

**PORTUGUESE PERFORATED STAMPS FIRST ISSUE**  
1867-70 King Luís I curved label perforated

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Before the official Portuguese stamps perforation, there were private who used expeditious methods for that perforation, as the Lisbon firm Eisenach in previous issues (King Pedro V curved hair), line perforation and "percé en croix" assigned to Madeira island privates on the King Luís I curved label issue.

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**PARTICIPATION PLAN**

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**CHARLES WIENER PROOFS, NOT APPROVED DESIGN**

Dark Brown Proof "Albino" or Dry Proof

**COLOR ESSAYS, APPROVED DESIGN, WITH "UTILIZADO" SURCHARGE**

Orange Rose Dark Bistre

**COLOR ESSAYS, APPROVED DESIGN**

Brown Yellow with red handwritten trace Orange

**PERFORATION FORERUNNERS**

King Pedro V curved hair issue, 25 Réis issue, 80 Réis perforation from the Eisenach firm 120 Réis imperforated curved label issue, with line perforation from Madeira island privates 5 Réis imperforated curved label issue, with line perforation from Madeira island privates

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**5 Réis Black, dies III to VIII**

Die III Die IV Die V Die VI Die VII Die VIII

Envelope sent from Lisbon to Vila Nova de Cerveira on 23.11.1869, franked with Die VII 5 Réis and 20 Réis from the same issue, to pay the internal single rate of a letter with weight up to 15g. Stamps obliterated with "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Lisbon.

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**10 RÉIS, YELLOW**

Strip of three and a pair, on piece, obliterated with "52" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Porto

Folded letter sent by land from Lisbon to Genova, on 10.7.1869, franked with a 10 Réis copy, a single 20 Réis and two 120 Réis copies from the same issue, to pay the correct rate (300 Réis) of a double letter to Italy with weight between 7,5 and 15g. Stamps obliterated with "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Lisbon.

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**20 RÉIS, BISTRE**

Horizontal strip of three stamps, on piece, obliterated with "48" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Arcos de Valde de Vez.

Horizontal pair, obliterated with "18" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Cascaes

Block of four, obliterated with "131" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Almeida.

Folded letter sent from Lisbon to Berlin, on 16.3.1870, franked with 20 and 120 Réis copies, to pay the correct rate (140 Réis) of a single letter to Prussia with weight up to 15g. Stamps obliterated with "1" oval bar postmark of the second reform, from Lisbon.

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Piece of judicial front of cover sent from Montalegre, on 28.4.1871, franked with two vertical pairs, obliterated with the "120" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Montalegre

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**25 Réis Rose, dies I to XIV**

DIE I DIE II DIE III DIE IV DIE V DIE VI DIE VII DIE VIII DIE IX DIE X DIE XI DIE XII DIE XIII DIE XIV

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**25 Réis Rose**

Block of six die I stamps

Die XIV on piece, obliterated with framed nominal "CEA" postmark

Block of sixteen die-VI, obliterated with "129" bar postmark of the first postal reform, from Pênel

Die-VI, obliterated with framed nominal "AROUCA" postmark

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Folded letter sent from Vianna do Castelo to Porto, on 19.4.1869, franked with a die VII strip of four, to pay the fourth internal rate, for weight between 30 and 37,5g. Stamps obliterated with "102" bar postmark of the first postal reform, from Vianna do Castelo.

Folded letter sent from Paris to Lisbon, on 25.6.1869, franked with a pair of 200 blue Napoléon III, redirected to Porto with a die I copy of 25 Réis over the French stamps, obliterated with the "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Lisbon to pay the first internal rate for weight up to 15g.

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Piece of judicial front of a cover sent from Porto to Taboá, on 23.7.1868, franked with die III seven copies, obliterated with "52" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Porto and resent to Porto, franked with a die III block of seven stamps, obliterated with the "100" bar postmark of the first postal reform, from Taboá.

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**50 Réis Green**

Block of nine, obliterated with "119" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Mondim de Basto

Copy obliterated with framed nominal "AROUCA" postmark

Front of folded cover sent from Porto to Pernambuco (Brazil), on 14.1.1878, franked with two copies, obliterated with "48" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Porto, to pay the second rate to Brazil, for letters with weight between 15 and 30g carried by non-subsidized packet-boat.

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**80 Réis Orange**

Pair obliterated with "123" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Pico da Nevega

Folded cover sent from Lisbon to Orthez (France), on 11.7.1869, franked with two copies, obliterated with the "1" dots postmark of the first reform, from Lisbon, to pay the second rate to France of letters with weight between 10 and 20g.

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**100 Réis Mauve Lilac, Dies I and II**

Die I Die II

Die I horizontal pair on piece, obliterated with "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Lisbon

Die II horizontal strip of three stamps, obliterated with "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Lisbon

Folded letter sent from Lisbon to Philadelphia (USA), London and Liverpool, on 31.7.1869, franked with copies of die I 100 and 120 Réis from the same issue, obliterated with "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Lisbon, to pay the single rate of a letter to USA with weight up to 7,5g.

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**120 Réis Blue**

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Folded letter sent from Lisbon to London, on 5.1.1872, franked with a copy of 120 Réis blue, obliterated with "1" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, to pay the single rate of a letter sent by land or by French packets, with weight up to 7,5g or sent by British packets with weight up to 15g.

Folded letter sent from Lisbon to Berlin, on 9.10.1871, franked with a copy of 120 Réis blue and a copy of 20 Réis bistre, 1870/76 King Luís I straight label issue, obliterated with "1" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, to pay the single rate to Prussia of a letter with weight up to 10g.

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**240 Réis Light Violet**

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Vertical pair, obliterated with an unreadable oval bar postmark from the second reform

Horizontal strip of three, obliterated with "1" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Lisbon

Folded letter sent from Lisbon to Turin (Italy), on 22.12.1871, franked with a copy of 240 Réis and 120 Réis blue from the 1870/76 King Luís I straight label issue, obliterated with "1" oval bar postmark of the second reform, to pay the correct third rate of a letter to Italy with weight between 20 and 30g.

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**240 Réis Light Violet**

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Orange



Rose



Dark Bistre

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Brown



Yellow with red  
handwritten trace



Orange

### PERFORATION FORERUNNERS



King Pedro V curly hair  
issue, 25 Réis Rose, zig-zag  
perforation from the  
Eisenach firm



120 Réis Imperforated  
curved label issue, with  
"Percé en croix" perforation  
from Madeira Island  
privates



5 Réis Imperforated  
curved label issue, with  
line perforation from  
Madeira Island privates

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**5 Réis Black, dies III to VIII**



Die III



Die IV



Die V



Die VI



Die VII



Die VIII



Envelope sent from Lisbon to Villa Nova de Cerveira on 21.11.1869, franked with die VII 5 Réis and 20 Réis from the same issue, to pay the internal single rate of a letter with weight up to 15g. Stamps obliterated with "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Lisbon.

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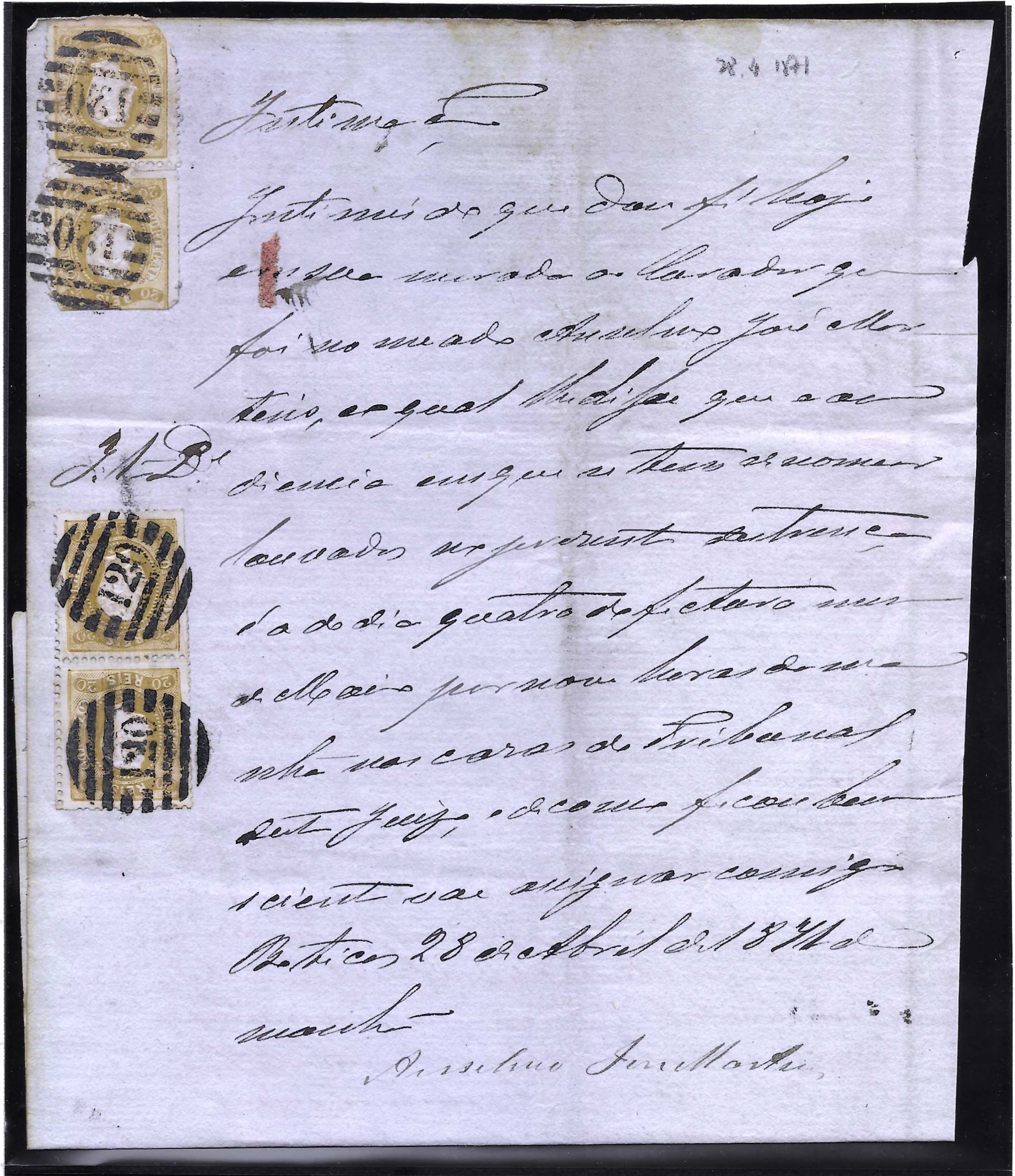
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Block of sixteen die VII, obliterated with "129" bar postmark of the first postal reform, from Pinhel



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**80 Réis Orange**



Pair obliterated with "123" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Peso da Regua



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Die I



Die II



Die I horizontal pair on piece, obliterated with "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform. from Lisbon



Die I horizontal strip of three stamps, obliterated with "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Lisbon



Folded letter sent from Lisbon to Philadelphia (USA), by London and Liverpool, on 31.7.1869, franked with copies of die II 100 and 120 Réis from the same issue, obliterated with "1" dots postmark of the first postal reform, from Lisbon, to pay the single rate of a letter to USA with weight up to 7,5g.

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120 Réis Blue



Folded letter sent from Lisbon to London, on 5.1.1872, franked with a copy of 120 Réis blue, obliterated with "1" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, to pay the single rate of a letter sent by land or by French packets, with weight up to 7,5g or sent by British packets with weight up to 15g.



Folded letter sent from Lisbon to Berlin, on 9.10.1871, franked with a copy of 120 Réis blue and a copy of 20 Réis bistre, 1870/76 King Luís I straight label issue, obliterated with "1" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, to pay the single rate to Prussia of a letter with weight up to 10g.



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**240 Réis Light Violet**



Vertical pair, obliterated with an unreadable oval bar postmark from the second reform



Horizontal strip of three, obliterated with "1" oval bar postmark of the second postal reform, from Lisbon



Folded letter sent from Lisbon to Turin (Italy), on 22.12.1871, franked with a copy of 240 Réis and 120 Réis blue from the 1870/76 King Luís I straight label issue, obliterated with "1" oval bar postmark of the second reform, to pay the correct third rate of a letter to Italy with weight between 20 and 30g.

