

ERA OF THE SURCHARGES

From 1881-1888, there was a sudden increase in the demand for postage stamps, both for postal and telegraphic use. However, due to the inability of the local officials to foresee such a demand, plus the much too often delay in the arrival of stamp supplies from Spain, some stamps, including telegraph and revenues, were surcharged, accordingly. All dies used for surcharging were made and applied in Manila.

1881 - 1882 SURCHARGED ISSUES

Surcharged "Habilitado Para Correos" or "Habilitado Correos" (Issued for Postage) and values in oblong or round formations.

On 1878 Revenue Stamps

January 1881



2c on 10c.
In Black.

2 4/8c on 10c.
In Black.

April 1881



8c on 2R.
In Black.

June 1881



2c on 2½c.
In Black.
On 1880
Postage Stamp.

January 1882



2c on 200m.
In Yellow.
(20,000)



1R on 10c.
In Black.
(40,000)

On 1878 Revenue Stamps



1882, December 17 - Manila-Madrid via Marseilles, franked with a 1R on 10c stamp, for single letter rate to Spain.