

1854 QUEEN ISABELLA II ISSUE

The PHILIPPINES' first set of stamps depict the head of Queen Isabella II, then the ruling monarch of Spain. The stamps were printed in Manila by Plana, Jorba y Cia, engraved by hand in copper plates of forty stamps per sheet (5 x 8), with forty varieties. There were 2000 sets printed, all intended for domestic mail. Monetary units used up to 1863 were in cuartos and Real Fuerte (20 cuartos = 1 Real Fuerte).

February 1, 1854



5 cuartos
Orange
For under $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz.



Carmine



10 cuartos
Pale Rose
For $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. to 1-oz.



Slate Blue



1 Real
Blue
For over 1-oz. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ -oz.
And, For every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz.



2 Reales
Green
For Registry Fee.

E R R O R

CORROS



1R - Slate Blue
"CORROS" instead of "CORREOS"
(Position # 26 in sheet of 40)

From 1854 - 1868, all stamps of the Philippines were issued in imperforates, until 1870 when the first perforated stamps were issued.