

Scarce overprint variety featured in Philstamps all-Philippine May mail sale

One of the scarcest Philippine stamps will be offered in a specialized May 21 mail bid sale by Philstamps of San Bernardino, Calif.

The stamp is an elusive variety of the 1874 "HABILITADO POR LA NACION" overprint. On this stamp, the overprint was applied to a copy of the 1-real Isabella issue of 1854, inscribed "CORROS" instead of the correct "CORREOS" inscription.

The current Scott *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* lists the 1854 inscription error as Scott 4c, and the 1r overprint as Scott 25; and lists unused catalog values of \$4,000 and \$2,650, respectively.

The combination of the inscription error and the over-



This 1854 1-real stamp misinscribed "CORROS" with the 1874 Habilitado overprint is offered in Philstamps all-Philippine May 21 mail sale.

print is not listed in the Scott catalog, but is identified as No. S68aa in Peter W.A. Harridine's *Philippine Postage*

Stamp Handbook 1854-1982.

Believed to be the only example known, the stamp is accompanied by a 1949 Philatelic Foundation certificate. According to the firm, the stamp was appraised at \$12,000 in the early 1980s.

Other featured items in the all-Philippine mail sale is an unlisted 1883 2r surcharge on an unretouched 1882 2 4/8-centimo Alfonso XII, and an unused copy of the elusive 1880 10c green, Scott 84.

United States administration issues include several examples of each of the valuable dollar denominations, with later stamps of the republic highlighted by one of 10 known vertical pairs, imperforate between, of the 1947 1-centavo

Quezon definitive, Scott 511.

Philippines postal history is capped by two "FREE PHILIPPINES" 10th Military District guerrilla covers.

Free copies of the illustrated mail bid sale catalog are available from Philstamps, 4795 Mariposa Drive, San Bernardino, Calif. 92404. ■

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