

## The ½ Real Value Was NOT Overprinted in 1869

### THE ERRONEOUS LISTING OF THIS MISTAKE IS 110 YEARS OLD



Listings were based on this **FAKE**

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AUTHENTIC AND FAKE  
(Using the second issue 5 Pesos stamp with its lighter orange stamp design  
–color altered to enhance overprint–)

AUTHENTIC



- (1) Dark dense black color
- (2) First A of HABILITADO normal height
- (3) Bottom C of NACION thick
- (4) Usually messy, seldom centered
- (5) Exist on document and stamped papers

FAKE



- (1) Lighter sparse black color
- (2) First A of HABILITADO short
- (3) Bottom C of NACION thin, ends in point
- (4) Always neat and crisp seldom off stamp
- (5) Never found on document or stamped papers

### HISTORY OF ERROR

(1) Don Peterson reported in the December 2010 Issue of the *American Philatelist* the providence of this mistake.

(1) They were created in Europe (probably Spain) around 1894 and crept into stamp journals as authentic from that point forward.

(1) The first revenue journal to list this ½ Real erroneous issue was L. W. Fulcher, in his *Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Spain and Colonies*, published in 1902. This was picked up by A. Forbin, *Catalogue de Timbres Fiscaux*, 1915 and forward to Arnold H. Warren, *Catalogue of Revenue Stamps of the Philippines*, 1941 and eventually to Scott and others.