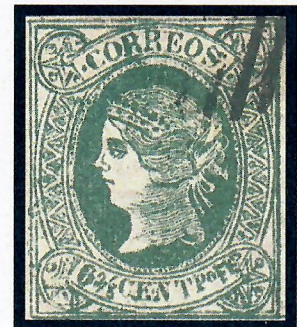


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6-2/8 CENTIMOS DE PESO FUERTE



Gooding #22F3. A very crude forgery and issued in pale green. Most of the stalked pearls in the side-frames touch the inner or outer curved lines of the frame. The second 'R' in 'CORREOS' is broken just below the top loop. The curved lines of shading round the star-ornament in top right corner of the stamp is incomplete and missing a few lines. The eyelid is very narrow, giving the appearance of a much larger eye than the original. The lettering in 'CENT' is thinner than the genuine, giving appearance of taller letters. The 'o' in 'Po' is shaped more like a square. The chain pattern, round the outer edge of the dark central oval, is small and often broken.



Gooding #22F4. Very crude and easily distinguishable forgery. The corner ornaments are crude, with pearls not joined and there is no shading in the corner stars. The circle of pears around the bust are represented by dots. The '6' almost resembles a '0'. There is no period between 'CENT' and 'Po'.



Gooding #22F5. Printed in Black (colour of the 3-1/8c stamp). Second 'R' in 'CORREOS' is wide. Circles within the oval are too large. Shape-lines on face and neck are spaced too far apart. All of the pearls are hollow compared to partially filled pearls in the genuine.