

HAITI

1898, THE SMALL PALMS ISSUE

The new stamps were issued in March 1898, showing a design similar to the previous issues, but smaller and more compact. The order for this issue was given to one M. Henri Reine, who entrusted the 'Compagnie Française des Papiers Monnaies' to do the work. It is the only issue of stamps of Haiti that has been printed on watermarked paper. The watermark shows the initial of the 'Republic of Haiti', namely 'R. H.'. This issue was intended as a 'Provisional' pending the consignment of the stamps showing the President Simon Sam ordered to the American Bank Note company. Because the regular stamps were delivered much earlier than expected, there was really no use of the new stamps. Consequently the result of this unnecessary printing was that they were soon transferred to the hands of a private dealer for philatelic purposes only. The 1c., 3c., 7c. and 20c. are considered as prepared but not issued, but the post office passes all these stamps when franking letters as they were of full postal value. Of this issue there are a good number of varieties, proofs, imperforate samples and so on.

11th issue, March 1898

Compagnie Française des Papiers Monnaies, Paris
Engraved, perf. 11, white wove paper, wmk. 'R. H.', on sheet of 100 (10 x 10)



1c. ultramarine (Yv. 39), 2c. brown carmine (Yv. 40), 3c. dull violet (Yv. 41), 5c. dark green (Yv. 42), 7c. gray (Yv. 43), 20c. orange (Yv. 44)



17 September 1898, from Cap Haitien Havre (France), a double registered letter rated 40 centimes and franked with a pair stamp of the 20c. orange. The addressee possibly a relative of H. Reine who have ordered the stamps.

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Engraved, perf. 11, white wove paper, wmk. 'R. H.' on sheet of 100 (10 x 10)

Proofs of unadopted colours



Printed on very heavy cardboard



Printed on cardboard



Printed on wove paper with no watermark



20 centimes in green and brown printed on wove paper with 'R. H.' watermark



Printed on laid paper without watermark

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Proofs of adopted colours



5 centimes deep green on light cardboard without watermark.



Proofs of the adopted colours on watermarked paper, no gum and imperforate.

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The imprint of the stamp producing company is to be seen on the lower margin of each printed sheet.



Issued stamps overcharged 'Specimen'.



5 centimes deep green with a double impression.

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9 August 1898, from Cap Haitien Havre (France), unusual 56 centimes rate registered letter made up with use of three of four reputedly un-issued values. In front the Haitian boxed 'R', the registration number '1018', re-registered in New York on 15 August and label added. At the back a large inked blue-green seal of the 'Curia Episcopalis Capitis Haitiani'. The addressee possibly the same M. H. Reine who have ordered the stamps.