

CYPRUS

DIE 1 DEFINITIVE ISSUE

The half piastre stamp of the new issue of 1881 was printed with ink of such a fugitive colour that the action of weak acids would change its green to a light blue closely resembling that of the two piastres.

Watermark Crown CC.



The danger of confusion between the two led to a series of surcharges which, with changes of colour, watermark and die, resulted in the Cyprus Post Office issuing no fewer than nine different half piastre stamps during the period 1881-1882.