

SYNOPSIS

The Cuautla Provisional of Mexico by Marc E. Gonzales

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Subject: The subject is an update on information on the Cuautla Provisional of Mexico, one of the provisional issues created after fall of the puppet Emperor Maximilian in Mexico. As the fall of Maximilian was imminent various local post offices created their own issues to keep the posts running. The Cuautla Provisional was not always recognized as a legitimate issue due to the numerous bogus issues created for collectors. The article documents all known copies and focuses on a specialized study done by the author.

Purpose: The purpose was to dispel any doubt about the legitimacy of the issue and to document and create a survey of all known copies. The purpose and usage of the issue is explained and an argument was made to show that the stamp had a postal value of one real and not two reales as listed in most catalogs.

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