

THE WORK OF JEAN DE SPERATI II

MONACO

1885 One Franc (Photographic Plate D)

A single used copy of this forgery has been examined. It has a wavy circular date-stamp of Monaco with an unclear date and appears to be on genuine paper.

SPECIFIC TESTS

- (i) The top arm of the "C" of "PRINCIPALITE" is detached, or nearly so. The outer frame line is broken above the A of this word.
- (ii) There is a white weakness in the background above the upper right arm of the lower left ornament.
- (iii) Of the horizontal lines within the lower left triangular area, the second from the top touches the vertical frame line to its left and there is a dot atop this line.
- (iv) To the right of the moustache there are two pairs of shading lines with a break across each pair.
- (v) A white scratch runs from the base of the bust to the circle below.

