

1857 - 1861 QUEEN ISABELLA II ISSUE

First issued in 1857, and lithographed by M. Perez y hijos of Manila, there were five printings made between 1857-1861. The format used for each printing were as follows: 1st and 2nd printings in sheets of 56 (7 x 8); 3rd printing in sheets of 48 (6 x 8); and, the 4th and 5th printings in sheets of 132 (12 x 11). A total of 15,000 stamps were issued. A die, consisting of a single block-of-four varieties, was used to make up the sheets; in cases where a block cannot be fitted, certain positions of the dies were used to fill up the remaining space.

Type 1: Has 71 pearls, with one pearl on the right side just below the middle generally missing. The "N" of "INTERIOR" is below the level of "I" and "T".



Type 2: Has 71 pearls, with none missing.

Type 3: Has 65 pearls.

Type 4: Has 67 pearls.

Note: The PEARLS referred to are the dots inside the circle around the portrait.

Three Most Distinct Color Varieties



Orange



Scarlet



Vermilion

1	1	2	1	2	1	2
3	3	4	3	4	3	4
2						
4						
2			1	2		
4			3	4		
1						
3						

1	2	1	2	1	2	1
3	4	3	4	3	4	3
						2
						4
		1	2			1
		3	4			3
						2
						4

1	2	1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4	3	4
		1	2		
		3	4		

1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
		1	2			1	2			1	2
		3	4			3	4			3	4
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

First Printing:
7 x 8 = 56.

Second Printing:
7 x 8 = 56.

Third Printing:
6 x 8 = 48.

Stamp Positions in the Five Printings

Fourth & Fifth Printings:
12 x 11 = 132.