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12-4/8 CENTIMOS DE PESO FUERTE



Gooding #23F2. A very crude and easily distinguishable forgery printed in light blue. The stars in each corner are heavily inked and do not show lines as in the genuine stamps. The circle of pearls around the queen's bust are over-inked or broken. Most of the surrounding pearls are without stalks. The eye of the Queen is thick and solid. The stroke between '4' and '8' is 0.5mm long.



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Gooding #23F4. Printed in green (colour of the 6-2/8c value). The thin, inner line of the frame, below the value, is only slightly broken and incomplete. The 'T' of 'CENT' has no bottom stroke. The line which marks the green part of the upper lip is too short, and does not go to the end of the profile. The stop before 'CORREOS' is a good deal nearer the 'C' than to the end of the label; and the stop after 'CORREOS' is rather nearer to the 'S' than to the end of the label.

Gooding #23F5. A very dangerous forgery printed in blue on thin paper. Majority of the pearls are solid (could be due to over-inking). Line in top right star ends sharply compared to the longer circular flow in the original. Mouth has an irregular shape and not as fine as the original. Letters differ slightly.