"CANCELLED" OVERPRINT



Two Examples of Each Regular Issue Recorded Six Examples Recorded of the Officials

Two sheets of each of the eleven stamps produced were overprinted "Cancelled" in red ink for preservation in the records of the Bureau of Posts and Bureau of Printing. The stamps were overprinted "Cancelled" to prevent the sample sheets from being stolen and put to postal use. None were sold to the public. However, as the Palace issue was the first series of postage stamps printed by the Bureau of Posts in the Philippines, there was pride taken in the work. Several complete sets of the stamps overprinted "Cancelled" were mounted and framed for exhibition in suitable places, including the Bureau of Posts and the Bureau of Printing. The Bureau of Printing prepared a special printed card for mounting the stamps. At the top of the card appeared the title, "TO COMMEMORATE THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, MANILA P.I., 1926." None of the cards is known to have survived, but the few "Cancelled" stamps which exist in collectors' hands likely came from these cards.