

THE HIDALGO 1874-1883 ISSUE

This issue features the engraved profile of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla. These stamps were released on the twelfth anniversary of the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1874.

Initially, the American Bank Note Co. printed the stamps in New York City. However, after a few months, the Mexican Government acquired the plates, and production continued in Mexico.

These stamps were first overprinted in Mexico City with the district number and the last two digits of the year. Upon arriving at their respective postal districts, they were overprinted again, this time with the district name. Without this final overprint, the stamps held no franking value.

This issue is divided into three main groups based on the overprint placement:

1. NUMBERS WIDE APART

The district number appears on the left and the year on the right. This style was used from 1874 to 1877.

2. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT BOTTOM

In 1878, the district and year numbers were placed close together at the bottom of the stamp. This style was in use for only a few months.

3. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP

From 1878 to 1883, the overprints were placed in the upper right section of the stamp.

District names 1874 - 1877				District names 1878 - 1884			
1	Mexico	32	Otumba	1	Zamora	29	Maravatio
2	Acapulco	33	Pachuca	2	Zacatecas	30	La Paz
3	Aguascalientes	34	Puebla	3	Veracruz	31	Lagos
4	Apam	35	Queretaro	4	Ures/Hermosillo	32	Jilotepec
5	Campeche	36	Saltillo	5	Tulancingo	33	Jalapa
6	Chalco	37	San Luis Potosi	6	Tula Tam'pas	34	Parral
7	Chiapas	38	Tabasco	7	Tula de Hidalgo	35	Huejutla
8	Chihuahua	39	Tacubaya	8	Tuxpan	36	Guanajuato
9	Colima	40	Tampico	9	Toluca	37	Guadalajara
10	Cordova	41	Tepeji del Rio	10	Tehuacan	38	Durango
11	Cd. Bravos	42	Texcoco	11	Texcoco	39	Chihuahua
12	Cd. Victoria	43	Tlalnepantla	12	Tepic	40	Chiapas
13	Cuautitlan	44	Tlalpam	13	Tlaxcala	41	Chalco
14	Cuernavaca	45	Tlaxcala	14	Tampico	42	Cordova
15	Durango	46	Toluca	15	Tacubaya	43	Cd. Guzman
16	Guadalajara	47	Tula de Hidalgo	16	Tabasco	44	Cocula
17	Guadeloupe Hidalgo	48	Tulancingo	17	San Luis Potosi	45	Cuernavaca
18	Guanajuato	49	Ures	18	Saltillo	46	Cuautitlan
19	Huejutla	50	Veracruz	19	Queretaro	47	C. Victoria
20	Jalapa	51	Zacatecas	20	Puebla	48	C. Bravos
21	Jilotepec	52	Guanajuato	21	Pachuca	49	Colima
22	Lagos	53	Cocula	22	Orizaba	50	Campeche
23	La Paz	54	Cd. Guzman	23	Oaxaca	51	Apam
24	Maravatio	55	Tepic	24	Morelia	52	Aguascalientes
25	Matamoros	56	Parral	25	Monterrey	53	Acapulco
26	Mazatlan	57	Tehuacan	26	Merida	54	Mexico
27	Merida	58	Tuxpan	27	Mazatlan	55	Colima
28	Monterrey	59	Tula de Tam'pas	28	Matamoros		
29	Morelia	60	Zamora				
30	Oaxaca	61	Cordova				
31	Orizaba						

1874 ISSUE

FIRST PERIOD

NUMBERS WIDE APART, PERF. 12, ENGRAVED. THICK WOVE PAPER
YEAR 1874

5 CENTS BROWN DURANGO OVERPRINT 14x1 3/4 mm



Without overprint



Diagonal overprint



Vertical overprint



Horizontal overprint

10 CENTS BLACK

Durango Overprint 14x1 3/4 mm



Vertical overprint



Diagonal overprint



Horizontal overprint



Vertical overprint

25 CENTS BLUE DURANGO OVERPRINT 14x1 3/4 mm



Vertical, upward overprint



Vertical, downward overprint



Diagonal overprint



Manuscript cancellation

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FIRST PERIOD

NUMBERS WIDE APART, PERF. 12, ENGRAVED. THICK WOVE PAPER

YEAR 1874

50 CENTS GREEN.

DURANGO OVERPRINT 14x1 3/4 mm



Vertical,
upward



Horizontal
inverted



Without
overprint



Without
overprint

100 CENTS CARMINE

Durango Overprint
14x1 3/4 mm

Durango Overprint 18 3/4x2 mm



Diagonal



Diagonal



Diagonal
inverted



Vertical,
upward



August 28, 1874. Letter sent from Cuencamé to Durango with three 5-cent brown stamps and one 10-cent black stamp. Durango Overprint 14x1 3/4 mm

1874 ISSUE

FIRST PERIOD

NUMBERS WIDE APART, PERF. 12, ENGRAVED. THICK WOVE



May 24, 1875. Letter sent from Durango to Mazatlan, franked with a 50-cent green stamp. Durango overprint 14x1 3/4 mm.



November 5, 1875. Letter sent from Villa de Lerdo to Parral, franked with a 25-cent blue stamp. Durango overprint 14x1 3/4 mm.

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FIRST PERIOD

NUMBERS WIDE APART, PERF. 12, ENGRAVED. THICK WOVE PAPER. YEAR 1875

5 CENTS BROWN DURANGO OVERPRINT 14x1 3/4 mm



Diagonal downward



Vertical downward

10 CENTS BLACK



Durango inverted diagonal overprint, 14x1 3/4 mm

25 CENTS BLUE DURANGO OVERPRINT 14x1 3/4 mm



Diagonal downward



Vertical downward



Vertical downward



San Juan del Río

50 CENTS GREEN DURANGO OVERPRINT 18 3/4x2 mm



100 CENTS CARMINE WITHOUT DURANGO OVERPRINT



1874 ISSUE

FIRST PERIOD

NUMBERS WIDE APART, PERF. 12, ENGRAVED. THICK WOVE PAPER. YEAR 1876

5 CENTS BROWN DURANGO
OVERPRINT 14x1 3/4 mm VERTICALLY
LAID PAPER



Diagonal upwrd

5 CENTS BROWN DURANGO
OVERPRINT 18 3/4x2 mm VERTICALLY
LAID PAPER



Vertical
downward



Horizontal

10 CENTS BLACK WOVE PAPER DURANGO OVERPRINT 18 3/4x2 mm



Without
overprint



Vertical
upward



Horizontal

25 CENTS BLUE DURANGO
OVERPRINT 14x1 3/4 mm WOVE PAPER



Inverted
horizontal
overprint



Vertical
upward

25 CENTS BLUE PAPEL VERTICALLY
LAID PAPER



Without Durango Overprint

50 CENTS GREEN, WITHOUT DURANGO OVERPRINT



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FIRST PERIOD

NUMBERS WIDE APART, PERF. 12, ENGRAVED. THICK WOVE PAPER. YEAR 1876

100 CENTS CARMINE



Without overprint



Durango Overprint
18 3/4x2 mm vertical
upward



Demonetized
without overprint



August 10, 1876. Letter sent from Mapimí to Durango, franked with a 25-cent blue stamp.

Durango Overprint 14x1 3/4 mm, vertical, downward.

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FIRST PERIOD

NUMBERS WIDE APART, PERF. 12, ENGRAVED. THICK WOVE PAPER. YEAR 1877

5 CENTS BROWN VERTICALLY LAID PAPER



Without overprint



Diagonal upward
18 3/4x2 mm



Horizontal

WOVE PAPER



Without overprint

10 CENTS BLACK WOVE PAPER DURANGO OVERPRINT 18 3/4x2 mm



Without overprint



Vertical downward



Vertical upward



Sheet corner margin

10 CENTS BLACK VERTICALLY LAID PAPER DURANGO OVERPRINT 18 3/4x2 mm



Horizontal



Vertical upward



Vertical downward



Diagonal

25 CENTS BLUE WOVE PAPER DURANGO OVERPRINT 18 3/4x2 mm



Without overprint



Inverted overprint



Diagonal upward

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FIRST PERIOD

NUMBERS WIDE APART, PERF. 12, ENGRAVED. THICK WOVE PAPER. YEAR 1877



July 9, 1877. Letter sent from Cuencamé to Durango, franked with a 25-cent blue stamp. Durango Overprint 18 3/4x2 mm, diagonal.

25 CENTS BLUE HORIZONTALLY LAID PAPER DURANGO OVERPRINT 18 3/4x2 mm



Vertical downward



Vertical upward



Horizontal

50 CENTS GREEN DURANGO OVERPRINT 18 3/4x2 mm



Diagonal



Horizontal

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FIRST PERIOD

NUMBERS WIDE APART, PERF. 12, ENGRAVED. THICK WOVE PAPER. YEAR 1877

100 CENTS CARMINE WITHOUT DURANGO OVERPRINT



District number (15) and year (77) are shifted.



June 15, 1877. Letter sent from La Loma to Durango, franked with two 10-cent green stamps and one 5-cent brown stamp. Manuscript cancellation consisting of three pen strokes.

Durango diagonal overprint $18 \frac{3}{4} \times 2$ mm on all three stamps.

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SECOND PERIOD

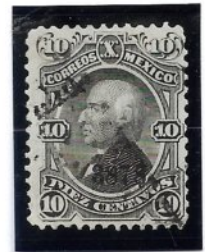
NUMBERS TOGETHER AT BOTTOM. IN THIS YEAR, THE DURANGO DISTRICT NUMBER WAS CHANGED FROM 15 TO 38. YEAR 1878

5 CENTS BROWN



Vertically laid paper. Durango overprint 18 3/4x2 mm vertical downward

10 CENTS BLACK DURANGO OVERPRINT 18 3/4x2 mm



Diagonal overprint



Diagonal overprint

February 24, 1878. Letter sent from Villa de Lerdo to San Luis Potosí, franked with one 10-cent black stamp with a horizontal Durango overprint (18 3/4 x2) and one 25-cent blue stamp with a vertical upward Durango overprint (18 3/4x2 mm).

25 CENTS BLUE



Durango overprint, 18 3/4x2 mm, diagonal upward

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SECOND PERIOD

NUMBERS TOGETHER AT BOTTOM. IN THIS YEAR, THE DURANGO DISTRICT NUMBER WAS CHANGED FROM 15 TO 38. YEAR 1878



January 10, 1878. Letter sent from Durango to Parral, franked with a 25-cent blue stamp. Durango overprint 18 3/4x2 mm, diagonal downward.



January 19, 1878. Letter sent from Durango to Santiago Papasquiario, franked with a 25-cent blue stamp without District name.

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SECOND PERIOD

NUMBERS TOGETHER AT BOTTOM. IN THIS YEAR, THE DURANGO DISTRICT NUMBER WAS CHANGED FROM 15 TO 38. YEAR 1878



January 26, 1878. Letter sent from Durango to Santiago Papasquiario, franked with a 50-cent green stamp. Durango overprint 18 3/4x2 mm, vertical downward.



April 20, 1878. Letter sent from Durango to Parral, franked with a 50-cent green stamp. Durango overprint 18 3/4x2 mm, horizontal.

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THIRD PERIOD

NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP. STARTING WITH THIS SERIES, THE DISTRICT NUMBER (38) AND THE YEAR (78) APPEAR TOGETHER IN THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER. YEAR 1878

5 CENTS BROWN VERTICALLY LAID PAPER



Durango overprint, 17 1/2 x 2 - 3 mm, vertical upward. Starting with 2 mm at the "D" of Durango and ending with 3 mm at the "O".



18x2 1/4 mm
Horizontal

5 CENTS BROWN WOVE PAPER DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm

VERTICALLY LAID PAPER



Diagonal upward



Diagonal downward



Horizontal



Vertical upward

10 CENTS ORANGE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm



Vertical upward



Horizontal



Horizontal



Horizontal, at bottom

25 CENTS BLUE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm



Horizontal



Vertical upward



Diagonal upward

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP.
YEAR 1879

5 CENTS BROWN DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm WOVE PAPER



Vertical, black



Vertical, blue



Vertical,
vermilion



Horizontal

HORIZONTAL LAID PAPER
DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm



Vertical, black



Vertical,
vermilion

VERTICALLY LAID PAPER
DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm



Horizontal,
black



Vertical,
vermilion

10 CENTS ORANGE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm WOVE PAPER



Horizontal,
black



Diagonal,
black



Vertical
downward
black



Vertical upward
vermilion

10 CENTS ORANGE VERTICALLY LAID PAPER



Durango overprint
18x2 1/4 mm
horizontal, black



Durango overprint
18x2 1/4 mm vertical
upward vermilion

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1879

25 CENTS BLUE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm WOVE PAPER



Vertical upward



Horizontal



Diagonal



Vertical to the left

25 CENTS BLUE VERTICALLY LAID PAPER. DURANGO OVERPRINT
18x2 1/4 mm



Vertical upward



Vertical downward



Horizontal



Double vertical overprint

50 CENTS GREEN. DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm



Vertically laid paper without Durango overprint

100 CENTS CARMINE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm

THICK WOVE PAPER



Vertically upward, black



Vertically upward, vermilion

VERTICALLY LAID PAPER



Vertically upward, vermilion

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1879



April 5, 1879. Letter sent from Durango to Santiago Papasquiavo, franked with a 5-cent brown stamp. Durango horizontal overprint 18x2 ¼ mm, black.



August 22, 1879. Letter sent from Villa de Lerdo to Durango franked with a 25-cent blue stamp. Durango horizontal overprint 18x2 ¼ mm in black.

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP.
YEAR 1879



April 28, 1879. Letter sent from Gavilanes to Durango franked with two 25-cent stamp, blue. Durango diagonal overprint 18x2 ¼ mm, black.



November 17, 1880. Letter sent from Villa de Lerdo to Durango franked with a 5-cent brown stamp. Durango overprint 18x2 ¼ mm, vermilion

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP.
YEAR 1880

5 CENTS BROWN WOVE PAPER. DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm



Vertical upward, vermilion

Diagonal,
vermilion

10 CENTS ORANGE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm



Vertical laid paper



Wove paper

25 CENTS BLUE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm THICK PAPER



Durango overprint vertical upward in vermilion.



Durango overprint,
black

25 CENTS BLUE VERTICAL LAID PAPER DURANGO OVERPRINT
18x2 1/4 mm



Vertical upward,
vermilion



Vertical upward,
vermilion

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THIRD. NUMBER TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1880

50 CENT GREEN VERTICAL LAID PAPER. DURANGO OVERPRINT
18x2 ¼ mm, VERMILION



Letter sent from Durango to Parral franked with a 10 cent orange stamp
+ 25 cent blue stamp. Durango overprint 18x2 ¼ mm

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1880



June 19, 1880. Letter sent from Villa de Lerdo to Durango. Durango
overprint 18x2 ¼ mm, black



November 13, 1880. Letter sent from Topia to Durango. Durango
overprint 18x2 ¼ mm

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1881

4 CENTS ORANGE. VERTICAL LAID PAPER



Without Durango Overprint

5 CENTS BROWN. VERTICAL LAID PAPER. DURANGO OVERPRINT
18x2 1/4 mm



Vermilion

Blue

5 CENTS BROWN. THICK WOVE PAPER. DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2
1/4 mm



5 CENTS BROWN. MEDIUM THICK PAPER DURANGO OVERPRINT
18x2 1/4 mm



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**THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1881**

5 CENTS BROWN DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 ¼ mm, VERMILION



**5 CENTS BROWN. WITHOUT DURANGO OVERPRINT. MEDIUM THICK
PAPER**



**10 CENTS ORANGE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 ¼ mm, MEDIUM
THICK PAPER, VERMILION**



Medium thick paper

Thick wove paper

**10 CENTS ORANGE. VERTICAL LAID PAPER. DURANGO OVERPRINT
18x2 ¼ mm**



Thick vertical laid paper

Medium vertical laid paper

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP.
YEAR 1881

10 CENTS ORANGE. VERTICAL LAID PAPER. WITHOUT DURANGO
OVERPRINT



Medium thick paper



Thin paper

25 CENTS BLUE. DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm, VERMILION



Vertical laid
paper



Thick paper



Medium thick
paper



Thin Paper

50 CENTS GREEN. WITHOUT DURANGO OVERPRINT



Vertical laid paper



100 CENTS CARMINE. WITHOUT DURANGO OVERPRINT



Vertical laid
thick paper



Vertical laid
medium paper



Thick wove
paper



Durango
overprint
18X2 1/4

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBER TOGETHER AT TOP.
YEAR 1881



November 14, 1881. Letter sent from Villa de Lerdo to Durango.
Durango overprint 18x2 ¼ mm



December 2, 1881. Letter sent from Villa de Lerdo to Durango. Durango
vertical overprint 18x2 ¼ mm.

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**THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP.
YEAR 1882**

4 CENTS ORANGE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 ¼ mm



July 1, 1882. Letter sent from Durango to Guanajuato. Durango overprint, blue.

**4 CENTS ORANGE VERTICAL LAID PAPER. DURANGO OVERPRINT
18x2 ¼ mm**



Durango overprint, blue



Durango overprint, vermilion



**5 CENTS BROWN. DURANGO OVERPRINT
18x2 ¼ mm THICK WOVE PAPER**

**MEDIUM WOVE
PAPER**



Diagonal,
vermilion



Vertical
downward, blue



Vertical upward,
blue



Vertical upward,
vermilion

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP.
YEAR 1882

5 CENTS BROWN. THIN WOVE PAPER. DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 ¼ mm, VERMILION



10 CENTS ORANGE. DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 ¼ mm



April 17, 1883. Letter sent from Durango to Zacatecas franked with a 5-cent brown stamp + 10-cent orange stamp

25 CENTS BLUE. DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 ¼ mm



Blue overprint

Vermilion overprint

Diagonal overprint,
vermilion

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1882



May 4, 1882. Letter sent from San Juan de Guadalupe to Zacatecas.
Durango overprint 18x2 ¼ mm, vermilion.

50 CENTS GREEN DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 ¼ mm, VERMILION



100 CENTS CARMINE DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 ¼ mm, VERMILION. VERTICAL LAID PAPER



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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1883

4 CENTS ORANGE. THICK VERTICAL LAID PAPER. WITHOUT
DURANGO OVERPRINT.



5 CENTS BROWN WITHOUT DURANGO OVERPRINT



5 CENTS BROWN. DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm



Double Durango
overprint, diagonal
upward, blue



Durango overprint,
diagonal upward,
vermilion

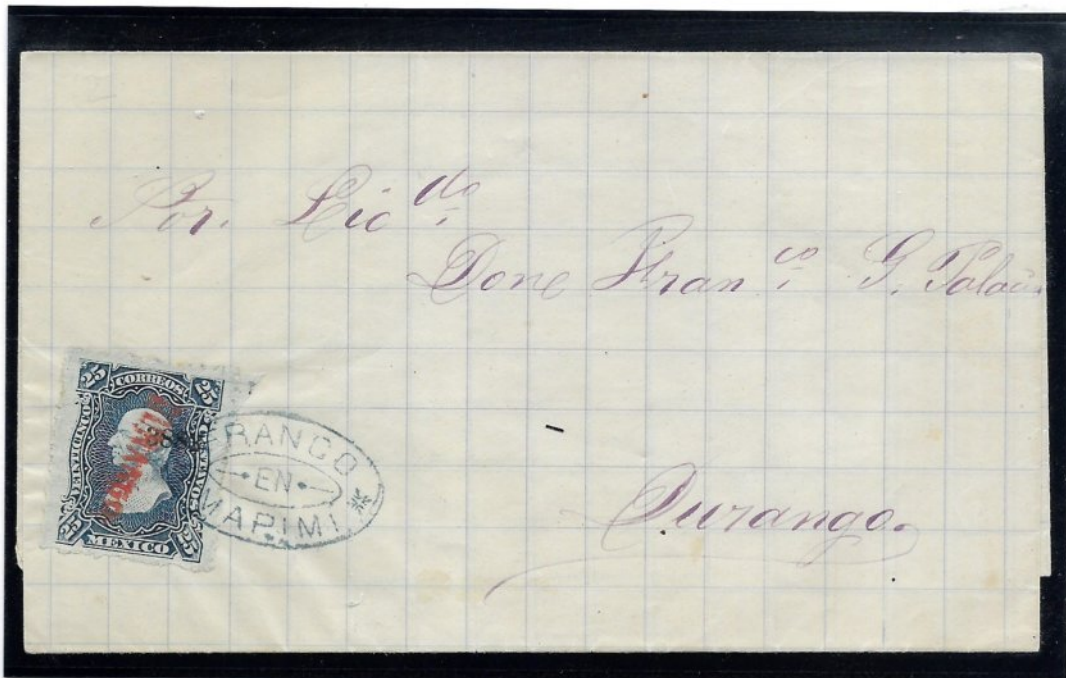
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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1883

10 CENTS ORANGE WITHOUT DURANGO OVERPRINT



January 24, 1884. Letter sent from Durango to Corrales, franked with a 10-cent orange stamp without Durango overprint. Blue mute cancellation.



Letter sent from Mapimí to Durango, franked with a 25-cent blue stamp. Durango overprint 17 ½ x 2-3 mm. The "D" of Durango overprint starts at 3 mm and the final "O" ends at 2 mm.

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THIRD PERIOD. NUMBERS TOGETHER AT TOP
YEAR 1883

25 CENTS BLUE THIN PAPER DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2 1/4 mm



Vermilion diagonal overprint,
18x2 1/4 mm



Vermilion vertical overprint, 18x2
1/4 mm

50 CENTS GREEN. THIN WOVE PAPER, DURANGO OVERPRINT 18x2
1/4 mm VERMILION



100 CENTS CARMINE. THIN WOVE PAPER, DURANGO OVERPRINT 18
x 2 1/4 mm BLUE

