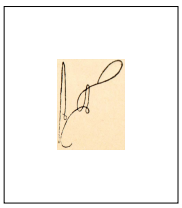
United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

Issues under Spanish Dominion

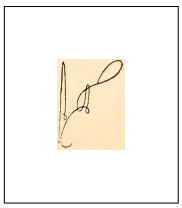
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Stamps of Cuba Overprinted in Black

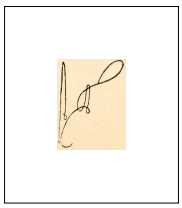
Overprint 'a'



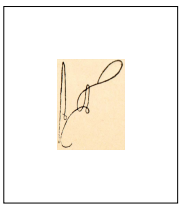
Overprint 'b'



Overprint 'c'



Overprint 'd'



1873, Unwmk, Perf. 14

25c grey (a)

50c brown (a)



1p red brown (a)



1874

25c ultramarine (b)



1875

25c ultramarine (b)

50c green (b)



1p brown (b)



United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

1876

25c pale violet (c)

50c ultramarine (c)

1p black (c)

25c pale violet (d)

1p black (d)

1877 King Alfonso XII

5c yellow brown



10c carmine

15c deep green

25c ultramarine

50c bistre



1878 King Alfonso XII

5c olive bistre

10c red brown



25c deep green

50c ultramarine

1p bistre

1879 King Alfonso XII

5c lake



10c dark brown

15c dark olive green



25c blue



50c dark green

1p grey

United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

1880 King Alfonso XII

1/4c deep green

1/2c bright rose

1c brown lilac



2c grey lilac

3c buff

4c black



5c grey green

10c rose

15c yellow brown

25c grey blue

40c grey

50c dark brown

1p olive bistre



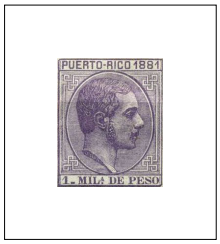
United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

1881 King Alfonso XII

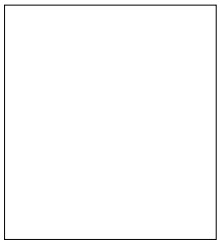
1/2m lake



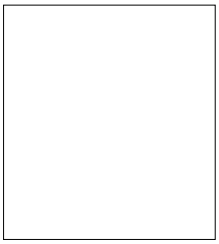
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2m pale rose



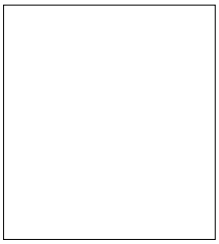
4m bright yellowish green



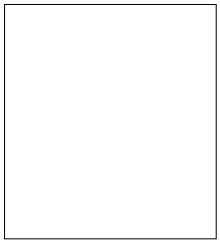
6m brown lilac



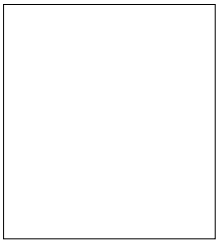
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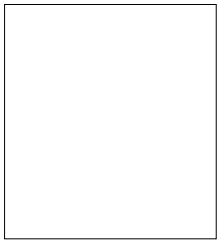
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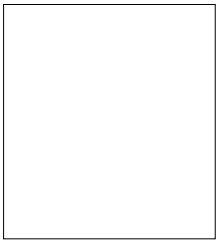
2c lake



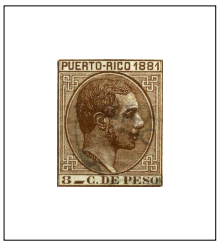
3c dark brown



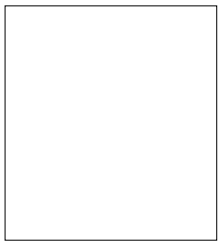
5c greyish ultra



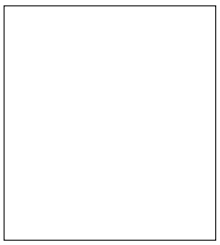
1p olive bistre



10c slate



20c olive bistre



United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

1882-1886 King Alfonso XII

1/2m rose

1/2m salmon rose

1/2m lake (1884)

1m pale lake

1m bright rose (1884)

2m violet



4m brown lilac

6m brown

8m yellow green

1c grey green



2c rose

3c yellow

3c yellow
cliche of 8c in plate of 3c

3c yellow brown (1884)

3c yellow brown (1884)
cliche of 8c in plate of 3c

5c grey blue

5c grey blue
1st re-touch (1884)

5c grey blue
2nd re-touch (1886)

8c grey brown

10c dark green



20c grey lilac

20c olive brown
error

40c blue

80c olive bistre

United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

1890-1897 Alfonso XIII

1/2m black

1/2m olive grey (1892)

1/2m red brown (1894)



1/2m dull violet (1896)

1m emerald

1m dark violet (1892)

1m ultramarine (1894)



1m deep brown (1896)

2m lilac rose

2m violet brown (1892)

2m red orange (1894)

2m yellow green (1896)

4m dark olive green

4m ultramarine (1892)



4m yellow brown (1894)

4m blue green (1896)

6m dark brown

6m pale rose (1892)

8m olive bistre

8m yellow green (1892)

1c yellow brown

1c blue green (1891)

1c violet brown (1894)

1c claret (1896)

2c brownish violet

United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

1890-1897 Alfonso XIII

2c red brown (1892)

2c lilac (1894)

2c orange brown

3c slate blue

3c orange (1892)

3c olive grey (1894)

3c blue (1896)

3c claret brown (1897)

4c slate blue (1894)

4c slate brown (1896)

5c brown violet

5c yellow green (1894)

5c blue green (1892)

5c blue (1896)



6c orange (1894)

6c violet (1896)



8c ultramarine

8c grey brown (1892)

8c dull violet (1894)

8c carmine rose (1896)

10c rose

10c salmon rose

10c lilac rose (1892)

20c red orange



20c lilac (1892)

United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

1890-1897 Alfonso XIII

20c carmine rose (1894)

20c olive grey (1896)

40c orange



40c slate blue (1892)



40c claret (1894)

40c salmon (1896)

80c yellow green



80c orange (1892)

80c black (1897)

1893, Lithographed, Perf. 12

Landing of Columbus
on Puerto Rico
3c dark green



United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

1898 Alfonso XIII

1m orange brown

2m orange brown

3m orange brown



4m orange brown

5m orange brown

1c black violet



2c dark blue green

3c dark brown



4c orange

5c bright rose

6c dark blue

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10c vermillion

15c dull olive green

20c maroon

40c violet

60c black

80c red brown

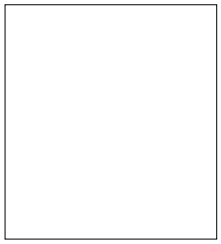
1p yellow green

2p slate blue

United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

1898
Stamps of 1890-1897 Handstamped
in Rose or Violet

1/2m dull violet



1m deep brown



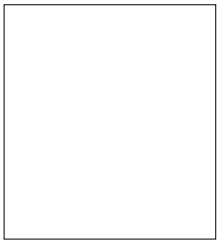
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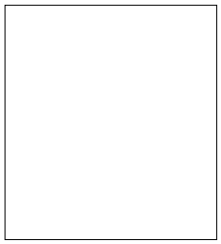
4m blue green



1c claret



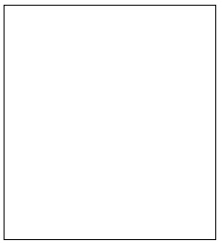
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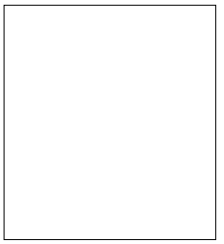
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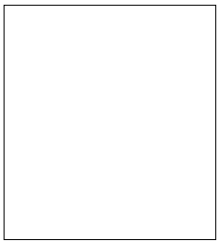
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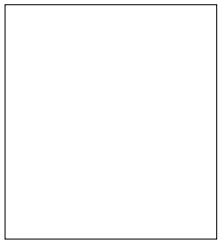
4c grey brown



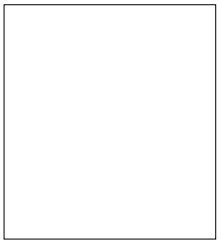
4c slate blue



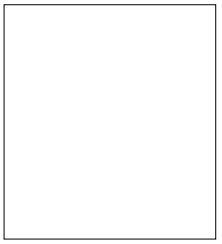
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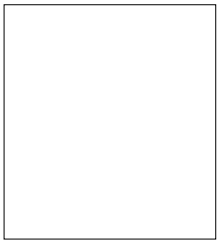
5c blue



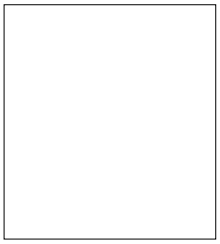
6c violet



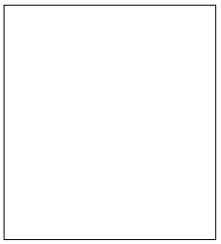
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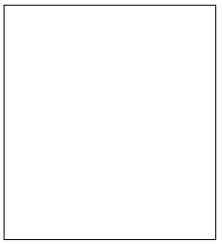
8c carmine rose (V)
rose overprint



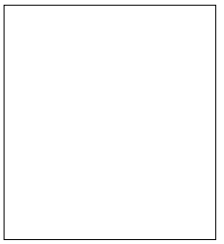
20c olive grey



40c salmon



80c black



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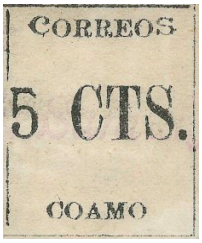
Issues under United States Administration
Provisional Stamps

1898, Unwmk, Imperf.
Ponce Issue



This was only issued as a handstamp on envelopes. Both unused stamps and envelopes have a violet control mark.

1898, Unwmk, Imperf
Coamo Issue



United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

Issues under United States Administration
Regular Issues

1899, Wmk. 191, Perf. 12
Overprinted 'PORTO RICO' in Black at 36 Degree Angle

1c yellow green



Overprint at 25 degree angle

2c reddish carmine, type IV

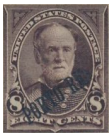


Overprint at 25 degree angle

5c blue



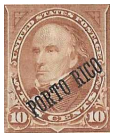
8c violet brown



Overprint at 25 degree angle

Overprint 'PORTO RIC'

10c brown, type I



Overprint 'FORTO RICO'

United States of America
US Possessions: Puerto Rico

Issues under United States Administration
Regular Issues

1900, Wmk. 191, Perf. 12
Overprinted 'PUERTO RICO' in Black

1c yellow green



2c red, type IV



Issues under United States Administration
Postage Due Issues

1899, Wmk. 191, Perf. 12
United States Postage Due Stamps Overprinted
in Black at 36 Degree Angle

1c deep claret



Overprint at 25 degree angle

2c deep claret



Overprint at 25 degree angle

10c deep claret



Overprint at 25 degree angle

Many varieties of overprints exist for the Puerto Rico issues depicted on these pages. I have created spaces for the most common varieties.