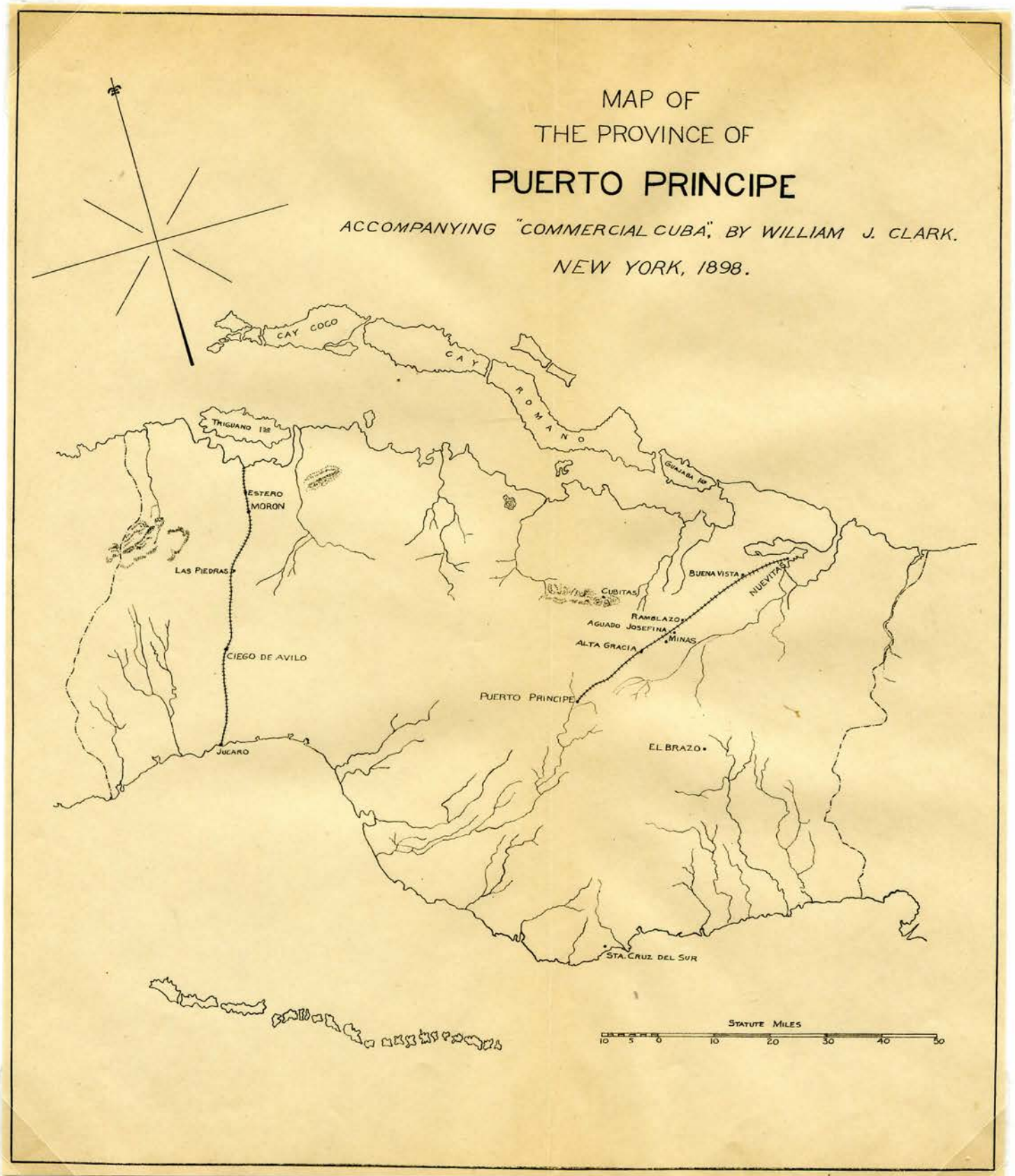


Original 1898 Lithograph Cuba Caribbean Map Province Puerto Príncipe.



The Puerto Principe Provisional Issues were used solely in the towns of Puerto Principe, Minas del Principe, Nuevitas and Santa Cruz del Sur.

## Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
Dull black Ink

First Printing  
Dec. 19. 1898

1c. on 1m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
cent.	cent.	cent.	cent.	cent.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. There are not defects
3. C of cent: Fault impression at left side
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken



## Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
Dull black Ink

First Printing  
Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
Dull black Ink

First Printing  
Dec. 19. 1898

2c. on 2m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.

1	2	3	4	5
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1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
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4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken



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HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

**Puerto Príncipe**

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
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First Printing  
Dec. 19. 1898

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Orange Brown  
1898 Issue

Inverted Surcharge



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
2	2	2	2	2
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

## Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
Dull black Ink

First Printing  
Dec. 19. 1898

3c. on 3m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.

1

2

3

4

5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken



Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
Dull black Ink

First Printing  
Dec. 19. 1898

5c. on 5m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken



## Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing  
Dec. 24. 1898

3c. on 2m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

**Puerto Príncipe**

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing  
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on 1m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken



**Puerto Príncipe**

Black Surcharge  
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Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing  
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on 2m.  
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1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

**Puerto Príncipe**

Black Surcharge  
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Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing  
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on 5m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 2: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken



Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing  
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on ½ m.  
Blue Green  
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken

**Puerto Príncipe**

Black Surcharge  
17 ½ mm. high  
Quite Shiny Ink

Second Printing  
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on ½ m.  
Blue Green  
1896 Issue

Inverted Surcharge



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. DO of HABILITADO: Broken



Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Shiny Ink

Third Printing  
Dec. 24. 1898

1c. on 1m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke
2. Numeral 1: Broken
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken  
HABILITADO: Shift surcharge
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken

**Puerto Príncipe**

Black Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Shiny Ink

Third Printing  
Dec. 24. 1898

3c. on 1m.  
Orange Brown  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke  
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. There are not defects
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken  
HABILITADO: Shift surcharge
4. Numeral 3: Different characteristics  
C of Cents: Up-stroke broken  
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken



## Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Shiny Ink

Third Printing  
Dec. 24. 1898

5c. on ½ m.  
Blue Green  
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken  
HABILITADO: Shift surcharge
4. T of Cent: Up-stroke broken
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken

**Puerto Príncipe**

Red Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing  
Dec. 27. 1898

3c. on 1c.  
Black Violet  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke  
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken  
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken  
C of cents: Out of alignment

**Puerto Príncipe**

Red Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing  
Dec. 27. 1898

3c. on 1c.  
Black Violet  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke  
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 3: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken  
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken  
C of cents: Out of alignment



**Puerto Príncipe**

Red Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing  
Dec. 27. 1898

5c. on 1c.  
Black Violet  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke  
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken  
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken  
C of Cents: Out of alignment

**Puerto Príncipe**

Red Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing  
Dec. 27. 1898

5c. on 1c.  
Black Violet  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke  
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken  
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken  
C of Cents: Out of alignment

Puerto Príncipe

Red Surcharge

19 ½ mm. high

Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing

Dec. 27. 1898

5c. on 1c.

Black Violet

1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke  
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. Numeral 5: Different characteristics
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken  
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken  
C of Cents: Out of alignment



**Puerto Príncipe**

Red Surcharge

19 ½ mm. high

Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing

Dec. 27. 1898

10c. on 1c.

Black Violet

1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke  
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. There are not defects
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken  
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side  
Numeral 1: Broken
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken

## Puerto Príncipe

Red Surcharge

19 ½ mm. high

Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing

Dec. 27. 1898

10c. on 1c.

Black Violet

1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke  
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. There are not defects
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken  
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side  
Numeral 1: Broken
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken



Puerto Príncipe

Red Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Softly Painted Ink

Fourth Printing  
Dec. 27. 1898

10c. on 1c.  
Black Violet  
1898 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
10	10	10	10	10
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. T of cent: No serif at right and up-stroke broken  
N of cents: Broken in upper part of right stroke  
D of HABILITADO: Broken at lower and upper
2. There are not defects
3. N of Cents: Right foot broken  
C of cent: Lower left side broken
4. C of Cents: Up-stroke broken  
D of HABILITADO: Fault impression at the left side  
Numeral 1: Broken
5. D of HABILITADO: Broken



Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Shine Black Ink

Fifth Printing  
Jan. 11, 1899

3c. on 1m.  
Blue Green  
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
cents.	cents.	eents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. E of Cents: Nick in the bottom  
S of Cents: Lower serif broken
2. Numeral 3: Dot inside at lower
3. Eents instead of cents  
A and O of HABILITADO: Full of ink at lower right side
4. Numeral 3: Different characteristics  
D of HABILITADO: Broken
5. N of cents: Nick in upper part of right stroke

**Puerto Príncipe**

Black Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Shine Black Ink

Fifth Printing  
Jan. 11, 1899

3c. on 2m.  
Blue Green  
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>eents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>	<b>cents.</b>
1	2	3	4	5

1. E of Cents: Nick in the bottom  
S of Cents: Lower serif broken
2. Numeral 3: Dot inside at lower
3. Eents instead of cents  
A and O of HABILITADO: Full of ink at lower right side
4. Numeral 3: Different characteristics  
D of HABILITADO: Broken
5. N of cents: Nick in upper part of right stroke

Puerto Príncipe

Black Surcharge  
19 ½ mm. high  
Shine Black Ink

Fifth Printing  
Jan. 11, 1899

5c. on 3m, 4m, 8m.  
Blue Green  
1896 Issue



HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO	HABILITADO
5	5	5	5	5
cents.	cents.	eents.	cents.	cents.
1	2	3	4	5

1. E of Cents: Nick in the bottom  
S of Cents: Lower serif broken
2. There are not defects
3. Eents instead of cents  
A and O of HABILITADO: Full of ink at lower right side
4. Numeral 5: Different characteristics  
D of HABILITADO: Broken
5. N of cents: Nick in upper part of right stroke