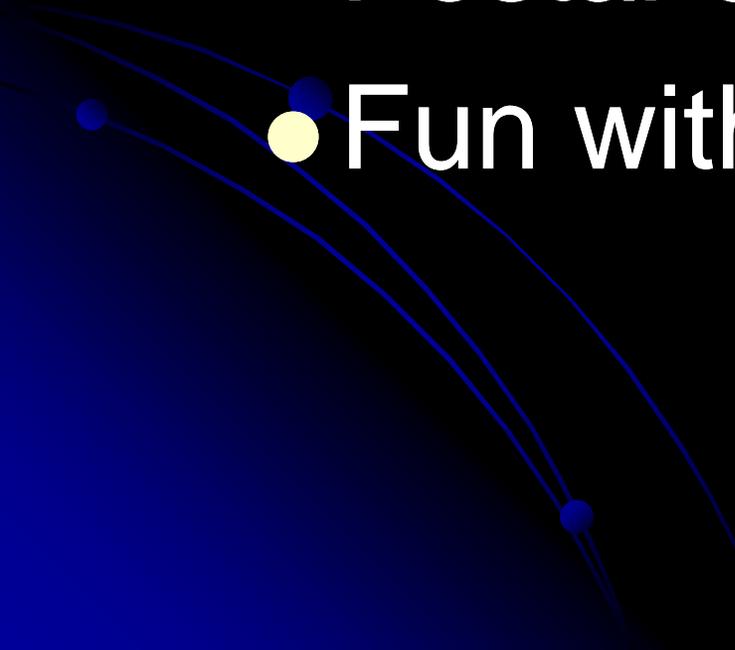


Queen Isabella II As Portrayed on Philippine Stamps 1854 – 1864

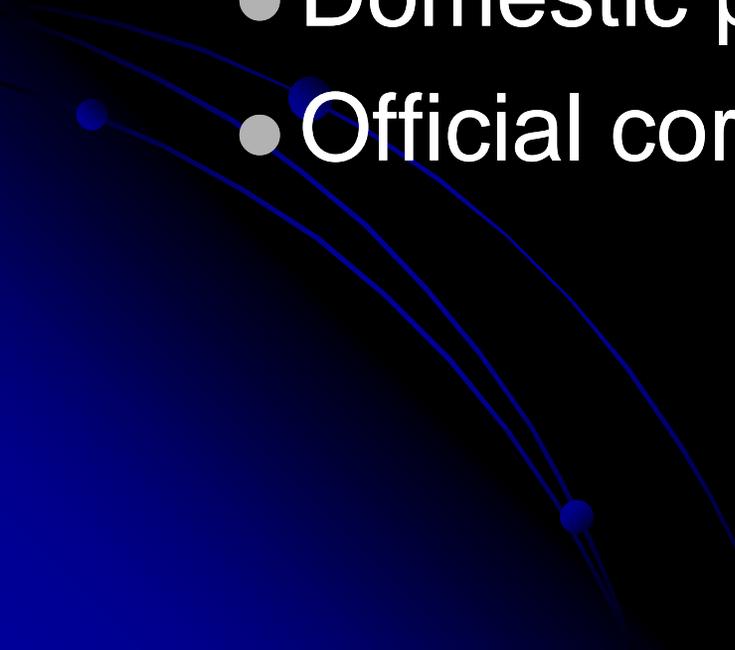


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Queen Isabella II

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Introduction

- December 7, 1853 Decree
 - Governor-General Antonio Urbiztondo
 - Effective from February 1, 1854
 - Domestic postal rates detailed
 - Official correspondence conveyed free
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February 1, 1854

- Set of 4 stamps issued for Domestic use
- Design based on 1853 issue of Spain
- Hand engraved on copper plates
- Sheets of 40, each stamp differing in detail
- Crudely drawn providing unflattering portrait
- Recess printed in Manila
- Inks purchased from local Chinese stores in Binondo

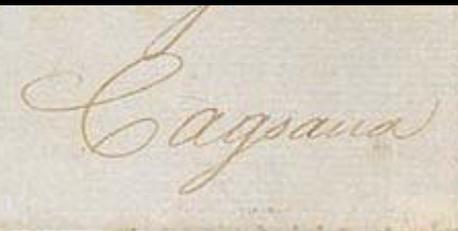
1854 – 5 Cuartos

- Single Weight interior postal rate
- Mail under half-an-ounce
- 125 sheets (5,000 stamps) issued
- One Plate, re-engraved
- Exists with Fine and Coarse lines
- About 50 Covers Known



1854 – 10 Cuartos

- Double Weight interior postal rate
- Mail between ½ ounce and 1 ounce
- 125 sheets (5,000 stamps) issued
- 6 Covers Known



1854 – 10 Cuartos Plates

- Three Plates produced
 - Plate 1 - Black (small '0')
 - Not officially authorised
 - Plate 2 – Rose
 - Neither Retouched nor Re-engraved
 - Plate 3 - Carmine
 - Re-engraved, producing fine and coarse background lines



1854 – 1 Real

- Mail between 1 ounce and 1½ ounces
- Between 2,000 and 3,000 issued
 - 50 – 75 Sheets
- Major Colour Variation (Blue – Grey)
- 6 Covers Known



1854 – 1 Real



- One Plate, re-engraved
 - Produced fine and coarse background lines
- Corros Error (Position 26)



1854 – 2 Reales

- Registration Fee
- Between 2,000 and 3,000 issued
- 5 Covers Known
 - Only one Registered cover known



1855

- September 1, 1854 Decree
 - All stamps for foreign correspondence to be produced in Spain
 - Local printing to remain for Domestic issues
- Two new issues produced
 - 5-Cuartos for single weight domestic rate
 - Printed in Manila
 - Retained '1854-55' Date Heading
 - Cabeza Grande and Cabeza Pequena

1855 – Cabeza Grande

- Printed in Blocks of 4 Varieties
- Sheets of 48 stamps (12 Blocks)
- 5,000 issued (1,250 per type)
- Inner circle broken by top and bottom labels
- Numerous Forgeries



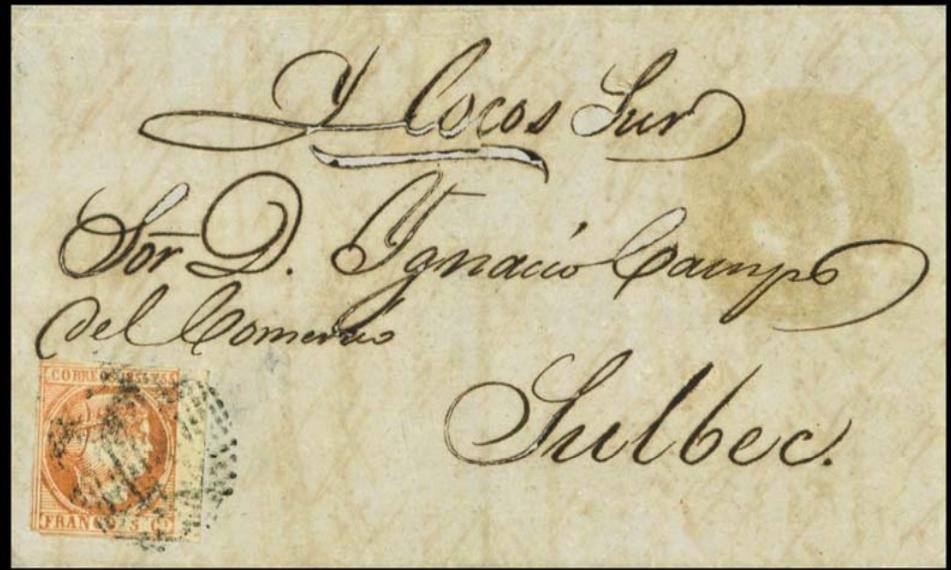
1855- Cabeza Pequeña

- Single Type
- Sheets of 48 stamps
- Inner circle not broken by top and bottom labels
- 3,500 Believed to have been issued
- Very scarce in mint condition



1855 - Covers

- Scarce to Rare on Cover
- Cabeza Grande
 - 7 Domestic
 - 3 Overseas
- Cabeza Pequena
 - 2 Domestic
 - 2 Overseas



January 1, 1856

- First stamps for overseas use
- Printed in Madrid
- Common issue with Cuba and Puerto Rico
- Only watermarked stamps (loops)
- Philippine postmark identifier
- Used up to 1863



January 1, 1859

- Set of 2 domestic rate stamps
 - 5-Cuartos and 10-Cuartos
- Printed in Manila
- Issued in Blocks of 4 Varieties
- 5-Cuartos known on cover dated December 18, 1858

1859 – 5 Cuartos

- 15,000 stamps issued
- 5 Stones
 - 1) and 2) 56 stamps
 - 3) 192 stamps (mid-1859)
 - 4) 130 stamps (1860)
 - 5) 130 stamps (1861)
- Paper varies from thin to thick wove and thick laid paper
- Shades of Orange, red and vermilion



1859 – 10 Cuartos

- 3,000 Stamps issued
- 1 Stone
 - Same as 5c First Stone
- Thick wove paper
- Only two covers known
 - Prepaid single weight overseas circular rate



January 1, 1861

- 5-Cuartos, single weight domestic rate
- Printed in Manila
- Printed in sheets of 130 stamps
- Crude design and hastily produced
- Defective printing – missing letters etc
- 7 Covers known



August 1, 1862



- 5-Cuartos, similar design to 1861 issue
- Printed in Manila
- Printed in sheets of 128 stamps
 - Bottom row of only 8 stamps
 - Sheet value of 32-Reales
- Period after Correos
- 10 Covers known



January 1863

- Set of 4 stamps
- Domestic Use as indicated by Heading
- Printed in Manila
- Two stones used (5c & 10c and 1r & 2r)
- Printed in Sheets of 128 stamps



January 1863

- 10c, 1r and 2r most likely never issued
 - Possibly produced in late 1863
 - Printing suspended on arrival of stamps from Spain
 - Very few used stamps known
 - Only one cover known (2 Reales)
 - 1r and 2r exist with Habilitado overprint



February & March 1863

- Stamps of 1856 reaching exhaustion
- January 1863 issues wrong colour for foreign mail
- Forced to produce local issue to meet demand, despite 1854 Decree
- Printed in Manila
- Intended to resemble 1856 issue
- 9 Covers known



February & March 1863

- One Type, with minor differences noted
- Varying Position of Vignette to Outer Frame
- Two Printings
- February 1863 – 7,000 stamps
 - Grey-Green with sharp impressions
- March 1863 – 5,000 stamps
 - Dark Grey-Green with defective impressions



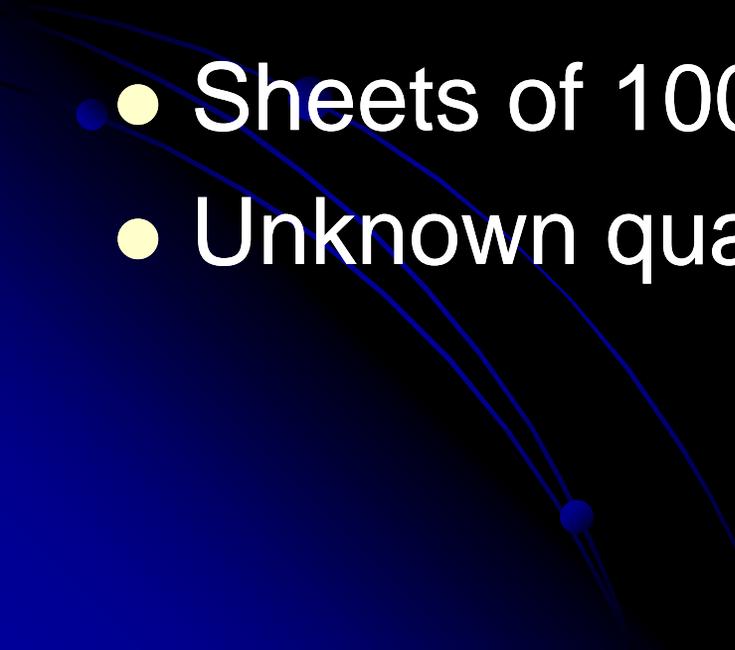
October 1, 1863



- Improved version from earlier issue
- Printed in Manila
- 30,000 stamps issued
- Shades of Green and Emerald-Green
- Last stamp printed in Manila
- 10 Covers known



January 1, 1864

- Uniform issue for Spain and Colonies
 - New monetary system introduced
 - Set of Four stamps
 - Printed in Madrid
 - Sheets of 100
 - Unknown quantities, lasting 4 years
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January 1, 1864



- Domestic Rates: 3-1/8c and 6-2/8c
- Overseas Rate: 12-4/8 centimos
- Registration Fee: 25 centimos
- Royal Order of December 5, 1864
 - Authorised use of low values on overseas mail
- November 5, 1864 Order to withdraw previous postage issues from use



January 1, 1864

- Numerous Printing Flaws exist
 - Missing Period under 'o' and 'e'
 - Broken Letters
- Double Impression on Value



Postal Cancellations

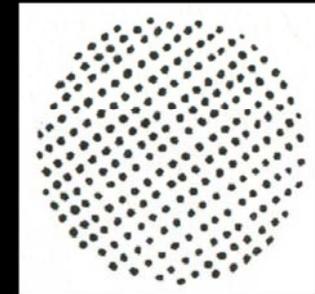
- Baeza (Small and Large) CDS

- 1854-1863



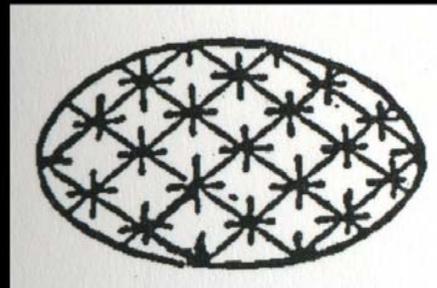
- Circular Dotted Cancel

- Throughout Spanish Period



- Parrilla

- 1856 onwards



Postal Cancellations

- Manila - Filipinas CDS
 - 1859-1863
- Cavite-Luzon CDS
 - 1858 onwards
- Manila - ✱ CDS
 - 1860 to late 1880s
- Iloilo Town Cancel

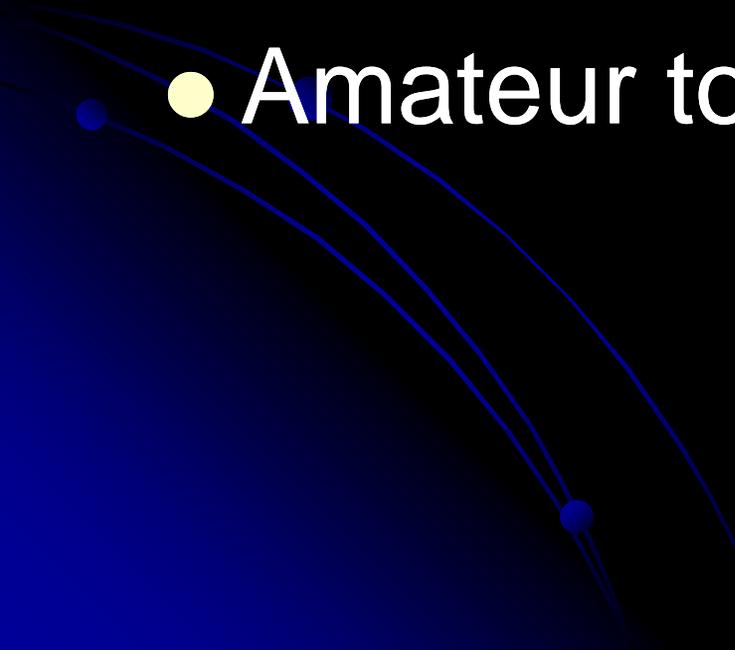


Postal Cancellations

- Zambales Tribunal Cancel
 - Bolinao, Sta Cruz and Masinloc
 - 1863-1864
 - Exists on 1861-1863 5c issues
 - 7 Covers recorded



Fun with Forgeries

- Each of the 22 Isabella stamps forged
 - Total of 98 recorded to date
 - 1855 Cabeza Grande – 18 recorded
 - Amateur to professional forgers
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Engelhardt Fohl

- 1854 Set of four
 - Did not alter top and bottom inscription on high values



Senf Brothers

- Briefmarken Journals
- 1854 – 10 Cuartos
- 1854 – 1 Real
- 1855 – Cabeza Pequena
 - Orange and Black
- 1863 – 1 Real
- Known with Falsch



Jean de Sperati

- 1854 – 10 Cuartos
 - Black and Carmine
- 1855 – Cabeza Grande (two types)
- 1863 – 1 Real and 2-Reales
- Die Proofs exist



Oswald Shröder

- 1855 – Cabeza Grande



Miguel Segui

- 1864 – 3-1/8c, 6-2/8c and 25c



Classic Forgeries



One Last One ...

- Just When You Thought You Saw it all



Thank You ...

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