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Scott Design A1 (1855 and 1857) - 1/2, 1, and 2 Reales



Example of 1R GENUINE



No stop under L

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Scott 13 (1857) Litho "Havana Forgeries" Guerra
Type 6



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Scott 12 (1857) Litho "Havana Forgeries" ca Dec. 1862 - Single and Horizontal Pair - Guerra Type 6



dot under L is to left side



Attribution: "Havana Forgeries" (Unknown forger)

Forgeries

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Surcharges of 1855 - Scott 5-6 (Wide Y), 7-8 (Narrow Y)

The $Y\frac{1}{4}$ surcharges of 1855 on the 2 Reals watermarked "loops" have been extensively forged, but all of the known forgeries are philatelic. These are quite dangerous as the forged surcharge was applied to genuine stamps and there is considerable confusion as to the appearance of the genuine surcharge. To cite an example, the illustrations of these in the Scott catalog are of Fournier forgeries which Mr. Scott was selling when his catalog was first illustrated. Some of the great name collections, e.g. Ferrary's, etc., contained several of these forgeries.

The characteristics of the genuine surcharges are:

	Wide Y	Narrow Y
Overall height of Y	4.5mm	5.25mm
Width of thick arm of Y	0.75mm	0.75mm
Height of base to apex angle	2.0mm	2.5mm
Angle of the Y	27°28'	17°19'



Diagonal Fraction Bar



82 - No Fraction Bar

Forgeries

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Surcharges of 1858 and 1860 - Scott 15:

The $Y\frac{1}{4}$ surcharge was applied to the 2 Reals on unwatermarked paper in 1858 and again in 1860. Forgeries of these are all philatelic and very dangerous being printed on genuine 2 Reals stamps. The genuine surcharges are crisply and cleanly printed. The fraction bar is a "1" lying on its left side. The numerals of the fraction are complete and cleanly printed. The most common forgery has the arm of the "Y" at a greater angle than that of the genuine.

The characteristics of the genuine surcharge are:

Overall height of the Y	5.25mm
Width of the thick arm of Y	1.0mm
Height of base to apex angle	2.25mm
Angle of the Y	25°



15x
Proven line
plain slanted
distorted

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15D
Roman Numerals
OP.

Surcharge of 1866 - Scott 22:

In the genuine surcharge, the distance between the ball on the end of the "6" and the top of the curve of the "6" is 0.5mm. All known forgeries do not measure this distance, nor is the shape and size of the forged "6s" the same. A forged surcharge on a forged stamp is known to exist too.



type 1 over
on wrong stamp

22
Type 2 over
on wrong stamp
Progas

type 1 over
inserted on
wrong stamp
Progas

22 *

22 with
1866 over

22@

Forgeries