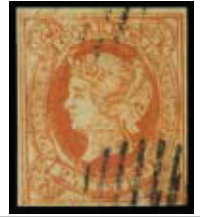




## THE FORGERY CORNER

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### 1855 - Unissued 10-Cuartos

I recently acquired a small collection of Spanish-Philippine stamps through ebay and stumbled across a stamp that 'jumped off the page' when I first glanced at it. The stamp turns out to be an extraordinary forgery which I feel is worth sharing. The forged stamp resembles the 5-Cuartos issue of 1855 which was printed in shades of vermilion (Scott #6).

There are three major characteristics to this forgery, as follows:

- Forgery is printed in blue-grey instead of vermilion
- Issued with a value of 10-Cuartos instead of 5-Cuartos
- Forged non-Philippine circular date stamp

In addition, the die used resembles that of an earlier recorded forgery (Gooding #6F8).



Gooding #6F17



Scott #6



Gooding #6F8

This is the 17th recorded forgery for the 1855 Large Head issue, and I would not be surprised if other unrecorded forgeries are out there just waiting to be discovered !!!

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