

THE REST OF THE WORLD

PANAMA

1878 TEN CENTAVOS

PLATE 129

Sperati is known to have made "die" proofs in colour and probably unused and used reproductions, but only a single "die" proof has been examined. For **comparison** use the genuine stamp.

The genuine stamps were lithographed and the reproductions made by a form of photo-lithography. The **impression** is very good in comparison with the genuine.

BASIC TESTS: *C, D, E and F.*

SPECIFIC TESTS

These should be treated with some reservations as only one example has been examined.

- (i) In the word "CORREOS" there is a white spot under the "O," the first "R" has the diagonal leg broken away from the loop and the upright of the second "R" extends below.
- (ii) There is a white speck in the background of the "S" of "S•"
- (iii) There is a blue spot between the "O" and the "S" of "ESTADOS."
- (iv) There is a blue spot between the "N" and the "I" of "UNIDOS."
- (v) The "T" of "CENTAVOS" has a defective top left serif.

PARAGUAY

1870 THREE REALES

PLATE 130

Sperati is known to have made "die" proofs in black as well as unused and used reproductions. The negative is dated January 1945. For **comparison** use the genuine 1r. or 3r.

The genuine stamp was printed by lithography and the reproduction by photo-lithography.

The **colour** is a good match for the genuine but the paper is thick toned instead of thick white. The **gum** on the reproductions is thick yellowish. The **impression** is more coarse than the genuine.

BASIC TESTS: *D and E.*

SPECIFIC TESTS

- (i) The lettering is badly defined when magnified by x10 and the horizontal lines of shading are much more broken.
- (ii) The following flaws appear in "REPUBLICA"—there is a flaw through the centre of the loop of the "R" and a defect in the background between this letter and the "E," there is an extra loop between the two loops of the "B" and the right foot of the "A" has two claw-like projections below.
- (iii) In "PARAGUAY" there is a horizontal flaw coming out from the lower part of the loop of the "P," there is a flaw in the shading in the middle of the "U" and a raised spot in the lower left portion of this letter.
- (iv) In the "R" of "REALES" there is a dot of colour to the right of the loop and in the centre of the tail of this letter and a white spot in the background below, there is a coloured spot in the lower left portion of the first "E," the right serifs of which are joined by a thin line, there is a crack running from the upright of the second "E" through the background below and touching the right hand lower circle containing the numeral.
- (v) The shaft held by the lion is broken just below the line of the horizon.

CANCELLATIONS: "CORREOS DE LA ASUNCION" contained in a double circle with a star in the centre—two different impressions (Plate 130).