

## CYPRUS

### HALF PIASTRE OVERPRINTS 1882-1886

The remaining half piastre stamps on both Crown CC and Crown CA paper were overprinted with  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$ . The official reason was that as the colour was fugitive and could easily be changed to blue with the application of a weak acid. There was also the consideration that the peasants could not understand the English lettering,

#### TYPE 1 - THE SMALL FRACTIONS

SG 23



C.C.



SG 25

C.A.

Overprinted in June 1882 at the Government Printing Office in Nicosia.

#### TYPE 2 - THE LARGE FRACTIONS - 6mm SPACING



SG 27

C.A.

Overprinted in April 1886 by Thomas De Le Rue & Company

#### TYPE 3 - THE LARGE FRACTIONS - 8mm SPACING



SG 28

C.C.



SG 29

C.A.

Overprinted in May 1886 at the Government Printing Office in Nicosia