

TYPE 4 SURCHARGE

Issued: January, 1881
 No. Surcharged: unknown



Black 8c on
 10 Cuartos Bistre Revenue
 (APS Cert.)



Inverted Surcharge
 (APS Cert.)



Block of Six
 (APS Cert.)

Largest Recorded Multiple



Inverted Surcharge
 Bottom/Left Stamp
 (APS Cert.)



Inverted Surcharge
 Left Stamp

While this stamp was listed in early 19th Century catalogues, the listing was based on word of mouth alone. No genuine example of the stamp had been seen. Bartels (1904) listed the stamp as being of "doubtful status." It was not until 1912 when General H.H. Bandholtz (then Major) a noted philatelist and champion of Philippine stamps discovered several singles and a block of four. Only after the stamps were exhibited in New York and the stamp collecting community had the opportunity to see the stamps, was the surcharge considered to be genuine on this stamp. A recent census (2009) by the International Philippine Philatelic Society (IPPS) has established a total of only **41 Examples Recorded**, 27 of which are found in this exhibit.