

THE CLASSIC STAMPS OF HAITI

The 1881-87 "Liberty Head" Issues

Introduction and Plan

Haiti both joined the U.P.U. and issued its first series of postage stamps on 1st July 1881. A set of six imperforate values were issued: 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 7c and 20c. The basic foreign letter rate was set at 10c but for some inexplicable reason there was no actual 10c stamp issued in Haiti until some seventeen years later in 1898 !

This exhibit concerns itself with the 1881-87 period "Liberty Head" imperforate and perforate issues. A new series of stamps with "Palm Tree" designs were issued in 1891 but previously issued stamps (mainly the "Liberty Head" 20c value) remained on sale at the post offices until stocks were finally exhausted sometime circa 1894 period. The postage rates that came into force in July 1881 remained unchanged throughout the period covered by this exhibit

1: The Imperforate "Liberty Heads" - Plate I (July 1881) - Frames 1 - 4

An introduction page is followed by a selection of proofs including the unique first "Liberty Head" dies originally prepared for fiscal stamps. The issued stamps include the 1c tête-bêche partial double pane which is considered to be the first of the two "**crown jewels**" of Haiti Philately. Other items of particular note are the only recorded 3c sheet and the largest known mint multiples of the 5c, 7c and 20c values. Various largest recorded used multiples are also shown. The covers include many rare and unusual frankings with strip of four 1c double internal rate, pair 3c triple internal rate, foreign printed matter and postcard rates, a rare 5c rate to Jamaica, several different make-ups of 10c rates including combination usages with perforated stamps, double rates and all three of the recorded registered covers with either complete or partial imperforate frankings. These include the registered cover to Germany with a strip of four of the 20c value which is considered to be the second of the two "**crown jewels**" of Haiti Philately

2: The Perforated "Liberty Heads" - Plate II – First and Second Printings (1882-1885) - Frames 5 - 6

This commences with two introduction pages covering all the perforated "Liberty Head" issues. It should be noted that earliest recorded usages of many the different stamps are shown throughout the perforated sections. A splendid range of the imperforate between varieties are also shown

There were two printings from Plate II of all the five values from 1c to 7c but there was only one printing of the 20c value. There is a fine array of mint multiples with most of these being the largest recorded. All the different printings are also shown on an interesting array of covers with a wide variety of frankings and rates

3: The Perforated "Liberty Heads" - Plate III (1885-1886) - Frame 7

Only 2c, 5c and 20c values were printed from Plate III. The largest recorded mint multiples are shown for all three values as well as for the largest recorded used multiples including a remarkable piece with the franking including a block of 24 of the 20c value. A fine selection of covers include all three values. Finally a set of "reprints" with all six imperforate values made from Plate III are also shown

4: The Perforated "Liberty Heads" - New Dies (1886-1887) - Frame 8

Only 1c, 2c and 5c values were printed from the new dies. The items shown include the master die proof for the 1c and 2c values followed by the largest recorded mint and used multiples of all three values plus a fine array of usages on cover

5: The Perforated "Liberty Heads" - Postal Forgeries (circa 1886) - Frame 8

The smallest section with just two pages but including a rare mint multiple of the 2c value and a unique usage of the 20c value on cover

References & Bibliography

Haiti: The 'Liberty Heads' by J.R.W. Purves – The Collectors Club Philatelist, serialized throughout Vol. 52. Haiti Philately – The Journal of the Haiti Philatelic Society. Other references as mentioned on specific pages in the exhibit. Many articles have also been written in Haiti Philately by the exhibitor as well as a paper for a display to the RPSL in London given in May 2015

The 1881 "Liberty Head" Imperforates Introduction



1c red on buff
300,000



2c violet on greyish
150,000



3c bistre on buff
150,000



5c green on greenish
150,000



7c blue on bluish
250,000

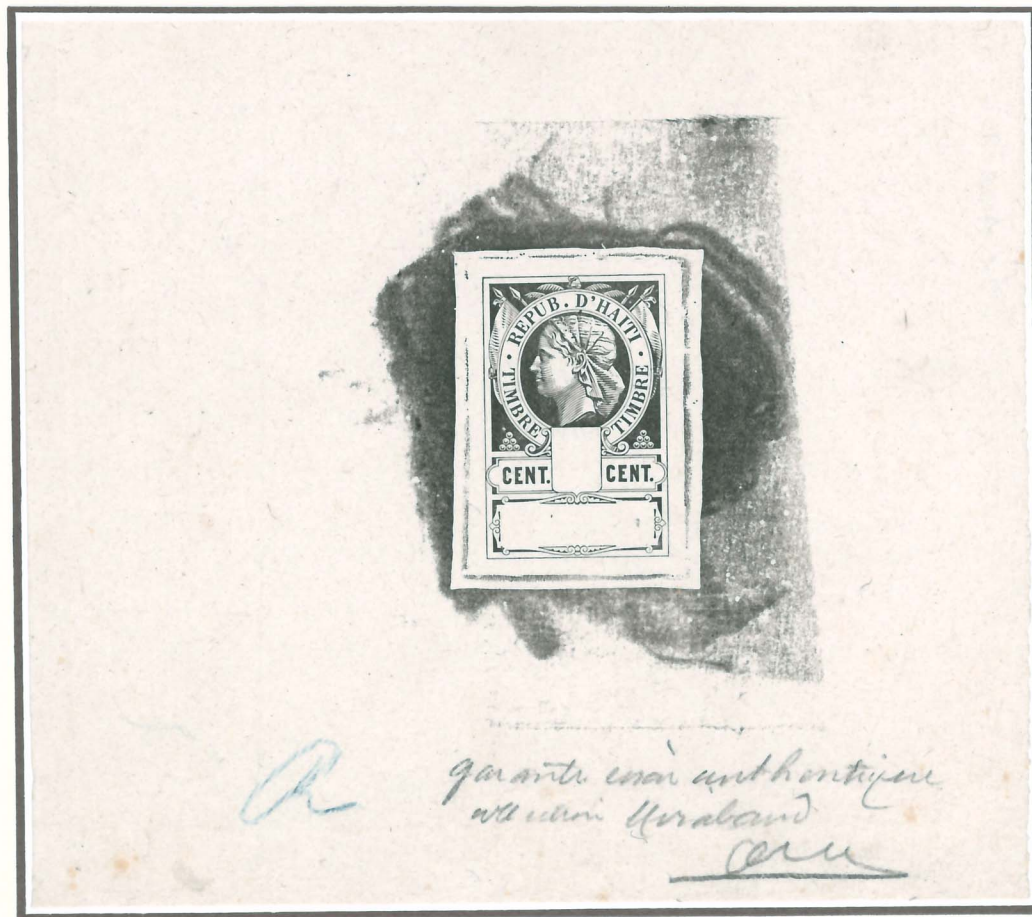


20c red-brown on buff
25,000

The stamps were designed in Haiti by a local sculptor, Mon. Laforesterie, and were printed in Paris by Mon. G. Richards. One single master plate of 50 individual electrotypes clichés was created and numeral plugs were inserted as required for each of the six different values. All the imperforate stamps were printed from this single plate (Plate I). The print quantities are quoted above and all the evidence suggests that there was just the one single printing of the imperforate stamps though shades of some of the different values do exist. The stamps were printed on larger sheets of paper (probably four-times the single plate size) which had been pre-printed with lithographic coloured background tints

The stamps were issued on Friday, 1st July 1881, the same day that Haiti became a member of the Universal Postal Union

The Proofs



These two lithographic master proofs in black are believed to be the first proofs produced with the "Liberty Head" design. Although they were obviously intended for fiscal use, the basic stamp design is identical to the issued postage stamps except that the word TIMBRE is in place of POSTE in the circular inscription around the head. *Ex Mirabaud, Tows, Hennan and Wallace Dean*

The only recorded examples of these proofs

The Proofs



2c blue



9c orange-yellow



2c blue - Lower left corner pair - *Ex Tows*
The only recorded 2c multiple



20c blue



20c black



20c vermilion
Figure of value in rose



20c rose-red

Just the three values were produced. The 2c blue, 9c orange and 20c red were listed as issued fiscal stamps in the 1893 Moens *Catalogue Prix-Courant Timbre Fiscaux Mobiles* but were footnoted in the 1915 Forbin *Catalogue de Timbre-Fiscaux* as being essays

The Proofs



Composite proof in black showing all six values of the series arranged in descending value order in their issued size with the circular inscription around the head reading POSTE. These proofs were individually prepared from single clichés

The only recorded composite proof in black

Ex Hubbard & Sabattini

The Proofs



Composite proof in red-brown (the issued colour of the 20c value) showing all six values



Composite proof in a paler red-brown shade

These proofs were undoubtedly produced as colour trials and around 15 different colours or shades have been recorded though not all are known in complete composite proof strips of six values

Ex Sabbattini

The Proofs



Composite proof in scarlet (the issued colour of the 1c value) showing all six values



Composite proof in green (the issued colour of the 5c value) showing all six values



Composite proof in an unadopted orange colour showing all six values

The Proofs



Composite proof in an unadopted apple-green colour showing the 3c, 2c and 1c values
(the 5c value was issued in deeper green shades)



5c proof in violet
(the issued colour of the 2c value)



20c proof in pale blue
(the issued colour of the 7c value)

Ex Tows

The Proofs

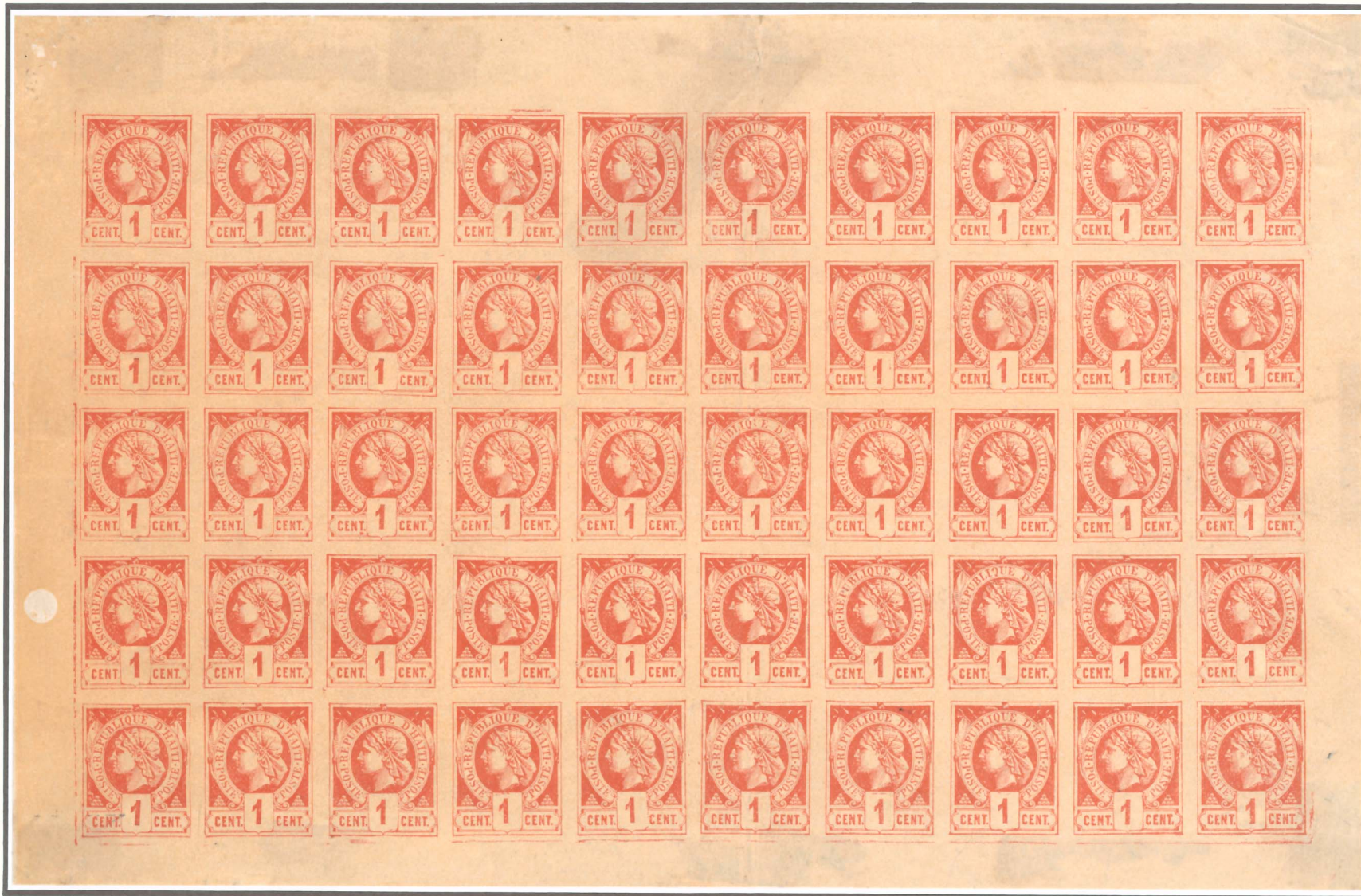


These two photographic essays have similarities in style to the issued designs but the inscription around the central Liberty Head differs slightly in wording and arrangement. The lower essay comprises two layers, one with the vignette only outlined in black ink and the other with the frame only and the centre portion cut away. These essays show a '25 Centimes' value and there was no such value in the issued series.

It would be nice to be able to associate these essays with the printer, Mon. G. Richards, in Paris but, unfortunately, there is seemingly no evidence available at all as to where they might have originated from though it is recorded that a Mon. Mahé, based in Paris, had claimed in later years that he had made essays for Haiti's first issue of stamps. For the time being they are shown as curios and as a possible part of the story of Haiti's first series of postage stamps.

At the present time they are the only recorded examples of these particular "essays"

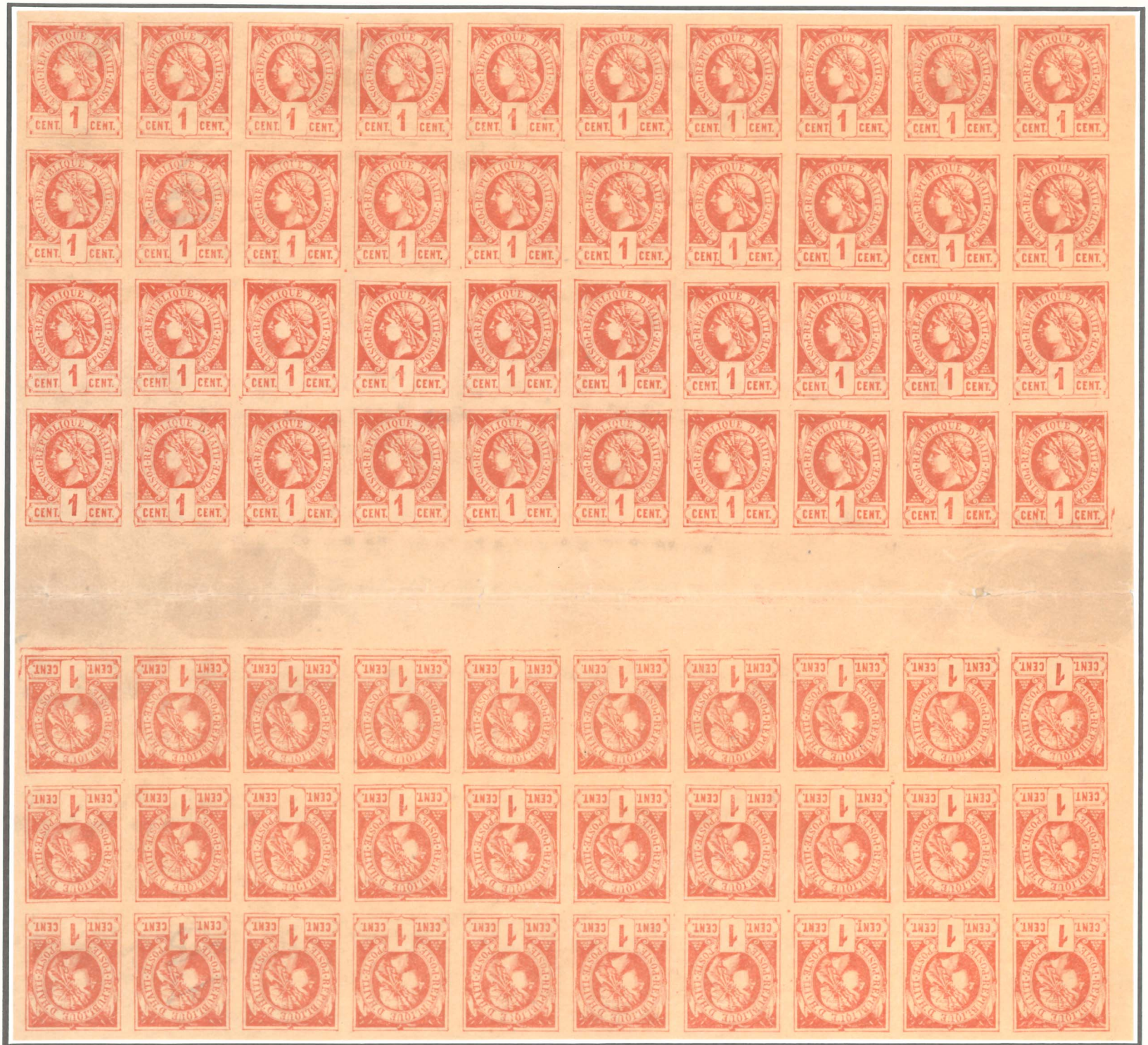
The 1c Value



A complete sheet of fifty stamps in a vermillion shade

White circular nail head on the background tint plate in the left margin at the left side of Position 31 on the sheet. The edge of the tint plate can just be seen at the lower left side of the sheet

The 1c Value



**The tête-bêche variety - The unique interpanneau block of 70 stamps containing 10 pairs
One of the major items of Haitien philately**

This was first recorded as a double sheet of 100 stamps in the Louis L.R. Hausberg collection when mentioned in a paper read to the Royal Philatelic Society in London in 1911. Following this, the item was in the Thomas W. Hall, Ferrars H. Tows, Dr. Clarence W. Hennan, Dr. Norman S. Hubbard and Enrique de Bustamante collections. While in Dr. Hubbard's hands the double sheet was trimmed to leave the present size multiple

The 1c Value



Pos. 39-40 & 49/50 / 41-42
27 mm gutter margin - from sheet "1-B"
Nail head mark alongside Pos. 50

Ex Bustamante

The Tête-Bêche Variety

Just the 1c and 2c imperforate "Liberty Head" stamps are known to exist in tête-bêche format as a result of a "work and turn" printing process being used during at least a part of the printing of these two values. All the known existing tête-bêche varieties come from just two different double pane sheets of each value

The above stamps have very slightly different vertical spacings between the stamps due to the alignment of the two single sheets. The gutter margin has a fold that is about 16mm above the lower stamps. Pairs or blocks from this 1c double pane sheet have been designated as being from sheet "1-B" and the other 1c double pane sheet has been designated as being sheet "1-A"

This marginal block of six stamps with two pairs is the second largest recorded tête-bêche multiple for the 1c value

The 1c Value



Pinkish-rose shade



Pos. 3-4, 13-14 & 23-24
Edge of tint plate visible
in the top margin



Pre-printing paper fold and nail
head mark in the left margin to the
left of Position 31. Edge of tint
plate also visible in the left margin



Rose-red shade - Nail head mark in the right
margin to the right of Position 20



Plate I - Position 18 - Perf. 13½
**The only recorded perforated
Plate I stamp**

Ex Purves

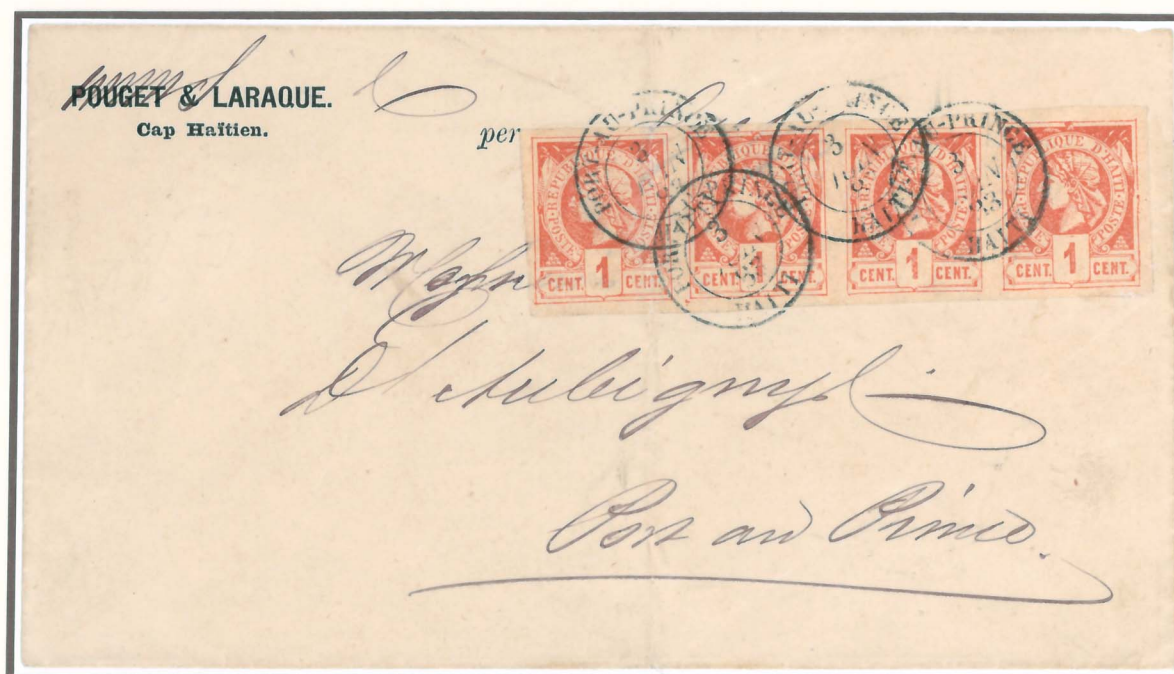
The perforated stamp from Plate I is an anomaly. In all probability the printer had an odd 1c sheet left over from Plate I and simply included it when the Plate II 1c sheets were perforated. Other copies of this stamp may well exist, just waiting to be discovered. Ref: 'Haiti: The Liberty Heads' by J.R.W. Purves, *The Collectors Club Philatelist* Vol. 52 No. 3 Page 163

The 1c Value



Port au Prince - 24 April 1883

The 1c value printed on paper with the surface tint on the reverse side
The used pair is the only recorded multiple of this particular variety



1883 internal cover from Cap Haïtien to Port au Prince with strip of four imperforate 1c red (Pos. 32-35) cancelled on arrival by PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (3 June)

The only recorded example of this particular franking

The internal letter rate was 2c per 15 gms so the above franking represents a double rate. This letter would have travelled by ship from Cap Haïtien to Port au Prince

The 1c Value



Boxed POSTE/PAYÉ cancel



Jacmel - 25 July 1881
First month of issue



Port au Prince - 18 July 1881
First month of issue



Cap Haitien - 8 June 1882 - Pos. 22-25



1883 cover to New York endorsed "Via Cuba" with strip of five, strip of four and single imperforate 1c red (pos. 26-30, 36-39 & 40) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (12 September). Santiago de Cuba transit backstamp and Havana transit cds. New York PAID ALL arrival backstamp. *Ex Lloyd*

Just three covers have been recorded with a ten-times 1c franking

The foreign letter rate (for over 300 miles distance) was 10c per 15 gms

The 1c Value



Cap Haitien - 21 June 1882
Pos. 11-12 & 21-22

Used blocks are very uncommon



1884 formula card (Type FC5) to Glauchau, Germany with imperforate 1c red plus perforated 2c deep purple Plate II 1st Printing with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (10 March). *Ex Sabattini*

The only recorded example of this particular franking

The foreign postcard rate (for over 300 miles distance) was 3c

The 1c Value



1883 cover to Boston, Mass. endorsed "per steamer for New York" with imperforate 1c red plus perforated strip of three 3c grey-bistre Plate II 1st Printing with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (9 October). Two line JAMAICA/TRANSIT with Kingston and New York PAID ALL transit backstamps. *Ex Hennan, Hubbard & Sabattini*

The only recorded example of this franking combination and the largest recorded multiple on cover of the 3c Plate II 1st Printing



1884 cover addressed to N.F. Seebeck in New York with two single imperforate 1c red plus four perforated 2c deep purple (shades) Plate II 1st Printing with CAP HAITIEN cds's (11 January). New York PAID ALL arrival backstamp. *Ex Hennan & Boarino*

The 1c Value



1882 cover front showing Aux Cayes origination to London endorsed "p. Packet" with strip of three imperforate 1c red plus single imperforate 7c blue with JACMEL cds's (26 December).



1884 cover to New York endorsed "par Alvéná" with vertical strip of five imperforate 1c red (Pos. 10 thru 50) plus perforated single 2c purple Plate II 1st Printing (faults) with JEREMIE cds's (25 April). PORT-AU-PRINCE transit backstamp (2 May). Noted as underpaid with triangular 'T' due marking and manuscript "3 cts". 'U.S.CHARGE/TO/COLLECT - 6 Cents' marking applied on arrival and pair pre-cancelled 3c US postage dues added to the reverse. *Ex Dean*

The 1c Value



1882 cover from Gonaives to Le Havre endorsed "p. Calahryson SS" with sender's cachet on the reverse and added three roughly separated imperforate 1c singles plus single imperforate 7c to make up the 10c foreign rate, but seemingly treated as underpaid and returned for additional postage. Added four single 1883 perforated 2c dull purple shade Plate II First Printings.

Still treated as being underpaid 2c with inverted triangular "T" due marking and, on arrival, added 1882 20 centime black French postage due. (The 2c Haiti deficit equals a 10 centime French deficit and the actual total due is double the French deficit which is 20 centimes).

All the stamps on the cover are cancelled with UNION PAYS D'OUTREMER/LE HAVRE cds's (25 February 1882) in a magenta ink.

An unusual and rarely seen first issue postage due item and the only recorded such combination of imperforate and perforate issues.

The 2c Value

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A complete (separated) sheet of fifty stamps in a slate-purple shade

White circular nail head marks on the background tint plate in the top margin above Position 5, in the top right corner above and to the right of Position 10 and in the right margin to the right side of Position 50. The edges of the tint plate can be seen at the top and right sides of the sheet

Ex Tows, Lilly & Sellers

The 2c Value



A complete sheet of fifty stamps in a dull purple shade

White circular nail head marks on the background tint plate in the lower margin below Position 45 and in the lower right corner below and to the right of Position 50. The edge of the tint plate can be very clearly seen at the bottom of the sheet

One of just two recorded complete sheets of the 2c value

The 2c Value



Left part sheet of twenty stamps in a slate-purple shade

White circular nail head on the background tint plate in the left margin to the left of Postition 11



Upper left corner block of six stamps in a dull purple shade

White circular nail head on the background tint plate in the left margin to the left of Postition 21. The edge of the tint plate can be seen at the left side of the block

The 2c Value



Position 6-7 & 16-17
Printed on untinted paper

Ex Wolff & Hubbard



Position 23-27 & 33-37
Printed on untinted paper

The block of ten stamps is the largest recorded multiple of this variety

Ex Abbott, Purves & Lloyd

The 2c Value



Pos. 45-46 / 45-46
28 mm gutter margin
From sheet "2-A"



Pos. 43 / 48
27.5 mm gutter margin
From sheet "2-A"



Pos. 49-50 / 41-42
28.5 mm gutter margin
From sheet "2-A"

Ex Tows, Hennan & Hubbard

Ex Wolff & Sabattini

The Tête-Bêche Variety

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The above pairs all have slightly different vertical spacings between the stamps as noted due to the alignment of the two single sheets. This is roughly 27 mm at the left side of the sheet and 28.5 mm at the right side of the sheet. All the pairs from the first 2c double-sheet ("2-A"), which are shown above, all have a central fold in the gutter about 5 mm above the lower stamps.

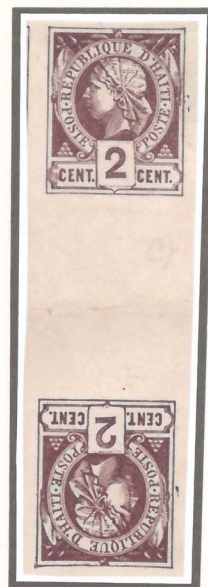
A block of four with two pairs is the largest recorded multiple for the 2c tête-bêche value and just three blocks are currently recorded

The 2c Value



Pos. 42 / 49
26.5 mm gutter margin
From sheet "2-B"

Ex Abbot & Lloyd



Pos. 45 / 46
27.5 mm gutter margin
From sheet "2-B"

Ex Abbot & Hubbard

The Tête-Bêche Variety

The above pairs have slightly different vertical spacings between the stamps as noted due to the alignment of the two single sheets. The pairs from the second 2c double-sheet ("2-B"), which are shown above, all have a central fold in the gutter about 11-14 mm above the lower stamps.

There are just five recorded pairs from Sheet "2-B" and all these five pairs were all originally in the Abbot collection which was assembled sometime around the 1890's to early 1900's period and they were sold over 50 years later in London in 1968. In the Abbot collection, the pair shown above at the right side was originally the left hand side of a block of four stamps. It first appeared as a pair when offered in a later auction in 1981.

The 2c Value



1881 unsealed printed rate cover to St. Andre de Valborgue, France with single imperforate 2c violet with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (6 December). Arrival backstamp. *Ex Sabattini*

One of just two recorded single 2c frankings

The foreign printed matter rate (for over 300 miles distance) was 2c per 50 gms



1882 formula card (Type FC4) to London, England endorsed "pr S.S. Cyclop" with cut-close imperforate 1c red and 2c violet with CAP HAITIEN cds's (9 October) with LE HAVRE transit cds alongside. *Ex Sabattini & Lloyd*

The 2c Value



Cap Haitien - 21 April 1882 - Pos. 26-29

A strip of four is the largest recorded used multiple

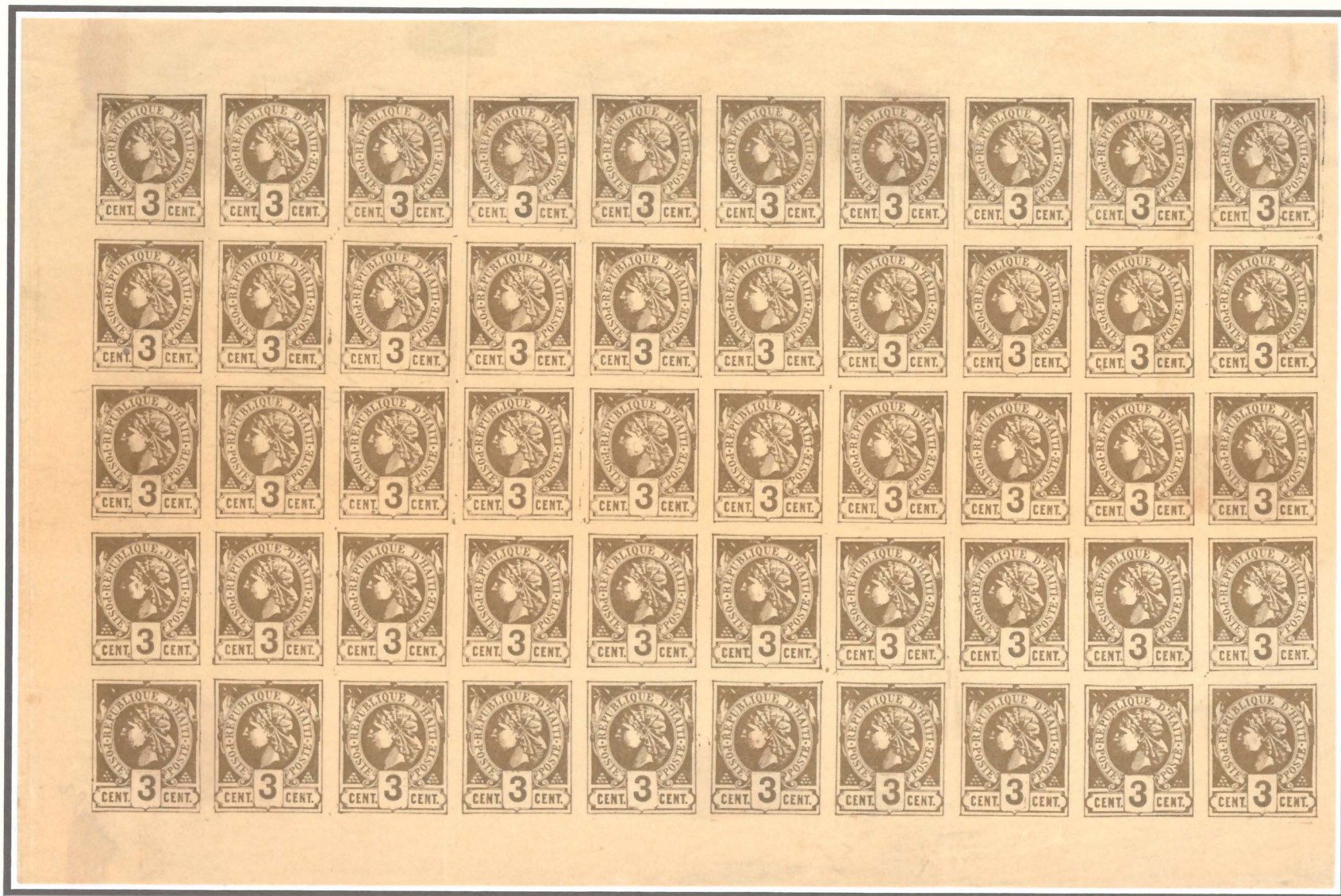


1882 cover to Nantes endorsed 'p Steamer Francais' with three single imperforate 2c violet and two single imperforate 7c blue to pay a 20c double letter rate tied by CAP HAITIEN cds's (20 November) with LIGNE F/PAQ.FR.' cds alongside (20 November). *Ex Hubbard*

The only recorded example of this particular franking

Ligne F operated between Kingston and St. Thomas and, at this date, it called at both Cap Haitien and Port au Prince

The 3c Value



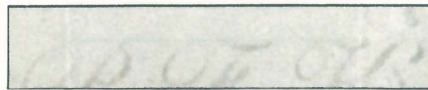
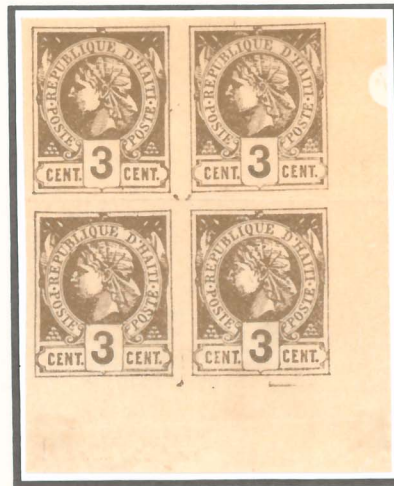
A complete sheet of fifty stamps in a grey-brown shade

No nail head marks on the background tint plate visible in the top, left side or bottom sheet margins.
The right side sheet margin is too narrow to be able to say for sure

The only recorded complete sheet of the 3c value

Ex Hubbard & Sabattini

The 3c Value



Partial nail head mark in right margin alongside Position 40 and
showing part vertical script-style "PFK" watermark in the right margin
A previously unrecorded watermark variety

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Nail head mark in the top margin above Positions 5-6

The 3c Value



Grey-brown shade - Position 5-6 & 15-16
Nail head mark in the top margin above Position 6



Right half sheet in olive-brown shade on a deeply tinted paper

The 3c Value



1881 formula card (Type FC1) to Altona, Germany endorsed "p Cyclops" with cut close imperforate 3c bistre with CAP HAÏTIEN cds's (17 November) with LE HAVRE and HAMBURG transit cds's and arrival cds all alongside

The 'Cyclops' was a Dutch ship from the Blue Funnel Line



1882 formula card (Type FC4) to Paris, France with cut close imperforate 3c bistre with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (24 November)

The 3c Value



PORT AU PRINCE - 23 February Pos. 8-10
A strip x3 is the largest recorded used multiple



1882 cover from Cap-Haïtien datelined inside "1 April 1882" to Port au Prince endorsed "pr. Lotharingia" with horizontal pair imperforate 3c bistre (Pos. 34-35) to pay a triple internal 2c letter rate cancelled on arrival by PORT-AU-PRINCE cds (3 April) with an additional strike on the reverse. *Ex Sabbatini*

The only recorded example of this particular franking and the highest recorded internal rate franking with Liberty Head issues

The 'Lotharingia' was a German ship from the Hamburg-American Line which sank in the Atlantic later on in the same year (1882)

The 3c Value



VERVIERS/.../COELN
railway cancel



Barred oval "B16"
Plymouth to Bristol TPO

Port au Prince - 23 January 1882 - Pos. 18 / 28 / 38

A strip of three is the largest recorded used multiple



1883 cover front showing dated Jeremie origination (4 January) sent to London with imperforate pair 1c red, single 2c violet and two single 3c olive-bistre (total 10c) tied by PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's in blue (9 January)

The only recorded example of this particular franking

The 5c Value



Yellow-green shade - Position 4-6 thru 44-46 - *Ex Tows, Lilly & Hubbard*

The largest recorded mint multiple



Yellow-green shade - Position 32-35 & 42-44
The second largest recorded mint multiple



Deeper green shade
Position 37-38 & 47-48

The 5c Value



Port au Prince - 2 July 1881

**The second day of issue
The earliest recorded usage of a Haitien stamp**



1881 cover to Kingston, Jamaica endorsed "Per Steamer Alps" with single imperforate 5c green with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (30 July). Sender's cachet on reverse together with Kingston arrival cds (1 August). *Ex Tows & Lloyd*

The first month of issue being the earliest of just two recorded covers showing this rate

*The 'Caribbean area' foreign letter rate for distances of less than 300 miles was 5c per 15 gms.
The 'Alps' was a German ship from the Hamburg-American Line*

The 5c Value



Barred oval "3"
New York receiver



LE HAVRE cds's (March 1882)
in red



Jacmel - 9 July 1881
The second earliest recorded
date of usage of a Haiti stamp



1881 cover front to Paris endorsed "Via Anglaise" with horizontal pair imperforate 5c green (Pos. 14-15) with PORT AU PRINCE cds's (10 July) with COL.FR.ANGL./AMB.CALAIS arrival cds (28 July) alongside

The earliest recorded usage of a Haiti stamp on cover

The 5c Value



Barred oval "16"
Plymouth to Bristol TPO



PLYMOUTH TO BRISTOL TPO
cds (28 November 1881)



1881 double rate cover to London, England with horizontal strip of four imperforate 5c green (Pos. 3-6) with CAP-HAITIEN cds's (4 August) with LE HAVRE transit and London arrival cds's plus added Eastern District (ED) London postal inspector's handstamp. *Ex Hubbard, Bjäringer & Sabattini*

The largest recorded multiple on cover

The 5c Value



1881 cover with ADMINISTRATION/GENERALE/DES POSTES corner card to Noumea, New Caledonia endorsed "via San Francisco" and "via Kingston" with horizontal pair imperforate 5c green (Pos. 9-10) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (19 December) and two-line JAMAICA/ TRANSIT cancel. On reverse, Kingston and New York transit cds's and arrival cds. *Ex Hennan & Sabattini*

The only recorded first issue cover addressed into the Pacific region



1881 (c.) cover endorsed "von Gonaives" to Tonsberg, Norway with horizontal pair imperforate 5c green (Pos. 2-3) with three-line Verviers/8 10 4/COELN Belgium to Germany (Type II) railway marking (8 October - Train No. 4) cancelling the stamps in transit

One of two recorded covers from Gonaives to this addressee. An uncommon destination

The 5c Value



1881 cover to Boston, Mass. endorsed "Pr Str. *Alvena*" with horizontal pair imperforate 5c green (Pos. 37-38) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (13 August) and, on reverse, New York PAID ALL transit datestamp and arrival cds

The 'Alvena' was a British ship from the Atlas Line operating out of Liverpool



1881 cover to Nantes, France endorsed "pr vapeur Allemand" with horizontal pair imperforate 5c green (Pos. 31-32) with CAP HAITIEN cds's (17 November) with LE HAVRE transit cds alongside. Arrival backstamp

The 5c Value



Port au Prince - 24 July 1882

A block of four is the largest he largest recorded used multiple



1881 (c.) the second of just two recorded covers addressed to a known ship owner in Tonsberg, Norway that were routed via Gonaives and the New York closed mails to Germany, this one franked with single imperforate 2c, 3c and 5c values all with three-line VERVIERS/8 104/COELN Belgium to Germany (Type II) railway markings (8 October - Train No. 4) cancelling the stamps in transit

**One of two recorded imperforate covers sent to Norway
and the only recorded example of this particular
three-colour imperforate combination franking**

The 5c Value



1881 (24 August.) cover from Port au Prince to Paris franked with single imperforate 1c, 2c and 7c values plus imperforate 5c pair to make up a 20c double foreign letter rate. CALAIS A PARIS transit cds (13 September) and arrival backstamp with the same date. Sometime after arrival the 5c pair was neatly torn away from the envelope and was, later, skillfully replaced back in its original position.. *Ex Schaefer (Cihangir Collection)*

The only recorded first issue cover franked with four different imperforate values

The 7c Value



Pale blue shade - Position 1-3 thru 31-33 - *Ex Abbott & Lloyd*



Pale blue shade - Position 27-30 thru 47-50 - *Ex Abbott & Lloyd*

These two blocks of 12 are the largest recorded mint multiples

The 7c Value



Deep blue shade - Position 33-36 & 43-46
Ex Lloyd



Bright blue shade - *Ex Abbott & Lloyd*

The second largest recorded mint multiple

The 7c Value



1883 cover to Lyon, France endorsed "via St. Nazaire" with single imperforate 7c blue and 2c violet with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (17 October) with 'PORT AU PRINCE/PAQ.FR.F' cds (18 October) alongside. On reverse, 'LIGNE B/PAQ.FR.No.1' cds (27 October) and Paris transit cds. Underpaid 1c seemingly without challenge



1882 cover to Nantes, France endorsed "p french steamer" with single imperforate 7c blue and 3c bistre with CAP-HAITIEN cds's (28 May) with 'LE CAP HAITIEN/PAQ.FR.B No.2' datestamp (20 May) and 'LIGNE B/PAQ.FR.No.2' cds (1 June) both in red. Arrival backstamp

Both covers were first sent to St. Thomas and went from there to St. Nazaire both being carried at different times on the 'Ville de Bordeaux' French Packet

The 7c Value



Cap Haitien - 9 October 1882



1882 cover to Nantes, France endorsed "per Vapeur Francais" with single imperforate 7c blue, 2c violet and 1c red with CAP-HAITIEN cds's (20 December) with 'LE CAP HAITIEN/PAQ.FR.B No.2' datestamp (20 December) alongside. 'LIGNE B/PAQ.FR.No.1' cds (26 December) in red alongside and arrival cds on reverse. *Ex Bustamente & Sabattini*

The cover was first sent to St. Thomas and went from there to St. Nazaire carried on the 'Ville de Brest' French Packet

The 7c Value



1883 cover to Nantes, France endorsed "Pr Ville de Marseille" with single imperforate 7c blue and perforated 3c grey-bistre Plate II 1st Printing with CAP-HAITIEN cds's (20 August). BORDEAUX/GIRONDE transit cds and arrival backstamp

The 'Ville de Marseille' was a French ship from the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique



1885 cover to Vienna, Austria endorsed "pr Royal Mail Steamer" with single imperforate 7c blue and perforated 3c grey-bistre Plate II 1st Printing with JACMEL cds's (8 June). London transit and arrival backstamps

The 7c Value



1883 cover to Slocumville, Rhode Island with single imperforate 7c blue and 3c bistre with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (17 February) in blue. New York PAID ALL transit backstamp



1884 cover to Naples, Italy endorsed "par Royal Mail" with single imperforate 7c blue and 3c bistre with PORT AU PRINCE cds's (23 February). Arrival backstamps. Ex H.R. Holmes & Hennan

The 7c Value



1883 cover to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "Pr. Rhenania" with single imperforate 7c blue and 3c bistre with CAP-HAITIEN cds's (5 April). Arrival backstamps

The 'Rhenania' was a German ship from the Hamburg-American Line



1883 cover to London, England endorsed "per R.M. Str" with single imperforate 7c blue and 3c bistre with JACMEL cds's (25 February). Arrival backstamps

The 7c Value



Barred oval "5"
New York receiver



Barred oval "6"
New York receiver



Jacmel - 9 July 1881
The second earliest recorded
date of usage of Haiti stamps



1881 double rate cover to Nantes, France endorsed "par Vapeur C.G.T." with two imperforate 7c blue and two imperforate 3c bistre with CAP-HAITIEN cds's (21 December) with 'LE CAP HAITIEN/PAQ.FR.B No.2' datestamp (20 December) in red alongside. 'LIGNE B/PAQ.FR.No.1' cds (28 December) and arrival cds on reverse. *Ex Hubbard, Bjäringer & Sabattini*

The cover was first sent to St. Thomas and went from there to St. Nazaire carried on the 'Ville de St-Nazaire' French Packet

The 7c Value



AUS WESTINDIEN/
UBER COLN



UNION PAYS D'OUTREMER/
LA HAVRE



VERVIERS/.../COELN
railway cancel



London "FB" receiver
(Foreign Branch)



1882 cover to Paris, France with single imperforate 7c blue, 2c violet and 1c red with LE CAP HAITIEN/FR B No.2 French paquebot datestamps (20 December). LIGNE B/PAQ.FR.No.1' cds (26 December) in red alongside and arrival cds on reverse.

The cover was first sent to St. Thomas and went from there to St. Nazaire carried on the 'Ville de Brest' French Packet

The 7c Value



1883 cover to Genova, Italy endorsed "Per R.M. Str." with single imperforate 7c blue and 1c red plus single perforated 2c dull purple Plate II 1st Printing with JACMEL cds's (9 March). Arrival backstamp. **An early use of the perforated 2c stamp.** *Ex Sabattini*



1885 cover front to London endorsed "p Royal Mail" with single imperforate 7c blue plus single perforated 1c deep vermillion Plate II 1st Printing and 2c deep purple Plate II 2nd Printing with JACMEL cds's (25 January)

Both the above two covers are the only recorded examples of these particular franking combinations of imperforate and perforate issues

The 7c Value



Port au Prince - 28 November 1884 - Position 6-10



1885 registered cover with 'Le Président d'Haïti' corner card to Paris, France endorsed "Per Royal Mail via Jacmel" with pair imperforate 7c blue (Pos. 45-46) plus single perforated 1c red Plate II 1st Printing and single perforated 5c yellow-green Plate II 2nd Printing (repaired perforations) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (24 April) and framed "R" registration marking alongside. 'CALAIS A PARIS' railway cds and arrival backstamps. *Ex Sellers & Sabattini*

One of just three recorded registered covers with imperforate stamps and the only recorded example of this particular franking combination of imperforate and perforate issues

The 7c Value



Cap Haitien - 7 January 1885
Position 3-5 & 13-15



1886 partly trimmed five-times foreign letter rate cover with Aux Cayes origination to Hamburg endorsed "P. R. Mail Steamer via England" with single imperforate 7c blue plus single perforated 3c olive-bistre Plate II 2nd Printing and two single 20c red-brown Plate II (only printing) with JACMEL cds's (6 January). Arrival backstamp

The only recorded example of this particular franking combination of imperforate and perforate issues

The 7c Value



Port au Prince - 10 November 1882 - Position 33-39
The second largest recorded multiple



1885 triple foreign letter rate cover to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "Pr Str. *Thuringia*" with four single imperforate 7c blue plus single perforated 2c reddish-purple Plate III with LES CAYES cds's (5 October). Arrival cds on the reverse. *Ex Sabattini*

The highest recorded franking of imperforate 7c values and the only recorded example of this particular franking combination of imperforate and perforate issues

The 'Thuringia' (2) was a German ship from the Hamburg-American Line built in 1880

The 7c Value



1881 registered cover to Rouen, France with two imperforate 7c blue and two imperforate 3c bistre with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (17 September) and framed "R" registration marking alongside. 'LIGNE F/PAQ.FR' (20 September) and 'LIGNE B/PAQ.FR.No.2' (27 September) transit cds's on the reverse with arrival cds alongside. *Ex Boarino*

The earliest of just three recorded registered covers with imperforate stamps

The registration fee for foreign mail was 10c in addition to regular postage. This cover was first sent to St. Thomas and went from there to St. Nazaire carried on the 'Lafayette' French Packet

The 20c Value



Red-brown shade - Position 8-10 thru 48-50

Ex Tows, Lilly, Hubbard & Sabattini

The largest recorded mint multiple

This multiple was originally the main body of a slightly larger block of 17 stamps that had an additional two stamps at Positions 46-47 at the lower left side. It was included as such in a mint plating of the 20c value in the Tows collection and it stayed as part of that same plating while in the Lilly collection. Some time between Lilly and Hubbard the plating was split up and the two stamps at the lower left side were removed

The 20c Value



Red-brown shade - Position 6-7 & 16-17



Red-brown shade Position 11-12
Edge of tint plate in left margin



Orange-brown shade - Position 32-36
A unit of five stamps is the second largest recorded mint multiple



Nail head mark in left margin
alongside Position 31



Vertical line in left margin
showing the edge of the tint plate

The 20c Value

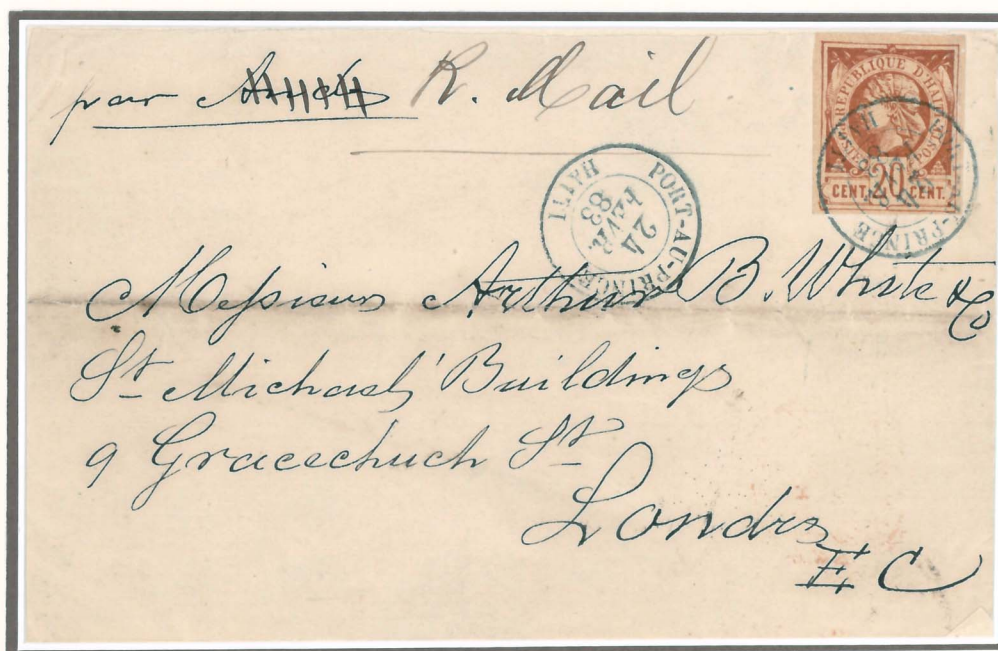


GONAIVES
21 March 1885



Port au Prince - 10 July 1881
Early date

20c red-brown (Pos. 28) with Port au Prince cds's in blue
(21 April 1883) with LE HAVRE/SEINE INFÉRIEURE
arrival cds (17 May) alongside



1883 double rate cover front to London, England originally endorsed "par Andes" and then amended to "par R. Mail" with single imperforate 20c red-brown (Pos, 42 - repair at right) with PORT AU PRINCE cds's in blue (24 February). *Ex Lloyd*

Just six covers have been recorded with the imperforate 20c red-brown of which three are single frankings



1885 registered cover to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "Per Steamer Royal Mail" with horizontal strip of four imperforate 20c red-brown (Pos. 3-6 .. with wear around the value tablets on the first two stamps) with JACMEL cds's (10 December) and framed "R" registration marking alongside. Oval Plymouth and London REGISTERED transit datestamps plus arrival backstamp.
Ex Consul Weinberger

**The largest recorded multiple on cover and
the only recorded multiple franking of the imperforate 20c red-brown**

One of the major items of Haitien philately

The 80c franking represents a seven-times foreign letter rate plus registration fee. This letter would have weighed between 91 and 105 grams

The 20c Value



Barreed oval "2"
New York receiver



Port au Prince - 9 December 1881



VERVIERS/.../COELN
railway cancel



Port au Prince - Position 21-25 & 31-35
Ex Hennan & Lloyd



Port au Prince - Position 31-35 & 41-45
Ex Sabattini

These two blocks of ten are the largest recorded used multiples

**The Imperforate 20c Value
The mint Plate Reconstruction
Left half sheet Positions 1-5 thru 21-26**



This and the following page show a reconstructed mint sheet of 50 stamps made up from individual mint stamps each position having been cross-checked against the numerous plated mint and used blocks strips, pairs and other multiples that are present in this exhibit

**The Imperforate 20c Value
The mint Plate Reconstruction
Right half sheet Positions 6-10 thru 46-50**



40 of these positions on these two pages are included as part of plated multiples
present in this exhibit

The 1882-87 "Liberty Head" Perforated Issues Introduction - I



1c deep vermillion
1st printing
206,000



1c pale vermillion
2nd printing



2c dull purple
1st printing
105,000



2c deep purple
2nd printing



3c grey-bistre
1st printing
70,000



3c olive-bistre
2nd printing



5c blue-green
1st printing
157,000



5c yellow-green
2nd printing



7c deep blue
1st printing
71,000



7c ultramarine
2nd printing



20c red-brown
Only the one printing
33,000

Plate II was comprised of two electros of 25 impressions (5 x 5) clamped together. Each of the electros was made up from an original "master" of five horizontally positioned subjects. As with Plate I, the numerals were inserted individually into each plate position. There were two printings from Plate II for all the stamps except the 20c value. The two printings are usually distinguishable by shades. All the stamps were perforated 13.5 and while the overall printing quantities are unknown, the details of the first shipment were recorded by Moens and these are the figures shown above

A detailed study of plate flaws made by J.R.W. Purves established that the values were printed in the following order 1c, 3c, 2c, 7c, 5c and, then, the second printing of the 2c before the 20c value followed by the second printings of the 1c, 3c, 5c and 7c. In reality the 20c value was printed during the period of the second printings. These stamps were issued in Haiti as required at various dates between August 1882 and April 1886

The 1882-87 "Liberty Head" Perforated Issues Introduction - II



2c brown-purple



5c green



20c pale brown

Plate III was constructed in exactly the same way as Plate II. Only the 2c, 5c and 20c values were printed from Plate III. All the stamps were perforated 13.5 and the printing quantities are unknown. All three values were issued in the 1885-86 period. It has been concluded that the 20c value was the first of the three values to be printed



1c scarlet
crossed lines on face
310,000



2c purple
crossed lines on face
180,000



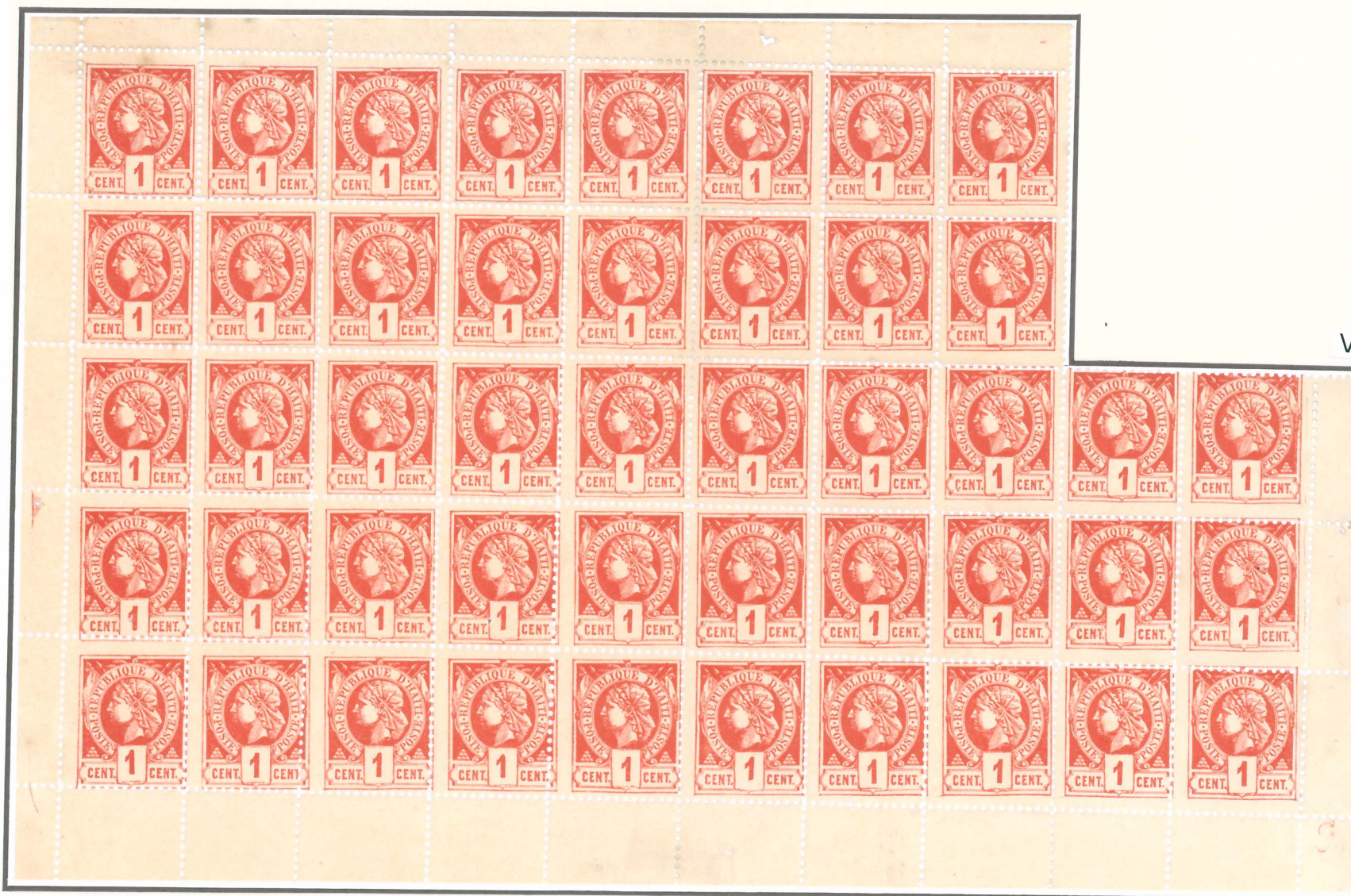
5c green
horizontal lines on face
75,000

New Dies were utilised for the final "Liberty Head" printings and new plates were created. Only the 1c, 2c and 5c values were included in this final printing. All the stamps were perforated 13.5 and the reported printing quantities are quoted above. The major production difference was that these new dies incorporated the figures of value. As a result the numerals are constant in the same position and there are no longer any secondary flaws visible in the value shields

The 1c and 2c plates were made from the same electrotype being first plugged with a '1' and then with a '2' before making the necessary 1c and 2c moulds. An original "master" of five horizontally positioned subjects was then made for each of the two values and this was then repeated ten times to make up the complete plates of 50 subjects

A second, different, electrotype was used for the 5c value and several design differences are easily noticeable when comparing this value to the 1c and 2c values. In this instance 50 individual subjects were used to make up the complete plate

Plate II - The 1c Value - The First Printing



Most part sheet of 46 stamps in a deep vermilion shade

The largest recorded mint multiple

Faint nail head mark on the background tint plate in the right margin alongside Position 40 on the sheet. This stamp was put into circulation circa December 1883. *Ex Abbott, Purves & Lloyd*



Nail head alongside Position 11

Plate II - The 1c Value - The First Printing



PETIT-GOAVE - 11 February 1885
First Printing - Position 21-22



LES CAYES - 14 August 1884
First Printing - Position 3-4

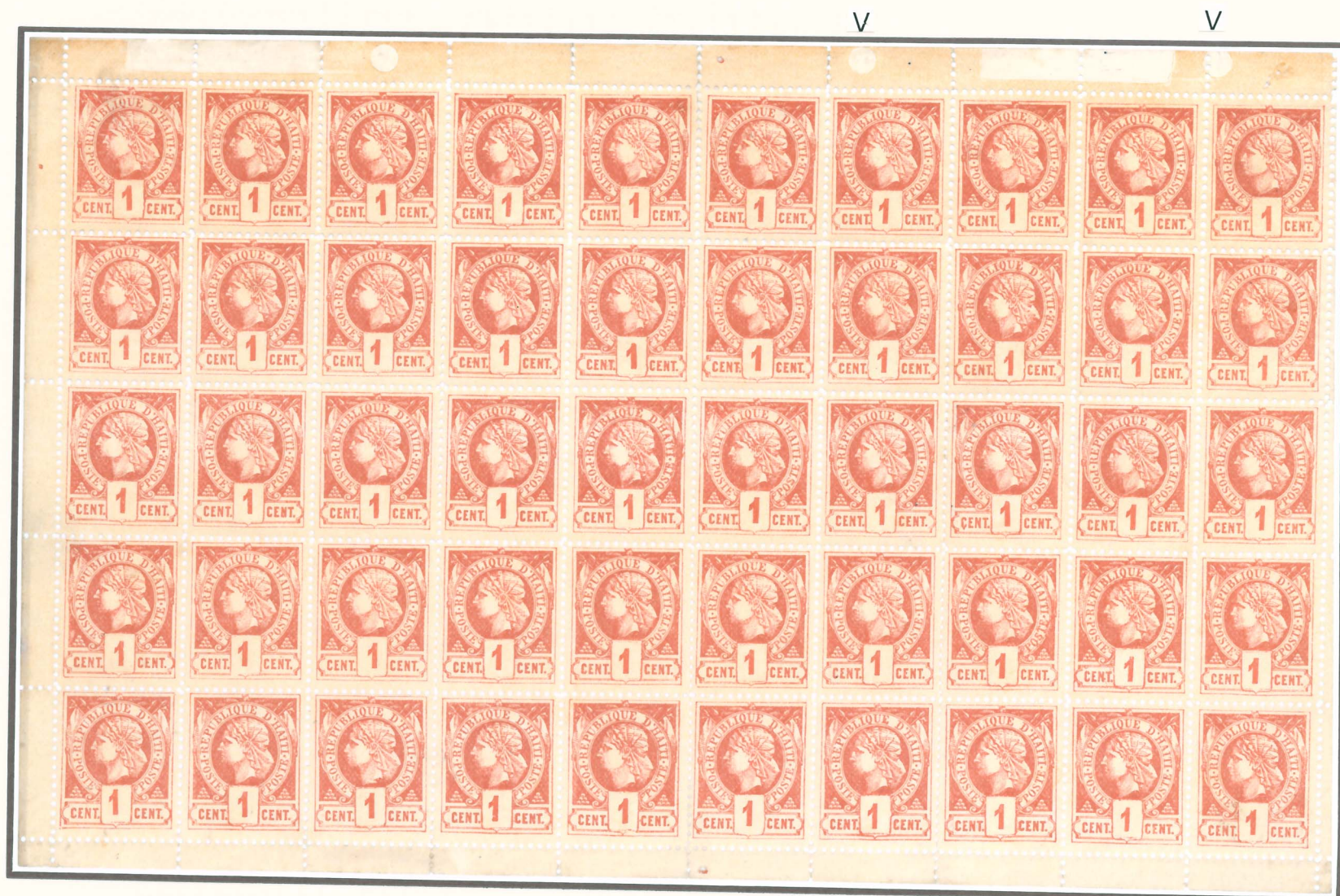


SAINT MARC - 2 July 1885
First Printing - Position 27-28



1884 SECRETAIRERIE D'ETAT DE RELATIONS EXTERIEURES corner card cover sent to Baltimore, USA with vertical strip of three 1c vermilion from Second Printing (Pos. 27 thru 47) plus imperforate 7c blue (original stamp lost and replacement affixed) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (24 July). New York PAID ALL transit backstamp (5 August). Re-addressed on arrival to New York with Baltimore FORWARDED cds (6 August)

Plate II - The 1c Value - The Second Printing



Second Printing - Complete sheet in a pale vermilion shade

Nail head and gripper marks on the background tint plate in the top margin. This stamp was put into circulation circa June 1884



Position 43-44



Position 36-37 & 46-47



Position 30

Plate II - The 1c Value - The Second Printing



LES CAYES - 14 August 1884
Second Printing



Port au Prince - 13 October 1885
Second Printing - Position 3-4 & 13-14



Port au Prince - 10 May 1884
Second Printing
Earliest recorded date of usage

The largest recorded used multiple



Probable printed matter rate wrapper front sent internally to Port au Prince with pair 1c vermillion from Second Printing (Pos. 1-2) with manuscript pen cancels

The internal printed matter rate was 1c per 50 gms. This would have been a double rate for up to 100 gms., possibly something like a newspaper or magazine wrapper

Plate II - The 1c Value - The Second Printing

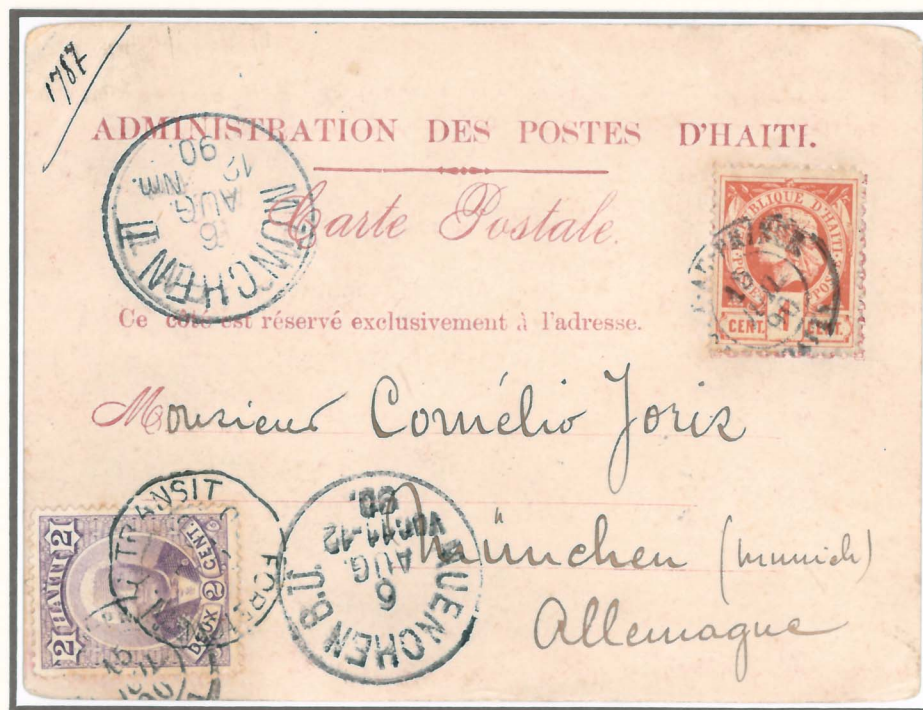


MIRAGOAVE - 24 September
Second Printing - Position 21-22



GONAIVES - 13 - July 1885
Second Printing - Position 28 / 38

A rare cancel on the Liberty Head issues



1890 formula card (Type FC8) sent to Munich, Germany with single 1c vermilion Second Printing plus 1887 Salomon issue 2c mauve with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (15 July). New York transit cds and arrival cds's

The only recorded example of this particular franking combination

Plate II - The 2c Value - The First Printing



First Printing - Dull purple shade - Position 8-10 thru 48-50
This stamp was put into circulation circa February 1883



**A previously unrecorded
imperforate between**

Plate II - The 2c Value - The First Printing



First Printing - Reddish-purple shade - Position 21-23 & 31-32
Barred oval "4" New York receivers

A unit of five stamps is the largest recorded used multiple



1883 cover sent to West Newton, Mass. endorsed "Via Cape Hayti" with horizontal strip of five 2c dull purple from the First Printing (Pos. 26-30) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (29 December). CAP-HAITIEN and New York PAID ALL transit backstamps plus arrival cds

The largest recorded multiple on cover

Plate II - The 2c Value - The Second Printing



Second Printing - Slate-purple shade - Position 4-9 thru 15-49 (less 43-44)

This block of 29 stamps is the largest recorded mint multiple

Faint nail head and gripper marks on the background tint plate in the top margin at the right side.
This stamp was put into circulation circa February 1884

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Position 12-13

Plate II - The 2c Value - The First & Second Printings



1883 printed circular sent to Paris, France with single 2c dull-purple from the First Printing with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds (9 May)



1884 double internal letter rate cover endorsed "par Poste" sent to Jeremie with vertical top marginal pair 2c dull slate-purple shade from the Second Printing (Positions. 9 & 19) tied by PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (12 July)

The only recorded example of this particular franking combination

Plate II - The 3c Value - The First Printing



First Printing - Grey-bistre shade - Position 2-10 thru 42-50
This stamp was placed in circulation circa August 1883. *Ex Abbott, Purves & Lloyd*

This block of 45 stamps is largest recorded mint multiple

Plate II - The 3c Value - The First Printing



AUS WESTINDIEN/UBER COLN
First Printing



Port au Prince - 8 September 1883
First Printing - Position 29-30



GONAIVES - 19 November 1885
First Printing

Earliest recorded date of usage



1885 Formula card (Type FC9) sent to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "via Havana" with single 1c grey-bistre from the First Printing with PORT AU PRINCE cds's (10 December), 'HAVANA transit backstamp (14 December) and arrival cds

Plate II - The 3c Value - The Second Printing



Second Printing - Olive-bistre shade - Positions 34-35 & 44-45 plus 39-40 & 49-50
This stamp was placed in circulation circa September 1885. *Ex Lloyd*

These two blocks of four are largest recorded mint multiples



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Port au Prince - 29 September 1885
Earliest recorded date of usage



Position 18-19
Cap Haitien - 16 July 1887



Position 25-26
Port au Prince - 12 October 1886

One of the most seldom seen of the recorded imperforate between varieties

Plate II - The 3c value - The Second Printing



1889 formula card (Type FC12) sent to St. Thomas with single 3c olive-bistre from the Second Printing with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds (2 February), JACMEL transit cds and arrival backstamp



1886 cover sent to Le Havre, France with partly separated strip of three 3c light olive-bistre shade from the Second Printing with JACMEL cds's (4 August), CALAIS A PARIS transit cds and arrival backstamp.

The only recorded example of this particular franking combination

Plate II - The 3c Value - The Second Printing



1886 'On Her Britannic Majesty's Service' cover front sent to London with separated single and horizontal strip of nine 3c olive-bistre from the Second Printing (Pos. 1-10) plus two strips of three 5c green Plate III with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (26 October)

The largest recorded used Plate II 3c multiple and a rare 6-times foreign letter rate

Plate II - The 5c Value - The First Printing



Position 8-9 & 18-19

This perforated 5c Liberty Head in the distinctive blue-green shade is widely acknowledged as being the scarcest and most elusive mint stamp of this perforated Liberty Head series

This is the only recorded and the largest recorded mint block of this stamp

Plate II - The 5c Value - The First Printing



Imperforate vertically
First Printing



Jacmel - 26 January 1883
First Printing - Position 49-50



Port au Prince - 9 September 1882
First Printing

Earliest recorded date of usage



1883 cover sent to Lyon, France endorsed "R.M. Str. Nile" with horizontal pair 5c blue-green from First Printing (Pos. 11-12) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (9 February) in blue. Arrival backstamp.
Ex Lamy & Lloyd

Plate II - The 5c Value - The Second Printing



Second Printing - Yellow-green shade - Position 5-9 thru 35-39
Nail head and gripper marks on the background tint plate in the top margin
This stamp was put into circulation circa December 1883

The largest recorded mint multiple

Plate II - The 5c Value - The Second Printing



Second Printing - Yellow-green shade - Position 6-9
Jacmel - 20 January (1886)

A unit of four stamps is the largest recorded used multiple



1885 double rate cover sent to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "English Royal Mail" with horizontal strip of four 5c yellow-green from the Second Printing (Pos. 3-6) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (9 May). Arrival backstamp. *Ex Lloyd*

The largest recorded multiple on cover

Plate II - The 5c Value - The Second Printing



Second Printing - yellow-green shade

Position 11-12 & 21-22

Port au Prince - 27 February 1885

A block of four stamps in the largest recorded used multiple



1884-85 quadruple rate cover sent to New York endorsed "via Habana" with three horizontal pairs and two single 5c yellow-green from the Second Printing (Positions. 44-45. 7-8, 41-42, 43 & 44 all cancelled in transit with CORREOS HABANA cds's (27 January 1885). New York PAID ALL arrival backstamp

The largest recorded franking of this stamp

Plate II - The 5c Value - The First & Second Printings



1883 cover sent to Nantes endorsed "Pkt. Francais" with horizontal pair 5c blue-green from the First Printing (Position 46-47) with CAP-HAITIEN cds's (21 March), LIGNE F/PAQ.FR. cds and arrival backstamp (10 April)

The cover was sent to St. Nazaire on the 'Ville Bordeaux'



1885 cover sent to Paris, France endorsed "via Jacmel" with horizontal pair 5c yellow-green from the Second Printing (position 35-36) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (24 June), 'CALAIS A PARIS 1' transit cds (13 July) and arrival backstamp

Plate II - The 5c Value - The Second Printing



Barred oval "3" New York Receiver
Second Printing



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Port au Prince - 3 December 1883
Second printing

Earliest recorded date of usage

JEREMIE - 30 June 1885
Second Printing - Positions 17 & 27

A rare imperforate between



1885 cover sent to Amsterdam, Holland endorsed "par paquet Francais / via Port au Prince" with two 5c yellow-green from the Second Printing with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (9 August) with two-line JAMAICA/TRANSIT marking plus, on the reverse, Kingston (17 August) and London transit cds's. On arrival re-addressed to Scheveningen with added Dutch 1872-88 5c ultramarine to pay the redirection fee

Plate II - The 7c Value - The First Printing



First Printing - Bright deep blue
Position 1-2 & 11-12



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official UPU collection



First Printing - Bright deep blue
Position 31-32 & 41-42



First Printing - Bright deep blue shade
Position 1-2 thru 41-42

The largest recorded mint multiple

Plate II - The 7c Value - The First Printing



1886 registered cover to New York endorsed "via Havane" with two single 7c deep blue from the First Printing plus two single 3c olive-bistre from the Second Printing with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (27 February). Havana transit registration handstamp and arrival backstamp

This is the earliest recorded date of usage for the 7c First Printing



1888 cover sent to Gothenburg, Sweden with single 7c deep blue from the First Printing plus 1887 Salomon issue 3c blue with PORT AU PRINCE cds's (19 July). New York transit, 'PKXP.No.2' Swedish railway cds and arrival cds's on the reverse

Plate II - The 7c Value - The First Printing



1886 cover sent to New York endorsed "Via Navassa" with single 7c deep blue from the First Printing plus 3c olive-bistre from the Second Printing with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (14 June). New York PAID ALL arrival (21 June) on the reverse

The "Via Navassa" endorsement is very unusual. Navassa Island is roughly 4 square kilometers of rock (with no fresh water supply) situated 60 Km. due west of the western-most point of Haiti

One of just two covers recorded from Haiti with a "Via Navassa" endorsement

Despite an earlier claim by Haiti, Navassa island was claimed by the USA in September 1857 under the Guano Islands act of August 1856. Guano mining began on the island in 1865 and continued until September 1889 when a workers' rebellion put a halt to the operation. A contemporary New York newspaper report neatly explains the "via Navassa" endorsement

"For several years Navassa has served as a mail station for the Hayti-New York mails, a regular fortnightly service having been established and the Atlas Steamship Company giving gratuitous service between the ports of the southern coast of Hayti and the island. The bags collected are left in charge of the Superintendent of the (mining) Company (on Navassa island), who delivered them to the first homeward bound vessel that touches at the island after their reception"

Plate II - The 7c Value - The First Printing



1886 cover with "HMS *Forward*" imprint on the flap addressed to "HMS *Neptune* / Mediterranean" with single 7c deep blue from the First Printing plus 3c olive-bistre from the Second Printing with PORT AU PRINCE cds's (6 July). 'CALAIS A PARIS 2' transit cds and Rome backstamp. Readdressed to Portsmouth, England with London transit backstamp and arrival cds duplex

HMS 'Forward' was a 455 ton, 125 ft. 4-gun screw gunboat launched in 1877



HMS 'Forward' also ended up playing a role in the so-called "Navassa Massacre" some three years later. The Atlas Steamship Company vessel "Athos" sailed from Port au Prince on 21 September 1889 in order to intercept the Atlas Steamship Company vessel "Alene" at Navassa Island and to transfer the mails from Haiti destined to New York. When the "Athos" arrived at Navassa it was boarded by by an officer of the British warship HMS 'Forward' who informed the Captain that a mutiny had taken place and that only six of the eleven officers based on the island had survived. He advised that the six officers were on board the HMS 'Forward' and that they would be taken by that vessel to Jamaica

Plate II - The 7c Value - The First Printing



LES CAYES - 1 August 1888
First Printing



PORT DE PAIX - 16 April 1888
First Printing
An uncommon cancel



1888 cover from Aux Cayes sent to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "R. Mail Str." with seven single copies 7c deep blue from the First Printing plus single 1877 Salomon issue 1c lake with JACMEL cds's (22 November). Arrival backstamp. *Ex Boarino*

The only recorded example of this particular franking combination

A five-times foreign letter rate. This letter would have weighed between 61 and 75 grams

Plate II - The 7c Value - The First Printing



1888 (22 May) registered cover front from Port au Prince with sender's cachet to Le Havre, France endorsed "p: R.M.S." with horizontal strip of six 1885 Plate II 7c First Printing in deep blue shade with horizontal strip of six 1887 3c blue Salomon issue tied by Port au Prince cds's to pay a 5-times foreign letter rate plus 10c registration fee. Paris transit cds (9 June 1888) alongside

The strip of six of this Plate II First Printing 7c value is the largest recorded used multiple either on or off cover

Plate II - The 7c Value - The Second Printing



Second Printing - Ultramarine shade - Multiples showing Positions 1-8 thru 41-48 (less 42)

The central block of 20 stamps is the largest recorded mint multiple

For this value the Second Printing was put on sale before the First Printing. The Second Printing stamp was actually put into circulation circa December 1885 when stocks of the imperforate 7c stamp finally became depleted. It was not until around four months later, circa March 1886, that the 7c First Printing stamp first appeared in post offices

Plate II - The 7c Value - The Second Printing



Port au Prince - 22 December 1885

Second Printing

Early date of usage



Second Printing
Position 2 & 12



NEDERL.PAKETBOOT

Second Printing

Imperforate vertically



'LIGNE F / PAQ.FR.No.1'

11 September 1889

Second printing



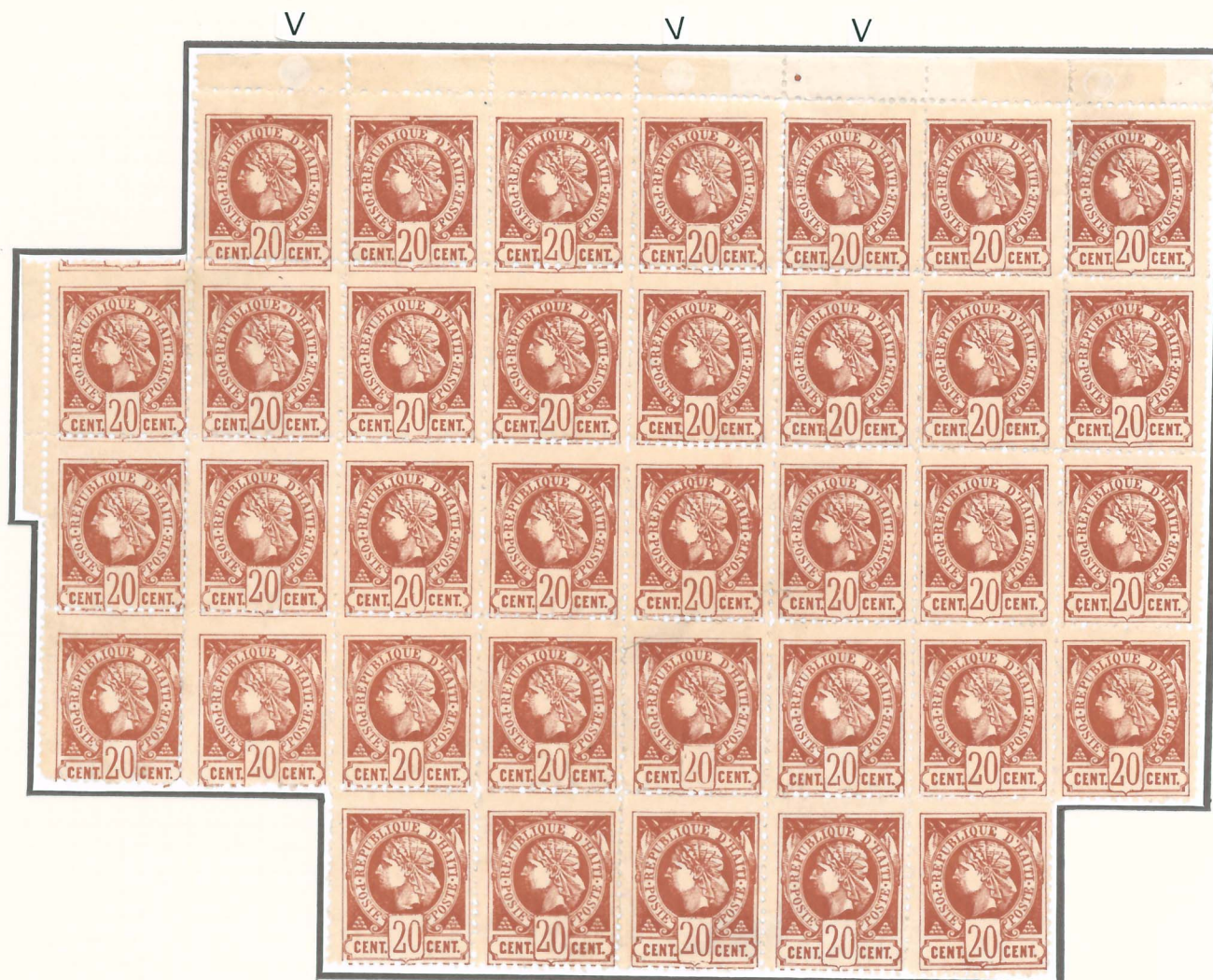
Second Printing
Position 10 & 20



1885 cover sent to Glauchau, Germany with single 7c ultramarine from the Second Printing plus 3c olive-bistre from the Second Printing with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (3 December). Arrival backstamp

This is the earliest recorded date of usage of the 7c Plate II Second Printing

Plate II - The 20c Value - One printing only



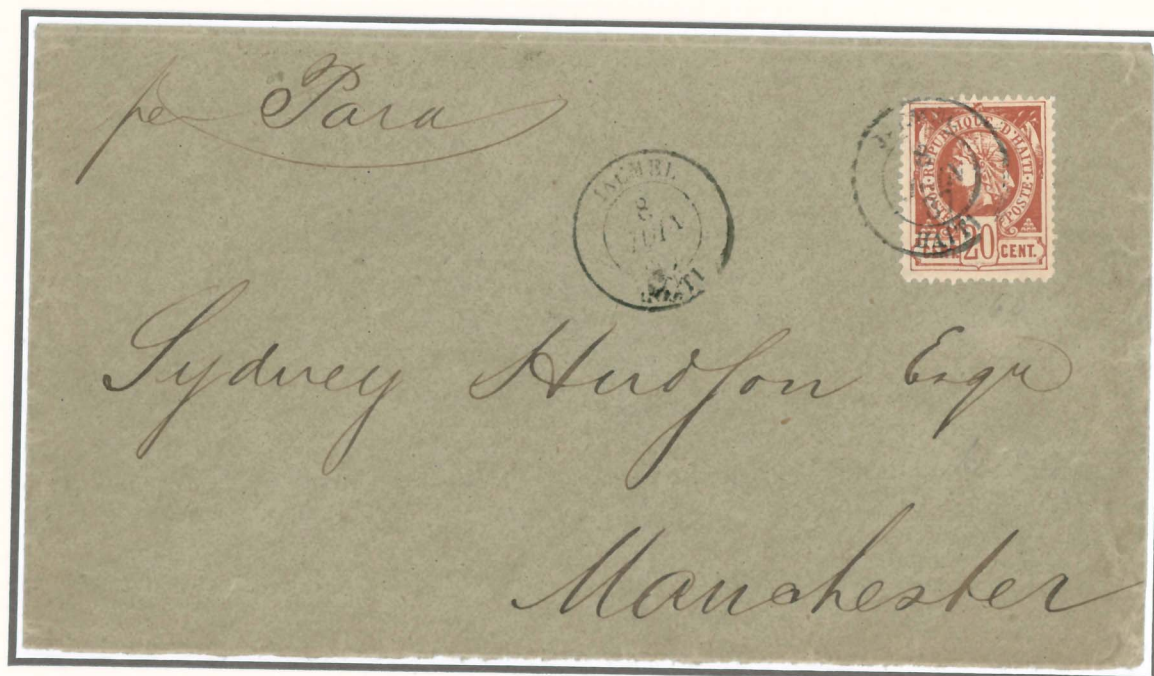
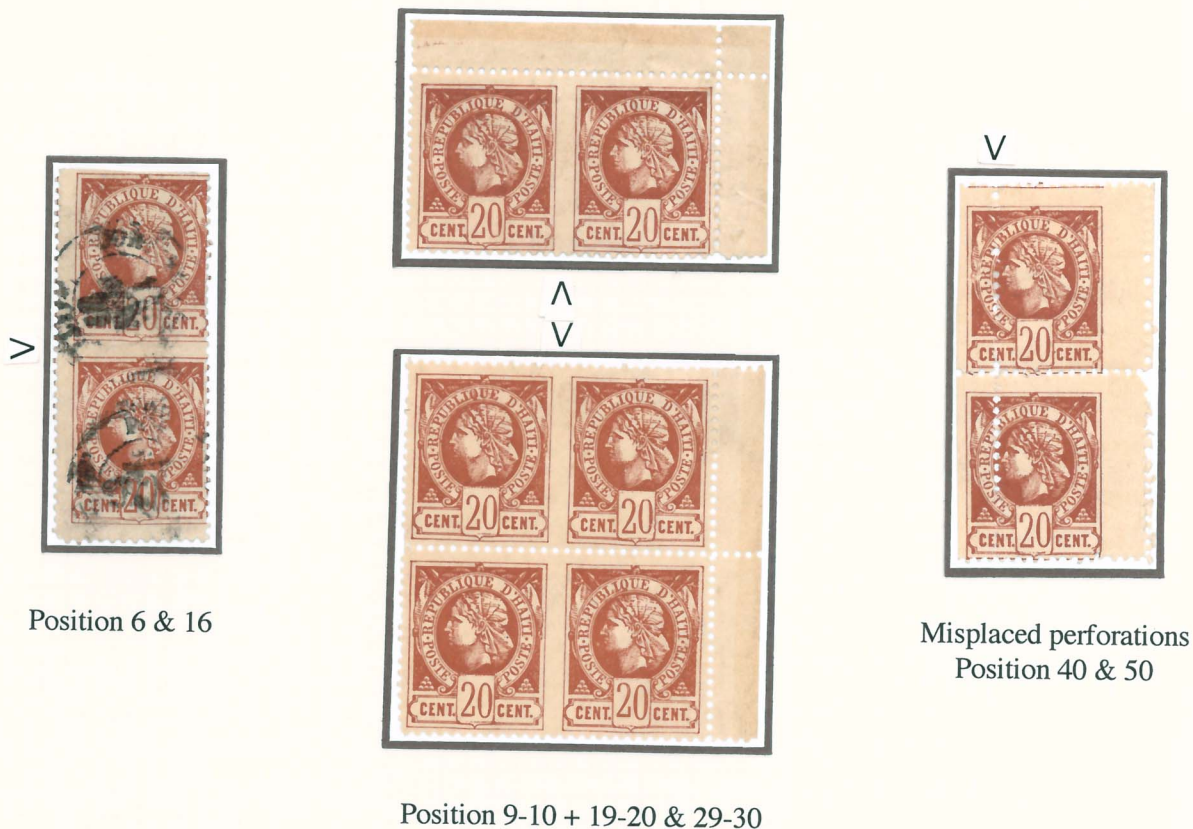
SPECIMEN handstamp
ex Natal Post Office
official UPU collection

Only the one printing in a Red-brown shade - Irregular block of 36
(Positions 2-8 thru 43-47)

The largest recorded mint multiple

Nail head and gripper marks on the background tint plate in the top margin. There was only one printing of the Plate II 20c value and this took place after the First Printings of the other five values and, also, after the Second Printing of the 2c value. This stamp was put into circulation circa April 1884. *Ex Abbott, Purves & Lloyd*

Plate II - The 20c Value - One Printing only



1887 double rate cover sent to Manchester, England endorsed "per Para" with single 20c red-brown with JACMEL cds's (8 June). Arrival backstamp

The 'Para' was a British ship from the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company

Plate II - The 20c Value - One Printing only

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Positions 39-40 & 29-30 - Port au Prince - 20 February 1893



1885 partially trimmed quadruple rate registered cover sent to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "Moselle" with two single 20c red-brown with double horizontal perforations at the top, plus pair Plate III 5c green First Printing all with JACMEL cds's (1 October). Arrival backstamp

The "Moselle" was a British ship from the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. It was wrecked near Colon in 1871 with the loss of one life



Used with 1890 2c on 3c Salomon issue
Port au Prince - 10 April 1891

Plate III - The 2c Value - One Printing only



Brown-purple shade in analine ink - Position 1-3 thru 21-23
This stamp was put into circulation circa March 1885

The largest recorded mint multiple



Position 15-17 & 25-27

Plate III - The 2c Value - One Printing only



1886 double rate registered cover sent to Paris, France with single Plate III 2c brown-purple shade (aniline ink) plus Plate II 20c red-brown shade, Plate II 3c grey-bistre First Printing and Plate II 5c yellow-green Second Printing all with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (10 May) and framed "R" registration marking alongside. 'CALAIS A PARIS 1' transit cds (29 May). Arrival backstamp

This particular 2c value is very uncommon on cover
The only recorded example of this particular franking combination

Plate III - The 2c Value - One Printing only



Position 31



Port au Prince
8 December 1885



Gonaives - 26 March 1885
Earliest recorded date of usage



Position 23-25 and 21-22 - Maroon shade
Port au Prince - 29 December 1885



Position 19-20 & 29-30
Port au Prince - 23 October 1885

A unit of four stamps is the largest recorded used multiple



Position 1-4 - Port au Prince - 2 February 1886

Plate III - The 5c Value - One Printing only



Position 5-6 & 15-16



Position 27-30 thru 47-48
Ex Lloyd



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Positions 36-40 & 46-50

Plate III 5c green shade - This stamp was put into circulation circa August 1885

This block of 10 stamps and the irregular block of 8 stamps are the two largest recorded mint multiples of the Plate III 5c green

Plate III - The 5c Value - One Printing only



1885 triple rate cover sent to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "pr R.M. Str. / Via Jacmel" with block of six Plate III 5c green Positions 32-34 & 42-44) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (4 August). Arrival backstamp

The largest recorded Plate III 5c green multiple on cover, the largest recorded used multiple and the earliest recorded date of usage of the Plate III 5c green value

Plate III - The 5c Value - One Printing only



1886 SERVICE DES POSTES "Avis de Reception" form addressed locally in Port au Prince for a registered item sent overseas to Paris, France with added Plate III 5c green tied, on the day the package was sent, by PORT-AU-PRINCE cds (7 January). The receipt inside was signed in Paris on 30 January and the form returned to Haiti with POST-AU-PRINCE arrival cds applied at the lower left corner (1 March) before being sent on to the original sender as proof of delivery

One of just two recorded usages of this 5c value an "Avis de Reception" form

Tableau n° 1^{er}, à remplir au bureau d'origine

Recommandé expédié

le 7 Janvier 1886 sous le n° — à l'adresse

de Monsieur G. Carcade

rue de la Frange Batelière 114 à Paris.

L'expéditeur demande si cette lettre a été reçue. —

Timbre du bureau expéditeur.

Pour Le Chef du bureau

à Port au Prince

Jas. Rameau

PORT-AU-PRINCE
7 JANV.
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HAITI

Plate III - The 5c Value - One Printing only



Barred oval "2" New York
receiver



Barred oval "6" New York receiver
Position 11-12



Barred oval "3" New York
receiver



1886 double rate cover with sender's cachet sent to Hamburg, Germany with horizontal strip of four Plate III 5c green (Pos. 26-29) tied by PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (3 August). Arrival backstamp

Plate III - The 5c Value - One Printing only



Position 39-40
Port au Prince
27 November 1885



Position 37 & 47
GONAIVES - 7 March 1887



Position 49-50
Port au Prince
24 November 1885



1887 five-times rate registered cover sent to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "pr Medway" with six single plate III 5c green plus Plate II 3c olive-bistre Second Printing, 7c Plate II deep blue First Printing and Plate II 20c red-brown with JACMEL cds's (28 April) and framed "R" registration marking alongside. Arrival backstamp

The only recorded example of this particular franking combination

*The "Medway" was a British ship from the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company
It was built in 1877 and scrapped in 1899*

Plate III - The 5c Value - One Printing only



1886 cover sent to Paris, France with single Plate III 5c green with two single New Dies 1c deep scarlet alongside all tied by Port au Prince cds's (23 November 1885). Paris arrival (12 December 1885). The stamps are additionally cancelled in manuscript with an "Holsatia" ship cancel

The 'Holsatia' was a Hapag Line vessel built in 1879 and it was in service until sold in 1897

The cover likely arrived in Le Havre with a missing 3c 'Liberty Head' with the resultant space was cancelled with a UNION-PAYS D'OUTREMER cds (17 April 1887) to show acceptance



1886 cover sent to Paris, France with single Plate III 5c green plus Plate II 2c dull purples First Printing and Plate II 3c olive-bistre Second Printing all tied by Port au Prince cds's (23 November 1886). Arrival cds (12 December)

Plate III - The 20c Value - One Printing only

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Plate III 20c complete sheet in a pale red-brown shade imperforate vertically between rows one and two. The edge of the tint plate is visible in both the upper and lower margin areas. This stamp was put into circulation circa February 1886

The only recorded complete sheet from Plate III
Particularly unusual with the vertical row of imperforate between horizontal pairs

Plate III - The 20c Value - One Printing only



Position 6-7
LES CAYES - April 1892



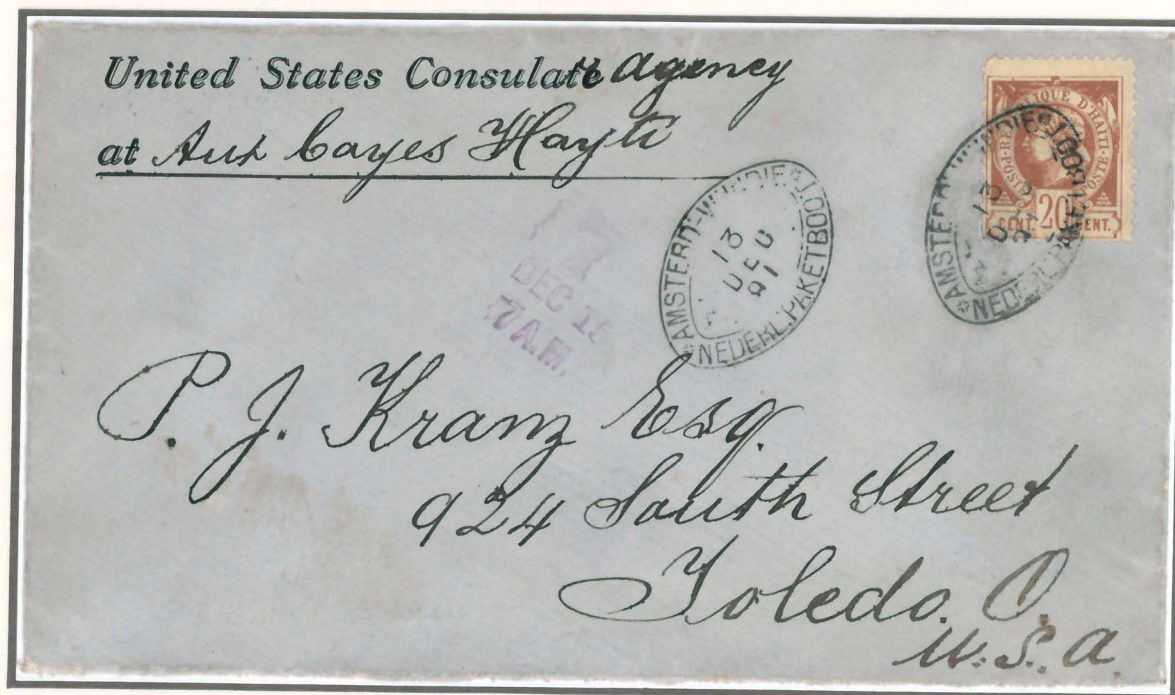
Position 3 & 13



Position 11

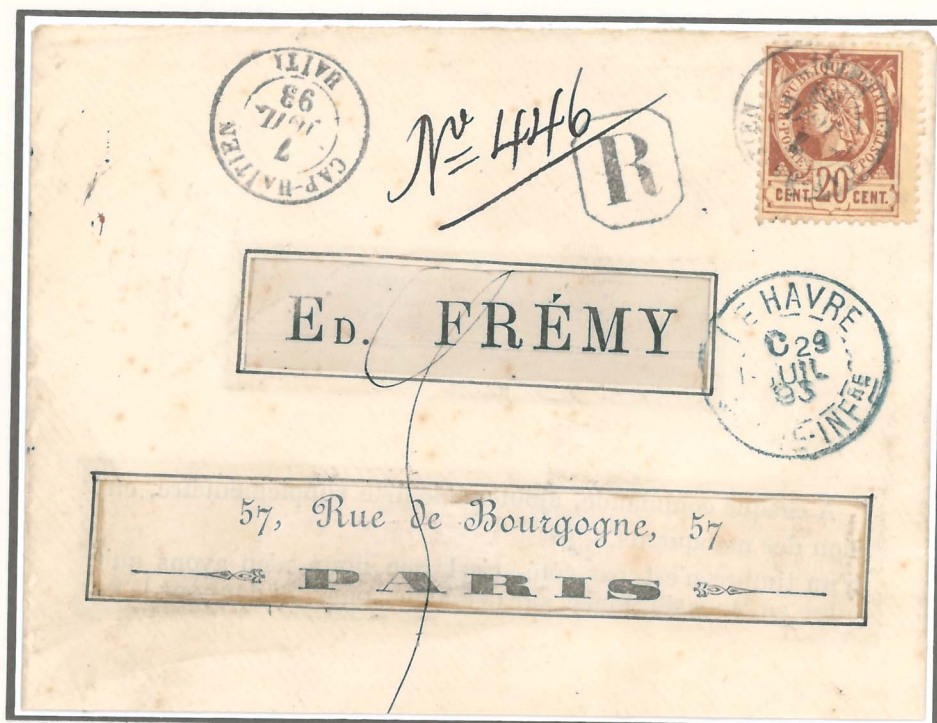


Position 31-32
Port au Prince - 22 November 1890



1891 double rate cover endorsed 'United States Consulate / at ...' with 'Aux Cayes, Hayti' entered in manuscript sent to Toledo, Ohio with single Plate III 20c pale-red-brown with oval AMSTERD-W. INDIE / NEDERL.PAKETBOOT oval datestamp (13 December). New York transit backstamp

Plate III - The 20c value - One printing only



1893 registered cover to Paris, France with single Plate III 20c pale red-brown with JACMEL cds's (7 July) and framed "R" registration marking alongside. 'LE HAVRE' transit cds in blue (29 July)



1894 registered cover sent to Buenos Aires, Argentina with Plate `III single 20c pale red-brown Pwith PORT AU PRINCE cds's (13 September) and framed "R" registration marking alongside. 'LIGNE F/PAQ.FR.No.1' datestamp in blue and, on the reverse, 'HAITI A FORT DE FRANCE/L.E.No.1' datestamp with St. Pierre and Fort de France (Martinique) transit cds's (21 September) alongside. 'CETTE A BORDEAUX' transit cds (10 October) and Buenos Aires arrival cds's (10 November)

Plate III - The 20c Value - One Printing only

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Plate III 20c pale red-brown (Position 21-22)
PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (20 February 1893)



1886 five-times rate cover sent to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "pr. R.M. Str. *Don*" with two single Plate III 20c pale red-brown (different shades) plus Plate II 3c olive-bistre Second Printing and Plate II 7c ultramarine Second Printing with JACMEL cds's (27 May). Arrival backstamp

The 'Don' (originally named "Corcovado") was purchased by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company from the Pacific Steam Navigation Company in 1875. It was scrapped in 1905

Plate III - The 20c Value - One Printing only



Piece with two pairs Plate III 20c pale red-brown (Positions 4-5 & 49-50) plus Plate II 7c ultramarine Second Printing and 1887 3c blue Salomon issue all with JACMEL cds's (7 June 1888)



1886 eight-times rate registered cover trimmed at the bottom sent to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "pr. Royal Mail Str." with Plate III block of four 20c pale red-brown (Position 1-2 & 11-12) plus Plate III pair 5c green with JACMEL cds's (18 February) and framed "R" registration marking alongside. Oval London REGISTERED transit datestamp in red and arrival backstamp

The earliest recorded date of usage of the Plate III 20c pale red-brown or off cover

Plate III - The 20c Value - One Printing only



Package piece with block of 24 (4 x 6) Plate III 20c pale red-brown plus an additional pair (Positions 5-10 thru 35-40 & 45-46) together with a block of four 1887 5c green Salomon issue all with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (23 March 1887)

This Plate III 20c pale red-brown block of 24 is the largest recorded used multiple. The total franking on the piece is 540c and this is the highest recorded value franking which includes "Liberty Head" stamps

This 540c franking could have paid a 54-times foreign letter rate for a package weighing between 796 and 810 grams

Plate III - The Reprints

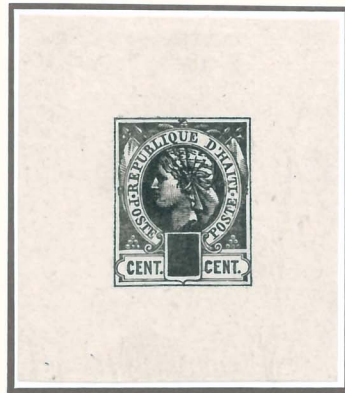


Blank value tablets at the bottom
Line perforation 11.5

These stamps on buff paper first appeared in multiples on the philatelic market at the auction of the Edmond Mangones collection in 1976 where they were offered as original proofs. They have all been printed from Plate III but a careful study of the individual positions, and their relevant constant flaws, show conclusively that these were produced after the regular Plate III stamps. Furthermore, the numerals of value have not been plugged into the plate, as they were with the regular Plate III printing, but were printed in a separate operation.

A possible scenario for their existence is that they were officially produced and were intended for presentation purposes. Mangones was known to be well connected in Government circles in Haiti and may well have benefited from a shelved or abandoned project involving these stamps

The New Dies - Proofs



Master die proof in black
used for the 1c and 2c values only



1c scarlet - Position 11-12
Imperforate trial
on grey-flecked paper



2c purple - Position 38
Imperforate trial
on greenish paper



5c green - Position 18-19
Imperforate trial
on greenish paper

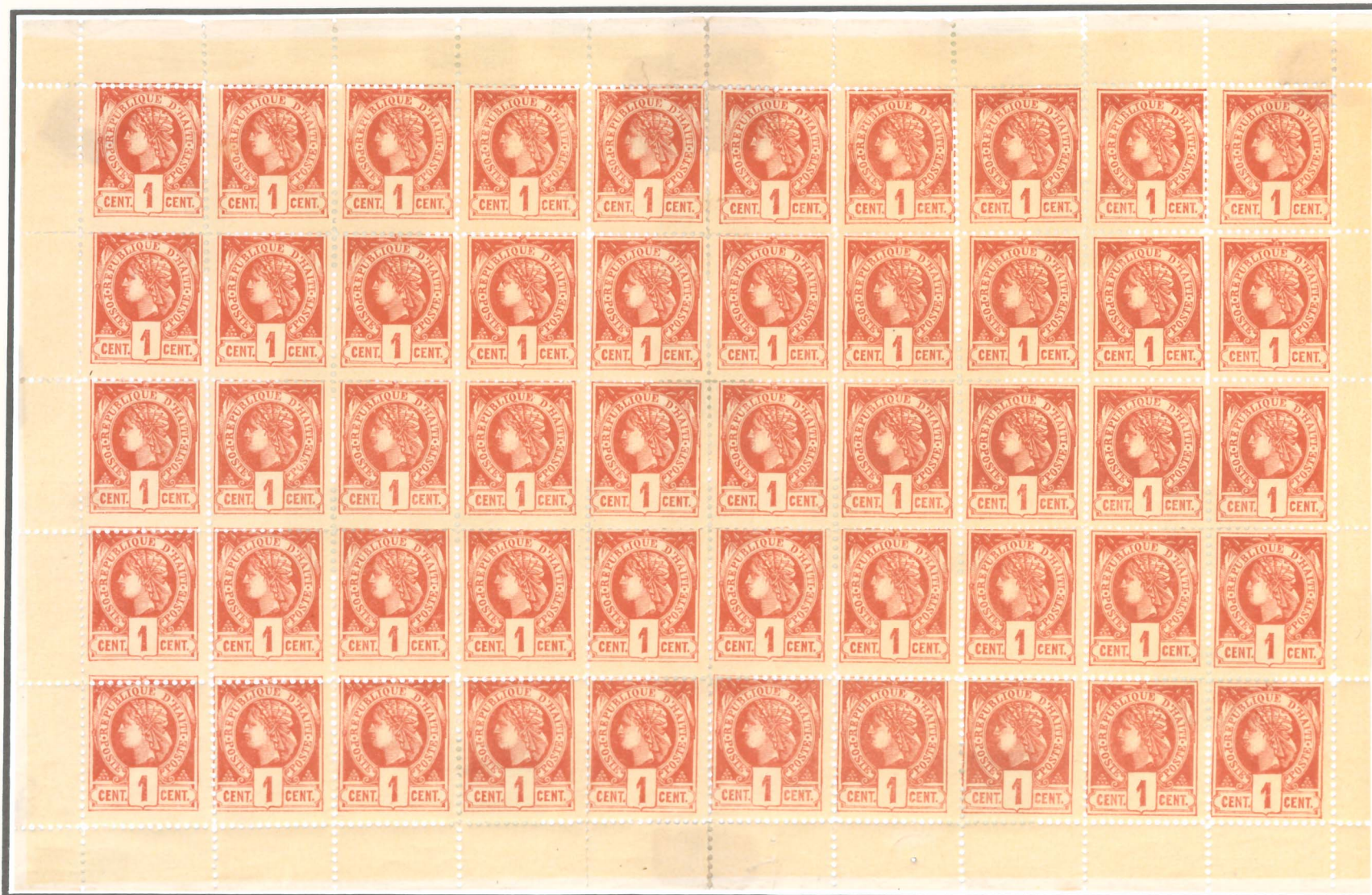


5c marginal plate proof block in black
Position 11-12 & 21-22

The New Dies - The 1c Value



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The New Die - A complete 1c sheet in scarlet shade - *Ex Lloyd*
This stamp was put into circulation circa February 1886

The only recorded complete sheet of the 1c value from the New Die

The New Dies - The 1c Value

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Position 24-25



New Die 1c deep scarlet shade block of 20 - Position 1-4 thru 41-44
Barred oval "5" New York receivers. *Ex Wallace Dean*

The largest recorded used multiple

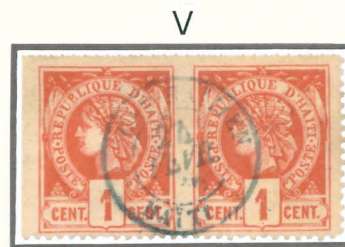
The New Dies - The 1c Value



PETIT-GOAVE - 21 July 1886
Position 31-32



JACMEL - 10 February 1886



CAP-HAITIEN - 24 February
Position 21-22

Earliest recorded date of usage



1886 internal cover endorsed "pr. Poste" sent to Jacmel with top marginal vertical pair New Die 1c scarlet (Pos. 1 & 11) with LES CAYES cds's (2 March)

The earliest recorded usage of this stamp on cover and a rare example of internal mail sent between two secondary towns

The New Dies - The 1c Value



1886 cover from Aux Cayes to Philadelphia with block of ten (5 x 2) New Die 1c scarlet (Pos. 7-8 thru 47-48) with LES CAYES cds's (30 June). Jacmel (1 July), Kingston, Jamaica (4 July) plus New York PAID ALL transit datestamps and arrival cds on the reverse. *Ex Hennan & Bustamante*

The largest recorded multiple on cover



1886 cover sent to Paris, France endorsed "Pr. Royal Mail" with horizontal pair New Die 1c scarlet (Pos. 33-44) plus Plate II 3c olive-bistre Second Printing and Plate III 5c green with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (13 April). Arrival backstamp. *Ex Bjäringer & Sabbatini*

The only recorded "Liberty Head" franking with this combination of values

The New Dies - The 1c Value



1886 internal cover sent to Port au Prince with horizontal pair New Die 1c deep scarlet shade (pos. 11-12) with SAINT-MARC cds's (11 March). An early usage



1886 internal cover sent to Port au Prince endorsed "P. Steamer Allemand" with vertical pair New Die 1c scarlet (pos. 34 & 44) with GONAIVES cds's (22 December). Arrival backstamp (23 December)

The New Dies - The 2c Value



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New Die 2c purple block of 12 - Position 8-10 thru 38-40
This stamp was put into circulation circa April 1886
Ex Lloyd

The largest recorded mint multiple

The New Dies - The 2c Value



Position 6-10 - Jacmel - 16 March 1887



Position 11-15 - Port au Prince - 21 March 1887

These two strips of five are the largest recorded used multiples



1886 internal entire letter with sender's cachet to Jacmel endorsed "p. poste" with single New Die 2c purple with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (17 July)

The earliest recorded date of usage on cover

The New Dies - The 2c Value



Position 5-6 & 15-16
Port au Prince - 10 August 1887



1887 cover to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "pr voi de N.York" with New Die 2c single in purple shade and strip of four in reddish-purple shade with CAP-HAITIEN cds's. New York transit and arrival backstamps. *Ex Sabattini*

This strip of four is the largest recorded multiple on cover

The New Dies - The 2c Value



1886 cover to New York endorsed "Via Kingston Jamaica" with New Dies 2c purple and 1c scarlet plus Plate II 7c deep blue First Printing with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (3 December) and two-line JAMAICA/TRANSIT marking. Kingston squared circle transit backstamp (5 December)



1886 cover to Paris, France endorsed "Par Royal Mail via Jacmel" with New Dies 2c purple pair, two singles plus New Dies 1c scarlet vertical pair all with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (25 May)

The New Dies - The 5c Value



New Die 5c green
Position 39-40 & 49-50

**Gothic script watermark
on left two stamps**

New Die 5c green - Left half of sheet position 1-5 thru 41-45

Ex Tows & Sellers

This stamp was put into circulation circa February 1887

The largest recorded mint multiple

There is no mention in philatelic literature of any watermarked "Liberty Head" stamps and one can only assume that this final 5c printing was made on paper that included an odd sheet or two with a papermaker's watermark. Two full letters and one partial letter of an outlined Gothic script are visible and they appear to be "E.T.O." (open to interpretation) reading vertically upwards over the left two stamps

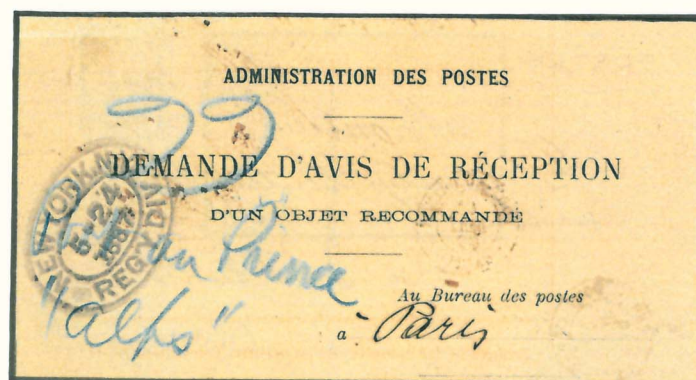
The New Dies - The 5c Value



1887 SERVICE DES POSTES "Avis de Reception" form addressed locally in Port au Prince for a registered item sent overseas to Paris, France with added 5c green New Die tied, on the day the package was sent, by PORT-AU-PRINCE cds (14 May). The receipt inside was signed in Paris on 4 June and the form returned to Haiti with POST-AU-PRINCE arrival cds applied at the lower left corner (20 June) before being sent on to the original sender as proof of delivery

Endorsed inside "Port au Prince - Alps" with New York transit on ourward journey (24 May)

The only recorded usage of a 5c New Die on an "Avis de Reception" form



The "Alps" was a German ship from the Hamburg American Line. It was built in 1865 and was taken over by the Atlas SS Co., Liverpool fleet in 1901 and sold later the same year

The New Dies - The 5c Value



Barred oval "12" New York
receiver



Position 4-5 & 14-15
Port au Prince - 31 December 1895 - Very late usage



Port au Prince - 28 February 1887

Earliest recorded date of usage

A unit of four stamps is the largest recorded used multiple



1888 cover from Aux Cayes to Hamburg, Germany endorsed "Par Steamer *Flachat*" with New Dies two single 5c green with 'UNION-PAYS D'OUTREM/LE HAVRE' cds's (7 March)

Uncommon usage of this French transit cancel on "Liberty Head" stamps

*The 'Flachat' was a French ship from the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique. Built in 1880
It was wrecked in fog at Tenerife in 1898 with the loss of 84 lives*

The New Dies - The 5c Value



JEREMIE - 3 October 1887



Position 17-20 - Port au Prince - 28 March 1887

A unit of four stamps is the largest recorded used multiple



1887 registered cover to Paris, France endorsed "Voie Southampton" with two horizontal pairs New Die 5c green (Pos. 7-8 & Pos. 17-18) with PORT-AU-PRINCE cds's (30 August) and framed "R" registration marking alongside. 'CALAIS A PARIS' transit cds and arrival backstamp

The Postal Forgeries



Perf. 16
CAP-HAITIEN
8 June 1886



Perf. 14
GONAIVES
27 January 1887
Rare usage

Perf. 14 - A rare mint multiple - *Ex Abbott & Purves*



Perf. 16
CAP-HAITIEN
1890



Perf. 16



Perf. 14



Perf. 14
CAP-HAITIEN
17 February 1888



Perf. 14
CAP-HAITIEN
21 January 1887



Perf. 14
CAP-HAITIEN
18 May 1887



Perf. 16
CAP-HAITIEN
18 Jun 1888



Perf. 16
Barred oval "3"
New York receiver

The Postal Forgeries



Genuine
Curl in scroll



Perf. 14
CAP-HAITIEN
Rare



Perf. 16



Perf. 16
CAP-HAITIEN
3 December 1887



Forgery
No curl



1886 double rate cover to Paris endorsed "pr Str F'cais" with single 20c postal forgery perf. 16 with CAP-HAITIEN cds's (24 February) in blue. "CAP HAITIEN/PAQ.FR.B No.1" datestamp alongside (24 February). **Just two intact covers with Postal Forgeries have been recorded**

Nothing is known of the perpetrators of this fraud. Postal Forgeries exist of all six values and were lithographed rather than engraved. They can be found perforated 14 (2c, 5c and 7c values) and/or perforated 16 (1c, 3c, 7c and 20c values) though a couple of exceptions are known. They were used almost exclusively in Cap Haitien and first appeared in early 1886. They were well executed and the forgeries were never discovered by the Haiti postal authorities of the time. Mint copies of all the forgeries are scarce and the 3c forgery is a rare stamp either mint or used