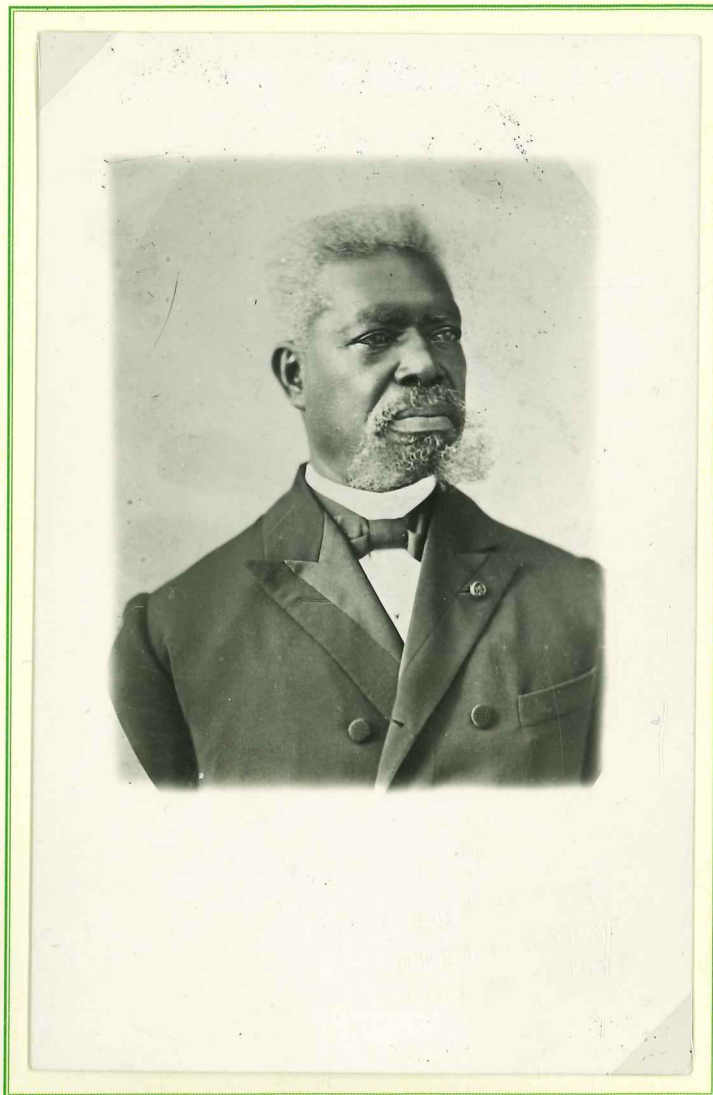


HAITI

THE PRESIDENT TIRESIAS SIMON SAM SERIES, 1898



20c. black (Yv. 59)



*The President Tiresias Simon Sam (1835 - 1916) was in charge from
31 March 1896 till 12 May 1902.*

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President Simon Sam (1865-1916) is the subject, in military uniform, of the design of the second of the series of portraits stamps issued by the Haiti Republic. The production of the new stamps was entrusted to the American Bank Note Company of New York, of the twelve denominations partly show the President portrait and part the design of the arms with the motto 'L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE'. A distinctive colour was used for each value.

Issue of 1898

American Bank Note Co., New York

Typographed, perf. 12, white machine-made paper, without watermark, in sheets of 100



12 denominations (Yv. 47, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61)



Used copies.

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THE PRESIDENT TIRESIAS SIMON SAM SERIES, 1898

Issue of 1898



24 September 1900, from Port au Prince for Paolo Bozzano in Genoa, franked with a single orange 2 centimes stamp with the effigy of President Simon Sam, which is also a 'perfin'. Rare rate for printed matters. Endorsed in the front with the routing 'For Royal Mail via Jacmel'. Order confirmation for a batch of 600 bags of coffee. Both the letter and the band are copies made on the mimeograph. In particular, the band demonstrates a sure continuity of correspondence between the firm Alfred Lefebvre, a representative agent at Port au Prince, and the Italian firm Bozzano.

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THE PRESIDENT TIRESIAS SIMON SAM SERIES, 1898

Issue of 1898



21 February 1899, from Port au Prince addressed to New York, a simple letter rated 10 centimes.



12 March 1900, from Port au Princes addressed to Lucerne (Switzerland), delivered on 30 of the same month. A 20 centimes Registered single rated cover. The pre-printed envelope most probably containing postage stamps.

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THE PRESIDENT TIRESIAS SIMON SAM SERIES, 1898

Issue of 1898



16 June 1902, from Port au Prince addressed to Napoli (Italy), delivered on 5 July. Endorsed 'Per Royal Mail'. A 10 centimes single rated letter.

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Issue of 1898



14 March 1904, from Cap Haitiens addressed to Bordeaux (France), delivered on 30 of the same month. A 10 centimes single rated cover.

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THE PRESIDENT TIRESIAS SIMON SAM SERIES, 1898

Issue of 1899



25 October 1901, from Port au Prince addressed to Wrentham (USA), delivered on 4 November



1 July 1900, a postcard showing the Custom House (Douane) from Port au Prince addressed to Koppelpoort (Low Lands), delivered on 19 July.

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THE PRESIDENT TIRESIAS SIMON SAM SERIES, 1898

The recommendations of the Conference of the Universal Postal Union at Washington, with regard to the uniformity of the colours of all stamp of certain denominations, gave occasion for a change of colour and type of three of the postage stamps of the 1898 issue and these were the 1 centime, 2 and 5 centimes. All show the type with the arms, instead the portrait of the President as before.

Issue of 1899

American Bank Note Co., New York

Typographed, perf. 12, white machine-made paper, without watermark, in sheets of 100



1c. yellow-green (Yv. 48), 2c. lake (Yv. 50), 5c. light blue (Yv. 54)



5 January 1904, from Port au Prince addressed to Münster (Germany), delivered on 5 July.

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THE 'PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT' SERIES, 1902

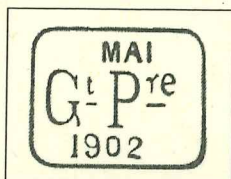
On 12 May 1902, President Simon Sam was deposed. In June, the quantities of stamps issued in 1898 and 1899 with his effigy or with the arms of the Republic, which were in stock, were overprinted using a brass stamp engraved by one Abraham Salamé. The stamp was applied by hand to each individual stamp and bears the indications of the month and year and the letters 'Gt' and 'Pre' abbreviation of 'Gouvernement Provisoire' in three lines enclosed in a lined border with rounded corners. Both the ordinary postage stamps and the unpaid letter stamps received the surcharge. The printing of some denominations is somewhat limited, 2100 pieces of the 50 cents and 1595 of the 1 'Gourde' value. The overprint shows numerous defects, as imprinted upside down, double or very slightly inked. It was also used on postal stationery. This stamp was counterfeited abroad, of which there are numerous types. Counterfeits are known to be used also by post.

Issue of 1902

American Bank Note Co., New York

Typographed, perf. 12, white machine-made paper, without watermark, in sheets of 100.

Overprinted locally in black.



Overprinting on 1898 issue (Yv. 62, 64, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76)



Overprinting on 1899 issue (Yv. 63, 65, 69)

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THE 'PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT' SERIES, 1902

Counterfeit of the original overprint are plentiful and are of five different types. Counterfeits overprinted stamps are known to be used also by post or are found with a favour cancel.

I type.

The stamp has a strong dent in the lower left frame and the word MAY is larger and more regular.
There are other small differences



Mint and used copies.



Inverted overprinting



Double overprinting

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THE 'PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT' SERIES, 1902



Stamps with a very weak impression



Inverted impression



Double impression

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THE 'PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT' SERIES, 1902

Issue of 1902



31 October 1902, a 3 centimes postal stationery, from Port au Prince addressed to Breslau (Germany), delivered on 26 November.



29 August 1902, a postcard franked with a single 3 centimes, from Port au Prince addressed to Torino (Italy).

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THE 'PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT' SERIES, 1902

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II type.

The frame is much thicker, the 'G' is rounder as well as the zero of the date is almost round.



II type

III type.

The word 'MAY' is smaller than the zero of the date is almost round.



III type

IV type.

The frame is less regular and less thick and the 'G' is very different from the original.



IV type

V type.

The frame is very thin and uniform. The word 'MAY' is much larger and the year's figure is thin.



V type

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POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

In conjunction of the issue of the twelve postage stamps with the portrait of the President Simon Sam and the arms of the Republic were issued four Postage Due stamps of the same size.

American Bank Note Co., New York
Engraved, perf. 12, white machine-made paper, without watermark.

1st Postage Due Issue, 1898



2c. blacks (Yv. 1), 5c. red brown (Yv. 2), 10c. brown orange (Yv. 3), 50c. slate (Yv. 4)

2nd Postage Due Issue, 1902, overcharged 'MAI / G¹P^{re} / 1902'



2c. blacks (Yv. 5, 5a) ovpd. in red or in blacks, 5c. red brown (Yv. 6), 10c. brown orange (Yv. 7), 50c. slate (Yv. 8)

A new design for Postage Due stamps was adopted in 1906.

American Bank Note Co., New York
Engraved, perf. 12, white machine-made paper, without watermark.

3rd Postage Due Issue, 1906



2c. vermilion (Yv. 10), 5c. blue (Yv. 11), 10c. violet (Yv. 12), 50c. olive (Yv. 13)