



Forgery Corner

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THE “HABILITADO” PARTNERS

As if it was not bad enough to forge a few of the Queen Isabella II issues, but to take it one step further and apply the ‘Habilitado Por La Nacion’ overprint to the same base stamp was indeed taking things to the next level. To date, three forged stamps issued under the reign of Queen Isabella are known to have the ‘Habilitado Por La Nacion’ overprint applied to the same base stamp.

1-REAL ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 1, 1854

Gooding #4F5 / #25F1

Issued in bright blue or ultramarine. 'C' in 'FRANCO' is lower than the other letters. There is no period after 'R' or 'F' in 'IRL FTE'. 'O' in 'CORREOS' slopes to the right. There is virtually no horizontal line at the top of '5' of '1854'. Known unused and used with bogus Baeza circular date stamp.



10-CUARTOS ISSUE OF JANUARY 1, 1859

Gooding #11F3 / #28F4

A rather rude forgery. The second 'O' in 'CORROES' is very rounded. The 'F' in 'FRANCO' is lower than the other letters. Know with bogus Baeza circular date cancellations.



2-REALES ISSUE OF JANUARY 1863

Gooding #17F5 / #32F1

The 's' of 'Rs' is further away from the upper stroke of the 'R' than in the genuine and there is no period after the 's'. The bottom right circle is broken at the bottom by a slanted line. The two semi-circles above the '2' are incomplete and do not touch the bottom frame line. Known unused or cancelled.

